



Sons of the American Revolution

# East-Fork Trinity Chapter 47

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Randall van Heyst Receives the Gavel

## President's Message:

Good Day Fellow Compatriots,

As your incoming President for the East Fork Trinity Chapter of the Sons of The American Revolution I would first like to thank you for electing me to lead the Chapter for 2024. I am looking forward to taking the baton from the past presidents of the chapter and running with it in order to grow and develop our membership.

I will institute a number of initiatives that I believe will enable us to complete this task including some which I believe have fallen by the wayside in the recent past. A couple of those initiatives are; first, I will institute an initiative making sure all new members of our chapter receive a New Member Manual that will enable them to connect with and fully understand our mission. Second, will be to assign each new member a mentor who will be a current member in good standing who will be able to guide them through the process of orienting themselves with all of the opportunities we have as members of the SAR.

As we begin 2024 I want to challenge us all to continue to pursue the mission of the SAR, "The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, educating and inspiring future generations about the founding of our Country."

Warm Regards,

Randall van Heyst, President

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Texas Society, East Fork Trinity Chapter no. 47



**Induction of 2024 Officers by Tom Van Fossen. From Left to Right, Randall van Heyst, President; Paul Ridenour, Vice President; David Powell, Registrar; David Jackson, Secretary; Gary Lovell, Treasurer; Walter Thomas, Chaplin.**



**Captors Monument  
Tarrytown, NY**

## Editor's Notes:

**Our next meeting will be at I-Hop at 701 Highway I-30 just west of Belt Line in Garland on Thursday, February 8th, 2024. Dinner starts at 5:30ish and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.**

*The Boy Who Fell off the Mayflower or John Howland's Good Fortune* by P. J. Lynch is a children's book about the perils of a young man who was an indentured servant to a man named John Carver, and their journey to the new world via the Mayflower.

During a heavy storm on their journey to America, John Howland fell overboard. In desperation one of the crew threw over a rope and miraculously John was able to grab hold and be hoisted back on board. The book tells of their landing at Plymouth Rock in 1620 and the horrible winter that followed. Elizabeth Tilley, only 13 on the journey over with her parents, John Tilley and Joan, married John Howland three years later. The book also talks about the Mayflower Compact and how John was the scrivener. I can't verify that, but it may explain my 52 years as a court reporter, as John Howland is my 8<sup>th</sup> generation Great Grandfather.

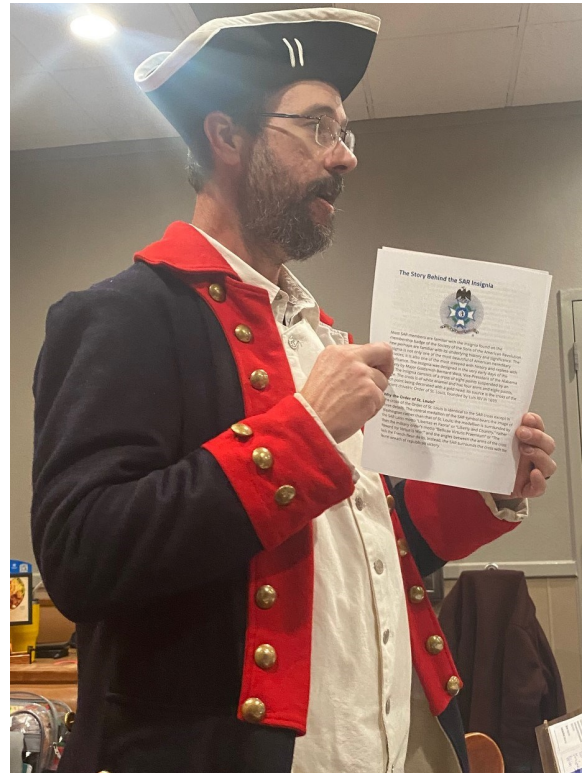
**My email address is [d.b.jackson@att.net](mailto:d.b.jackson@att.net) for submitting your Patriot Spotlight articles.**

**Stay healthy!!!!**

**David Jackson, Editor**



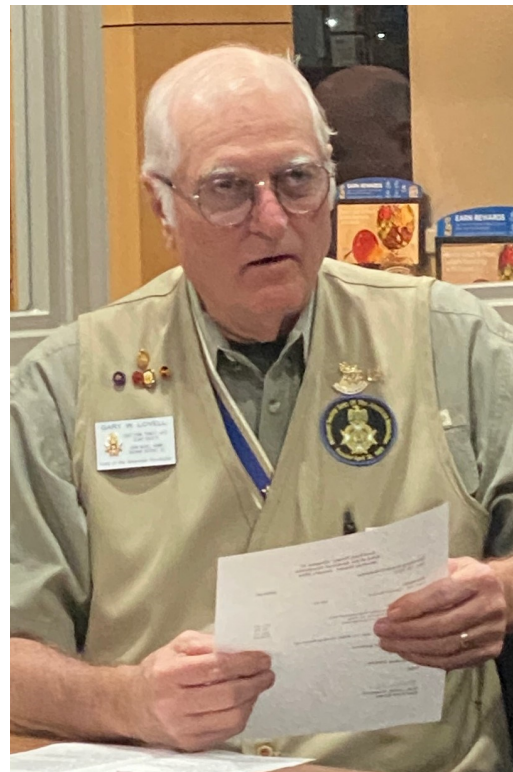
**Randall Van Heyst Opens January Meeting**



**Randall van Heyst Gives Americanism Report**



**David Powell Gives Registrar's Report**



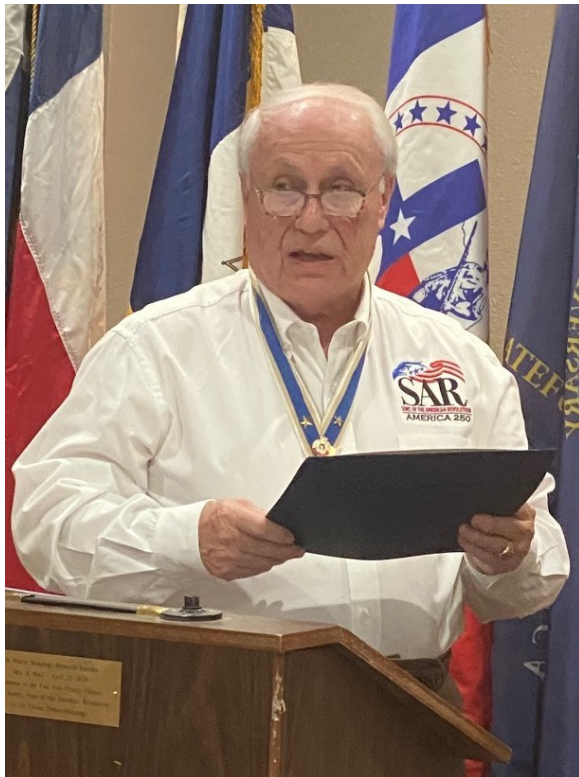
**Gary Lovell Gives Treasurer's Report**



**David Powell Presents Paul Ridenour With His Grandfather Hugh Stanley Ridenour's Memorial Certificate**



**Paul Ridenour Makes a Presentation On His Grandfather, Hugh Stanley Ridenour**



**Tom Van Fossen Presents Chapter with Award for Providing The New Ellis County Chapter With Their Flag**



**Walter Thomas Wins the Door Prize (Those Books Were Meant To Be Yours)**

## Bonham Needs Listing Winter 2024

**Please Make Arrangements with Michael Goode [kgkong52@yahoo.com](mailto:kgkong52@yahoo.com) to deliver your items. He will get them to VAMC.**

**We appreciate your interest in wanting to serve Veterans and below is an updated needs listing. All items must be **new and in original packaging**.**

### **Clothing & Comfort Items:**

- Sweatshirts (Large - 3XL)
- Sweatpants/Tops (Men - Large - 3XL)
- Flannel Shirts Men's (Large - 3XL)
- Body Wash (no bar soap or hotel/motel toiletries)
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Razors (disposable double to triple blade)
- Shaving Cream
- Dominoes (Big)
- Puzzles (new only)
- Journals, notebooks
- Adult coloring books, with colors or colored pencils
- Paint by Stickers
- Colored Pencils & Markers
- Stamps
- Pens, stationery
- Crossword puzzles & Word search
- 2024 Calendar

### **Refreshments:**

- individually wrapped snack items to include ingredients are welcome, but no homemade food items. Items such as the following:
- Bottled Water
- Coffee & Supplies
- Juices (small boxed)

### **Miscellaneous:**

- 4 Sets - Cooking Set Pot & Pan
- 8 Baking Sheets 9x13
- 4 Sets-Mixing Bowls
- General Stovetop utensils (8- spatulas, 4- Ladies, 12- stirring spoons)
- 4 Sets - Plastic Measuring Cups
- Clear Storage Totes with Lids - 12 Quart plastic Stack 5 7/8" x 11 1/2" x 16 7/8"
- Leather Crafts
- Plastic Models (Cars, Airplanes, Ships, Etc.)



Dave Powell

# The Registrar's Corner

February 2024

## NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

- 1. Member Prothro Gaddis** was referred to EFT by Barbara Thomas. Patriot is Evan Prothro. Prothro is 97 years old and a WWII veteran. Application completed and mailed to State on 9 Dec 2023 as an Expedited application. Approved at State and received at National on 13 Dec 2023 and Approved at National on 22 Dec 2023. NN: 228807. Induction scheduled for Feb 2024. **First Line Sponsor Walt Thomas. Approved as National.**
- 2. Prospective Member Cory Smith** was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary on 25 Oct 2023. A welcome Email was sent to the prospect but we have not had a response. **In Work**
- 3. Prospective Member Darwin Lytle** was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary on 6 Dec 2023. A welcome Email was sent to the prospect but we have not had a response. **In Work**
- 4. Prospective Member S. Craig Cooper** was referred to EFT by the State Communications Secretary on 17 Dec 2023. We are researching Craig's lineage. **First Line Sponsor: David Powell. In Work**
- 5. Prospective Member Hampton Long** was referred to EFT by Bob Vickers in mid Dec 2023. Patriot is Richard Caswell. Application has been completed and is out

for signatures. **First Line Sponsor: Bob Vickers. Application Out  
for Signatures.**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS**

- 1. Member** Bob Vickers submitted a Supplemental application to the Chapter Registrar for review on 12 May 2023 and mailed to State on 19 May 2023. Received at National on 7 June 2023 (ACN: 108321) Bob's ancestor is George Wingate.  
**Awaiting National Review.**