



**Sons of The American
Revolution**
**Texas Society,
McKinney Chapter**



January 17, 2019

Meeting held at Spring Creek Barbeque, McKinney, Texas

Attendees: There were approximately 75 SAR, DAR, the Carpatho-Rusyn Society and other guests in attendance. Attendees included: Mark McCraw, Michael Skibbee, Patricia O. Skibbee, W. J. Woods, John Greer, Rick Lerma WA, Wanda Lerma WA, Lee Ann Erder, Rick Erder, Ronda Gilliam, Hayden Gilliam, Ester Denniston, Alan Denniston, Ed Duddy, Margaret Hannum (DAR), Tom Milson, Carol Milson, David Kinsey, T. L. Holden, Chris McCraw, Peter McLellan, Hooper Knoattoy, Pat Lisi, Al Lisi, Donald Babbs, Donna, Babbs, Piper McGraw, Tom Schultz, Sue Schultz, Ken Davis, Ralph Thompson, Lynda Owens, Doug Owens, Bryan Gantt, Mark Hansen, Cecil Lillard, Lisa Lillard, Denise Virgie, Lin McCraw, Mike, Yarborough, Weldon Coagland, James J. Johnson, Maureen Sisson, Gary Sisson, Ronald Smith, Chris Anthaunee, Vickie Anthaunne (DAR), Erin England Ross (DAR), Anneliese Griego (DAR), Sandra Munk, Fred Underwood, Thelma Underwood, Clayton Tanjen, Quentin Tanjen, Jeanne Brandone, Michael Brandone, John Findley, Joe Chenaweth, Wanda White, Janie Garretson, Donald Graves and Paul Schwartz.

Call to Order: After our BBQ dinner, President Kinsey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Invocation: Our invocation was given by Donald Babbs, Chaplain.

Posting of the Colors: The Posting of Colors was preformed the Color Guard under the command of President Kinsey.

Pledges:

- Our guest speaker Donald Graves led the meeting attendees in singing the Star Spangled Banner.
- Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Mark McCraw, VP of Programs.
- Pledge to the Texas Flag was lead by Nathan White, FPG, VP of Membership.
- Pledge of the SAR was lead by Tom Milson, Secretary.

Old Business and Announcements

- Be sure to visit the Chapter Website at www.mckinney.sar.org
- Minutes from last meeting published on the website by Cecil Coale, Web Master
- **Next meeting:** February 21, 2019 at 6pm, Spring Creek Barbeque, McKinney, TX
- **Spring Leadership Meeting:** February 28 to March 2, 2019,



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New Business:

- Karen Thompson, 1st Vice Regent, John Abston Chapter, DAR, greeted our Chapter. She discussed our common history and thanked our guest speaker for his service to our country.
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer McLellan reported we have \$1120.02 in the bank account.
- **New Members and New Member Applications:** VP Member Membership White, FPG, reported on the new membership activities.

Award Presentations:

- Peter McLellan presented the SAR War Service Medal to Ronald L. Smith



President Kinsey, Ronald L. Smith, and Peter McLellan



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- President Kinsey presented the Past President Metal to Nathan E. White Jr.



President Kinsey, Nathan E. White Jr. and Peter McClellan

- T.L. Holden, SAR VP Region 11, presented all Viet Nam Veterans with the Congressional Viet Nam Veteran Lapel Pin. Authorized by Congress to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Viet Nam



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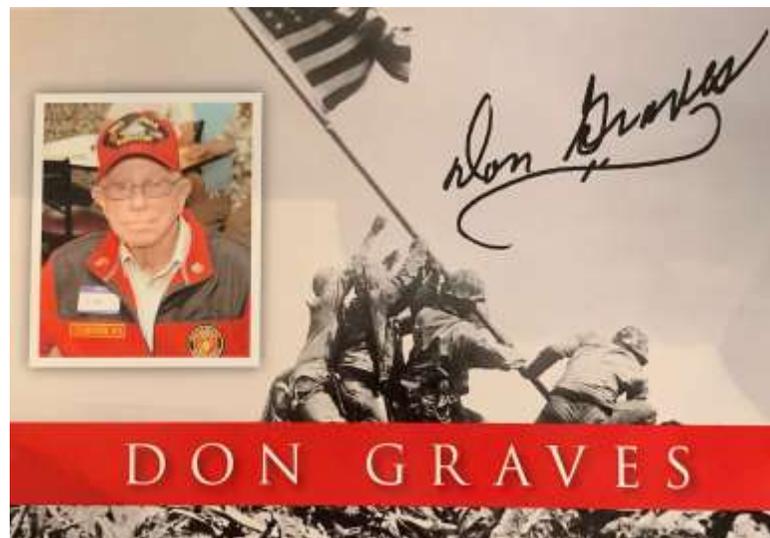


War. Any Veteran who served in Viet Nam from the period of 1965 to 1973 is authorized to wear this pen.



Recipients of the Congressional Viet Nam Veteran Lapel Pin

Guest Speaker: Nathan White, FPG, introduced our guest speaker Donald Graves, USMC, retired. Don was on Iwo Jima, and more specifically to his story, Mount Suribachi during WWII. Don was close to the US Flag raising event that took place on top of the mountain. After an introduction by Don's assistant Paul Swartz and a short video from a local TV station about Don, he spoke to the audience about his life and the impact WWII had on it. Don talked





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about the circumstances surrounding the raising of the flag on Mount Suribachi, and the Japanese response. He discussed how the flag was actually replaced by another flag. Don talked about the strategic importance of capturing this island to the United States and the lives that were saved as a result. Don also remembered the 7,000 Marines that died during the island's capture. He spoke of his initial landing on the island as a flamethrower carrying a 70-pound gasoline container on his back. When he literally hit the beach face down in the black sand he told God if he would let him survive, he would follow him for the rest of his life. He recalled multiple instances he experienced while capturing the island one of which resulted in him cursing God. When the 600-man company that Don was a part of at landing left the island, there were only 17 survivors! One-third of all the Marines killed in WWII were killed on Iwo Jima. After the War, Don discussed how his life and marriage were in shambles until he went to a Billy Graham meeting where he remembered the pledge he made to God on that black Iwo Jima beach. He turned his life around, repaired his marriage, they were for 70 years separated only by her death, and became a minister. He closed by leading the audience in the song "God Bless America".

Benediction: The benediction was given by was given by Donald Babbs, Chaplain.

Recessional: The recessional was given by was given by District VP T.L. Holden

Adjournment: President Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Milson, Secretary