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**June 20, 2019**

**Meeting held at Spring Creek Barbeque, McKinney, Texas**

**Attendees:** There were 25 SAR and other guests in attendance. Attendees included: Tom Milson, Peter McLellan, Nathan White, Wanda White, Donna Babbs, Donald Babbs, T. L. Holden, John Greer, Tomm Schultz, Gary Sandt, Mark McCraw, Weldon Copeland, Bryan Newlan, Nathaniel Newlan, Jeff Sandt, Lorie Cummings, Jenni Webb, Brett Webb, Jack Webb, Bill Hurst, Jerry Brown, Karis Hill, Travis Hill, Shause Hill and Chris Hill.





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**Call to Order:** After our BBQ dinner, Peter McLellan, Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Invocation:** Donald Babbs, Chaplain, gave our invocation.

**Pledges:**



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- Pete McLellan, Treasurer, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Tom Milson, Secretary, led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.
- Tom Milson, Secretary, led the Pledge of the SAR

**Self-introduction of Members and guests:** All members and guests introduced themselves.

**Old Business**

- Be sure to visit the Chapter Website at [www.mckinney.sar.org](http://www.mckinney.sar.org)

**Announcements**

- Next Meeting: July 18, 2019, 6:00 pm at Spring Creek Barbeque, McKinney, TX.
- The members in attendance were asked to please make sure your contact information is correct. To correct info, visit the TXSSAR private website, go to the "Members" tab, then "Member Contact Change Form."
- NSSAR National Congress is on July 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> in Orange County Hilton at Costa Mesa, CA. <https://www.sar.org/annual-sar-congress>. Registration is open! Nathan White and David Kinsley will represent the Chapter.
- TXSSAR Board of Management (BOM) is on October 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> in Arlington, TX. This meeting is open to all members, but only the board members will be able to vote.

**New Business:**

- Minutes from last meeting have been published on the website by Cecil Coale, Chapter Web Master.
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer McLellan reported we have \$1,704.93 in our bank account.
- Audie Murphy Parade on June 22<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in Farmersville, TX. You can still attend without a uniform. There will be two SAR trailers in the parade. If you decide to go, please bring a chair.
- Pre-July 4<sup>th</sup> cookout at the Bonham VA Hospital on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The organizer has requested that we provide seedless watermelons.
- If you were in the Military and have not received a Certificate or Metal, contact David Kinsey.
- New Member Inductions:



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Tom Milson, Chapter Secretary, inducted his grandson Jack Webb into the SAR.





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Former President General Nathan White inducted Judge Chris Hill into the SAR.



Compatriot Chris Hill's wife, Laura, then placed the SAR rosette on Chris.





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**New Compatriots Jack Webb and McKinney County Judge Chris Hill**



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**Program:** Mark McCraw, Vice President of Programs, introduced our speaker Greg Gomel. Mr. Gomel is the Executive Director for Agile for Patriots. Mr. Gomel is also a Trustee for Collin College. Agile for Patriots is a Dallas-based non-profit providing Veterans with training, experience, professional scrum master certification, mentoring and assistance finding employment in software development. Agile for Patriots co-founders Greg Gomel and Ravi Verma are Agile professionals who recognized a need in the veteran community and created the program as a way to give back to those who served. Greg and Ravi welcome agile practitioners and employers to join them in helping veterans make a rewarding transition to the Agile community. Greg is a veteran and President & CEO of The Gomel Group, a consulting company that helps with Agile and Digital Transformation, Program Management, Organizational Change and Security. Ravi is a grateful immigrant and the founder of SmoothApps, a boutique I.T. Management Consulting firm specializing in Agile Training, Coaching & Consulting. Their first class started with 16 veterans. This training is conducted at no cost to the veterans. To date Agile for Patriots has graduated 26 veterans with about half being placed with companies. Greg also provided us with a brief overview of the veteran related training that Collin College is providing. This includes the lowest cost tuition in Texas. Please visit their website for further information: <https://agileforpatriots.org/>. After the presentation, Mark McCraw, Vice President of Programs, presented Greg Gomel with an SAR Certificate of appreciation.



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

**Recessional:** The recessional was given by was given by Pete McClellan.

**Adjournment:** Treasurer McClellan adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Milson, Secretary