



Sons of The American Revolution

Texas Society, McKinney Chapter



January 16, 2020

Meeting held at Spring Creek BBQ, McKinney, Texas

Attendees

There were 26 SAR members and guests in attendance. Attendees included: David Kinsey, Tom Milson, Peter McLellan, Gary Graybeal, Blas Uribe, Wanda White, Nathan White, Luis Juarez, Ralph Thompson, Bobbe Thompson, Jim Johnson, Mark McCraw, Tomm Schultz, TXSSAR President David Temple, T.L. Holden, Jack R. Westol, Melvin Richards, Tom Gribble, Lori Charbonneau, Donald Babbs, R.D. Foster, Trina Foster, Michael Cummings, Robert Cummings, Lori Cummings and Chris Johnson.





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Call to Order

After dinner David Kinsey, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledges

- David Kinsey, President, 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.

Old Business and Announcements

- Be sure to visit our new Chapter Website at www.mckinney.sar.org .
- Next meeting will be on February 20, 2020, Spring Creek BBQ, McKinney, Texas.
- NSSAR Spring Leadership meeting will be on 27-29 February 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky.
- TXSSAR 125th Annual Conference will be held in The Woodlands, Texas on March 26-29, 2020.
- NSSAR National Congress will be held in Richmond, Virginia on 9-15 July 2020.

New Business

- Induction of New Compatriots - President David Kinsey inducted Robert Cummings and his son Michael Cummings into the SAR with wife and mother, Lori Cummings attaching the SAR Rosette pins.





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Then Lori made a brief presentation on her husband and son's Patriot, Deacon Samuel Chaplin.



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- Installation of Chapter Officers for 2020 - Texas Society State President David Temple (first from right) then conducted the Installation Ceremony for the 2020 McKinney Chapter Officers.



The 2020 McKinney Chapter Officers with Texas Society State President David Temple from the left: Mark McCraw, VP Programs; FPG Nathan White, VP Membership; Peter McLellan, Sargent



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at-Arms; Donald Babbs, Chaplin; Ralph Thompson, Treasurer; Tom Milson, Secretary; Luis Juarez, VP Awards and Texas Society President David Temple.

- Minutes from last meeting have been published on the website by Preston Kinsey, Chapter Web Master. Peter McLellan made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as written, motion seconded by Ralph Thompson, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ralph Thomason provided a detailed report on the transition of the treasurer position from Peter McLellan to himself. We have \$1,262.31 in our bank account. Peter McLellan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Tom Milson, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote. A second motion was made by Chris Thompson to add Mark McCraw as an alternate signer on the Chapter checking account. The motion was seconded by Tom Milson, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.
- Special Award: President Kinsey presented Donald Babbs with the SAR Flag Certificate.





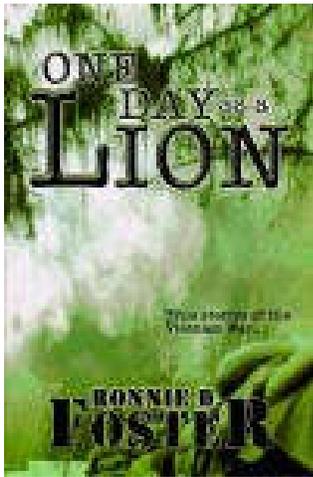
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Program:

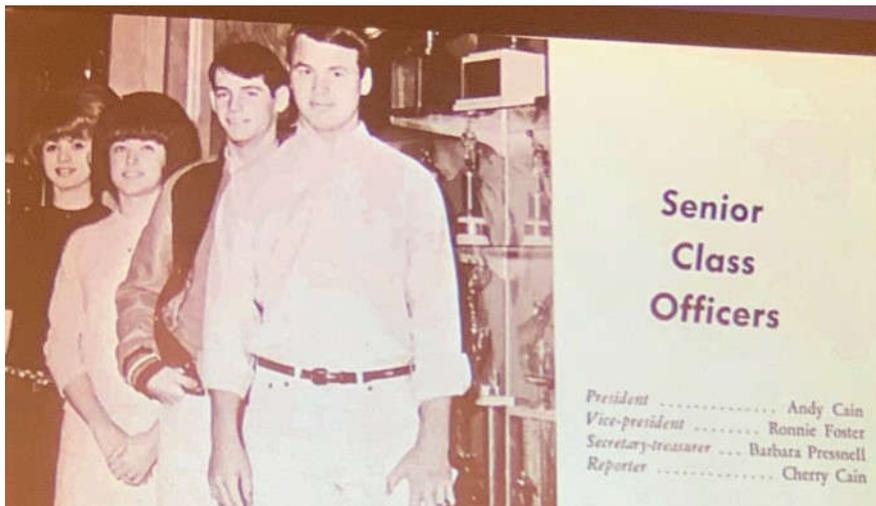
Mark McCraw, VP Programs, introduced this month's speaker Mr. Ronnie D. Foster. Mr. Foster is a Collin County author and songwriter. His presentation highlighted his experiences before and



during his U.S. Marine Corp service in Vietnam as documented in his book "One Day as a Lion". The book tells the stories of 21 Collin County soldiers who served in the Vietnam War and never came home. Foster writes not only about their time in the war, but also gives an idea of who they were before. "My main reason for writing the book is because of my buddy Bill Bryan," Foster said. Really there wasn't a lot to tell because they died so young. They grew up, went to high school, joined the military and that



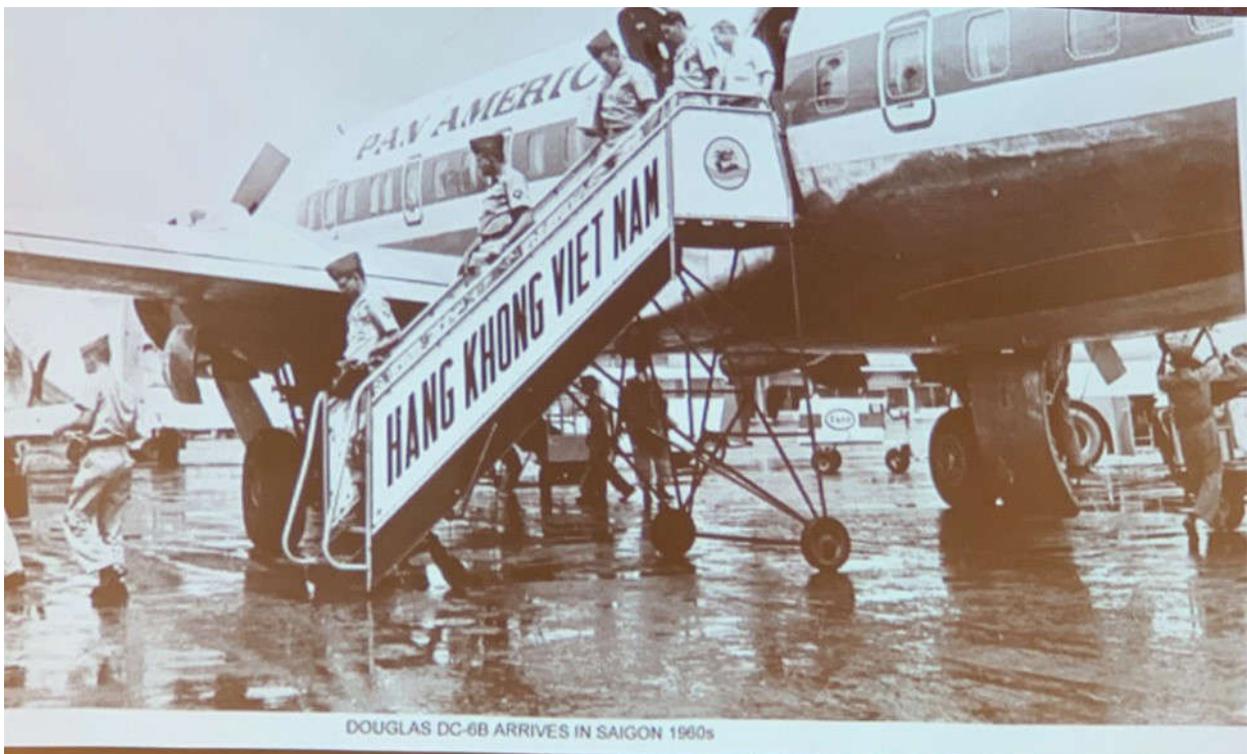
was it. I didn't want to just tell their war stories but a little bit about who they were before." R.D. shared some of his own experiences in Vietnam through photos he took. Ronnie's wife Trina managed the photo presentation. Below are some of the photos presented during the presentation.





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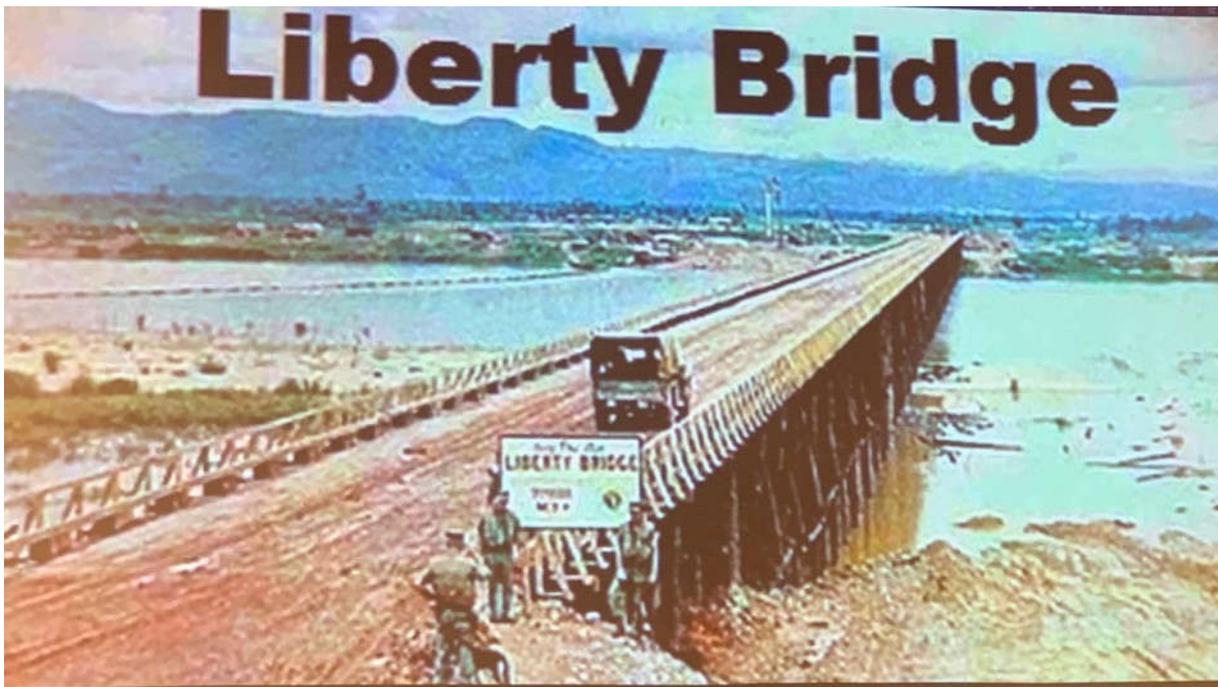
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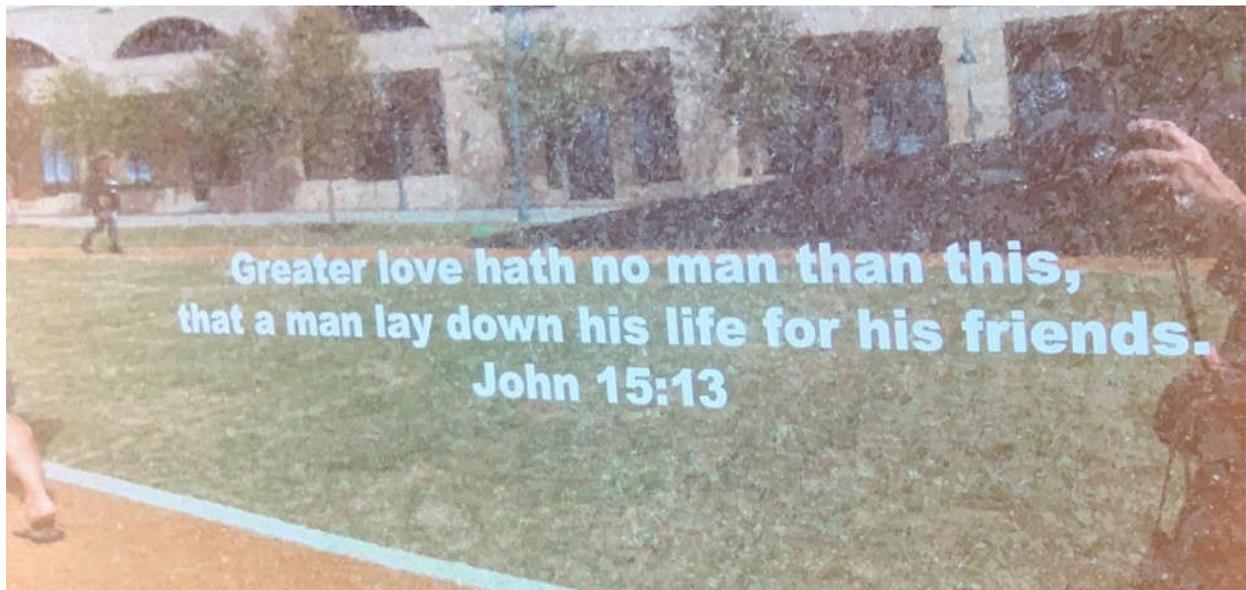
To All Who Shall see These Presents Greeting:
This is to Certify that
The President of the United States of America
Take Pleasure in Presenting

THE NAVY CROSS
(Posthumously)
to
Corporal Charles W. "Bill" Bryan, USMC

The President of the United States of America takes pride in presenting the Navy Cross (Posthumously) to Corporal Charles William Bryan (MCSN: 2307311), United States Marine Corps, for extraordinary heroism while serving as a Patrol Leader with Company B, Third Reconnaissance Battalion, THIRD Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force, in connection with operations against insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Vietnam. On 20 January 1968, a seven man reconnaissance patrol led by Corporal Bryan was maneuvering with an infantry company toward Hill 881 North near the Khe Sanh Combat Base. The patrol was assigned to detach itself from the unit inconspicuously and reconnoiter the terrain surrounding Hill 881 North. In addition, Corporal Bryan was instructed to abort the mission and withdraw if the infantry unit became engaged with the enemy. As the unit approached the designated area, the Marines suddenly came under intense hostile small arms and automatic weapons fire, sustaining several casualties. Reacting instantly, Corporal Bryan deployed his men to establish an emergency helicopter landing zone to evacuate the wounded men. Subsequently, the infantry unit was directed to attack the hostile emplacements, and realizing the unit was greatly depleted by casualties, Corporal Bryan requested permission from his unit to reinforce the infantry company with his patrol. Quickly integrating his men with an infantry squad, he was assigned as Squad Leader and skillfully maneuvered his unit toward its assigned objective. Upon approaching the designated area, the Marines began receiving intense fire from an enemy machine gun position. Undaunted by the hostile fire, he maneuvered his men around the flank of the emplacement and launched an aggressive attack which silenced the position. Alertly observing one of his men fall wounded in an

BILL BRYAN
MCKINNEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1966

CPL BILL BRYAN 1947-1968
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

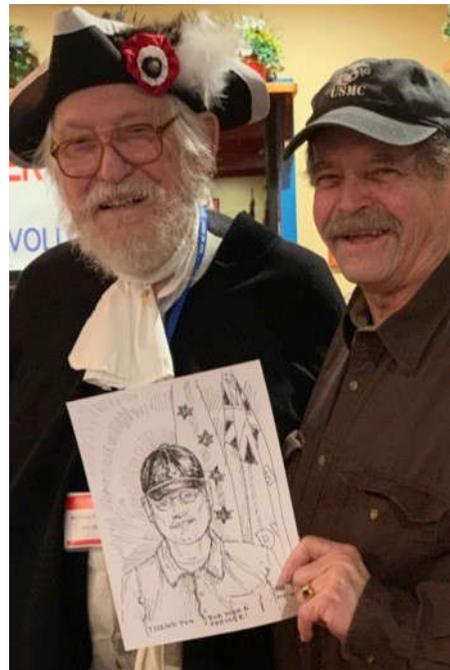


After the presentation President Kinsey presented Mr. Foster the SAR Certificate of Appreciation and the United States Vietnam War Commemoration lapel pin authorized by Congress. Compatriot Jim Johnson then presented a portrait he drew of Mr. Foster during the meeting.



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Benediction: Chaplin Babbs gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by Mark McCraw

Adjournment: President Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Milson, Secretary