



## **Sons of The American Revolution**

### **Texas Society, McKinney Chapter**



**February 20, 2020**

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

#### **Attendees**

There were 28 SAR members and guests in attendance. Attendees included: David Kinsey, Tom Milson, Gary Graybeal, Blas Uribe, Wanda White, Nathan White, Luis Juarez, Ralph Thompson, Bobbe Thompson, Mark McCraw, Tomm Schultz, T.L. Holden, Melvin Richards, Tom Gribble, Lori Charbonneau, Donald Babbs, Donna Babbs, Bill Hurst, Ted Wilson, C.D. Mayfield, Bill Taylor, Joe Chenoweth, Brandon Storey, Bill Maddox, Quenton Tangen, Clayton Tangen, Gary Sandt and Darrel Hale.

#### **Call to Order**

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

#### **Invocation**

- Donald Babbs gave the invocation.

#### **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 <http://mckinneysar.org/>

- Next meeting will be on March 19, 2020, Spring Creek BBQ, McKinney, Texas.

- If you have not already done so, please pay your 2020 dues ASAP.

- NSSAR Spring Leadership meeting will be on 27-29 February 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky. David Kinsey and FPG Nathan White will be attending this meeting.

- TXSSAR 125<sup>th</sup> 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.



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#### New Business

- Minutes from last meeting have been published on the website by Preston Kinsey, Chapter Web Master. Joe Chenoweth made a motion to accept last months meeting minutes as written, motion seconded by Ralph Thompson, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Ralph Thompson reported that on January 17, Mark McCraw and Ralph met with a Legacy Texas Bank Branch office representative and added Mark as an authorized signer of the Chapter bank account. Ralph also reported that the Chapter received a check from the Texas Society SAR for \$500.00 for "old application fees". Our bank balance as of February 20 is \$1,762.31. Nathan White made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Joe Chenoweth, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.
- Special Award: President Kinsey presented Tomm Schultz with the SAR War Service Metal with Vietnam bar.





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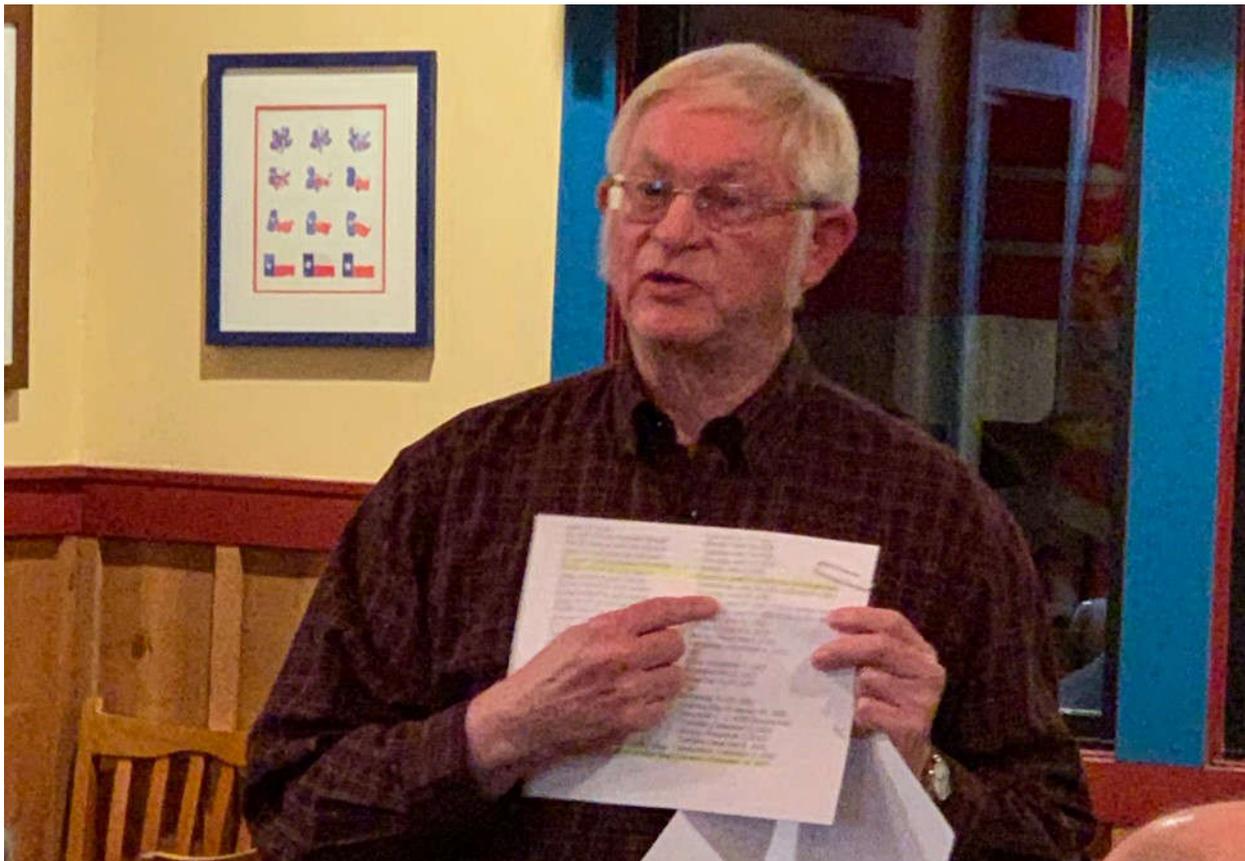
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#### Chapter Challenge

Ted Wilson, Vice President, District 11, Texas Society, addressed the Chapter:

- Ted would like to see more participation in the Color Guard. He discussed how to get a uniform. If interested contact President Kinsey for more details.
- Ted provided the following dates for SAR sponsored events at the VA Hospital in Bonham. Ted Challenged the Chapter to provide at least one Chapter member to support each event. Please contact David Kinsey or Tom Milson if you can support one or both of these events.
- Pre 4<sup>th</sup> of July Cookout on Tuesday, June 23, from 11:00am to 1:00 pm in Harper Hall.
- Pack & Deliver Patient Holiday Bags on Thursday, December 10.
- Ted also presented a list of wants and needs from the Hospital. This list is included at the end of these minutes.





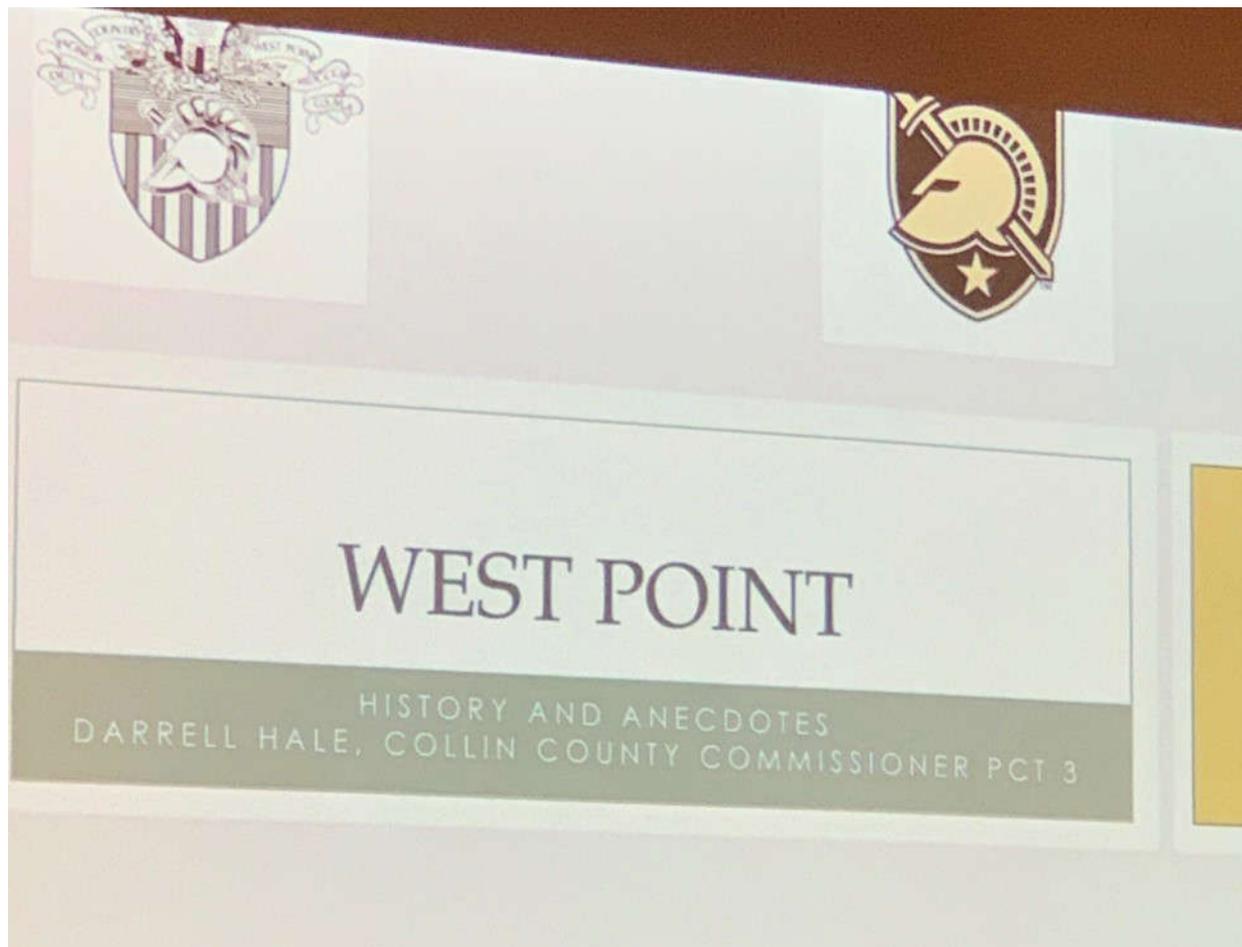
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#### Program:

Mark McCraw, VP Programs, introduced this month's speaker Mr. Darrell Hill. Mr. Hill, a West Point graduate, is the Collin County Commissioner for Precinct 3. His presentation was on the History of West Point. Darrell also discussed his time at West Point. Below are the charts presented during the presentation.



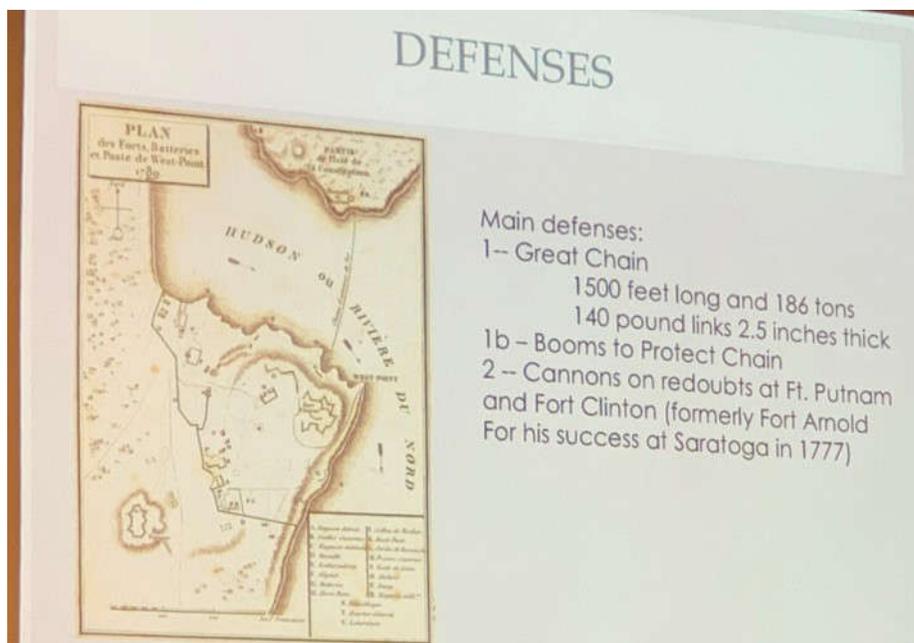


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- West Point first occupied in January of 1778. It is the longest held military position in U.S. history.
- George Washington felt it was the most important point in the U.S. He always kept the main portion of the army nearby.
- Main defenses were designed by a Polish Engineer, Tadeusz Kościuszko.





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### TRANSITION TO TRAINING

- Continental Congress first authorized a Corps of Invalids to impart their knowledge to those of health and youth.
- First established in 1794 for engineers and artillerists.
- Failures to have a formal academy was not rectified till the formal establishment by Jefferson in 1802.
- 1808 Class expanded from a handful yearly to 300.
- In 1817 Superintendent Sylvanus Thayer established the "Thayer" Method which is still used today.

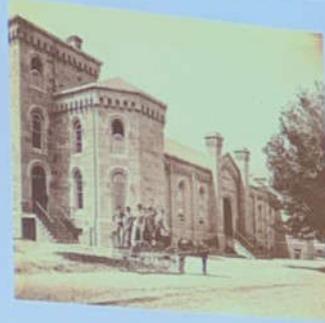


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### WORLD WAR 2

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- Each Senator or Representative can have 5 cadets at West Point at a time and every 4<sup>th</sup> year they admit 2 vs the 1.
  - Appointment "loans" happen.
- Typical cadet has a 1300 SAT, 75% are Top 2 in HS graduating class. 90% are varsity letter in a sport.
- Open a file ~20000
- Application ~12000 to 13000
- Academics ~ 8000
- Nomination ~ 5000
- Physical (Medical) and Fitness Test, Nominated ~2500
- Admitted ~1000 to 1100

- 4 years
  - Plebe, Yearling, Cow, and then Firstie
- Commissioned as a 2LT and then you have 8 year commitment (mix of active and reserve)
- Self trained (Thayer Method)
- Intramurals
  - Instituted by Macarthur





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- Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds, that upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory. – Douglas McArthur
- First Game – 1890, November 29<sup>th</sup>
- Navy leads the matchup 62-50-7
- Army unfortunately lost last year.
- Always played on a neutral field
- Host stadium/organization arranges travel for both full corps. (why it is unlikely to see it away from East Coast)

After the presentation President Kinsey presented Mr. Hale the SAR Certificate of Appreciation.





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**Benediction:** Chaplin Babbs gave the benediction.

**Recessional:** Lead by Mark McCraw

**Adjournment:** President Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Milson, Secretary



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### Wants/Needs Listing January 2019

#### Volunteer Needs

- Coffee Cart
- Fee Service
- Library Aid
- CLC – No Veteran Dies Alone
- Red Coat Ambassadors
- Volunteer to play piano for music group once a quarter
- Volunteer to teach easy painting classes once a quarter

#### Gift Cards

- Gift Cards (Wal-mart, Dollar Tree, Dollar Store) – increments of \$10.00 or \$20.00

#### Comfort Items

- Backpacks
  - Postage Stamps
  - Bath Gel / Body Wash (No bar soap)
  - Deodorant
  - Tooth Paste
- Coats      Jeans Size 32-34-36 (gently used)*  
*No suitcases*

Reminder: We do not accept bar soap or hotel/motel soaps, shampoo, conditioners, lotions, or items containing alcohol.

#### Community Living Center (CLC)

- MP3 Players with earbuds
- Portable DVD Players
- Rewriteable CD's (Audio and Video)
- Tomato Plant Trellis
- Military Branch Birthday Celebrations
  - Army – June 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Coast Guard – August 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Air Force – September 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Navy – October 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Marine Corp – November 10<sup>th</sup>
  - National Guard – December 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Domiciliary (DOM)

- Golf balls
- Guitar strings (Acoustic & Electric)
- 6 Guitar straps
- 6 Guitar Cords (plug guitar and amp)
- Plastic models (cars, airplanes, ships, i.e.)
- Leather Crafts