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**Texas Society,
McKinney Chapter**

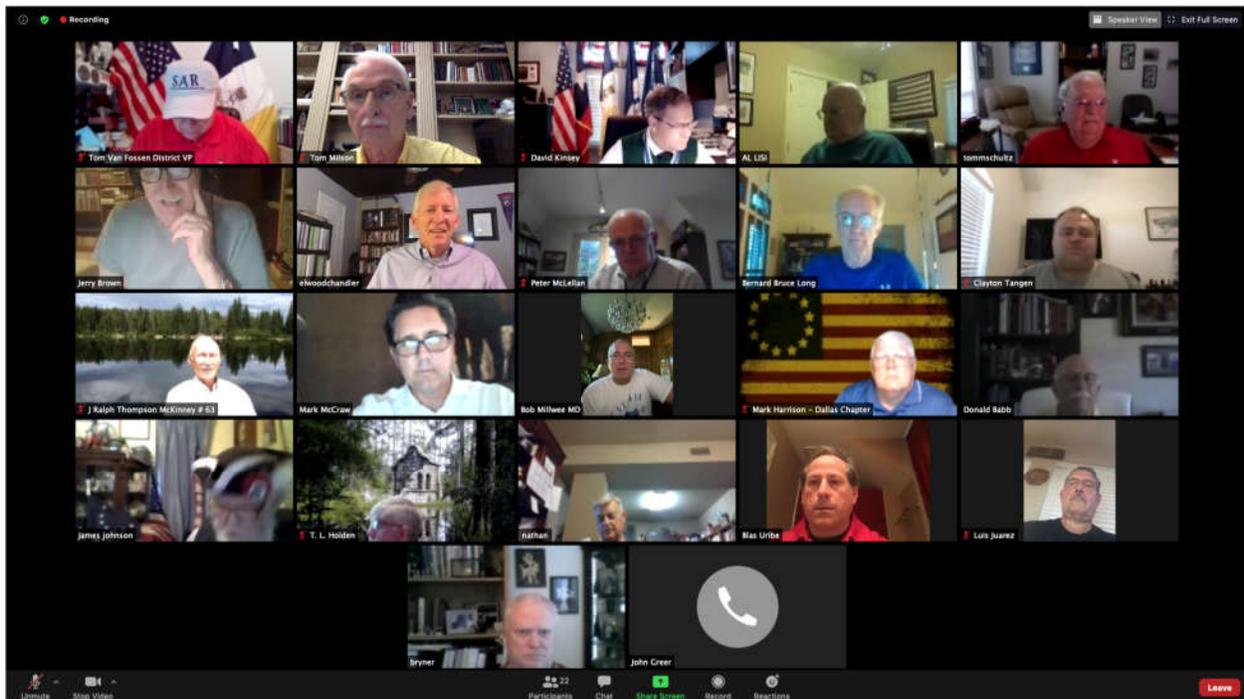


August 20, 2020

Meeting held via Zoom® teleconference due to pandemic

Attendees

There were 22, SAR members and guests in attendance for this Zoom® meeting. Attendees included: David Kinsey, Tom Milson, Blas Uribe, Tom Van Fossen – District VP, Mark Harrison, Alfred Lisi, Tomm Schultz, Jerry Brown, Peter McLellan, Bernard Bruce Long, Ralph Thompson, Clayton Tangen, Mark McCraw, Bob Milwee, Donald Babbs, T.L. Holden, James Johnson, Nathan White, Luis Juarez, John Greer, Duane Bryner, and guest speaker Alan Chandler.



Call to Order

David Kinsey, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Invocation

- Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledges

- Blas Uribe, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.



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

Program

Mark McCraw, VP of Programs introduced our speaker, Allen Chandler (36 minute program of entertaining stories from Mr. Chandler's career) ,

Guest Speaker website and Bio <https://www.mclainmilitarylawyer.com/...>

Allen Chandler, Jr., is a retired United States Army Lawyer (Judge Advocate) and Lieutenant Colonel (LTC), and has been in the practice of criminal and military law since 1984. His first jury trials were tried in the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Germany, and in the deserts of Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait during operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He has been both a defense attorney with Trial Defense Services (TDS) and prosecutor (Trial Counsel) on several assignments. He was a Regional Defense Counsel for the largest of the 8 regions (Alaska, Hawaii, and the West Coast); Chief of Criminal Law in Korea (for 8th US Army and USFK); Deputy Director of the Defense Appellate Division (DAD); and ended his Government service as the Deputy Director of Criminal Law for the Army; briefing the media, Army Generals and members of Congress on significant military cases and changes in the law (including Abu Gharib and Guantanamo Bay).

Also in his more than 20 year military career, he was in charge of Claims at Fort Carson, Colorado (where he handled personnel and tort claims against the Army); Director of Foreign Claims at Fort Meade, Maryland (where he handled all claims against the United States Army world-wide and medical claims in the United States under the Military Claims Act, Foreign Claims Act, and Federal Tort Claims Act); and Director of the Implementation Force (IFOR) Claims office in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina (where he created the office and negotiated claims with 4 host countries and the 17 countries in IFOR).

After leaving the military, Attorney Chandler took the California Bar Exam and practiced Real Estate Law in California before returning to Texas to become an Assistant District Attorney with Dallas County (trying cases from theft to murder).

He is currently Of Counsel with the Law Office of Patrick J. McLain, PLLC, which is headquartered in Dallas, Texas where he represents Federal Workers (including military) denied claims and clearances, as well as Federal Workers at courts and boards throughout



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the United States. Mr. Chandler has expertly handled thousands of cases and represented and prosecuted virtually every crime imaginable. Attorney Chandler also has a separate criminal defense practice in Texas as well.

Education: Resident Command and General Staff College (Fort Leavenworth, KS) 1999 The Judge Advocate Generals School (Charlottesville, VA) 1995 L.L.M. Gonzaga University School of Law (Spokane, WA) 1984 J.D. Saint John's University (Collegeville, MN) 1981 B.A.

Teaching Positions: Instructor, Command and General Staff College (Fort Leavenworth, KS)

Past Employment Positions: President and Director of Legal Operations, Firearms Legal Protection, Nationwide offices, 2015 – 2018 Assistant District Attorney, Dallas, Texas, 2011 – 2015 Partner, Chandler Legal Group, Sacramento, California, 2009 – 2011 Broker, Alpine Capital and Mortgage, 2005-2009 Deputy Director, Criminal Law Division, Washington DC 2001-2004 Deputy Director, Defense Appellate Division, Washington DC 1999-2001 Teacher and Student, Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS 1998-1999 Chief of Criminal Law, 8th US Army (Korea), 1997-1998 Chief of Claims, Foreign Torts Branch, Fort Meade, MD, 1995-1997 Student, The Judge Advocate General School Advanced Course, Charlottesville, VA, 1994-1995 Chief of Claims, Fort Carson, CO, 1992-1994 Senior Prosecutor, 5th Corps (German), 1991-1992 Senior Prosecutor, Combat Aviation Brigade, Desert Shield/Storm (Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia), 1990-1991 Senior Prosecutor, 3rd Armored Division (Germany), 1989-1990 Defense Attorney, Trial Defense Service (Korea and Japan) 1987-1989 Supply Officer (S-4), 175th Field Artillery (Germany) 1984-1987

Awards: Legion of Merit Medal Bronze Star Medal Meritorious Service Medal, 5th Award Meritorious Service Medal, 4th Award Meritorious Service Medal, 3th Award Meritorious Service Medal, 2th Award Meritorious Service Medal, 1st Award Commendation Medal, Army 2nd Commendation Medal, Army 1st Achievement Medal, Army 1st Joint Service Achievement Medal Saudi Arabian-Kuwait Liberation Medal National Defense Service Ribbon 2nd National Defense Service Ribbon 1st Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Star (BSS) NATO Medal

- General discussion and questions of presentation,

Awards

David Kinsey, President, verbal presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to the Guest Speaker Allen Chandler. Stated he will mail actual certificate to him.



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Old Business and Announcements

- Next meeting is on September 17, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Location TBD.
- Congress in 2021 will be in Seattle, WA.
- Fall Leadership meeting scheduled for 9/23 by Zoom
- South Central District (SCD) meeting moved to October 23-24, 2020, same hotel, Hyatt Regency in Richardson, Texas. Approximately noon Fri to noon Sat
- UPDATE following the meeting, The Fall Board of Management (BOM) will now be held via ZOOM. Still scheduled for November 13, 2020.
- David Kinsey is the new State Treasurer

New Business

- 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 Louis Juarez, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.
- Treasurer's Report: Ralph Thompson, Treasurer read report. "8/20/20. The bank balance as of today is \$2791.81. The \$10 service charge assessed at the end of June was refunded on July 17, 2020. There has not been any transactions since the previous report dated July 17, 2020.
- Tom Milson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Pete McLellan, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.
- Question from Ralph Thompson and brief discussion by David Kinsey that State has a Review/Audit of funds that still need to be distributed to Chapters. Question from T.L. Holden to David Kinsey from Treasurer's side regarding if David Kinsey has signed over accounts. David Kinsey confirms he has sent paperwork but additional paperwork is still in progress.



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New Member Induction Ceremony

David Kinsey, Chapter President, explained New Compatriots should have received Letter from President General, Record copy of application, Compatriot Report, as well as New Member Manual.

Tom Van Fossen, District VP, administered Oath to new Compatriots Bruce Long, and Al Lisi. Bruce and Al each gave short presentation on their Patriot ancestor. Tom explained the meaning of the Rosette Pin. Membership Certificate and Rosette Pin should be received by new Compatriots.

Other Announcements

- David Kinsey, Chapter President, referenced email he had sent the previous week asking for volunteers to mentor new members and to reach out to them and to keep them engaged in the chapter. John Greer has volunteered and David Kinsey encourages additional volunteers to step forward.

- At the State meeting, both David Kinsey and Nathan White received the Meritorious Service Medal. Nathan White said David Temple at the state level was very complimentary of the McKinney Chapter. David Kinsey received additional honor at state meeting of the Texas Silver Service Medal

- John Greer: The SAR will mail Vietnam Lapel Pin to anyone who qualifies by going to the website vietnamwar50th.com SAR is a commemorative partner, 1600 pins already mailed. David Kinsey says the McKinney Chapter is also a commemorative partner and has some pins. T.L. Holden also confirms every active Texas DAR chapter is also a commemorative partner.

VIETNAM VETERAN LAPEL PIN

"A Lasting Memento of the Nation's Thanks!"

The Commemoration is providing Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pins to Commemorative Partners for dignified public presentations to U.S. military veterans, living at home or abroad, who served during the Vietnam War period as a lasting memento of the Nation's thanks.

Living U.S. veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin.

In order to receive a lapel pin, please follow the steps below:



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1. Locate upcoming commemorative events by visiting <https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/events/>. Enter your zip code to locate the nearest events. The blue pins represent future events. Click on a pin for event details, including contact information. If there are no blue pins in your area, check back frequently, as new events are added every week!
2. Another option to receive a lapel pin is visiting the Commemorative Partner Map at https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/partners/partner_map/. Please contact a partner in your area to find out when the next event will be or if they have lapel pins on hand to present to you.
3. Veterans who cannot attend an event can email whs.pentagon.wso.mbx.vnwar50th-cpp-events-application@mail.mil and a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin will be sent to you via USPS. Please include a good mailing address including your city and state.



[Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin \(Front\)](#)



[Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin \(Back\)](#)



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Don Babbs mentioned to Bob Milwee of a common Millwee ancestor between them of the Carolinas. John Greer states the Dallas Library 8th floor Genealogy, has set of records "Amended Returns for South Carolina" for revolutionary war records with much information.

- Louis Juarez checked and Princeton ROTC program has started with small enrollment but will participate with us next year. Contact information was exchanged per Louis

- Friday 8/21/20 memorial service for Charles Baker former Dallas Chapter president. Tom Van Fossen states Color Guard will be present and invites anyone who wishes to come.

Benediction: Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplain gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by Mark McCraw

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

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Aid to Secretary