



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



October 15, 2020

Meeting held via Zoom® teleconference due to pandemic

Attendees

There were 18, SAR members and guests in attendance for this Zoom® meeting. Attendees included: David Kinsey, Tom Milson, Peter McLellan, Ralph Thompson, Alfred Lisi, Bob Milwee, James Johnson, Clayton Tangen, Tom Van Fossen – District VP, Nathan White, Bill Taylor, George Bradford, Ted Wilson, Donald Babb, John Greer of Edmund Terrell chapter, Tom Gribble, Carroll Maxwell, Guest speaker and SAR member Tom Green.



Call to Order

David Kinsey, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Invocation

- Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplain, gave the invocation.



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Pledges

- Nathan White, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- David Kinsey, led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.
- Pete McLellan, led the Pledge of the SAR.

Program

Pete McLellan, introduced our speaker, Tom Green (30 minute program discussing the flags of the Revolutionary award)

Biographical Information on Thomas Bruce Green, III

Tom is active in both the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) and after retiring, spends much of his time promoting these two Societies. Tom was the founding chapter president of the Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels Chapter #50 of the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT) and he also served as Hill Country District Representative of the Sons of the Republic of Texas for four years, and was inducted as a Knight of the Order of San Jacinto at the annual convention of the SRT in 2006, the highest award of the SRT, which was started in 1843 by President Sam Houston during the Republic of Texas days. Tom was named Texan of the Year by the San Jacinto Descendants Society in 2005, and was awarded the National Merit Award by the Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge in 2007, and in 2016, he was awarded the San Jacinto Star award by the San Jacinto SRT Chapter. Tom is a Colonel in the Texas Army since 2006, and was also appointed an Admiral in the Texas Navy by Governor Perry in 2006. In 2012 Tom was awarded the George Washington Distinguished Service Award by the Paul Carrington SAR Chapter, and named the National Color Guardsman of the Year by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution.

Tom served two years as president of the William Hightower Chapter #35 of the Sons of the American Revolution, while living in New Braunfels, Texas. Tom has served at the State level of the SAR as Vice President for Promotion and Media Relations, as Staff Secretary, as President Elect, and completed a term as President of the Texas Society in 2007. Tom also served as the National Trustee for the Texas Society to the National Society SAR in 2008, and continues to serve on several National Committees.

Tom is also a member of the General Society of the War of 1812, and the American Legion.

Tom is also a member of the North American Vexillological Association, a membership organization founded in 1967, devoted to vexillology, the scientific and scholarly study of flags. Tom has collected or made over 75 historic flags of both the American Revolutionary and the



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Texas Revolutionary periods, and has given more than 750 Historic Flag Programs to SRT, DRT, SAR and DAR chapters, as well as historical societies, civic groups, family and professional associations, and more than 30,000 school children around the state of Texas, and other states. His knowledge of flag history is considerable; however, he always enjoys hearing a new story about the flags from the audience.



During the presentation, Tom showed approximately 9 flags and referenced interesting bits of historical information relating to a number of individuals and topics including, John Paul Jones, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Betsy Ross, East India Tea Company, Battle of Saratoga, Bunker Hill, Militia vs. Continental army, Irish immigrants contribution.

General discussion and questions of presentation followed. Tom shared he participates in the annual George Washington Birthday parade in Laredo, TX, the largest Washington birthday parade in the country. Tom also has strong interaction and is a liaison with the DAR, and



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attends their annual meeting regularly. Attendees expressed appreciation to Tom for the presentation.

Awards

None

Old Business and Announcements

- Next meeting is on November 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm expected by ZOOM.
- The Fall Board of Management (BOM) is still scheduled for November 13, 2020 to be held via ZOOM. Committee meetings are expected to be held prior to that, Nov 8th for voting members, and Nov 10th for general session
- Volunteers to be mentors / Squad leaders

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 Ralph Thompson, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.
- Treasurer's Report: Ralph Thompson, Treasurer read report. "10/15/20. The bank balance as of September's report was \$2820.59. This month we received 2 deposits from the Texas Society SAR. On the 8th there was a deposit of \$179 for dues and on the 9th there was a deposit of \$53 for new member application fees. The current balance in the account is \$3052.59."

Tom Milson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Alfred Lisi, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

New Member Induction Ceremony

None



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Other Announcements

- Pete McLellan referenced that TX SAR dues are posted online at the TX SAR website for members to access and pay their dues. David Kinsey, Chapter President stated, one can pay for Dual chapters online for up to 4 chapters.

- David Kinsey, Chapter President, confirmed with Pete McLellan, Sgt. at Arms, that nominations list for 2021 chapter officers were submitted to David Kinsey to move forward with vote at the next meeting.

Benediction: Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplain gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by David Kinsey

Adjournment: President Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Aid to Secretary