



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



**November 19, 2020**

**Meeting conducted via Zoom® teleconference**

**Attendees**

There were twenty-eight SAR members and guests in attendance for this Zoom® meeting. Attendees included: David Kinsey, Tom Milson, Luis Juarez, Mark McCraw, Donald Babbs, Tom Van Fossen, Ralph Thompson, Alfred Lisi, Ken Davis, Blas Uribe, T.L. Holden, Bob Millwee, Ted Wilson, Susan Higgins, Bill Taylor, Drake Peddie, Charles Scaggs, Nathan White, Ronnie Brant, Micah Maxon, Kara Smith, Peter McLellan, Hooper Knowlton, Tom Gribble, Duane and Alaina Byrner, Chris Dudley, and James Johnson.



**Call to Order**

David Kinsey, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**Invocation**

Donald Babbs, Chaplain, gave the invocation.



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#### Pledges

- Mark McCraw, VP of Programs, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Luis Juarez, VP of Awards led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.
- Peter McLellan, Sargent at Arms led the Pledge of the SAR.

#### Public Service Awards

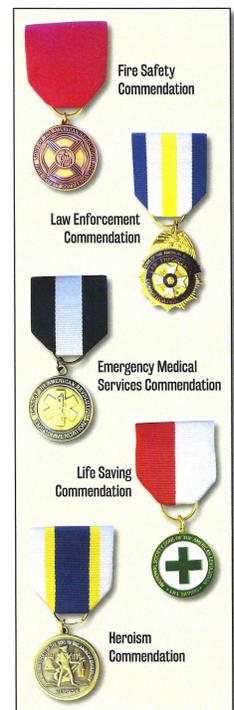
Luis Juarez, VP of Awards read the commendations and David Kinsey presented the awards.

- EMS Commendation Medal to Chris Dudley, CHP Firefighter Parametric, McKinney Fire Department

The McKinney Fire Department has established a Community Healthcare Program (CHP) where paramedics have been certified in advanced life-saving training to enhance their skills so that they can provide non-traditional life changing emergency medical services to citizens in the community. This program requires that the advanced paramedics working with our medical director assist citizens in the community that have chronic illnesses and need support and assistance to help them live as normal of a life as they can in their homes. This program allows the paramedics to establish a close relationship with these citizens. The paramedics contact them on a regular basis to check on them, to make sure that they are going to their scheduled medical appointments and assure that they are properly managing their medications on a daily basis. The goal of this program is to help educate and assist these citizens to become self-sufficient and to graduate from the program. Recently CHP Firefighter Paramedic Chris Dudley was contacted by a Dialysis company to let him know that one of their CHP patients did not show up for their scheduled dialysis appointment. CHP Firefighter Paramedic Dudley immediately responded over to the patient's house. He knocked on the door and no one answered, he walked around to the back of the house and looked through the window and he saw the patient lying on the floor. He forced the rear door and provided lifesaving treatment to the patient and transported him to the local hospital. CHP Firefighter Paramedic Chris Dudley's immediate actions, knowledge about the patient and his dedication to our Community Healthcare Program resulted in saving this patient's life.

- Life Saving Medal to Micha Maxon, Driver Paramedic, McKinney Fire Department

During physical fitness training at the Fire Station Driver Paramedic Micah Maxon was notified by a citizen that a firefighter while running around the fire station had collapsed and needed





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assistance. He immediately ran out to the front of the fire station to find his Captain facedown and unconscious on the ground. Upon initial assessment of the patient, he determined that his Captain was in cardiac arrest. He immediately began CPR and he directed other firefighters to attach him to the Heart monitor and the defibrillator to provide electrical shock to his heart. The Captain was transported to Baylor McKinney Hospital where he received outstanding cardiac treatments to save his life. His Captain recovered and was released from the hospital. Driver Paramedic Maxon's leadership, actions, experience and efforts lead to the saving of his Captain's life.

#### **- Heroism Medal to Charlie Skaggs, EMS Chief, McKinney Fire Department**

During the beginning of the COVID 19 Pandemic EMS Chief Charlie Skaggs responded to the request from the many Nursing Homes, Assisted living and Memory Care facilities in the City of McKinney. There were many residents in these facilities that were rapidly becoming infected with the COVID 19 virus. Many of these residents became patients and were transported to our local Baylor McKinney and Medical Center McKinney hospitals. Unfortunately, some of these patients did not survive the devastation of infection caused by COVID 19. Chief Skaggs personally met onsite at these facilities to assist the Administrative staff with triaging of the residents to separate the COVID 19 infected residents that were experiencing mild symptoms from those that were healthy and not infected. He worked with each facility to assure that the staff was properly protected, he worked with our City and State partners to assure that they had what they needed to do their job safely. As the COVID pandemic continued to spread across Texas Chief Skaggs as a result of his dedication, self-sacrifice, and outstanding work in the City of McKinney continued to place himself in harm's way as he volunteered and was appointed a member of the Texas State - Medical Incident Strike Team (M.I.S.T.) to assist with the testing of residents for COVID all across North Texas. He supervised the daily testing of residents in hundreds of Nursing homes over a period of several months. At this time Chief Skaggs is now deployed to El Paso Texas where to date the total COVID 19 cases are 77,977 and the total deaths is at 833. Since the beginning of the COVID 19 Pandemic in Texas Chief Skaggs has continued to step up at all levels to fight this devastating disease. He has sacrificed his own health and wellbeing and months away from his family to assure the best possible care was provided for all Health Care workers and for all that were infected with this disease across the entire State of Texas.

#### **- Fire Safety to Quincy Blount, Firefighter Engine Boss, McKinney Fire Department**

During the historic California Wildfires Firefighter Engine Boss Quincy Blount was deployed to California as a member of the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) to assist CalFire with the response to over 1 million acres burning out of control. He was the leader of a four-person team that worked with firefighting teams from all of the world for many weeks to try and bring these devastating fires under control. He and his crew were able to assist in extinguishing many wildland fires, extinguishing many homes and businesses that were



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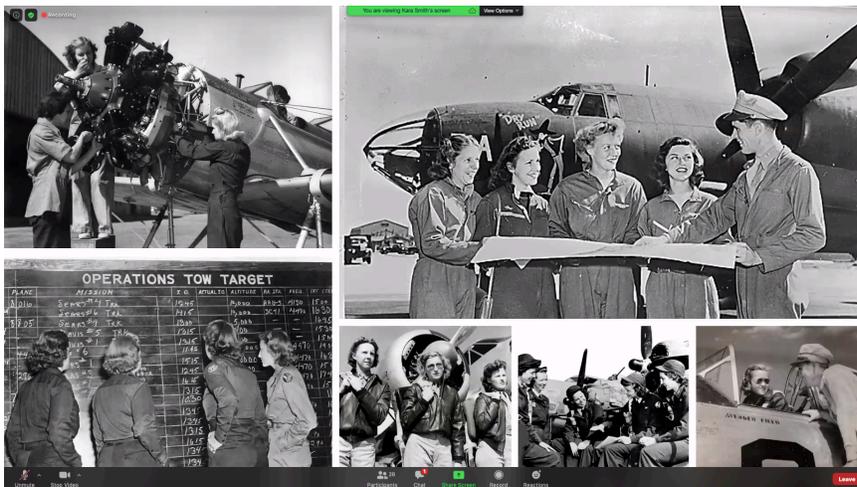


burned and they were able to successfully protect many other homes, businesses and forest areas from these horrific fires. Firefighter Blount's leadership, commitment, expertise and dedication to saving lives and property was critical to assisting the State of California during this tragic and historic wildfire season.

At the end of the presentations, each Awardee was given the opportunity to speak followed by questions from the attendees.

### Program

President Kinsey introduced our speaker Kara Smith, State President of the Texas Children of the American Revolution. Kara spoke on both the National and Texas C.A.R. projects for 2020-2021. Then Kara gave a presentation on the history of the WASP organization during World War II.



#### National President's Project

For the 2020-2021 National Project, the National Society will be partnering with **Pets for Vets** to raise funds to place companion animals with veterans, many of which are experiencing PTSD. The animals are adopted and trained through donations, and each companion animal is highly trained to best meet the veteran's needs.



#### State President's Project

The National WASP WWII Museum located in Sweetwater, Texas, tells the story of 1074 young women who overcame personal and social barriers to become the first women pilots. They were integral to the U.S. flight program during World War II, yet were not given full military status until 33 years after they served their country. Texas Members are partnering with National WASP WWII Museum to provide four interactive learning stations for youth museum visitors.



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Jaqueline "Jackie" Cochran  
WASP Founder



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**Dorothy Olsen**  
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**Frances Green,  
Margaret Kirchner,  
Ann Waldner,  
Blanche Olson**  
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**Nonie Anderson and  
Micky Axton**

**Elizabeth Garner**

**Elizabeth  
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**THANK YOU!**

Please donate to support the T.S.C.A.R. and the Museum

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At the conclusion of Kara's presentation, President Kinsey presented her with a check for \$250 to support C.A.R activities.

#### **Recognition of Hooper Knowlton for his Service during WW II.**

Peter McLellan, Sargent at Arms recognized his father-in-law, Hooper Knowlton for his service during World War II. Hooper was born in Salt Lake City on December 29, 1920. He was in the Army Air Corps where he was either being trained or training pilots for his entire service. He trained pilots on twin engine aircraft and also taught them to fly on instruments. He was based in Stockton, California. He said he enjoyed every minute of his service three and one-half years of service. After his service, Hooper went to college becoming a Civil Engineer. By the end of his professional career, he owned one-third of the largest Civil Engineering firm in Utah. Hooper will be 100 years old on December 29, 2020. After the presentation, President Kinsey presented Lt. Knowlton with an SAR Certificate of appreciation for his service in World War II.



#### **SAR National Liberty Metal award to Duane Bryner**

At the 2020 SAR National meeting, Duane Bryner was selected to receive the Liberty Medal for his significant contribution to the growth of the McKinney Chapter as Registrar. President Kinsey presented Duane with the Liberty metal and certificate.

#### **Old Business and Announcements**

- Texas Society President Peddie complimented the presenters on their presentations and discussed the State BOM meeting via Zoom®. He also complimented the Chapter on their attendance and along with our early adoption of Zoom® as a tool to continue meeting monthly.
- District 11 Vice President Wilson discussed recruitment, retention and recovery of members. He recommended that all SAR members read the article Recruitment, Retention and Recovery on page 8 of Fall 2020 SAR Magazine. State President Peddie and Chapter President Kinsey also commented on this topic and President Kinsey presented a spread sheet of the Texas Society dropped members.
- The next meeting will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via Zoom.
- The 2020 Fall BOM meeting was a success with several of our Chapter members in attendance.



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- 2021 dues notices have been mailed. If you need assistance on how to pay online, please contact David Kinsey.

- David mentioned that the Chapter is still looking for volunteers to be mentors/Squad leaders.

**New Business**

- Minutes from last meeting have been published on the website. Peter McLellan made a motion to accept last months meeting minutes as written by Compatriot Uribe, motion was seconded by Al Lisi, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Treasurer's Report: Ralph Thompson, Treasurer reported stating that the bank balance as of October's report was \$3,052.59. The current balance in the bank account is \$3,052.59. One check is outstanding in the amount of \$250.00 payable to Children of the American Revolution as authorized by the Chapter Executive Committee. The current check register is \$2,802.59. Tom Milson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written, motion was seconded by Al Lisi, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

**Vote on Slate of Nominees for 2021**

President Kinsey presented the 2021 Slate of Nominees that was presented by Sargent at Arms McLellan at the October meeting. No additional nominees have been provided to Sargent at Arms McLellan to date. After three requests by President Kinsey for nominations from the floor and hearing none, President Kinsey placed the following Slate of Nominees to the Chapter for a vote.

McKinney SAR Chapter #63 – 2021 Nominations (Slate)

President	Tom Milson
VP Membership	PPG Nathan White
Secretary	Blas Uribe
Treasurer	Ralph Thompson
Historian	Open
Registrar	Clayton Tangen
Sargent at Arms	Peter McLellan
VP Awards	Louis Juarez
VP Programs	Mark McCraw



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Chaplin

Don Babbs

Veterans Affairs

Ron Altman(?)

Webmaster

Preston Kinsey(?)

Peter McLellan made a motion to accept the 2021 Slate as presented, motion was seconded by Ralph Thompson, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote. This Slate will be inducted at the December 2020 meeting.

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

**Recessional:** President Kinsey, VP Programs lead the recessional.

**Adjournment:** President Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Milson

Secretary