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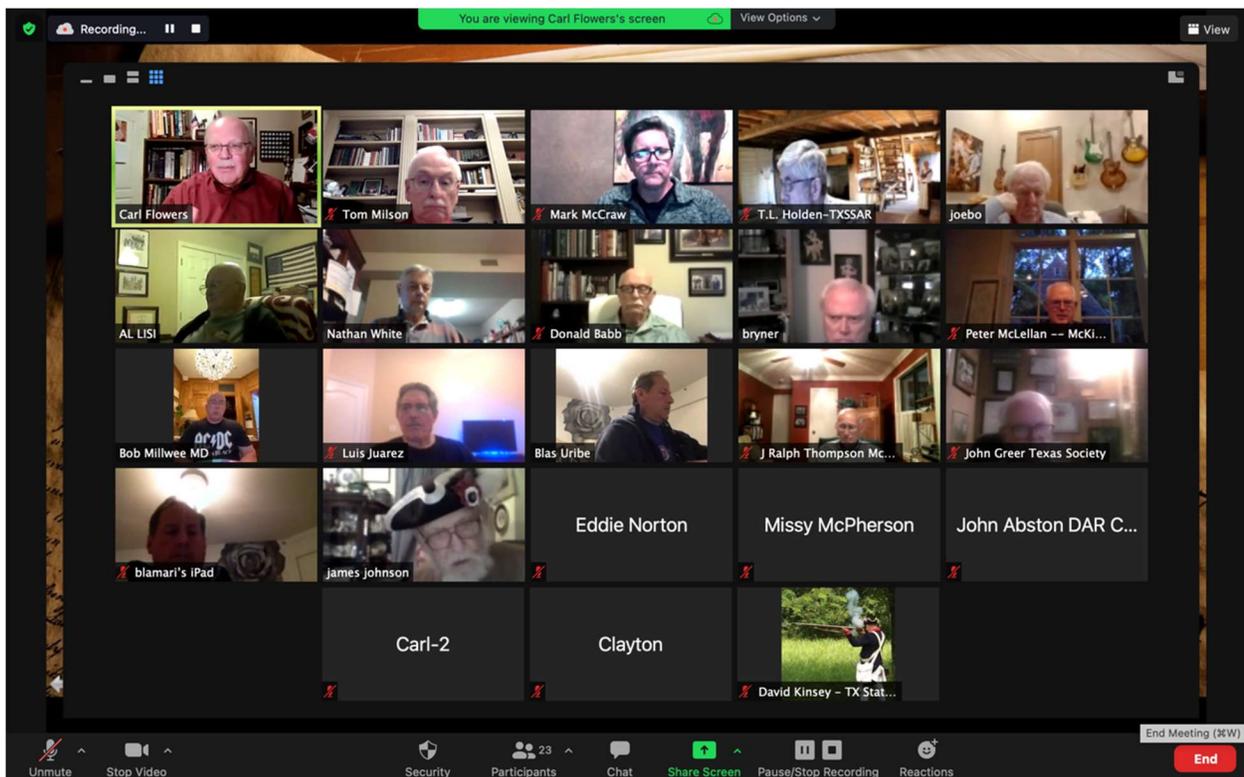
April 15, 2021

Meeting held via Zoom® teleconference due to pandemic

Attendees

There were 22, SAR members and guests in attendance for this Zoom® meeting. Attendees included: Tom Milson, David Kinsey, Blas Uribe, Luis Juarez, Donald Babbs, Bob Milwee, Mark McCraw, Al Lisi, Pete McLellan, Nathan White, Clayton Tangen, TL Holden, Ralph Thompson, John Greer, James (Jim) Johnson, Duane Bryner, George Bradford.

Guests include: Bronze R.O.T.C. Medal recipient Edward (Eddie)Norton, Missy Mcpherson(DAR Chapter Regent of John Abston Chapter), along with Jodi Mills(Asst Registrar John Abston Chapter attending with Joy Bradford.) Guest speaker Carl Flowers.



Call to Order

Tom Milson, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.



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Invocation

- Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledges

- Al Lisi, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Blas Uribe, led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.
- Peter McLellan, led the Pledge of the SAR.

Program

- Mark McCraw, VP of Programs introduced speaker

In addition to his career as a corporate trainer and speaker, Carl Flowers is also a historian, dedicated to inspiring and educating Americans about the leaders and events that led to our Independence. He specializes in sharing stories of people of consequence who have been, sadly overlooked today.

"Untold Stories of American Independence" They were ordinary citizens - common people like you and me -- who became revolutionary leaders. They stepped up, when ask, and as a result, they gave us our independence.

49 minute presentation – Main takeaway - 5 governing principles which he refers to as, "Spirits of Success", that he has found from our founders in some of their words and actions that are still relevant today to us and in our personal lives.



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Spirits of Success - 1776

1. Set a Goal & Believe in It
2. Be Willing to Pay the Price
3. ACTION Sets You Free
4. Press On Regardless
5. In God We Trust



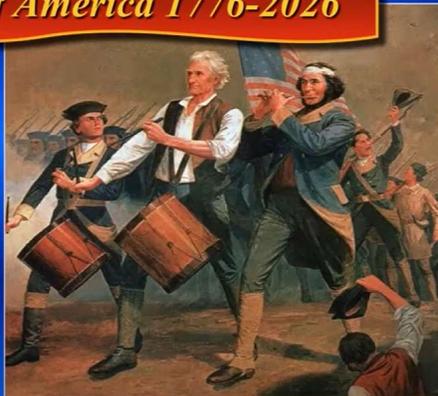
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United States of America 1776-2026

- Founded: July 4, 1776
 - 243 years strong
 - **2026 = 250th anniversary**
- Semiquincentennial***
www.usa250.org



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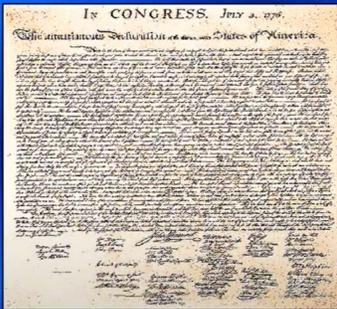
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The 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence



- 5 were captured and tortured
- 9 fought and died from wounds
- 2 lost sons
- 2 had sons captured
- 12 had homes pillaged and burned



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Liberty Bell Inscription:

*"Proclaim liberty throughout
the land and unto all the
inhabitants thereof."*
Leviticus 25:10



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***The Untold Stories of
American Independence***
Presented by CARL FLOWERS

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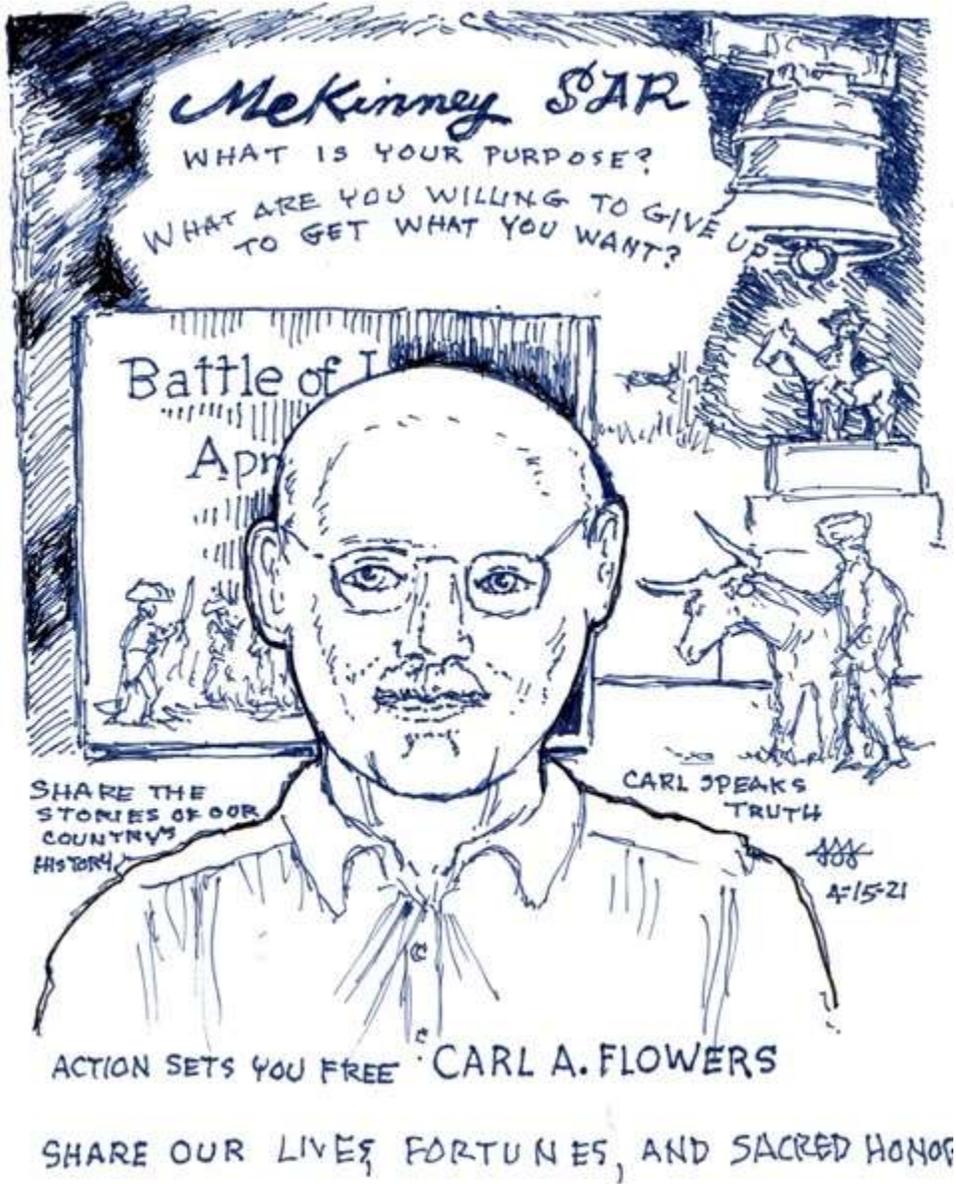
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Carl asks that we recommend him to any group looking for speakers so he can continue to share these stories of our founders and the country. Carl would also love to interview any SAR members to hear and document their stories.

Tom Milson, Chapter President, thanked Lamar for the presentation and virtually presented Carl with a Certificate of Appreciation, which, will be mailed to him, along with a portrait of Carl drawn during the meeting by compatriot Jim Johnson.



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Awards

Bronze R.O.T.C. Medal Presentations given by Luis Juarez, VP Awards. The certificate and medal, will be mailed to recipient.



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Edward Norton – Cadet Lieutenant Colonel, Allen High School

Edward expressed appreciation for the recognition and award.



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Old Business and Announcements

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Old Business and Announcements

- 126th Annual State Convention will be a virtual meeting via Zoom this Friday evening and Saturday. Several of this Chapter's members will be attending the meeting. I will communicate any significant decisions that impact our Chapter via email.
- Looking for a volunteer or two to help me configure and execute a hybrid (in-person and Zoom) meeting environment for our Chapter.
- Next Meeting
 - Thursday May 20, 2021 at 7:00PM in-person at Spring Creek BBQ in McKinney
 - Program: "Veteran's Center of North Texas"
 - Speaker: Paul Hendricks

Tom Milson

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New Business

- Minutes from last meeting have been published on the website by David Kinsey. Pete McLellan made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, motion seconded by Ralph Thompson, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Treasurer's Report: Ralph Thompson, Treasurer read report, "4/15/21 The bank balance as of February's report was \$2638.19. We received a direct deposit from Amazon Smiles in the amount of \$9.06 on February 22. The current valance in the bank account is \$2647.25. We have established a link with Benevity Causes Portal that will allow companies to make donation awards for volunteer service to non-profit organizations such as ours. For example, Microsoft will donate \$25 for each hour an employee reports as volunteer service for our organization."



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David Kinsey made a motion to accept the Treasures report, motion seconded by Pete McLellan, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Comments from Texas Society officers: David Kinsey, TX Society State Treasurer, states registration for state convention closes at Noon tomorrow. Chapter bank balance should go up as soon as he completes reports on membership dues, maybe around first of May.

Also, Ted Wilson, VP District 11, sent email to Tom Milson:

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Comments from Ted Wilson, Vice President District 11

- With the Medal of Honors Museum coming to Arlington, TX, the SAR Color Guard will be in demand in the North Texas area and I would like to see more members in uniforms. So if interested we can get you in a uniform.
- I am looking at Frisco as a place to recruit new members from and do some type of program there for the veterans.

Tom Milson

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David Kinsey, TX Society State Treasurer, states registration for state convention closes at Noon tomorrow. Chapter bank balance should go up as soon as he completes reports on membership dues maybe around first of May.

Continuing on Ted Wilson's email about Color Guard uniforms, general discussion followed. David Kinsey stated he had a number of vendor's information he could send to Tom Milson to send to the chapter. TL Holden also states there are some 30 something vendors listed on the TXSSAR website. Jim Johnson stated he could help people make jackets and vest from



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sportcoats, and embellish tricorn hats. TL stated, Crazy Crow in Dennison, sells blank tricorn hats for fair price and states that vendor is also on the TXSSAR website.

New Member Induction Ceremony

None

Other Announcements

- Pete McLellan recognized guest in attendance Missy Mcpherson, DAR Chapter Regent of John Abston Chapter). Missy expressed thanks for her attendance and recognized other guests in todays meeting, Jodi Mills, Asst Registrar John Abston Chapter attending with Joy Bradford wife of SAR compatriot. Tom Milson thanked guests and offered coordination on future events and activities.

Benediction: Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplain gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by David Kinsey

Adjournment: President Tom Milson adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary