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May 20, 2021

Meeting held at Spring Creek BBQ McKinney and via Zoom® teleconference

Attendees

This is the first in-person meeting since the Pandemic. There were 36, SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. There were no participants in attendance for this Zoom® meeting. Attendees included: Tom Milson, David Kinsey, Blas Uribe, Luis Juarez, Bill Hurst, & Ruth Ann Hurst, Mark McCraw, Lin McCraw, Weldon Copeland, Nathan White, & Wanda White, Bill Taylor, & Carol Taylor, Clayton Tangen, Tom Van Fossen, Mark Harrison, Donald Babbs, Gary Graybeal, Ken Davis, Joe Chenoweth, Robert Powell, Ray Hargis(Edmund Terrell Chapter), & Linda Hargis, Ralph Thompson, Cary Barnett, TL Holden, Ted Wilson, Pete McLellan, Bob Milwee, Edward Veal and wife, 2 additional people who did not sign in were also present.

Guests include; Chris Golden & Randall Myers, both of the McKinney Police Dept.

Guest speaker Paul Hendricks.





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Call to Order

Tom Milson, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Invocation

- Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledges

- Mark McCraw, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

- Louie Juarez, led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

- Peter McLellan, led the Pledge of the SAR.

Self-Introductions of Members and Guests

Led by Tom Milson, Chapter President

Program

- Mark McCraw, VP of Programs introduced speaker

Paul Hendricks, Executive Director, Veterans Center of North Texas.

Brief Bio- Raised in Southern California, attended San Diego State College - BSEE, attended Air Force Inst. Of Technology – MSSE, Air Force Officer 1970-1990, 72'-73' served in Guam and Thailand - 44 Sorties including in Hanoi in B-52D bomber, worked for Rockwell/Boeing 1990-2011, Professional Volunteer 2011-Present.

26 minute presentation – Serves mainly 10 counties including Collin, Cook, Grayson, Hunt, Fannin, Tarrant, Dallas, Denton, Rockwall, Kaufman, 300,000 veterans in area. Mainly Grant funded from cities and state, and Golf tournament fundraiser.

Paul asks that we recommend him to any group looking for speakers so he can continue to spread information regarding the Veterans Center of North Texas. Encourages volunteer services.

Please see attached pictures for organization mission and contact information.



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Veterans Center of North Texas

- Nonprofit community organization: 501(c)3 corporation
 - Founded June 2014
- Information, referral and crisis intervention center operated and managed 100% by Volunteers:
grant/donation funded
- Mission: Assist Veterans and their families to find resources and benefits to enable them to maintain productive lifestyles in our communities
- Service model: Identify Veteran needs, investigate root causes and develop a long-term road maps that will result in lifestyle stability

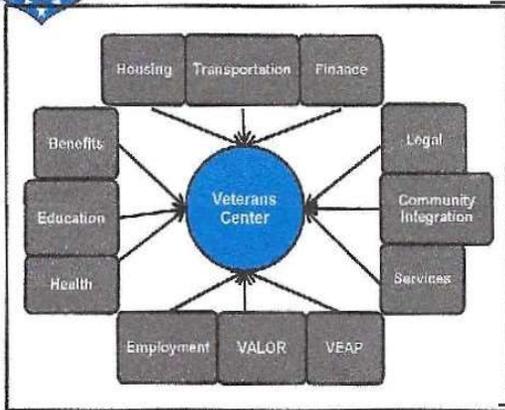
The Veterans Center of North Texas Serves over 1000 Veterans and their Families Annually - Always Without Charge!



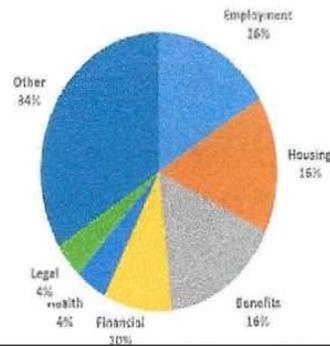
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Veteran Service Areas



Service Area



Key issues:
 Shelter and long-term housing
 Immediate need funding
 Financial management
 Unemployment/underemployment
 Mental Illness/Disability Claims
 Life Style Issues



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- **Veterans Center of North Texas
Goals**

- Serve our Veteran Communities with dedication and respect
 - Objective: Establish and maintain productive lifestyles
 - Ensure Veterans and their families receive community support without bias in a timely manner
 - Provide a central point for information, referral and support
 - Volunteer team serves for the satisfaction of **service**

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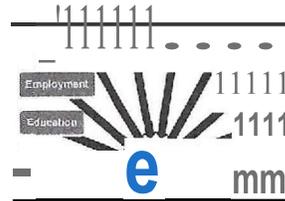


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Help Needed

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- Strong community support
 - Solicit referral to Veterans
- Volunteers
- Community Partners (Service Providers)

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Mark McCraw, Chapter VP of Programs, thanked Paul for the presentation and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.



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Awards

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal given by Luis Juarez, VP Awards. Recipient Chris Golden, McKinney Police Dept. and School Resource Officer. The certificate and medal, were presented to recipient. Brief description of an event involving Officer Golden was read by Luis Juarez in which a suicide subject armed with a machete was in a car with relatives nearing a



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school that was about to be released for the school day. Officer Golden used his training to initiate the stop and prevent and possible further escalation. Officer Golden thanked the SAR for the recognition. Supervisor Lt. Randall Meyers, McKinney Police Dept., also commented on Officer Golden's actions.





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- Tom Milson, Chapter President presented Nathan White a Certificate of Appreciation for recognition of outstanding service as the Chairman of the Audit Committee, signed by TX SAR President Drake Peddie and chapter secretary. Tom expressed his gratitude for Nathan's contributions to the SAR at the national and state levels and especially to the McKinney Chapter.



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Old Business and Announcements

- 126th Annual Texas SAR Convention was held. 5 awards given. Chapter Awards include, Col. Joe M Hill Patriot Award, the TXSSAR Flag Presentation Award, Public Service Award. State awards to Chapter members include; David Kinsey-Silver Meritorious Service Award, Bill Hurst Jr. – Silver Roger Sherman Award
- Texas SAR website private side password has changed. Contact Tom Milson for new password.
- The McKinney Chapter submitted an entry to the Americanism Youth Poster Contest to the State level in which our entry was the 1st place winner. The entry was Tom Milson's grandson and the entry will now move on to the National level for consideration.
- Next Meeting June 17, 7 PM (In-person and Zoom) at Spring Creek BBQ McKinney

New Business

- Minutes from last meeting have been published on the website by David Kinsey. David Kinsey made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, motion seconded by Joe Chenowith, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.
- Treasurer's Report: Ralph Thompson, Treasurer read report, "5/20/21 The bank balance as of April's report was \$2647.25. On April 30 we received a direct deposit from Benevity Causes in the amount of \$75.00. On April 30 we received a direct deposits from Texas Society SAR totaling \$1268.50 for 2021 membership dues. On May14 we received a \$20.00 donation from Tom Milson. The current balance in the bank account is \$4010.75.
- Pete McLellan made a motion to accept the Treasures report, motion seconded by Joe Chenowith, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.
- Comments from Texas Society officers:

Ted Wilson, VP District 11, asked if any members who are veterans who have not received the SAR medal for military service, and if so to let Tom Milson know. Ted stated the Edmund Terrell chapter will join the McKinney Chapter to participate in the McKinney 4th of July parade to be held on July 3rd. Paper work will be submitted to have entry into the parade. Regarding Yearly report to Nationals for points for chapter, let Tom Milson know if SAR members attend events such as SAR events, veteran funerals, related events. We don't know unless you tell us. Ted had several handouts listing a number of upcoming events, Mentorship program, Color Guard



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vendors to buy uniforms and related items. Also, State SAR may be forming its own Color Guard which will require matching uniforms and required training.

David Kinsey, TX Society State Treasurer, states reconciliation for dues is almost complete. Still waiting on dues from several chapter members. David brought a revolutionary war style drum which can be used for the chapter Color Guard. If you buy a uniform and plan to fire a musket, don't buy polyester, need to buy cotton or wool.



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New Member Induction Ceremony

Weldon Copeland, oath given by Nathan White





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Other Announcements

- Pete McLellan states he has been asked to serve on the McKinney Armed Services Memorial Board. A ceremony will be May 29, 2021 if interested.

- Tom Milson discussed the need for Color Guard members for the planned Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington and we hope to have a speaker to discuss the progress in the near future.

Benediction: Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplain gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by Tom Milson

Adjournment: President Tom Milson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary