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**July 15, 2021**

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

**Attendees**

There were (23 total) 20 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. There were 3 participants in attendance for this Zoom® meeting. Attendees included: Tom Milson, David Kinsey, Blas Uribe, Tom Van Fossen, Mark Harrison, Mark McCraw, Bill Taylor, Ralph Thompson, T.L. Holden, Bob Milwee, George Bradford, Robert Powell, Bobbe Thompson, Jim Akers (Denton Chapter), Mat Hoover, Ned and Nina Hoover, as well as: Donald Babbs, Al Lisi, and John Greer through Zoom.

Guests include; Missy McPherson and Roxanne Mills both of the John Abston Chapter in McKinney

Guest speaker Robert Shenk.





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### **Call to Order**

Tom Milson, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

### **Invocation**

- Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplain, gave the invocation through Zoom. Don also gave an update on Ted Wilson's condition stating he has been sick in Intensive care for 3 weeks with pneumonia and covid

### **Pledges**

- Mark McCraw, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Tom Milson, led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.
- Tom Milson, led the Pledge of the SAR.

### **Self-Introductions of Members and Guests**

Led by Tom Milson, Chapter President

### **Old Business and Announcements**

- Trying to get the CAR more involved with our chapter, Pete McLellan is working on that.
- Next Meeting August 19, 7 PM (In-person and Zoom) at Spring Creek BBQ McKinney.
- Red White and Boom Parade Saturday was July 3, 2021, The McKinney SAR chapter in conjunction with the Edmond Terrell chapter in Sherman, won First place for the float, for most Patriotic and won \$500 which will be shared between the two chapters. Already planning for next year's float.
- Future Meetings and Events
  - Aug 6-7 Summer 2021 BOM (Zoom)
  - Aug 27-28 South Central District Meeting, Hyatt Richardson, TX(Host: Dallas Chapter)
  - Sep 23-25 Fall 2021 Leadership, Louisville, KY
  - Sep 25 Medal of Honor Parade, Gainesville, TX
  - Oct 7-10 Fall 2021 BOM NASA Hilton, Clear Lake, TX



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- Mar2-5 Spring 2022 Leadership. Louisville, KY
- Sep 29 – Oct 1 Fall 2022 Leadership, Louisville, KY

### **New Member Induction Ceremony**

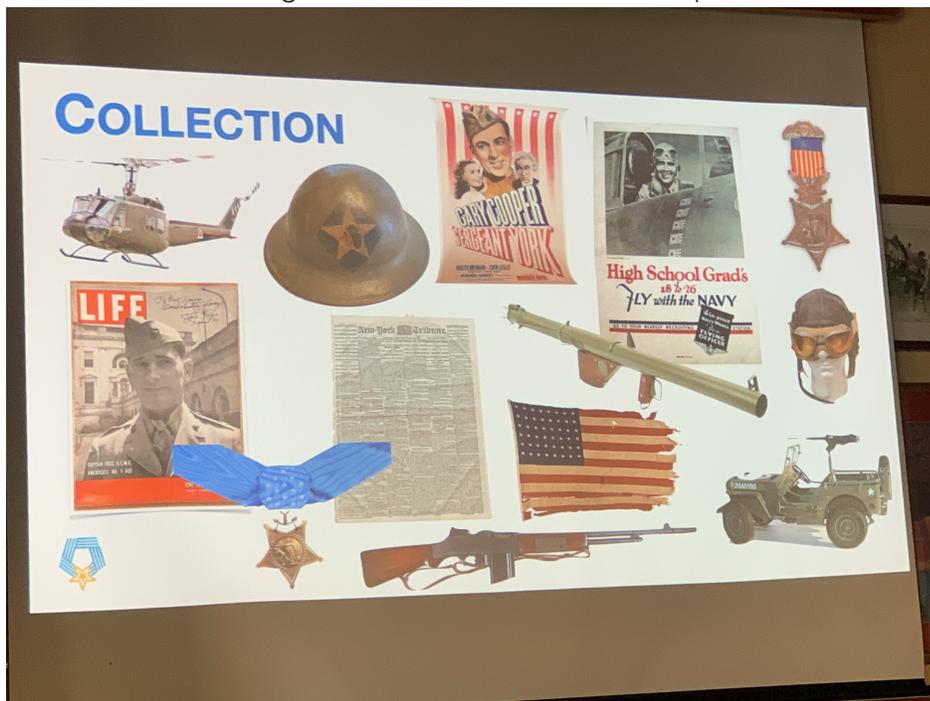
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### **Program**

- Mark McCraw, VP of Programs introduced speaker.

Robert Shenk, National Medal of Honor Museum, Chief Museum Content Officer  
MOHmuseum.org

The Medal of Honor is our nation's highest and most prestigious military decoration. Presented to roughly 3500 recipients since its founding during the Civil War, the stories of Medal of Honor recipients demonstrate bravery in combat at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty. In October 2019, following a yearlong search, The National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation announced that Arlington, Texas was selected as the permanent home for the museum.





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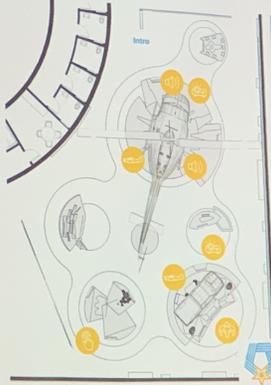


## COMING TO THE RESCUE GALLERY

- ★ Recipients whose actions saved other peoples' lives
- ★ Medics section with Mary Walker
- ★ Chaplain example
- ★ Integrated media and experiential elements
- ★ "Virtual Recipients" experience

Courage  
Selflessness  
Dedication

Collections: We are seeking a UH-1 Huey and Will Swenson's Ford Ranger LTV for this gallery





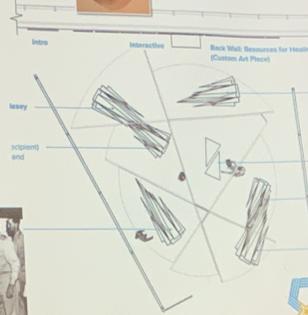
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## THE BATTLE AFTER THE BATTLE GALLERY

- ★ Focus on the physical and emotional challenges recipients face after their actions
- ★ Overcoming post-service challenges can be as inspiring as their MoH actions
- ★ Voices of spouses, mothers
- ★ Resources for all veterans

Resilience  
 Humility  
 Determination



## MEDAL OF HONOR IN CULTURE

- ★ Gallery focused on the intersection of the Medal of Honor and American culture
- ★ Examples of Hero-making
- ★ Wide array of objects and media to present
- ★ Very accessible subject matter



Collections: We have acquired original movie posters, advertisements, first edition books, magazines, stamps, and more. Still seeking other representative cultural items.



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## RETURN WITH HONOR GALLERY

Integrity  
Fortitude  
Patriotism

- ★ POWs who earned the Medal of Honor
- ★ Strong theme for “integrity” and “fortitude”
- ★ “Hanoi Hilton” cell recreation
- ★ Tap Code

**Collections:** We have had preliminary discussions with a museum to see if we can acquire actual portions of a Hanoi Hilton cell

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Robert gave about a 40 minute presentation including a question and answer segment. Mark McCraw, VP of Programs, presented Robert with a Certificate of Appreciation

### **Awards**

- None

### **New Business**

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

- Treasurer's Report: Ralph Thompson, Treasurer read report, "7/15/21 The bank balance as of June's report was \$4066.73. On July 12 we received a direct deposit of \$265 from Texas Society SAR for new member dues. The current balance in the bank account is \$4331.73."

Mark McCraw made a motion to accept the Treasures report, motion seconded by Bill Taylor, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Comments from Texas Society officers: David Kinsey, State SAR Treasurer, gave some updates on the recent 131<sup>st</sup> State SAR Congress. Main takeaways include:

- Vote to approve application fees passed, which is the first increase in about 6 years,
- Medal of Honor Parade is now a SAR national event, parade is in Gainesville, TX, September 25, 2021. The Texas SAR Color Guard will be participating. Unlike in the past, all chapters are under one entry.
- The Texas SAR Northern Color Guard will participate in the Texas State Fair opening on September 24, 2021. This will be the first time the SAR has participated.

### **Other Announcements**

- Tom Milson recognized David Kinsey for building a Speaker Podium for use at the McKinney SAR Chapter meetings. Picture Below.



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**Benediction:** Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplain gave the benediction.

**Recessional:** Lead by Tom Milson

**Adjournment:** President Tom Milson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary