



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

February 16, 2023

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

Attendees

There were (32 total) 29 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson, Blas Uribe, Bill Taylor, Jim & Sandee Akers, Mark McCraw, TL Holden, Ted Wilson, Bill Watts, John Greer, Peter Ford, Rich Bonaparte and wife Lynn, Andy Milson, Ray Hargis, Cary Barnett, Peter McLellan, Nathan and Wanda White, Grover Thurman – Frisco Chapter, Mark Hansen, Mark Harrison, John Bagwell.

There were 3 participants in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: Don Babbs, Bill Hurst, Bob Millwee through Zoom.

Guests include: Program speaker Sam Haynes, Teacher award recipients Wes Brown with wife Amy, and Laura Fitzgerald with spouse and daughter Clarissa



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Call to Order

Mark McCraw, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Invocation

- Don Babbs, Chapter President, gave the invocation.

Pledges

- Tom Milson, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

- Peter Ford, led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.



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- Blas Uribe, led the Pledge of the SAR.

Self-Introductions of Members and Guests

Led by Tom Milson

Old Business and Announcements

- Future Meetings and Events

- Next Meeting – Spring Creek Barbeque March 16, 2023, 7 PM (In person and by Zoom).
- Patriot grave marking planned for March 19, 2023, 3 PM, 624 Nokomis Road, Lancaster Texas. Patriot James Lemmon
- 2023 Annual Conference, SAR TX Society, March 30 – April 2, Spring Tx

- Bob Millwee, Color Guard Commander – talked about the coming Grave Marking, People will arrive around 2 with ceremony starting around 3. Color Guard will be there. Parking is not very good at this site. Bill Watts, city council and mayor are invited. We have permission to fire muskets.

New Member Induction Ceremony

None

Program

- Program – "Unsettled Land: From Revolution to Republic, the Struggle for Texas", by Sam Haynes, University Of Texas at Arlington Professor

Tom Milson, VP Programs introduced the Guest Speaker.

42 minute presentation followed by a short question and answer session.

Following the presentation, Tom Milson thanked the speaker and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.



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- Mark Mccraw, Chapter President, recognized Tom Milson for his contribution in serving as President of the McKinney SAR Chapter, and presented Tom with several items, A Certificate of Appreciation, SAR Past Presidents Pin, SAR 125th Medal, 1976 200 year Bicentennial Silver proof set of coins, 1976 2 dollar bill with the Declaration of Independence on the back.





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New Business

- Minutes from last meeting have been published on the website. Tom Milson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, motion seconded by Peter McLellan, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.
- Treasurer's Report: submitted and read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for February 16, 2023, Since our last meeting on January 19th, all outstanding checks have cleared. At that time, the total available funds were \$7378.72. this month, we received \$31.13 from the Amazon Smile program. The current checking account balance is \$7409.85." No questions or comments.
- Mark McCraw – There will be an end of year audit of the Chapter Finances. The Financial Audit Committee consisting of Pete McLellan and Blas Uribe will meet with the McKinney SAR Chapter treasurer Peter Ford.
- Peter McLellan, CAR Liaison – met with the Matthew Bolton Plano CAR Chapter, and presented them with a check from the McKinney Chapter

Other Announcements

- John Greer – Veteran Affairs of McKinney Chapter, advised that several members took valentines to the Bonham VA.
- John Greer – Veteran Affairs of McKinney Chapter, recognized John Bagwell for his service in Vietnam. John Greer states we are a commemorative partner for the 50th year anniversary of the end of the Vietnam war. John Greer and T.L. Holden presented John Bagwell with a Vietnam Commemoration Pin.



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- Tom Milson – indicates that following the end of Wreaths Across America in December, they have a program where you can get extra wreaths for the same amount of money, so Tom sent out messages to past donors and we are well on our way to our commitment for next year. We are committed for about 65 wreaths and we have around 60.

- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- None



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Benediction: Don Babbs gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by Mark McCraw

Adjournment: President Tom Milson adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary