



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

May 18, 2023

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

Attendees

There were (31 total) 25 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw, Bill Taylor and wife Carol, Rich Bonaparte and wife Lynn, Joe Cheoweth, TL Holden, Ted Wilson, Bill Watts, Peter Ford, Bart Morgan and wife Sandy, Nathan and Wanda White, George Bradford and Joy Bradford, Jim Akers, Ray Hargis, Al Lisi.

There were 6 participants in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: Don Babbs, Bill Hurst, John Greer, Jerry Kenney, Cary Barnett, Peter McLellan through Zoom.

Guests include: Program speaker Gustav Seligmann and his wife Karen, Wes Brown - Award recipient, Robert Clark - award recipient,



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Call to Order

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

Invocation

- Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledges

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

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

- Blas Uribe, led the Pledge of the SAR.



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Self-Introductions of Members and Guests

Led by Mark McCraw

Old Business and Announcements

- Historical Moment – Tom Milson.

- Future Meetings and Events

- Next Meeting – Spring Creek Barbeque June 15, 2023, 7 PM (In person and by Zoom).

New Member Induction Ceremony

None

Program

- Program – ""Founding Fathers - The Young Men of the Revolution" presented by Dr. Gustav Seligmann, Professor of History at the University of North Texas

Tom Milson, VP Programs introduced the Guest Speaker.

40 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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Awards

- Bill Watts – presented TL Holden with a Certificate of Appreciation for participation in a patriotic event. About 1000 people attended, they had about 500 sign a Declaration of Independence, and passed out youth program information.





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- Tom Milson – Andy Milson VP Awards, was unable to attend and Tom stepped in to help present the awards. Tom presented Robert Clark of the McKinney Fire Department with the Fire Safety Commendation award who was recommended by his peers for his contributions including implementing a program to utilize thermal imaging cameras in the use of their duties.





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- Tom Milson – Presented Wes Brown, current middle school teacher, former Marine. Wes was previously awarded the by the McKinney SAR chapter the History Teachers award. Wes advanced to the State SAR level won first place for the Middle School History Teachers award and we recognized Wes with a plaque for his accomplishment. Wes would also like to have SAR members come to tell their story of their patriot at his school and may coordinate with some member on an individual basis.





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- Nathan White – Nathan, former President General, presented Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard, to TL Holden, and John Greer via Zoom. A Color Guardsman must serve at least five years after the date his application for the Silver Color Guard Medal was approved, and he must participate in at least twenty-five (25) National and/or District Color Guard events.





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New Business

- Minutes from last meeting have been published on the website. Bill Watts made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, motion seconded by Joe Chenoweth, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Treasurer's Report: submitted and read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for May 18, 2023, As of the last meeting, our bank balance was \$6686.35. This month's expenses were as follows:

- Eagle Scout Award \$200.00
- Chapter President Medals \$368.00
- Certificate \$46.25

This month's income consisted of:

- Texas Society (reimbursement for ROTC medals) \$59.00
- Amazon Smile Program \$72.14

Our available balance is \$6203.24." No questions or comments.

Other Announcements

- None

- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- None

Benediction: Don Babbs gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by Mark McCraw

Adjournment: President Mark McCraw adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Blas Uribe, Secretary

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