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Texas Society, McKinney
Chapter*

June 15, 2023

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

Attendees

There were (38 total) 34 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson and wife Carol, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw, Bill Taylor, Rich Bonaparte, Joe Chenoweth, TL Holden, Ted Wilson, Peter Ford, Bart Morgan and wife Sandy, Nathan and Wanda White, George Bradford and Joy Bradford, John Greer, Jerry Kenney, Peter McLellan, Mat Hoover, Ned Hoover, John Ray, Tanner Wallace, Bill Graham from Tulsa Oklahoma SAR, Jim Waterman and guest Kris Bernard, Tom Foster and wife Carolyn Foster, Tom Schultz, Drew Caudell, Keith Pearce.

There were 4 participants in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: Tom Van Fossen, Bob Millwee, Ray Hargis, Mitzae Mullins – DAR - sister of Tom Foster, through Zoom.

Guests include: Program speaker John Antal, and wife Uncha Antal, Joshua Dunn – award recipient.



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Call to Order

Mark McCraw, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Invocation

- Nathan White, gave the invocation.

Pledges

- Mark McCraw, 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 Mark McCraw

Old Business and Announcements

- Tom Milson played a video of a speech from a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient.
- Audie Murphy parade overview – Tom Milson – had about 13 members of Color Guard and a couple of their children, and we had a float there in the Farmersville parade
- Fourth of July Parade – Tom Milson – we will have a float and Color Guard there
- Tom Foster – There is a military heritage museum in Nevada Texas, with lots of surplus to see, tanks, planes, vehicles, etc.
- Future Meetings and Events
 - Next Meeting – Spring Creek Barbeque July 20, 2023, 7 PM (In person and by Zoom).
 - July 4th Parade in Downtown McKinney



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New Member Induction Ceremony

- Mark McCraw, Chapter President administered induction ceremony to Thomas (Tom) Foster, and Drew Caudell and presented each of them with a Membership Certificate and SAR rosette. Tom's wife Carolyn pinned the rosette. Both members briefly talked about their patriot ancestor.





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Program

- Program – “Freedom and Liberty” presented by John Antal, Colonel, USA (Ret)

John's military experience spans 30 years in the US Army as an Armor and Cavalry officer. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. John is an award-winning Amazon best selling author of 16 books and hundreds of magazine articles about leadership, history and war. During his career he commanded combat soldiers at every level from platoon to regiment. In 2003 he was the founding editorial director for the military history magazine *Armchair General*, where he continues today as a contributing editor. An accomplished writer and military historian, Colonel Antal's credits include *Armor Attacks*, *Proud Legions*, and *Forests of Steel*. He currently serves as Vice President of Knowledge Operations at Gearbox Software of Plano, Texas. www.gearboxsoftware.com.



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Tom Milson, VP Programs introduced the Guest Speaker.

30 minute presentation, followed by a short question and answer session. John also stayed after the meeting to autograph his books.

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





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Awards

- Tom Milson – Public Service Award. Andy Milson VP Awards, was unable to attend and Tom stepped in to help present the awards. Tom presented Joshua Dunn with the McKinney Fire Department – EMS services, with the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) award. Joshua has served in a variety of roles, including a paramedic for 9 years and is certified as a flight paramedic with Careflight. Tom presented Joshua with a certificate and a medal.





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- John Greer – presented George Bradford with a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin. TL Holden pinned George and John Greer presented George with a Certificate.



New Business

- Minutes from last meeting have been published on the website. John Ray 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 June 15, 2023, At our last meeting, the available balance was \$6203.24. This month's single expense was:

- ROTC Medals \$59.00



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This month's income consisted of:

- Texas Society (annual membership dues) \$1266.50
- Amazon Smile Program \$25.75

Our current bank balance is \$7436.49." Peter noted that we continue to receive money from the Amazon Smiles program even though it was previously reported that the Amazon Smiles program would be discontinuing. No questions or comments.

Other Announcements

- Tom Milson – discussed the Executive Committee has considered a donation to the Tunnel For Towers Foundation. A charity supporting the families of American Heroes – Fallen First Responders and Wounded Veterans. 96 percent of money goes to the beneficiary, The amount being considered is somewhere between \$250 and \$500 dollars. Other SAR chapters support this Foundation. We can continue the discussion at the next meeting.

- John Greer - Will be going to Bonham VA soon and expects to be getting a Needs list from the VA on items veterans need. A forth fo July function is coming up and boxed lunches will be provided to the veterans. Volunteers to the VA need to be fully vaccinated including Covid shot.

- Tom Milson – Historical moment

- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- None

Benediction: Mar McCraw gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by Mark McCraw

Adjournment: President Mark McCraw adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary



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