



*Sons of The American
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Texas Society, McKinney
Chapter*



August 17, 2023

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

Attendees

26 total: 21 SAR members and 5 guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson & wife Carol, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw, Bill Taylor & wife Ruth Ann, TL Holden, Ted Wilson, Tom Van Fossen, Peter Ford, George Bradford and Joy Bradford, John Greer, Keith Pearce, John Ray, Isaac March new applicant, Bob Millwee, Mark Harrison, Bill Hurst & wife.

There were 5 participants in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: John Houghton, Don Babbs, Tom Foster, Cary Barnett, and another unknown visitor through Zoom.

Guests included Program speaker George Chrisman.





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Call to Order

Mark McCraw, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 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.

Self-Introductions of Members and Guests

Led by Mark McCraw

Old Business and Announcements

- Future Meetings and Events

- Next Meeting – Spring Creek Barbeque September 21, 2023, 7 PM (In person and by Zoom).
- October 20-22, Fall Board of Management meeting in College Station, TX
- April 11-14, 2024, Annual Conference at San Antonio
- Meeting Registrations online at txssar.org (public side), "Events" tab

- Tom Milson – Discussed the McKinney July 4th parade. We had a float, there was a good turnout, and it went well. Tom would like to see some more Color Guard participants

- Tom Milson – Historical moment – Compatriot US Presidents.



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- Tom Milson – Discussed submitting a summary of your patriot ancestor for use by History Teacher award winner Wes Brown so that he can use it as a teaching tool for his students. See Tom Milson with any questions.

- Tom Milson – Collection for VA needs list is out and you can bring those items. We are planning on doing Christmas cards for veterans again.

New Member Induction Ceremony

- None

Program

- Program –George Chrisman, DFW Chapter Coordinator of Heroes on the Water, a non-profit organization that serves veterans, first responders and their families, primarily by taking them on planned fishing excursions in kayaks.

Tom Milson, VP Programs introduced the Guest Speaker.

43-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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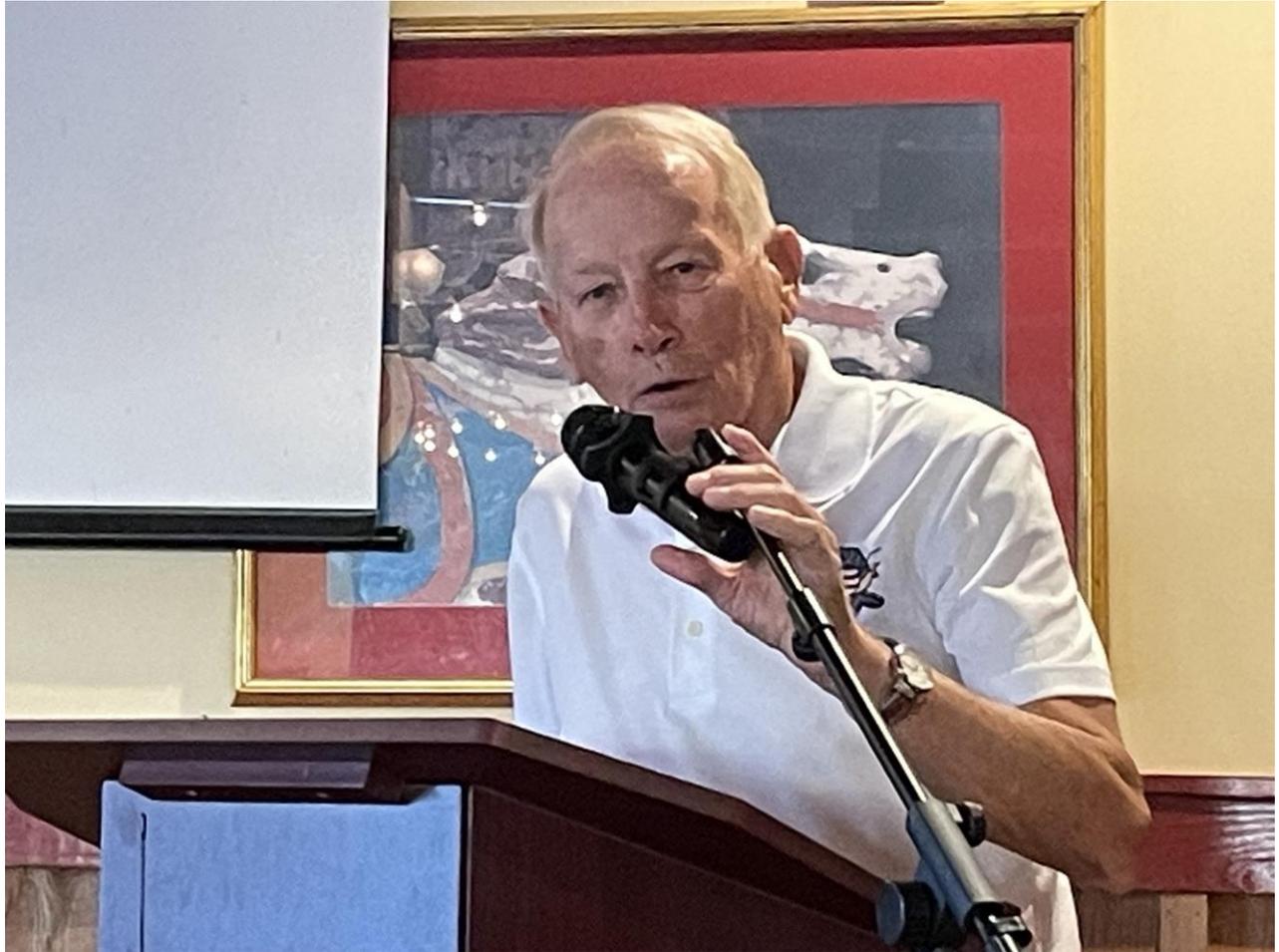
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Awards

- None



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New Business

- Minutes from the last meeting have been published on the website. John Ray made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, motion seconded by John Greer, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Treasurer's Report: submitted and read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for August 17, 2023. Our bank balance at the last meeting was \$7436.49. This month we transferred \$5000 to a CD account, earning 4% interest. This will mature on February 26th, 2024. We donated \$250 to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Our available bank balance is \$2186.49." No questions or comments.

Other Announcements

- Tom Milson – We need to give out more Flag Certificates. You can get the names of people you want to present a certificate to, to Tom or Andy Milson. Attendees gave suggestions of presenting flag certificates to School ROTC, schools, fire station.

- 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 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary

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