



*Sons of The American  
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Texas Society, McKinney  
Chapter*

**July 19, 2025**

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

**Attendees**

There were (24 total) 24 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson and wife Carol, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw, Bill Taylor and wife Carol, Mark Harrison, Gary Bohannon, Jim Akers and wife Sandee, Casey Booth and his wife Ariel, John Greer, Peter McLellan, Tom Van Fossen, Ted Wilson, John Ray, Jerry Kinney, Peter Ford, Brent Harshman, Kevin Ennis, Gary Graybeal, and Don Babbs.

There were no participants in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting.

Guests include: Guest speaker included guest speaker Lewis Ben Smith.



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**Call to Order**

- Mark McCraw, VP Awards, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. (McKinney Chapter President/Chaplain Paul Andreason was unable to attend)

**Invocation**

- Don Babbs, former McKinney Chapter Chaplain, gave the invocation.

**Pledges**

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



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- Blas Uribe, led the Pledge of the SAR.

- Peter Ford, led the Mission Statement of the SAR. "The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, educating and inspiring future generations, about the founding principles of our Country."

**Self-Introductions of Members and Guests**

Led by Mark McCraw

**Old Business and Announcements**

- Future Meetings and Events

- Next Meeting – August 21, 2025 7 PM (In person and by Zoom).
- July 26, 2025 – Bill Watts Celebration of Life in Rockwall. 2PM in Chapel Rest Haven Funeral Home 2500 TX-66, Rockwall, TX 75087
- October (tentative) – Trip to the Medal of Honor Museum, Arlington

**New Member Induction Ceremony**

- None

**Program**

- Program – This month our program is: "President Hamilton" by Lewis Ben Smith

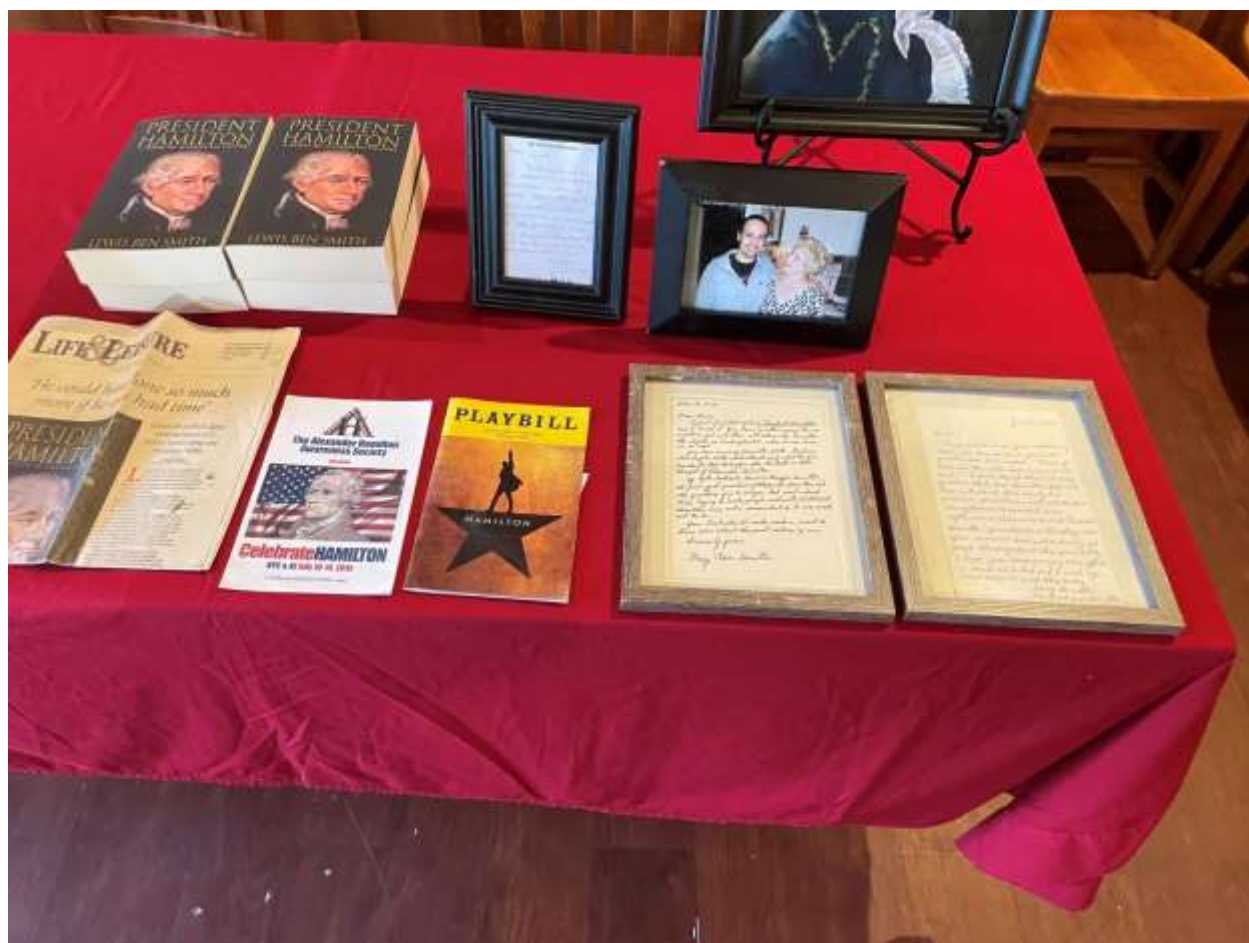
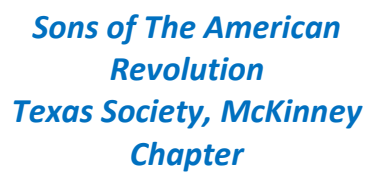
Tom Milson, VP Programs, introduced the Guest Speaker. The program was a 53 minute presentation, followed by a short question and answer session. Tom Milson thanked Lewis Ben Smith and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.



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**Awards**

- Tom Milson presented a Certificate of Appreciation to people who assisted with the Traveling Exhibit of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sponsored by the DAR: Jim Akers, Cary Barnett, Richard Bonaparte, Mark Hanson, Mark Harrison, Mark McCraw, Peter McLellan, Bill Graham, Blas Uribe, Bob Milwee, Bart Morgan, John Ray, Tom Van Fossen , Nathan White. 774 visitors attended, about 100 flags were given to kids



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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 Tom Van Fossen, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Treasurer's Report: submitted and read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for July 17, 2025. The Chapter's funds June meeting were \$9287.10

The expenses for the month were:



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- \$35.60 for a banker's box for Registrar
- \$18.50 for printer ink cartridge for Registrar
- \$27.05 Ancestry.com subscription for Registrar
- \$59.90 Newspaper.com subscription for Registrar

The income for the month consisted of:

- \$150 donations for Bonham Veterans
- \$100 voided check (funds returned to account).

The Chapter's available funds are now: \$9396.05. Note: This amount does not include those funds allocated to Project 2026 (\$1860.00.)

### **Other Announcements**

- Tom Milson – Poster Contest update: Our McKinney Chapter poster selection from Cornerstone Christian Academy won first place at State and also First at National. The winning girl from Cornerstone will receive a check.

- Peter McLellan – Discussed planning a trip to the Medal of Honor Museum in October possibly on a Saturday. He is in communication with the museum to negotiate a discounted price. More information to come later.

- Tom Van Fossen – discussed a Ben Franklin pin for participating in a minimum amount of youth presentations. This pin is commemorative of Bill Watts and his involvement with youth presentations for the SAR.

- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- - None

**Benediction:** Don Babbs, gave the benediction

**Recessional:** Lead by Mark McCraw

**Adjournment:** Mark McCraw adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,





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Blas Uribe, Secretary

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