



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

**October 16, 2025**

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

**Attendees**

There were (12 total) 11 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson and wife Carol, Blas Uribe, John Greer, Peter McLellan, Ted Wilson, Peter Ford, Gary Bohannon, Kevin Ennis, Richard Bonaparte and wife Lynn.

There was 1 participant in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: Jerry Kinney

Guests include: Guest speaker James Battles PhD

**Call to Order**

- Tom Milson in the absence of Paul Andreason, President/Chaplain, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Invocation**

- Tom Milson, gave the invocation.

**Pledges**

- Peter McLellan, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

- Tom Milson, led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

- Blas Uribe, led the Pledge of the SAR.

- Richard Bonaparte, 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."



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**Self-Introductions of Members and Guests**

Led by Tom Milson

**Old Business and Announcements**

- Future Meetings and Events

- October 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Texas SAR 2025 Fall BOM, Hilton Garden Inn in Sugar Land TX
- October 27<sup>th</sup> – Trip to the Medal of Honor Museum, Arlington 10 AM (Peter McLellan)
- November 8<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> \_ Plano Flags of Honor, Red Tail Pavilion (at Oak Point Park), Plano TX
- Next Meeting – November 20, 2025 7 PM (In person and by Zoom).
- December 11 - McKinney Chapter Christmas party at Peter McLellan's house
- December 13 – Wreaths across America

**New Member Induction Ceremony**

- None

**Program**

- Program – This month our program is: "The Over the Mountain Men" by James Battles, PhD. is a distinguished leader whose career spans nearly four decades of service as a Captain in the United States Navy, specializing in surface warfare, strategic planning, and systems design. His command of four major naval reserve units across Ohio and Texas reflects his deep operational expertise and commitment to national defense. His valor and dedication earned him the Vietnam Veteran Service Medal and the prestigious Presidential Unit Citation Award. Parallel to his military service, James built an influential academic career as Professor of Biomedical Communication at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. In this role, he directed faculty development programs, evaluated educational initiatives, and mentored graduate students in the Master of Arts in Biomedical Communications program. His contributions extended across the university, enhancing instructional quality and academic innovation. Prior to this, James served as Director and CEO of the Ohio Regional Medical Consortium, where he oversaw strategic operations, financial management, and grant development. He holds a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Foundations and an M.A. in Educational Communications from The Ohio State University, and has authored numerous articles and books. His scholarly excellence was recognized with a Literary Award from the Health Sciences Communication Association and a "Best Article" honor from The Journal of Biocommunication. Internationally regarded as a thought leader in patient safety, James has pioneered proactive risk assessment methodologies and risk-informed design of safety interventions. He leads key



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initiatives at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), advancing patient safety culture and interprofessional teamwork in collaboration with the Department of Defense. James's career is a testament to intellectual rigor, strategic vision, and unwavering service—spanning the battlefield, the classroom, and the global healthcare arena. James became a member of the SAR in 2015 and has documented a total of 12 proven Patriots in his lineage.

Tom Milson, VP Programs, introduced the Guest Speaker. The program was a 61 minute presentation, followed by a short question and answer session. Tom Milson thanked him and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.





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**Awards**

- Richard Bonaparte presented compatriot Kevin Ennis with two supplemental stars for confirming two patriot ancestors. Kevin read a short biography for his patriot ancestors.



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### **New Business**

- Minutes from the last meeting have been published on the website. Gary Bohannon made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, motion seconded by Peter McLellan, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- \*TREASURER'S REPORT SUBMITTED AS CORRECTED BY SECRETARY: CHANGE FROM, "The Chapter's funds at our August meeting were \$8920.87" TO "The Chapter's funds at our September meeting were \$8920.87. Also, CHANGE FROM "\$75.00 – Speaker Honorarium for August's meeting" TO "\$75.00 – Speaker Honorarium for September's meeting"

- Treasurer's Report: submitted and read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for October 16, 2025.

The Chapter's funds at our September meeting were \$8920.87

The expenses for the month were:

- \$75.00 – Speaker Honorarium for September's meeting
- \$70.47 – Dinner for poster winner and family



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- \$27.05 – Ancestry.com subscription for Registrar.

No income was collected for the month.

The Chapter's available funds are now: \$8748.35. Note: This amount does not include those funds already allocated to Project 2026 (\$1860.00.)

**Other Announcements**

- Peter McLellan – Trip to the Medal of Honor Museum will be on Monday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM. He is in communication with the museum to negotiate a discounted price. 15 people signed up so far. Contact Peter McLellan.

- Peter McLellan – Peter is putting together the nomination committee for the slate of officers for the McKinney Chapter for 2026. Please consider being a part of the committee and let Peter know if interested. The Committee will put forth a list for slate of officers likely in December and vote in January.

- Peter McLellan – Matthew Bolton Society CAR will be at our next meeting to talk their activities and events, followed by a presentation of a \$250 check from the McKinney Chapter SAR to the CAR.

- Tom Milson – Wreaths across America is approaching so please consider funding a wreath at \$17 per wreath.

- Tom Milson – 2026 membership dues invoices have been mailed out, Online Dues Payment is now available or you can mail them. Tom will be getting Dual Memberhip cards out soon.

- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- - None

**Benediction:** Tom Milson in absence of Paul Andreason, Chaplain/President, gave the benediction

**Recessional:** Lead by Tom Milson

**Adjournment:** Tom Milson adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.



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Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary

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