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Texas Society, McKinney  
Chapter*

**November 20, 2025**

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

**Attendees**

There were (29\_ total) 29 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson and wife Carol, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw Peter McLellan, Peter Ford, Gary Bohannon, Kevin Ennis, Richard Bonaparte and wife Lynn, Bill Taylor and wife Carol, Larry Moore, Nathan White and wife Wanda, Cary Barnett, Bill Graham and wife Joann, John Ray, Tom Foster, Weldon Copeland.

There was 0 participant in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: None

Guests include: Guest speaker Bill Covington SAR Arlington Chapter, Award Recipient Detective Jonathan Glidden (Crimes Against Children Unit), The John Abston DAR McKinney Chapter members: Lyn Thomas Chapter Regent, Stephanie Hunt First Vice Regent, and her mother Joy Bradford, along with the Plano Chapter CAR Matthew Bolton Chapter: Cheryl Cypert mother, Gretchen Cypert CAR Plano Chapter president, Melissa Lops Senior President of CAR Plano Chapter



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**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.

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



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- 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."

**Self-Introductions of Members and Guests**

Led by Tom Milson

**Old Business and Announcements**

- Future Meetings and Events
  - Next Meeting – December 11, 2025, Christmas party at Peter Mclellan's house 6:30 pm, 2600 Lexington Place, McKinney TX 75070, Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert
  - December 13 – Wreaths across America, Wreath-laying Event at Stoney Point Cemetery, Anna, TX

**New Member Induction Ceremony**

- None

**Program**

- Program – This month our program is: "For our program we are honored to have William S. (Bill) Covington, Jr. joining us again to present: "**Revolutionary War Patriot John Abston**"

Bill Covington is a retired public school teacher and historian and a member of the Arlington Chapter SAR.

John Abston is the only Revolutionary War Patriot buried in Collin County. Bill discussed the pension application process for Revolutionary War veterans, focusing on John Abston's case. He explained that Abston, born in 1761, served under Captain John Ellis and later Captain Rose, but his pension applications were rejected twice, possibly due to the difficulty in verifying his service.





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Despite being the first patriot mentioned in a book about Southern campaigns, Abston's applications were rejected even with supporting affidavits from pastors and other reputable individuals. Bill suggested that Abstin may not have known about the pension application process until later in life, leading to his delayed application.

Tom Milson, VP Programs, introduced the Guest Speaker. The program was a 31 minute presentation, followed by a short question and answer session. Tom Milson thanked him and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.



**Awards**



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- Mark McCraw presented the Law Enforcement award to 12-year department veteran Detective Jonathan Glidden, from the McKinney Police Department's Crimes Against Children unit, was recognized for his work in investigating and testifying on difficult cases, including child exploitation and human trafficking.



- Tom Milson presented Richard Bonaparte the chapter registrar, the Liberty Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster from the National Society SAR, for his outstanding service in recruiting new members, having processed 20 applications in a single year, and presented him with a certificate.





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

- Tom Milson introduced Lyn Thomas, the Chapter Regent for the John Abston Chapter McKinney Chapter DAR. Lyn introduced Stephanie Hunt the First Vice Regent along with her mother Joy Bradford, who presented awards to several individuals, for their efforts in supporting the America 250 American Revolution exhibit at the Collin County Historical Museum. The DAR chapter expressed appreciation for the members' dedication and hard work in making the exhibit a success, with over 774 visitors.

- Further, Lyn Thomas recognized Tom Milson and awarded him with the: **The Hannah White Arnett Medal** is one of DAR's newest recognitions. It may be awarded to a member in good standing of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) or Sons of the Revolution (S.R.) for unselfish



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devotion, tireless efforts, and assistance to the DAR; and who has dedicated his time, energy, talents, and/or resources to the organization in support and furtherance of the DAR mission of historic preservation, education and patriotism. Lyn cited Tom's extensive contributions to the DAR and the McKinney DAR John Abston Chapter, and herself, for all his hard work.



Lyn concluded with expressions of gratitude to all those who contributed to the exhibit's success. Lyn read the names gave certificates of appreciation to those in attendance to: Jim Akers, Cary Barnett, Richard Bonaparte, Bill Graham, Mark Hanson, Mark Harrison, Bob John, Mark McCraw, Peter McLellan, Bob Millwee, Tom Milson, Bart Morgan, John Ray, Bill Serles, Blas Uribe Tom Van Fossen, Nathan White





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- Peter McLellan – Liaison to Matthew Bolton Society CAR. Peter McClellan introduced the Matthew Bolton Society Plano CAR Chapter Gretchen Cypert - CAR Plano Chapter president, and Melissa Lops - Senior President of CAR Plano Chapter. Gretchen spoke, highlighting their national and state projects, including a documentary on Dr. Joseph Warren and a fundraiser for Camp Courage. Peter presented a check of \$250 to support the Matthew Bolton Society's activities.



**New Business**

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





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- Treasurer's Report: submitted and read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for November 20, 2025.

The Chapter's funds at our September meeting were \$8748.35

The expenses for the month were:

- \$193.62 – Veterans Day pizza for Bonham Veterans

No income was collected for the month.

The Chapter's available funds are now: \$8554.73. This amount does not include those funds allocated to Project 2026 (\$1860.00.)

### **Other Announcements**

- Peter McLellan – Peter has been putting together the slate of officers for the McKinney Chapter for 2026. Peter invited members to step forward for the open position of chapter historian for the 2026 slate of candidates. Peter announced plans for the December meeting, where nominations will be voted on and officers will be inducted in January.

- Tom Milson – 2026 membership dues invoices have been mailed out. Tom has been advised if you pay by mail, the return envelope address is wrong, It should be mailed to suite 250. Online Dues Payment is now available or you can mail them. Tom will be getting Dual Membership cards out soon.

- Tom Milson – Wreaths across America is approaching. Our Chapter has met its commitment for the number of wreaths so any more wreaths we buy will roll over to next year.

- Tom Milson – The Chapter has a couple ladies who are writing about 300 Christmas Cards to give to the veterans.

- 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



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**Adjournment:** Tom Milson adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary

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