



*Sons of The American
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Texas Society, McKinney
Chapter*

April 16, 2026

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

Attendees

There were (22 total) 21 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw Peter McLellan, Peter Ford, Bill Taylor, Cary Barnett, Mark Hansen and wife Beth, Jerry Kenney, Larry Moore, Tom Foster, Jim Akers and wife Sandee, Paul Elliott perspective SAR applicant.

There was one participant in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: David Kinsey

Guests include: Guest speaker Lt. General John Campbel, Youth award recipient Maxton McCaully and parents Brendan and Amy(DAR), Melissa Lops DAR and son Dashiehl CAR



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Call to Order

- Tom Milson, VP Awards on behalf of absence of Paul Andreason, Chaplain/President, called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Invocation

- Tom Milson VP Awards on behalf of absence of Paul Andreason, Chaplain/President

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.
- Tom Milson, VP Awards, 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, VP Awards

Old Business and Announcements

- Future Meetings and Events
 - Next Meeting – Spring Creek Barbeque May 21, 2026, 7 PM (In person and by Zoom). Chapter Meeting: "Martha Washington: Surprise Patriot of the American Revolution" by Kimberley Kimball-Cook Regent Susannah Biggers Bibb Chapter NSDAR
 - April 15 -19, 2026 – Texas SAR 2026 State Convention in Austin. (SAR Memorial Dedication at Texas State Cemetery
 - June 18 – Chapter Meeting, Spain's contributions to the American Revolution" by Dave Fautheree
 - July 3-4, 250th Celebration with DAR in downtown McKinney
 - July 16 – Chapter Meeting: Texas from Spain's Landing in Mexico (1519) in support of American Revolution (1783) by Jerry Pinkerton

New Member Induction Ceremony

- None

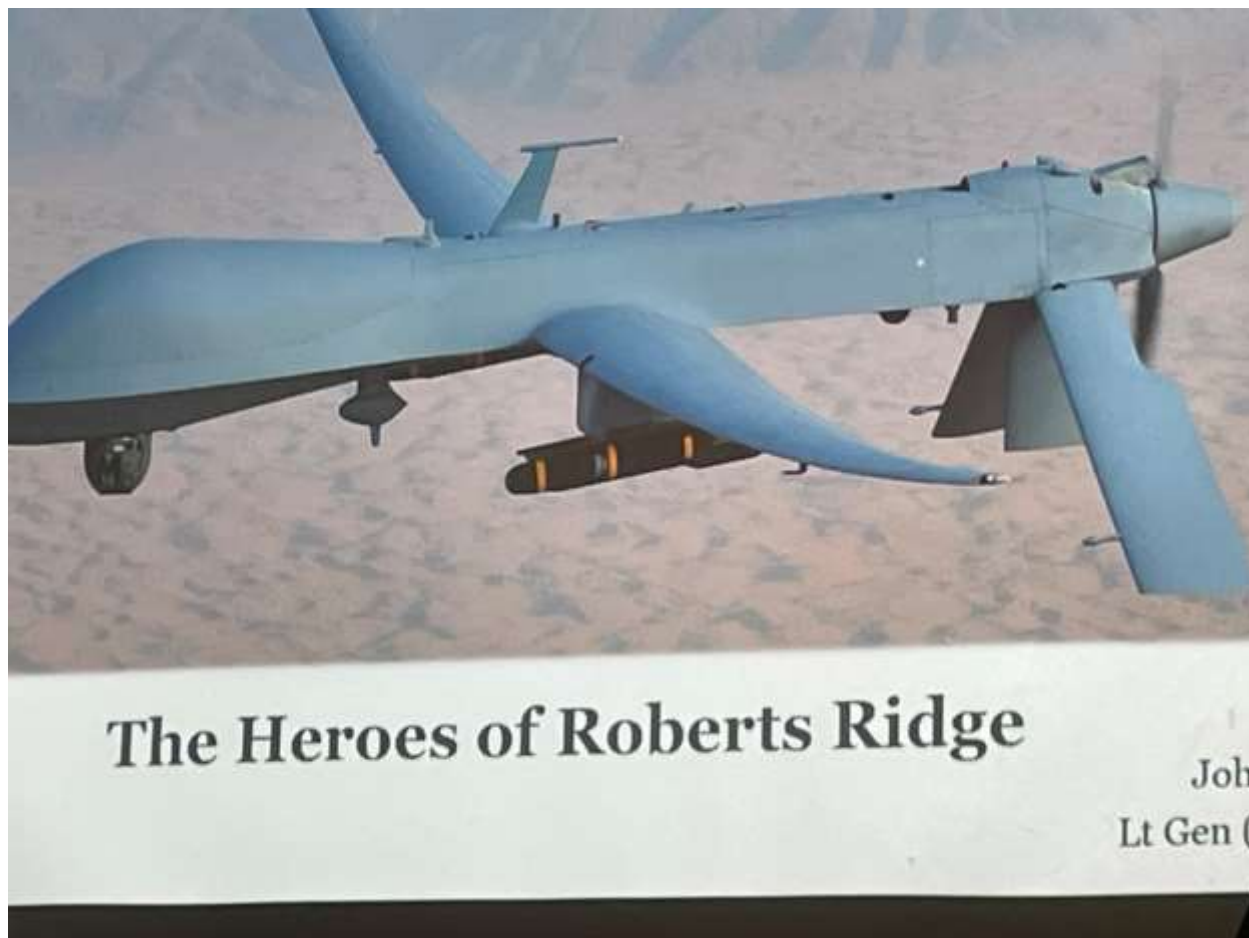
Program

- Program – This month our program is: The Early Use of Drones
For our program we are honored to have Lieutenant General John Campbell retired from the U.S. Air Force after 32 years of service, where he served as a Command Pilot with more than



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3,600 flying hours, as commander of a Fighter Squadron, a Fighter Group, and two Fighter Wings. His final assignment was as Associate Director of Central Intelligence for Military Support.





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NATIONAL DEFENSE
BRIEFING SERIES

National Defense Briefing Series
Special Presentation: "The Rescue of Basher 52"



Capt Scott O'Grady
555 Fighter Squadron
Aviano Air Base (1995)



- On June 2, 1995, **Captain Scott O'Grady's F-16** was shot down over Bosnia and for six days, evaded Serbian forces
- At midnight on June 8, **Captain T.O. Hanford** flew his F-16 deep into hostile territory and picked up a faint radio call from O'Grady that sparked one of the most daring rescue operations in military history
- At dawn the next morning, he was rescued by **Marines from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit** aboard the USS Kearsarge
- On June 7, the 31st anniversary of this epic rescue, NDBS is honored to present a special program featuring Scott O'Grady, T.O. Hanford and the Marines who rescued him in the first-ever joint appearance.



Capt T.O. Hanford
510 Fighter Squadron
Aviano Air Base (1995)



*June 7, 2026
Heritage Ranch Country Club, Fairview TX
Check-in at 4:30 | Dinner at 5:00
Register at www.ndbsinc.org*



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Heroes of Roberts Ridge



Petty Officer
Neil Roberts (KIA)
Navy Cross



MCPO Britt Slabinski
Navy Cross



TSGT John Chapman (KIA)
Air Force Cross

Sgt. Keary Miller, *Silver Star*
SRA Jason Cunningham (KIA) *AF Cross*
SSgt. Gabe Brown, *Silver Star*



*Partial list of awards
Not all Navy award are listed
Army awards are not listed*



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Mark McCraw, VP Programs, introduced the Guest Speaker. The program was a 50 minute presentation, followed by a short question and answer session. Mark thanked him and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.





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In addition Jim Akers, TX SAR District 11 VP, presented Lt. General Campbell a Texas Society SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal for patriotic achievement, the highest award that can be given by any state society of the SAR.





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Awards

- Tom Milson, VP Awards – presented Maxton McCauley the Author M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Award, for his winning essay. A National award given at the chapter level. Max read his essay to the Chapter. Tom presented Max with a certificate and \$200 check. Max is 18 and is also applying for SAR membership to the McKinney Chapter as his mom is in the DAR.





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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 Bill Taylor, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Treasurer's Report: submitted and read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for April 16, 2026.

The Chapter's funds for our last meeting were \$7669.64

The income for the month consisted of:

- \$1020.00 – Chapter membership dues.
- \$90 – Texas State for Junior ROTC awards.
- \$50.00 - Donation from Cornerstone Christian Academy.

Our expenses for the month were:

- \$50.00 – Speaker honorarium
- \$80.00 – Blank certificates

The Chapter's available funds are now: \$8699.64. This amount does not include funds allocated to Project 2026 (\$1860.00.)

Other Announcements

- Tom Milson- Peter McLellan will be going to 3 area high schools for Jr. ROTC awards, McKinney, Allen (Marine), Princeton (Navy) to present a Medal and Certificate.

- Tom Milson- Texas Society SAR state convention is in progress now in Austin, there are 7 posters entered for the youth poster contest by local North Texas SAR chapters from Cornerstone Christian Academy who we have a good working relationship. 32 posters from the school were entered and 7 were selected as SAR Chapter winners by north Texas area SAR chapters to represent the entries for the chapter winners and then to move on to the State level for consideration.

- Tom Milson- SAR memorial dedication at State Convention this weekend.

- Tom Milson- We will coordinate with DAR McKinney John Abston Chapter for the 3rd - 4th of July, We will have a float in the downtown McKinney parade and Tom will be in the float as George Washington. Also in the Collin County Historical museum that 3rd -4th Fri-Sat, there will be a



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DAR/SAR display of a blank Declaration of Independence where kids can sign their name, also a photo booth to have their pictures taken with Color Guard or DAR members.

- Tom Milson- Nathan White is still engaged with the city of the planning of the placemtn of the bench for the Project 2026.

Relevant Comments from prior meeting:

- Peter Mclellan – McKinney Rotary Club having a 250th celebration of the US and there is a meeting tentatively July 17, 2026, Nathan White will be speaking, and they would like to have a SAR Color Guard

- Peter Mclellan – discussed the Texas SAR Memorial dedication planned for Saturday, April 18th in Austin during the SAR State Convention. He and a few other people likely Tom Milson will be driving down there and to let them know if anyone wants to carpool. The monument is already erected and installed with a plaque of names of all patriot ancestors buried in Texas.

- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- - None

Benediction: Tom Milson on behalf of absence of Paul Andreason, Chaplain/President, gave the benediction

Recessional: Lead by Tom Milson on behalf of absence of Paul Andreason, Chaplain/President

Adjournment: Tom Milson on behalf of absence of Paul Andreason, Chaplain/President adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary

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