



Sons of The American Revolution

Texas Society, McKinney Chapter



August 15, 2019

Meeting held at Spring Creek Barbeque, McKinney, Texas

Attendees: There were 27 SAR members and other guests in attendance. Attendees included: David Kinsey, Tom Milson, Carol Milson, Peter McLellan, Nathan White, Wanda White, Mark McCraw, Duane Byner, Luiz Juarez, Donald Babbs, Bill Hurst, Blas Uribe, Gary Graybeal, Joe Chenoweth, Jerry Brown, Lin McCraw, T. L. Holden, Nathan Holton, Donald Dean, Ken Davis, Mike Smith, Dawn Smith, Kara Smith CAR, Ashley Smith CAR, Tomm Schultz, Susan Higgins DAR, and Gary Sandt.





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Call to Order: After our BBQ dinner, David Kinsey, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Invocation: Don Babbs, Chaplin, gave our invocation.

Pledges:

- David Kinsey, Chapter President, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Tom Milson, Secretary, led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.
- Tom Milson, Secretary, led the Pledge of the SAR.

Self-Introductions: Member and guests provided self-introductions.

Old Business and Announcements

- Be sure to visit the Chapter Website at www.mckinney.sar.org
- Next meeting will be on September 19, 2019, 6:00pm at Spring Creek Barbeque, McKinney, Texas (north west corner of Hwy 75 and 380).



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- The members in attendance were asked to please make sure your contact information is correct. To correct info, visit the TXSSAR private website, go to the "Members" tab, then "Member Contact Change Form."
- TXSSAR Board of Management (BOM) is on October 4th through 6th in Arlington, TX. Please make plans to attend.

New Business:

- Minutes from last meeting have been published on the website by Cecil Coale, Chapter Web Master. Peter McLellan made a motion to accept last months meeting minutes as written, motion seconded by Nathan White, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer McLellan reported we have \$1,419.93 in our bank account. Tom Milson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, motion seconded by Nathan White, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.
- David Kinsey awarded the Military Service Veterans Corps Certificate to Gary Sandt.





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Special Guests:

President Kinsey recognized our special guests Kara Smith, President and Susan Higgins, Senior President from the Matthew Bolton Society, Children of the American Revolution (CAR). President Smith provided our chapter with an overview of the CAR.

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Hello, my name is Kara Smith and I am Society President of the Matthew Bolton Society, and I also serve as the State First Vice President.

Thank you, Mr. President, for allowing me to bring greetings.

This year, the Matthew Bolton Society is working on a variety of contests that pertain to both the National and State Projects. Some examples of this are learning about good manners and George Washington's Rules of Civility, looking into the roles of women throughout history, and exploring all about the Battleship Texas. Along with our regular monthly meetings, our society participates in the annual flag raising at the DFW National Cemetery, and we visit a variety of museums and historic sites. In previous years we have gone to places like the Federal Reserve, the 6th Floor Museum, and the George W. Bush National Library.

After gaining two members this summer, Matthew Bolton has a total of 70 members. Historically we have been a very active society, and are one of the largest in the area. Even after accounting for all the members who age out, our society is fortunate to have increasing membership. We are tremendously thankful for donations from DAR and SAR which help cover the meeting costs and allow us to keep our annual dues at a lower cost. This past year, Matthew Bolton received a Red Merit Award and won TSCAR Most Outstanding Local Society.

The 2019-2020 State project will raise funds for The Battleship Texas Foundation. As Battleship Texas prepares for restoration next year, the Foundation is planning a re-grand opening. TSCAR is raising money to buy audio wands for self-guided tours to be used on the Battleship Texas. These audio wand will allow guests to learn all about the only remaining sea vessel that served in both World War I and World War II. TSCAR has adopted its battle cry of "Come on, Texas!" for our 2019-2020 State Theme.

The 2019-2020 National Project is "Foundations of Freedom." The first goal of the National Project is raising funds for the reproduction of the Washington Family Desk at George Washington's boyhood home. The funds will also support the development of Ferry Farms web-based educational programs. The second goal is to expand leadership development opportunities for the members. Ultimately, we aim to learn about George Washington's upbringing and how we can apply it to modern day life, through this year's national project.

Thank you, members of the McKinney Chapter SAR, for your continued support of the Matthew Bolton Society and TSCAR. We couldn't do this without your support. If you would like to support TSCAR's State Project we have Battleship Texas Pins available for a \$10 donation. Or if you would just like to donate to either the State or National Project, please see me after.

Thank You

At the conclusion of presentation, President Kinsey along with Peter McLellan, Treasurer presented President Smith with a check for \$250 for the Matthew Bolton Society. Compatriot McLellan was a CAR member as a youth.



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Program:

Lin McCraw, brother of our Chapter Compatriot Mark McCraw, presented our program. Lin loves history and has a passion for finding historical relics. He studies documents and historical maps to pinpoint potential sites where historical relics may be located. Then after obtaining permission from the landowner search's the site using a metal detector technology.

Lin focused his presentation on Texas during the Republic period. He discussed the political aspects of the people in power during that period and the building of forts on the frontier to protect the settlers from Indians. Lin used a period map to discuss the location of the forts that



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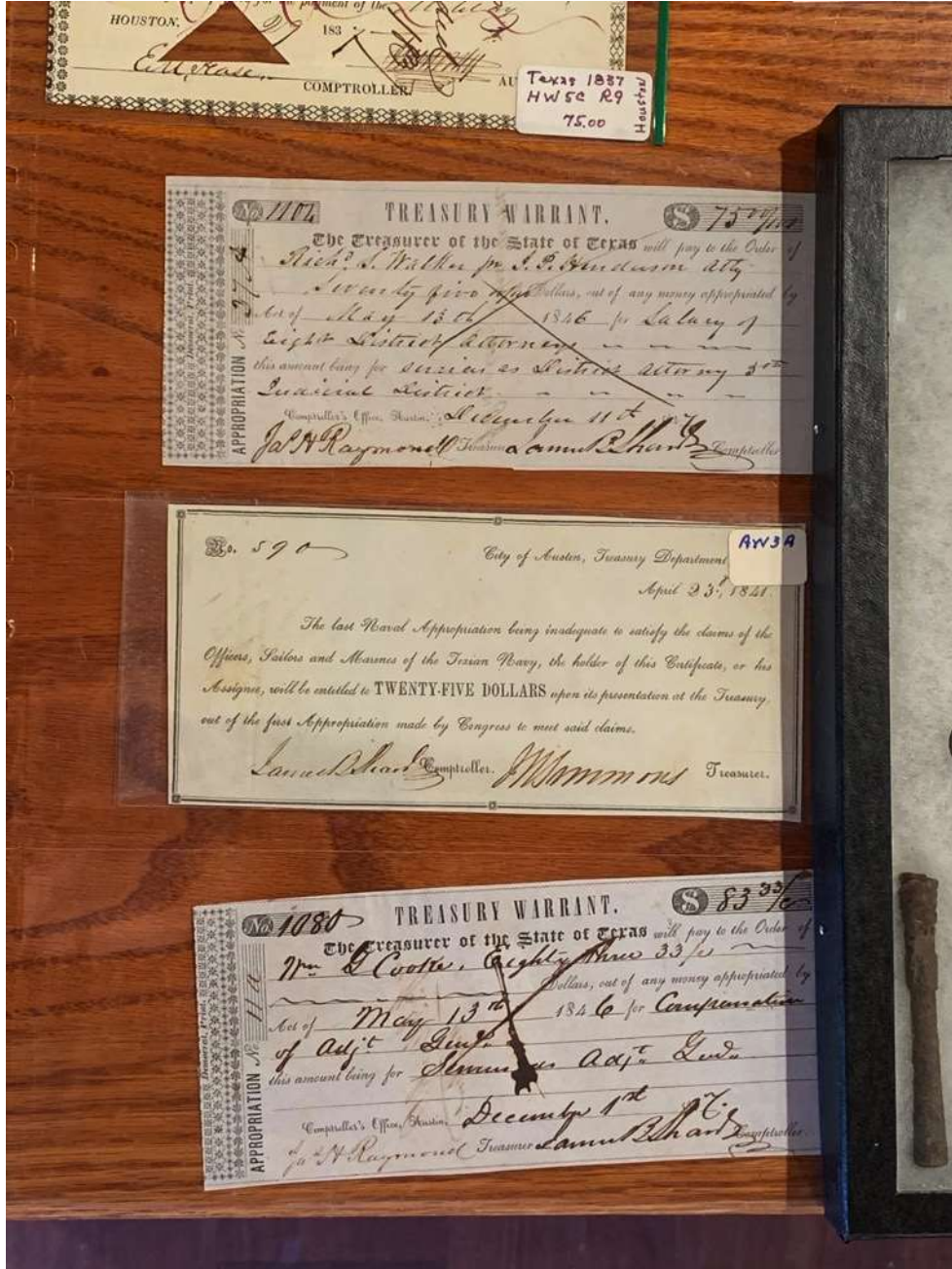
were built during that period. He discussed the currency and treasury warrants that were used to finance the fort building and funding the Texas Army, Navy and Marines. This ultimately all of the expenditures bankrupted the Republic.





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Lin discussed a large collection of the relics that he his found over the years.





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After a question and answer session, President Kinsey presented Mr. McCraw with an SAR Certificate of Appreciation.



Benediction: The benediction was given by was given by Don Babbs.

Recessional: The recessional was led by was led by FPG Nathan White, VP Membership.

Adjournment: President Kinsey adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Milson, Secretary