



December 17, 2020

Meeting held via Zoom® teleconference due to pandemic

Attendees

There were 25, SAR members and guests in attendance for this Zoom® meeting. Attendees included: David Kinsey, Tom Milson, Blas Uribe, TL Holden, Mark McCraw, CD Mayfield, Bill Maddox, Jim Carter, William Hurst, Gary Barker, Luis Juarez, Peter McLellan, Ralph Thompson, Alfred Lisi, Clayton Tangen, Tom Van Fossen – District VP, Nathan White, Bill Taylor, George Bradford, Ted Wilson, Donald Babbs, Drake Peddie – State President. Guests Emily Reddington, Dana Mays, Susan Carr.



Call to Order

David Kinsey, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Invocation

- Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplain, gave the invocation.





Pledges

- Mark MCraw, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Tom Milson, led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.
- David Kinsey, led the Pledge of the SAR.

Program

David Kinsey introduced our guest Emily Reddington, to present her with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, who was identified by Compatriot Luis Juarez, VP Awards.

Emily Reddington, 911 Dispatcher for City of Plano, Public Safety Communications

Also in attendance, Dana Mays, Operations Manager, City of Plano, and is Emily's supervisor, and Susan Carr, Public Safety Communications Department Director. Dana provided the following on Emily:

Emily has worked for Plano Public Safety Communication for two years now. Every day she comes to work with a smile on her face and enthusiastic attitude. She works hard to meet & exceed our department standards and has one of the best customer services voices I've ever heard, even in dealing with difficult situations. Emily was quickly placed into a position of Training Officer (CTO) and has very recently promoted to a Lead Operator position (Leadership/Supervisory Group). Emily was recommended by our department to be a part of a City Of Plano "Every Job Has a Purpose" video series. She willingly took on the task and did a great job in the video. Emily understands the importance and relevance of her role, and can be counted on to do it with integrity. She is one of those individuals who gets along with everybody, and while she is not naive, she truly sees the best in those around her. Emily is a breath of fresh air that people are drawn to for her positive nature and upbeat personality, and we're lucky to have her in Plano.

Emily and Dana each spoke about the importance and love of the job and service to the community.

General discussion and questions for both Emily and Dana followed. David Kinsey, Chapter President, virtually presented Medal and Certificate to Emily and advised they would be mailed to Emily. The McKinney Chapter thanked her for her service.

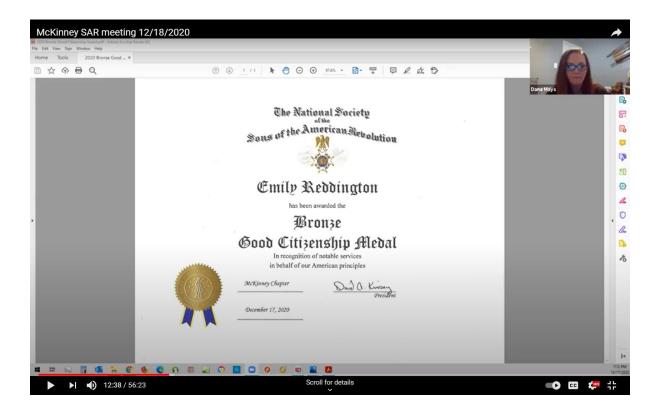


















Awards

As above, the presentation of the Bronze Good Citizens Medal served as the meeting's program

Old Business and Announcements

- Next meeting is on January 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm expected by ZOOM.
- Dues notices have been placed in the mail, Please get those paid. If you need assistance on how to pay online, please contact David Kinsey, Dues are due by December 31, 2020.
- Volunteers to be mentors / Squad leaders, Joh Greer has volunteered to help new members navigate TXSSAR.org website. Much information there on the website and a Zoom meeting to address navigation may be scheduled first part of 2021





- TXSSAR convention still scheduled for April 14-18. Drake Peddie, State President spoke briefly on status of the scheduled meeting, indicating that the last Fall BOM was conducted by Zoom and was successful with about 60 or more people participating by Zoom. Drake Peddie further states they plan to move forward and schedule both live and Zoom preparations for the TXSSAR convention and will meet around mid February to make the decision which route to go, either both or just virtually. Hopeful for a live Fall BOM in Houston.
- Special National Congress scheduled for March 13, 2021, in Washington, D.C. area concerning a motion to amend governing documents to permit virtual congress in the event of continued lockdowns.
- New member certificates have come in and David Kinsey will get those out soon.

New Business

- Minutes from last meeting have been published on the website by Preston Kinsey, Chapter Web Master. Ralph Thompson made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes as written, motion seconded by Peter McLellan, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.
- Treasurer's Report: Ralph Thompson, Treasurer read report. "12/17/20. The bank balance as of October's report was \$3052.59. The current balance in the bank account is \$3052.59. Two checks are outstanding: one in the amount of \$250.00 payable to Children The American Revolution as authorized by the chapter executive committee, and one in the amount of \$284.40 to David Kinsey reimbursing expenses for the gift cards for the Bonham V.A. One dual member dues check in the amount of \$20.00 for Don Babbs was received today and deposited after the bank cutoff. The current check register balance is \$2538.19."

Tom Milson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Alfred Lisi, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Installation of 2021 Chapter officers: President Tom Milson, VP Programs Mark McCraw, VP Awards Luis Juarez, VP Membership Nathan White, Secretary Blas Uribe, Treasurer Ralph Thompson. Sergeant at Arms Pete Mclellan, Chaplain Donald Babbs, Registrar Clayton Tangen.

Drake Peddie, State President, administered oath to new Chapter Officers. Drake Peddie virtually handed over gavel to new Chapter President Tom Milson. Drake Peddie further administered oath to the remainder of the McKinney Chapter to help assist the officers fulfill their duties.



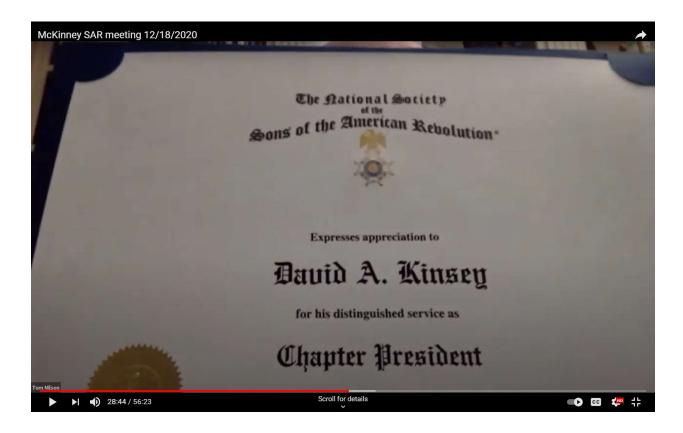


- New Chapter President Tom Milson gave floor to former Chapter President David Kinsey for departing comments as he moves on to the State level of the SAR. David thanked everyone for support, including executive team, and indicated his pleasure to serve as Chapter President.
- President Tom Milson virtually presented David Kinsey with Past President Pin and certificate. Additionally, Executive Committee of the Chapter also virtually presented David Kinsey with book Washington's Secret War, The Hidden History of Valley Forge, a Smithsonian book. Tom Milson then spoke of his appreciation for David and opened the floor. Many other compatriots offered their appreciation for David including but not limited to, past National SAR President and past McKinney Chapter President Nathan White, and State SAR President Drake Peddie



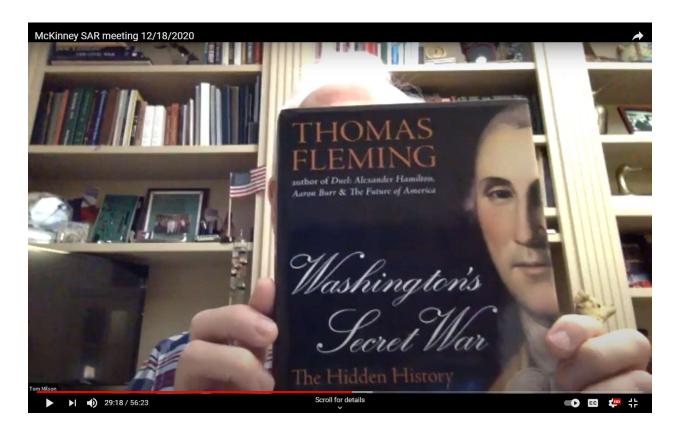












New Member Induction Ceremony

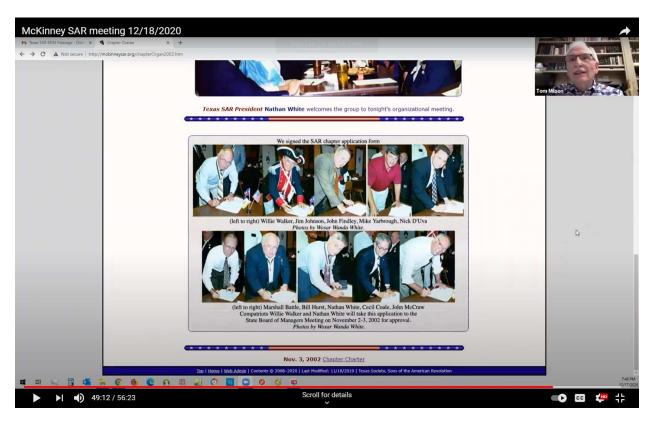
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Other Announcements

- William Hurst and Tom Van Fossen expressed appreciation for receiving membership cards for their dual chapter memberships
- William Hurst also started general discussion that there are pictures showing him for the signing of the McKinney application for charter but the charter does not have his signature on it. Nathan White confirms William Hurst was there for the Charter. A picture below confirms William Hurst as Charter Signor







- Pete MClellan asked if Executive Committee approved donation for Wreaths Across America. David Kinsey and Tom Milson confirmed they did and that is two years in a row. Ralph Thompson Treasurer indicated he did not see any checks written to Wreaths Across America. David Kinsey stated he did not submit the expense for reimbursement and to consider it a donation. Ted Wilson reminded Wreath Across America is the coming Saturday and a number of individuals will be in Tioga to lay wreaths.
- Drake Peddie, State SAR President stated his appreciation for the McKinney Chapter, acknowledged approximately 84 members and is a chapter leading in many areas, including one of the first to go Zoom

Benediction: Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplain gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by President Tom Milson

Adjournment: President Tom Milson adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.





Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary