



*Sons of The American
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Texas Society, McKinney
Chapter*

January 19, 2023

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

Attendees

There were (34 total) 31 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom & Carol Milson, Blas Uribe, Bill Taylor and wife Carol, Jim & Sandee Akers, Mark McCraw, TL Holden, Tom Van Fossen, Bill Watts, John Greer, Peter Ford, Rich Bonaparte, Andy Milson, Ray Hargis, Cary Barnett, Jim Waterman and wife Jessa, Tomm Schultz, Peter McLellan, Jerry Kenney, Gary Barker, John Ray, Drew Caudell – New applicant, Paul Anderson? – Alabama/South Carolina SAR transfer.

There were 3 participants in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: Don Babbs, Tom Whitelock, John (Jack Houghton through Zoom).

Guests include: Brett Webb, Jenn Webb, Jack Webb, Lori Charbonneau, and Guest speaker William Covington



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Call to Order

Tom Milson, Chapter President, presiding over his final meeting as President before transitioning to VP Award, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Invocation

- Tom Milson, Chapter President, gave the invocation.

Pledges

- Mark McCraw, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

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

- Blas Uribe, led the Pledge of the SAR.

Self-Introductions of Members and Guests

Led by Tom Milson

Old Business and Announcements

- Mark McCraw President – Wreaths across America: Mark mentioned that Tom had previously recommended to pre-purchase wreaths, which was a good idea. Tom Milson states we have about 66 wreaths. We have about 20 – 30 wreaths that will carry over from last year.

- Mark McCraw – Please pay dues, Can easily pay online through State Website.

- Mark McCraw – Introduced Lori Charbonneau, of the NSDAR, John Abston Chapter. Lori is the Literacy Promotion Chair for the DAR Chapter, partnering with Malvern Elementary in McKinney, to help promote Literacy. Malvern has over 450 students from 20 countries, 4 volunteer activities available including, mentoring individuals about an hour a week (which does require School District screening to become a mentor/tutor), mystery reader, also a Multicultural event coming up 1/26/23, and Malvern has invited the DAR to represent the Colonial Period and Lori is inviting anyone to volunteer for setup or additional assistance. Contact Lori Charbonneau either at 520 906-3015 or twin_engn@comcast.net



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- Future Meetings and Events

- Next Meeting – Spring Creek Barbeque February 16, 2023, 7 PM (In person and by Zoom).
- Patriot grave marking planned for March 19, 2023, 3 PM, in Lancaster Texas. Patriot James Lemmon

- Installation of 2023 Chapter Officers: President Mark McCraw, VP Membership Nathan White, VP Programs Tom Milson, VP Awards Andrew Milson, Secretary Blas Uribe, Treasurer Peter Ford, Registrar Richard Bonaparte, Sergeant at Arms/CAR Liaison Peter McLellan, Chaplain Don Babbs, Webmaster Cary Barnett, Color Guard Commander Bob Millwee, Veterans Affairs John Greer, Genealogist Ned Hoover.

- Gary Barker, District Officer – administered the oath for the installation of the new Chapter Officers. Gary further handed over the gavel to the new SAR McKinney Chapter President Mark McCraw. Mark spoke a few words and recognized outgoing President Tom Milson for his contribution.



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New Member Induction Ceremony

Brett Webb – Jack Webb is a Junior Member of the Chapter and recommended his father Brett for membership. Tom Milson administered induction oath, Brett's wife Jenn pinned the rosette. Brett spoke briefly about his ancestor. Ancestor - James M? born 1742, died 1837. In 1782 he presented at the Virginia Public Claims Court seeking reparations for goods and services provided to the Virginia Militia during the war.



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Program

- Program – "January 1776 Background to the Declaration of Independence", by Bill Covington

Tom Milson, VP Programs introduced the Guest Speaker.

40 minute presentation followed by a short question and answer session.

Following the presentation, Tom Milson thanked the speaker and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation. Tom also presented Bill with a book, a signed copy of "Seven Leadership Lessons of the American Revolution"



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Awards

- Tom Milson - Presented Certificate of Appreciation to Peter McLellan for his contribution at the recent Board of Managers meeting.

New Business

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

- Treasurer's Report: submitted and read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for January 19, 2023, The bank balance as of the December 15th meeting was \$6714.39. Income for the month consisted of: \$2071.40 from the Fall (BOM) Board of Managers proceeds and a \$40.00 donation. Expenses for the month were: \$778.46 for the fall BOM, \$210.46 for the Veterans' Christmas gifts and \$106.21 for food for our Christmas party. This brings the balance in the checking account to \$7730.66. There are three outstanding checks: \$54.05 for Veterans Christmas gifts, \$250.00 donation to the CAR and \$47.89 for FedEx shipping of our teacher award registration. The total funds available are \$7378.72." No questions or comments.

- Mark McCraw – There is a need to have an end of year audit of the Chapter Finances. There will be a Financial Audit Committee consisting of Pete McLellan, and Mark would like another volunteer.

Other Announcements

- John Ray – Selling 250th US anniversary medal that State President Jim Kuykendall had struck for the State to help fund many of the state's 250th anniversary projects going on including grave markings, and statue construction, etc., selling for \$50

- John Greer – Veteran Affairs of McKinney Chapter, advised that \$1300 value of donations from 5 chapters was taken to VA. Next project is celebrating Valentine's day at Bonham VA. They got permission to set up table at the Bonham VA and John would like some volunteers and to also write some Valentines cards. Also John is collecting magazines to contribute. Could also use



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New or slightly used clothes including blue jeans and slacks, and dresses and skirts, as the Dallas VA does have ladies.

- Andy Milson, VP Awards, states at the February meeting, we should be handing out a couple of awards for, Outstanding American History Teacher awards.

- Bill Watts, stated there is another Patriot grave marking planned for March 19, 2023, 3 PM, in Lancaster Texas. Patriot James Lemmon, carried messages for George Washington as a 16 year old.

- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- None

Benediction: Don Babbs gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by Mark McCraw

Adjournment: President Tom Milson adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary