



*Sons of The American  
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Texas Society, McKinney  
Chapter*

**September 19, 2024**

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

**Attendees**

There were (33 total) 30 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw, Bill Taylor and wife Carol, George Bradford and Joy Bradford, Paul Andreasen, Peter Ford, Nathan White and wife Wanda, Bill Watts, Tom Van Fossen, Kevin Ennis, Jim Akers and Sandee Akers, Rich Bonaparte and wife Lynn, Cary Barnett, Peter McLellan and wife Dagny, new inductee Jeff Sebree, Bart Morgan and wife Samye, Bill Graham and wife Joann, Tracy Pounders.

There were 3 participants in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: David Kinsey, Bob Millwee, Charles Haby.

Guests include: Guest Speaker James Robinson and wife, Award Recipient Chief Warrant Officer Retired Ron McPhatter - Junior ROTC Instructor for McKinney High School



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**Call to Order**

Mark McCraw, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Invocation**

- Paul Andreasen, Chapter Chaplain, gave the invocation.

**Pledges**

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



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- Peter Ford, led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.
- Blas Uribe, led the Pledge of the SAR.
- Bill Taylor, 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 Mark McCraw

### **Old Business and Announcements**

- - Bill Watts – 40 volunteers are needed to assist at the State Fair of Texas at the DAR House to help with member recruitment. Contact [Bill Watts@att.net](mailto:Bill.Watts@att.net) for more details.
- Future Meetings and Events
  - September 12 – October 20, Recruitment for SAR membership at Jane Douglas House, Tx State Fair of Texas, contact [Bill Watts@att.net](mailto:Bill.Watts@att.net) for more details.
  - October 12, 10 AM – Meeting with John Abston DAR, 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church, 315 Church St McKinney TX
  - Next Meeting – October 17, 2024 7 PM (In person and by Zoom).
  - October 19, 11:00 AM – John Abston Chapter DAR, Real Daughter Grave Marking(Nancy Barbee Mayes) Pecan Grove Cemetary, McKinney
  - November 1-3 – Fall Board of Managers (BOM) Meeting, Holiday Inn downtown Austin
  - November 9 - Color Guard National Event – Field of Honor Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park, Plano Tx, 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy. Contact [Bill Watts@att.net](mailto:Bill.Watts@att.net) for more details.
  - November 16 Color Guard National Event – Veterans Day Event at Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park, Plano Tx, 2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy. Contact [Bill Watts@att.net](mailto:Bill.Watts@att.net) for more details.

### **New Member Induction Ceremony**



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- Tracy Pounders, Texas Society SAR State President, administered the induction oath and presented Jeff Sebree with the SAR Membership Certificate and the SAR Rosette was pinned by Mark McCraw President McKinney Chapter SAR.



Texas Society SAR President Tracy Pounders, McKinney Chapter SAR President Mark McCraw, and new inductee Jeff Sebree

**Program**

- Program – This month our program is; "Blacks in the Revolutionary War" presented by James Robinson. James is a retired teacher of American and African American history and has a Masters from the University of North Florida. James has taught at the high school and collegiate level and has given presentations at schools across the country.



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Tom Milson introduced the Guest Speaker. The program was a 23 minute presentation, followed by a short question and answer session. Tom Milson presented him with a certificate of appreciation.





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**Awards**

- Peter McLellan, McKinney Chapter, Recognized Ron McPhatter with the SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Accommodation. Ron has an extensive resume' including many overseas deployments and long history of working with students in multiple school districts. Ron has worked with over 1000 high school level cadets helping secure over 22 fully funded college Jr ROTC scholarships plus he has had 5 cadets who have qualified for service academy appointments. Ron briefly discussed his dedication and commitment to serving the young men and women of the community.



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### **New Business**

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

- Treasurer's Report: submitted and by Peter Ford, Treasurer. "Treasurer's Report for September 19, 2024. The Chapter's funds at our August meeting were \$884.01

There was no activity for the month.

Our Chapter's balance remains at: \$884.01

Our certificate of deposit contains: \$5117.81. This will mature on September 26<sup>th</sup>. It is currently earning 4% interest." No further questions or comments.





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- Registrar's Report: Richard Bonaparte, McKinney Chapter SAR Registrar, gave a brief status of the metrics for membership. Richard explained that membership applications for the McKinney Chapter NSSAR, primarily are initiated by the VP of Membership, Bill Taylor McKinney Chapter SAR, which are then forwarded on to Rich to work with the new applicants through the membership applications process. Rich states we are about on track with last year's metrics, averaging just under 2 applications per month, at 16 YTD, with 3 supplemental applications with 8 applications closed out this year. We currently have 14 in process with 6 supplemental applications. Rich has an inventory of about 44 inactive cases where people expressed interest early on but the prospect never moved forward for whatever reason.

**Other Announcements**

- Mark McCraw – Slate of officers will be needed in a couple months and be thinking on how you may be willing to serve the Chapter.

- Peter McLellan – Peter has been asked by the Executive committee to chair the nomination committee for the 2025 Slate of Officers. Peter stated to let him know if anyone has interest in serving in an officer capacity for 2025.

- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- None

**Benediction:** Paul Andreason gave the benediction

**Recessional:** Lead by Mark McCraw

**Adjournment:** President Mark McCraw adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary

**Connect:**

Website; [TXSSAR.ORG/McKinney/](http://TXSSAR.ORG/McKinney/)

YouTube Channel: McKinney SAR