



*Sons of The American Revolution
Texas Society, McKinney Chapter*



May 19, 2022

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

Attendees

There were (26 total) 20 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson, Ned Hoover, Mat Hoover, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw, Peter McLellan, Ray Hargis, Ted Wilson, Jerry Kenney, Peter Ford, Bill Taylor and wife Carol, Joe Chenoweth, John Greer, George Bradford and wife, Nathan White.

There were 6 participants in attendance at various times by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: Paul Kinsey, Bob Millwee, Tom Whitelock, Don Babbs, David Kinsey, and Al Lisi through Zoom.

Guests include: guest speaker and recent SAR applicant Andi Milson, with son Colin Milson, and friend of the chapter, former guest speaker Carl Flowers

Call to Order

Tom Milson, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Invocation

- Don Babbs, gave the invocation.

Pledges

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



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Old Business and Announcements

- During the invocation, Don Babbs, Chapter Chaplin, mentioned Luis Juarez, McKinney SAR compatriot who passed away recently. Luis was previously memorialized in the April 2022 McKinney Chapter Minutes.

- At the April meeting, the March Minutes were not previously approved or voted on, as the minutes had not yet been posted to the website as of the date of the April meeting. Therefore, Minutes from the March meeting have now been posted on the website by David Kinsey. Pete McLellan made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, motion seconded by Mark McCraw, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Future Meetings and Events

- Next Meeting June 16, 7 PM (In-person and Zoom) at Spring Creek BBQ McKinney.
- Board of Managers meeting October 21-23, Hosted by the McKinney Chapter,

New Member Induction Ceremony

None

Program

- Andrew Milson, Author and Professor,

Andrew Milson is a Professor of Geography in the Department of History at the University of Texas at Arlington. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia and B.A. and M.Ed. degrees from the University of North Texas. His most recent book, *Arkansas Travelers: Geographies of Exploration and Perception, 1804-1834*, maps the travels and perceptions of William Dunbar, Thomas Nuttall, Henry Rowe Schoolcraft, and George William Featherstonhaugh as they explored the Arkansas frontier in the early nineteenth century. The book was awarded the 2020 J.G. Ragsdale prize by the Arkansas Historical Association.

Dr. Milson enjoys teaching courses in human geography, historical geography, and regional geography for undergraduate students at UTA. He has been honored numerous times for his dedication to teaching by the UTA College of Liberal Arts and the National Council for Geographic Education. In 2020, he was inducted into the Academy of Distinguished Teachers at UTA.



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36 minute presentation on, "A Greenhorn in the Ozarks: Henry Rowe Schoolcraft 1818-1819", followed by short question and answer session.

Mark McCraw introduced and presented Andi with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked him. Andrew had some books to personally autograph for sale to anyone interested.





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Awards

- None

New Business

- John Greer, Veteran Affairs, is a registered volunteer for the North Texas area and is very active with the Bonham VA. The Volunteer program has been closed the last two years but is getting started again. John has received a list of needs from the Bonham VA, and would like to have McKinney SAR chapter members obtain Large Print activity books such as word find, or easy crossword puzzles, to bring to the next McKinney SAR Chapter for John to take to the Bonham VA on his next visit around 7/11/22. On a different subject, John also states he can obtain Gold Star lapel pins to present to parents and siblings of fallen veterans so if you know someone, "on the wall", contact John Greer for more information, as he is the one who has to complete the forms and research to obtain and present it. John states the SAR gets credited for points for volunteer hours and donations.

- Minutes from last meeting have been published on the website by David Kinsey. Nathan White made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, motion seconded by Pete McLellan, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Tom Milson, President advised in the prior meeting he will be asking for a volunteer to step up to take the role as Chapter Treasurer due to the passing of Ralph Thompson, and was accepting nominations. Immediately following the April chapter meeting, Peter Ford McKinney Chapter, approached Tom and volunteered to take on the position and Peter has performed as interim treasurer for the past month. Tom received no further interest from anyone else. Tom opened the floor for any other nominations for treasurer. No further nominations were made. Tom asked if there was a motion to accept Peter Ford as chapter Treasurer. Mark McCraw made a motion to accept Peter, motion seconded by David Kinsey, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.



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Tom administered the oath of office to install Peter as the McKinney Chapter Treasurer, and administered the oath to the Chapter to assist in the discharge of duties of the office. Mark McCraw, who was interim treasurer remains on the bank account, he and Peter have already completed paperwork to have Peter added to the bank account.



- Treasurer's Report: as read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "5/19/22, The current balance in the bank account is \$6407.18. There are no un-cleared checks or deposits. I have reconciled the account going back two years and everything balances to the penny". A hard copy paper treasurer report was handed to Tom Milson showing additional deposits and checks cleared since the last months report, however the report is not available to review as of the writing of these minutes.

A motion and vote to accept the Treasurer's report was overlooked and not done.

- Tom Milson, President advised he will be asking for a volunteer to step up to take the role as Chapter of VP Awards due to the passing of Luis Juarez. Peter McLellan has agreed to be interim VP Awards until someone is installed into the office.



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- Tom Milson, President advised Bill Hurst will not be able to continue as the Chapter Registrar due to health conditions. Tom will be asking for a volunteer to step up to take the role as Chapter Registrar. Tom is acting as interim Registrar until someone is installed.

Other Announcements

- Peter McLellan, CAR liaison, will be meeting with the CAR Mathew Bolton chapter soon. Tom Milson asked that Pete coordinate with Mark McCraw on possibly having the CAR do a visit to our chapter or maybe a presentation before the end of this year.

- Bob Millwee, Color Guard Commander. Color Guard rally this Saturday at Frontier Village in Dennison TX. Also a Memorial parade, also in Dennison, with Color Guard lining up in the morning on 5/30/22

- John Greer, Veteran Affairs, announced 6/14/22 Flag Day, Greenville. Also Ted Wilson, stated there was Memorial Day parade, in Sherman with participation from the SAR, DAR, BSA. The Boy Scouts will stop at the flag pole to raise the flag and there is municipal approval for firing of the muskets.

- Tom Milson, indicated volunteers are still needed to help with the fall BOM. Our chapter is hosting the meeting. Carl Flowers, previous Chapter guest speaker will be doing a presentation at the Fall BOM banquet there and will be doing a prior dry run practice at our September Chapter meeting. 60 – 80 people are expected to attend the Fall BOM. Tom wanted to discuss to think of ideas for an item needed for the Raffle for the Fall BOM. Also items are needed for the silent auction. Money from the raffle goes to the Chapter, and Silent auction monies go to the Patriot fund. John Greer stated the State committee would like each chapter to donate something for the silent auction.

- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- none

Benediction: Don Babbs gave the benediction.

Recessional: Lead by Tom Milson

Adjournment: President Tom Milson adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary