



*Sons of The American  
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Texas Society, McKinney  
Chapter*

**July 20, 2023**

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

**Attendees**

There were (31 total) 30 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw, Bill Taylor, TL Holden, Ted Wilson, Tom Van Fossen, Peter Ford, Bart Morgan and wife Samey, Nathan and Wanda White, George Bradford and Joy Bradford, John Greer, Jerry Kenney, Peter McLellan, Mat Hoover, Ned Hoover, Jim Akers and wife Sandee, Paul Andreason and guest Eddie Jones, Kevin Ennis Plano Chapter, Larry Moore Dallas Chapter, Ray Hargis, John Bagwell, Bill Watts, Keith Pearce.

There was 1 participant in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: Mike Smith through Zoom.

Guests include: Program speaker Steven Driever – Plano Chapter.





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**Call to Order**

Mark McCraw, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Invocation**

- Mark McCraw, 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 Mark McCraw

**Old Business and Announcements**

- Future Meetings and Events

- Next Meeting – Spring Creek Barbeque August 17, 2023, 7 PM (In person and by Zoom).
- October 20-22, Fall Board of Management meeting in College Station, TX
- April 11-14, 2024, Annual Conference at San Antonio
- Meeting Registrations online at [txssar.org](http://txssar.org)(public side), "Events" tab

- Nathan White – discussed the highlights from the SAR National Convention he attended in Orlando Florida:

- Texas delegation in attendance was smaller than normal,
- they visited a local site for a Revolutionary War naval battle.



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- Check the National SAR website, under Members and Education for many resources available to the Chapters. Nathan would like to have to National SAR education director do a Zoom presentation possibly at some point to discuss the educational resources available to the Chapters.
- Next year's convention will be in Lancaster Pennsylvania, a trip to Valley Forge is very likely
- Speaker Dr. Roger Smith gave a presentation of the Revolutionary War from the British perspective, 26 colonies from Nova Scotia down to the Caribbean.
- National Dues increase of \$15 from \$35 to \$50 per year, probably been 10 years since last increase. Dues increase will be mainly allocated for administrative/operating expenses. You can get life membership by August 1, 2023 prior to the new rate taking effect.
- 560 to 700 people in attendance

- John Greer Veteran Affairs – he was at Bonham VA last week. He will be getting out a needs list soon. A VA facility is being built in Plano. Golf balls needed.

- Jerry Kenney – Collin County Genealogical Society. They meet at 6 PM the last Thursday of each month at the Hulen library in downtown McKinney if interested. Guest speaker recently was Tom Milson of the McKinney SAR chapter discussing use of DNA

- Nathan White – Nathan received an email regarding interest in a Minor League baseball team in McKinney and to solicit ideas for a mascot.

### **New Member Induction Ceremony**

- None

### **Program**

- Program – "Geography of the American Revolution, Part 2: Valley Forge to Yorktown" presented by Dr. Steven Driever, Professor Emeritus of Geography, University of Missouri-Kansas City. He has presented over 60 conference papers, published over 80 academic articles and 2 books. Steve has six Revolutionary War Patriots and has served his country in the United States Marine Corp.



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Tom Milson, VP Programs introduced the Guest Speaker.

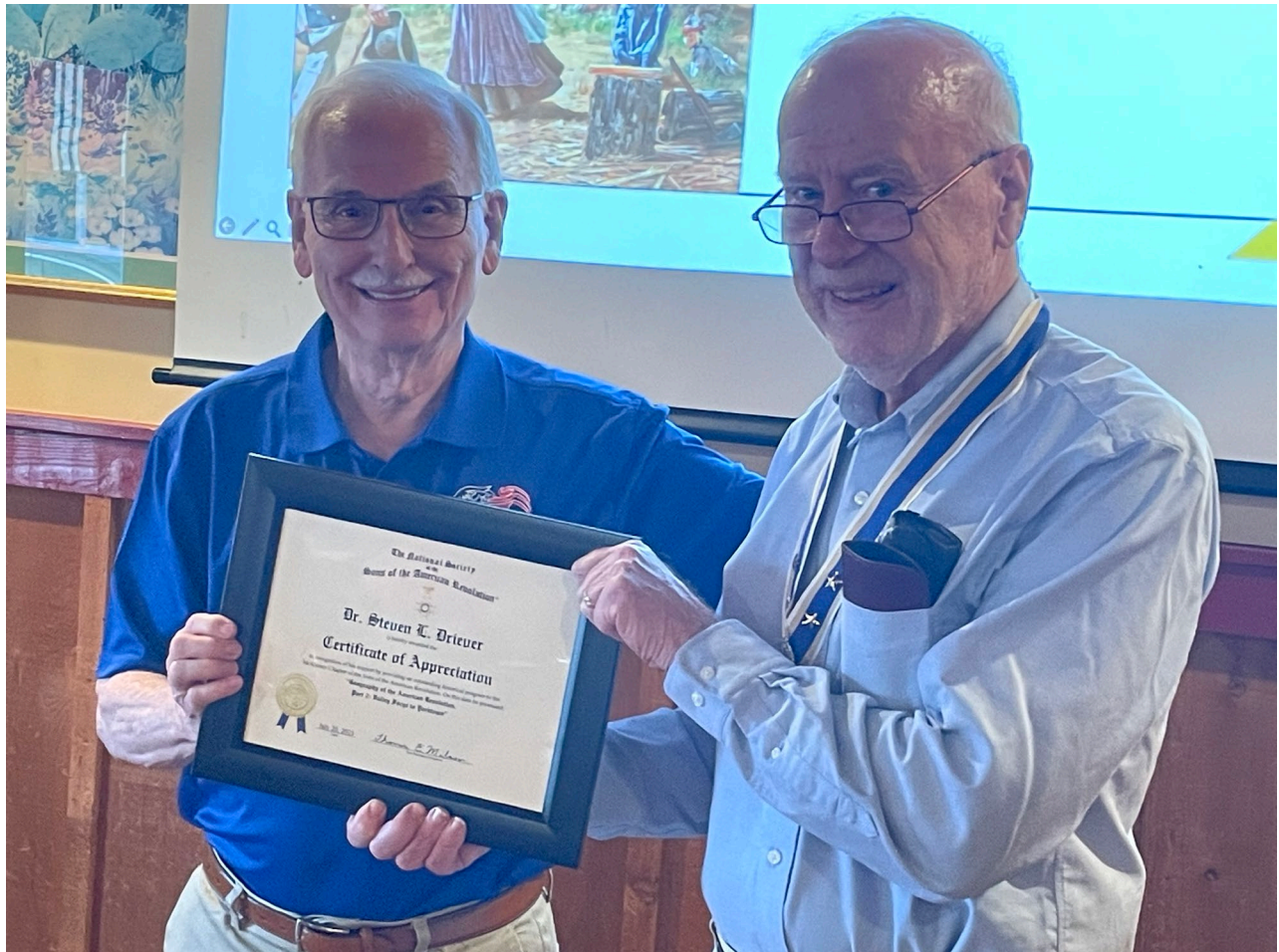
58 minute presentation, followed by a short question and answer session.

Following the presentation, Tom Milson thanked the speaker and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.





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**Awards**

- None



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**New Business**

- Minutes from last meeting have been published on the website. Tom Milson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, motion seconded by Bill Watts, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.
- Treasurer's Report: submitted and read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for July 20, 2023, There has been no activity for the month, Our bank balance \$7436.49." No questions or comments.
- Tunnel For Towers – Last month McKinney Chapter meeting we discussed that the Executive Committee had considered a donation to the Tunnel For Towers Foundation and would be brought for further discussion in the July McKinney Chapter SAR meeting. A charity supporting the families of American Heroes – Fallen First Responders and Wounded Veterans. 96 percent of money goes to the beneficiary, Other SAR chapters support this Foundation. Mark McCraw stated the Executive Committee asked to bring a motion to the floor of \$250 per year to the Tunnel For Towers foundation. Peter McLellan made a motion to approve the donation, motion seconded by Tom Milson, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

**Other Announcements**

- Tom Milson – Historical moment – The signors of the Declaration of Independence, the sacrifices they made and how they were affected.
- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:
  - None

**Benediction:** Tom Milson gave the benediction.

**Recessional:** Lead by Mark McCraw

**Adjournment:** President Mark McCraw adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.



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Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary

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