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November 16, 2023

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

Attendees

There were (45 total) 42 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw, Bill Taylor, Ted Wilson, TL Holden, Tom Van Fossen, Nathan White and wife Wanda, John Greer, John Ray, Peter Ford, George Bradford and Joy Bradford, Bill Watts, Joe Chenoweth, Gary Townsend and wife Courtney, Jerry Kenney and wife Tracy with son and inductee Reed Kenney and spouse Jessica, Bart Morgan and wife Samye, Paul Andreasen, Bob Millwee, Peter McLellan and wife Dagny, Michael Goode: Sherman chapter, Mark Harrison, Kevin Ennis: Plano chapter, John Anderson of Arlington chapter and wife Meg, Brent Harshman: Dallas chapter, Tracy Pounders-TX SAR President Elect, Sam Massey- TX SAR President, Matt Moran? (new applicant), Steven Hole: FT Worth chapter, David Cook and Mrs. Cook of Denton, Dan Hamilton: Arlington Chapter President, Boston Ross.

There were 3 participants in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: Tom Foster, Cary Barnett, Charles Haby, through Zoom.

Guests include: NA.



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Call to Order

Mark McCraw, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 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.
- Tom Milson, led the Mission Statement of the SAR. This is something new to the McKinney SAR Chapter. "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

- Future Meetings and Events
 - Next Meeting – December 14th, Christmas Party at Peter McLellan's house 6 PM. Email will go out to Chapter member.
 - December 16, 2023, Wreaths Across America at Stoney Point Cemetery, 11 AM, 8241 County Road 1095, Anna TX, 75409. Email will go out to Chapter Members
 - April 11-14, 2024, Annual Conference at San Antonio, Meeting Registrations online at txssar.org (public side), "Events" tab
- Tom Milson – Historical moment
- Mark McCraw – Tom Milson will be taking the Christmas cards to the Bonham VA, Please have cards turned in by 12/1/2023

New Member Induction Ceremony

- Sam Massey, Texas Society SAR President administered the induction Oath and presented them with their membership certificate. Rosettes were then presented and pinned. New members include: Reed Kenney, John Bart Morgan, Boston Ross, Gary Townsend



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Program


- Program – Sam Massey, Texas Society SAR President, speaking on “Texas SAR Update.”

Nathan White, Former National Society SAR President introduced the Guest Speaker. Topics included but not limited to: Increasing membership by being more visible, State membership numbers, Texas SAR Monument Project in Austin, Henry rifle program through Bass Pro Shops, SAR 250th Anniversary. Refer to the McKinney SAR YouTube Channel video for more detailed information.

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






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Trust 

How do we equip them to join us?

- Collin County Genealogical Society
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- Family Search www.familysearch.org
- Audible www.audible.com



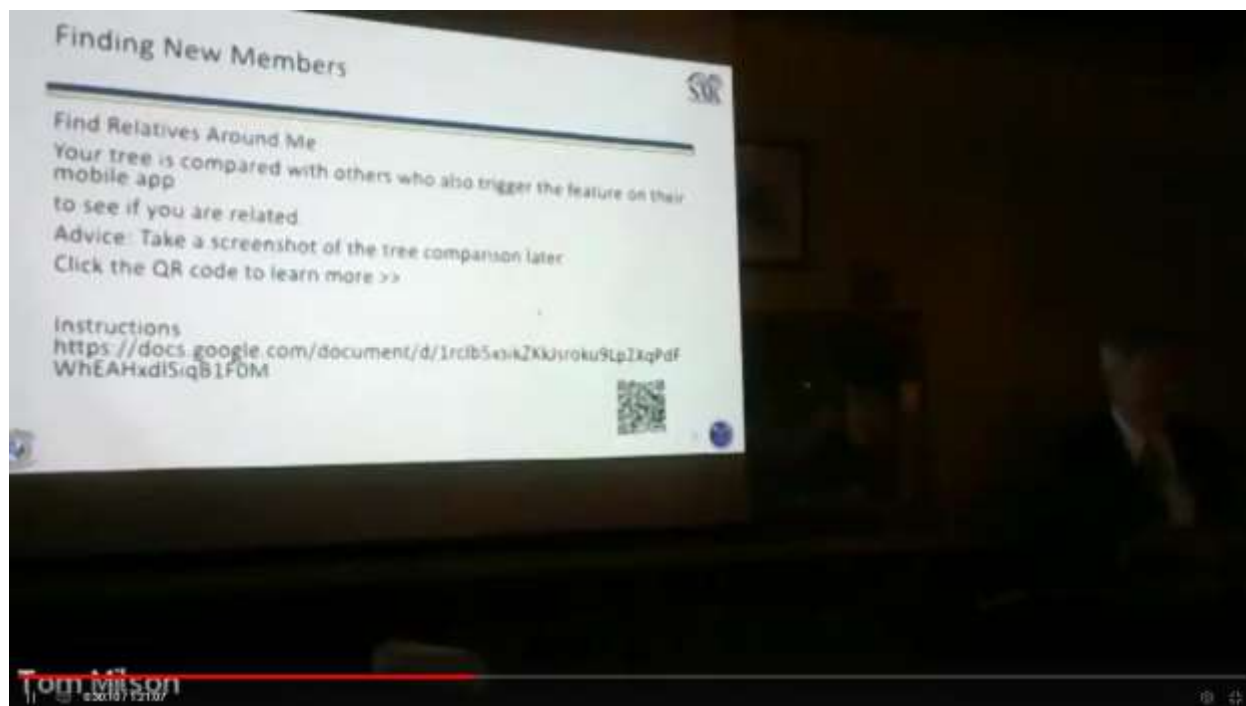
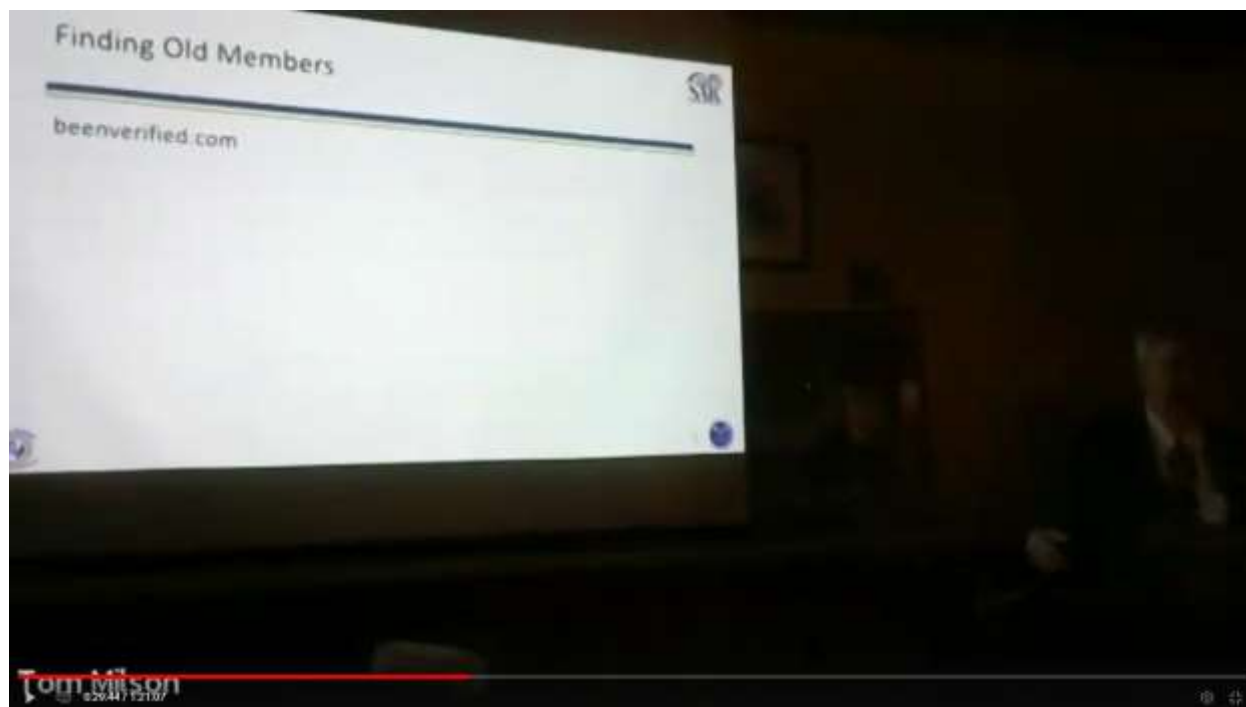
What is happening with Texas SAR?

Snap shot - are we doing a good job?

- 2553 members,
- Junior 216,
- Lifetime/Perpetual 269,
- Emeritus 16,
- 242 new members for 2023
- Chapters 50,
 - Waxahachie ceremony 25 Nov 2pm
 - San Angelo ceremony Feb 2024



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Awards

- Sam Massey – Presented the Patriot Grave Marking Medal. Must participate in a minimum of 15 Grave Marking events to receive. Medal recipients: Michael Goode, TL Holden, Tom Van Fossen, Bill Watts





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- Sam Massey – Presented the Bronze Color Guard Medal to Mark Harrison, Tom Van Fossen, Brent Harshman





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- Sam Massey – Presented the Liberty Medal to Nathan White. National SAR Medal awarded to a Compatriot for recognition of outstanding service in their recruitment of new members. Minimum 10 members. A Bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for each additional 10 new members sponsored of a Liberty Medal holder.





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- Tom Milson – Presented a Certificate for the National Perpetual/Life Membership Program. These individuals are paid in advance for life for SAR dues. Jerry Kenney, Bob Millwee, Nathan White is accepting on behalf of his grandson.



- Tom Milson – showed a Certificate for Partners in Patriotism presented to the McKinney SAR Chapter as part of it's patriotic outreach during 2022-2023



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New Business

- Due to the last October 2023 McKinney SAR meeting being a joint sponsored meeting/Program with the DAR, no New Business was conducted, and no motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the prior September 2023 McKinney Chapter SAR meeting at the October meeting. Tonight's new business included making a motion to accept the meeting minutes for both the September and October 2023 McKinney Chapter SAR meetings. Minutes from the last two meetings have been published on the website. Bob Millwee made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, motion seconded by Bill Watts, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Due to the last October 2023 McKinney SAR meeting being a joint sponsored meeting/Program with the DAR, the Treasurer's report was not read or presented at the October meeting. Tonight's report is for a two-month period.

Treasurer's Report: submitted and read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for November 16, 2023. The checking account balance at our September meeting was 2126.52. Since then, we have received \$100.00 in dual membership dues.

Our expenses were as follows: website renewal - \$3.00, Donation to the Texas SAR monument project - \$300.00, SAR archival paper - \$20.00, Christmas cards for Veterans - \$63.52. Our checking account balance is \$1840.00. Our \$5000 certificate of deposit will mature on February 26, 2024. This is currently earning 4% interest." No further questions or comments.

- Tom Milson – gave Veterans Activities Report for 2023 using a Video slide presentation.

- Peter McLellan - Presented list of Proposed Slate of Officers for 2024. Peter stated the Slate of Officers is still open for nominations if anyone is interested and if so, to let him know. We expect to vote on the candidates at the Christmas party and hope to have officer induction at the January meeting. List is as follows:

President	Mark McCraw
VP Membership	Bill Taylor
VP Programs	Andy Milson
VP Awards	Tom Milson
Secretary	Blas Uribe
Treasurer	Peter Ford



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Registrar: Richard Bonaparte

Sergeant at Arms/CAR Liaison: Peter McLellan

Chaplain: Paul Andreassen

Webmaster: Cary Barnett

Color Guard Commander: Bob Millwee

Veterans Affairs: Al Lisi, (John Greer, Advisor)

Other Announcements

None

- 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 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary

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Website; TXSSAR.ORG/McKinney/

YouTube Channel : McKinney SAR