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January 16, 2025

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

Attendees

There were (31 total) 27 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Tom Milson and wife Carol, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw, Paul Andreasen, Peter Ford, Nathan White and wife Wanda, Kevin Ennis, Peter McLellan, Richard Bonaparte and wife Lynn, Jerry Kenney, Bill Taylor and wife Carol, Jim Akers and wife Sandee, Joe Chenoweth, Jerry Lucas, John Ray, prospective applicant Steward Younger and son Zack, Scott Kingsley, Casey Booth, Tracy Pounders, and son Alex Pounders, Bill Watts.

There was 4 participants in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: Bob Millwee, Cary Barnett, Tom Whitelock and Keith Pearce.

Guests include: Guests as stated above



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Call to Order

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

Invocation

- Paul Andreasen, Chapter Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Pledges

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

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



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- Paul Andreason, 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

- Future Meetings and Events

- Next Meeting – February 20, 2025 7 PM (In person and by Zoom).
- March 27-30 – 130th State Convention, Hilton Richardson, Texas
- February 22, 2025 – George Washington Parade, Laredo Tx – 8:30 AM

New Member Induction Ceremony

- Tracy Pounders, Texas Society SAR State President, administered the induction oath and presented Scott Kingsley with the SAR Membership Certificate and the SAR Rosette was pinned by Tom Milson, McKinney Chapter SAR.



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Program

- Program – This month our program is: "John Tyson "Reluctant Patriot" by Richard Bonaparte, McKinney Chapter SAR"

As the American Revolution gained momentum in colonial North Carolina, a determined John Tyson was forced to navigate the arduous transition from Loyalist to Patriot.

Tom Milson introduced the Guest Speaker. The program was a 36 minute presentation, followed by a short question and answer session. Tom Milson presented him with a certificate of appreciation.



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Awards

- Bill Watts – Presented 250th Anniversary SAR Challenge Coin to Tom Milson in recognition related to participation in a minimum of 15 youth education events
- Bill Watts – Presented 250th Anniversary SAR Challenge Coin to Tom Milson and Bob Millwee, who is in attendance through Zoom, in recognition related to participation in a minimum of 5 Color Guard events for 2024



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- Mark McCraw, Outgoing Chapter President – Presented Chapter Awards. Presenting the Distinguished Service Award which is only given by the Chapter President and only given for each year you have been in office. Two awards are being given. The Distinguished Service Award is given by Marc McCraw to Blas Uribe for service in the position as Secretary. Also, the Distinguished Service Award is being given by Marc McCraw to Richard Bonaparte for service in the position as Registrar for his dedication and many contributions.



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New Business

- Installation of 2025 Chapter Officers: - Tracy Pounders, Texas Society SAR President – administered the oath for the installation of the new Chapter Officers. Mark McCraw handed over the gavel to Paul Andreason as the new SAR McKinney Chapter President.

President	Paul Andreason
VP Membership	Bill Taylor
VP Programs	Tom Milson
VP Awards	Mark McCraw
Secretary	Blas Uribe



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Treasurer	Peter Ford
Registrar	Richard Bonaparte
Sergeant at Arms/CAR Liaison	Peter McLellan
Chaplain	Paul Andreasen
Webmaster/ Newsletter	Cary Barnett
Color Guard Commander	Bob Millwee
Veterans Affairs Chairman	Al Lisi





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- Minutes from the last meeting have been published on the website. Bill Watts made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, motion seconded by Joe Chenoweth, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Treasurer's Report: submitted and by Peter Ford, Treasurer. "Treasurer's Report for January 16, 2025. The Chapter's funds at our December meeting were \$642.44

The expense for the month was:

- \$95.52 for gifts for Bonham Veterans.

The income for the month was:

- \$20.00 dual member dues

The Chapter's available funds are: \$566.92

Our CD has a balance of \$5236.95. This matures on April 26th, 2025, unless funds are required sooner." Tom Milson further commented that a financial audit for the year would be forthcoming. Peter Ford noted that Peter has coordinated with Pete McLellan to perform the financial audit in February. No further questions or comments.

- Mark McCraw, Outgoing SAR McKinney Chapter President – Mark requested that a motion be brought to the floor to be removed as a Bank signatory for the SAR McKinney Chapter and be replaced by Paul Andreason, the incoming SAR McKinney Chapter President. Pete McLellan made a motion to accept the request as stated, motion seconded by Peter Ford, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

Other Announcements

- Tom Milson – Pay your 2025 dues

- Nathan White – Nathan White states the George Washington Day Parade in Laredo is the largest George Washington parade in the country. 50,000 will cross the bridge during the parade event. Mexican Bands, ladies in period costumes are common. Nathan states the SAR chapter in Laredo, are primarily descendants of Patrick Henry. Patrick Henry's grandson William R



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Henry became sheriff in Bexar county and married a Hispanic woman producing a daughter who married a local man in the Laredo area.

- Tom Milson – Tom offered a brief tribute on the death of McKinney SAR member George Bradford.

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE BRADFORD





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George's obituary

With great sadness, we announce the passing of George Bradford, Sr, a much-beloved figure in our community, who left us on January 7, 2025. Born on February 21, 1939, George lived a fulfilling life filled with laughter, intelligence, and above all, kindness.

George touched the hearts of all who knew him with his smart and funny personality. He led by example, teaching everyone around him the power of kindness. He was a beacon of light who embodied generosity, leaving a legacy that will forever be cherished by those who knew him.

George was accomplished in his own right. He was a proud graduate of Birmingham-Southern College in 1961, and a respected member of the Alabama State Bar since 1965. His devotion to his faith was seen through his attendance at the First McKinney Baptist Church and his active participation in the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

George leaves behind his loving spouse, Joy Bradford, son George Bradford Jr. (Amy Chen), and daughter Stephanie B Hunt (Zimri). His memory will continue to live on through his granddaughters, Maya Bradford, Ella Bradford and Catherine Hunt, and his grandson, Zimri Hunt. He was predeceased by his brother, James Bradford, his father, Haywood Bradford and his mother Ruby Bradford.

A Celebration of Life ceremony for George will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 2pm at First McKinney Baptist Church, 1615 W Louisiana St, McKinney, Texas 75069. This celebration will serve as a testament to his life, one that was filled with happiness, achievements, and a lot of love. Both family and friends will gather to remember and honor George's remarkable life.

His wisdom and humor will forever linger in our hearts, and George will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

For those that would like to watch the service online please go to www.firstmckinney.com. When on the website right before the service starts you will click "Watch Online" then click "Watch Live".

George's ashes will be placed in the columbarium at Highland Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas.

The family has asked in lieu of flowers to please contribute to the Texas Society of the American Revolution McKinney Chapter 63. In the memo line please write "Project 2026- G. Bradford". Your contribution can be mailed to Peter B. Ford, Treasurer, McKinney Chapter SAR, 7713 Willowbend Dr., McKinney, TX 75071. Project 2026 is for a memorial to be placed in McKinney celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



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- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- - Tom Milson, Tx Society SAR District 11 VP – 130th State Convention March 27-30, 2025, Richardson, Tx. Volunteers are needed. To help fund the event there will be a raffle for voucher for a gift Card to be used with vendors who supply colonial era garments and equipment for males and females. First place \$600, 2nd place \$175. Raffle tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25, or 12 for \$100. You can purchase these online when you register for the event. This is open to all members and you do not have to be present to win the raffle. You can also buy tickets from Tom.
- - Tom Milson, Tx Society SAR District 11 VP - Also Tom Milson states that Jim Akers will be taking over for Tx Society SAR District 11 VP effective 4/1/2025

Benediction: Paul Andreason Chaplain/President, gave the benediction

Recessional: Lead by Paul Andreason President/Chaplain

Adjournment: President Paul Andreason President/Chaplain adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary

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