



*Sons of The American  
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Texas Society, McKinney  
Chapter*

**January 15, 2026**

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

**Attendees**

There were (36 total) 35 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Paul Andreason and wife Marcella, Tom Milson and wife Carol, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw Peter McLellan, Peter Ford, Gary Bohannon, Richard Bonaparte and wife Lynn, Bill Taylor and wife Carol, Larry Moore, Nathan White and wife Wanda, Cary Barnett, Tom Van Fossen, Jerry Kenney, Mark Harrison, Al Lisi, Jim Akers and wife Sandee, John Ray with grandson Colt Wallace, Don Babbs, John Greer, Mark Hansen, Mel Oller - TX SAR President, Dave Fautheree Plano Chapter and Dual member, Scott Kingsley.

There was 1 participant in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: Tom Foster

Guests include: Guest speaker Walter Hunter and lady friend, Tom Richards, John aranga? with the American Legion - Celina TX





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**Call to Order**

- Paul Andreason, President/Chaplain, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Invocation**

- Paul Andreason, President/Chaplain

**Pledges**

- Peter McLellan, 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.

- Richard Bonaparte, 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 Paul Andreason, President/Chaplain

**Old Business and Announcements**

- Future Meetings and Events

- January 22, 2026 Bill Watts Trunk Event at the Malvern Elementary Multi-Cultural Fair in McKinney
- January 30, 2026 Bill Watts Trunk Event at the Cornerstone Christian Academy in McKinney
- Next Meeting – Spring Creek Barbeque February 19, 2026, 7 PM (In person and by Zoom).
- March 19<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting: "Washington Crossing" by Salina Baker
- April 15 -19, 2026 – Texas SAR 2026 State Convention in Austin. (SAR Memorial Dedication at Texas State Cemetery)



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**New Member Induction Ceremony**

- None

**Program**

- Program – This month our program is: "A World War 2 Veterans Life Experiences" presented by: Walter Hunter, a 103 year old World War 2 Veteran

Tom Milson, VP Programs, introduced the Guest Speaker. The program was a 45 minute presentation, followed by a short question and answer session. Tom Milson thanked him and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.



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- Richard Bonaparte McKinney SAR Chapter Registrar – To honor Walter and his service, Richard informed Walter Hunt that Richard had researched Walter's ancestry and found multiple patriot ancestors and as a result, Richard completed the paperwork for application for membership into the SAR and the McKinney Chapter #63 SAR and that upon Walter's signature it would be submitted to the National SAR. A brief signing ceremony took place and Walter expressed his gratitude.



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**Awards**

- Richard Bonaparte presented compatriot Jerry Kenney with a supplemental star for confirming additional patriot ancestors. Jerry gave a short biography for his patriot ancestor.



- Tom Milson – presented Mark Hansen and Jim Akers, with a DAR John Abston Chapter certificate of appreciation for their efforts in supporting the America 250 American Revolution exhibit at the Collin County Historical Museum. Tom further presented Mark with the McKinney chapter SAR certificate of appreciation for the same event.



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**New Business**

- Installation of 2025 Chapter Officers: - Mel Oller, Texas Society SAR President – administered the oath for the installation of the new Chapter Officers.

President	Paul Andreason
VP Membership	Bill Taylor
VP Programs	Mark McCraw
VP Awards/DAR liaison	Tom Milson
Secretary	Blas Uribe
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. Jim Akers made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, motion seconded by Gary Bohannon, no discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

- Treasurer's Report: submitted and read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for January 15, 2026.

The Chapter's funds at our last meeting were \$8254.73

The expenses for the month were:



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- \$36.50 - Certificate folders
- \$85 - Medals and certificate
- \$170.46 - Annual Zoom meeting subscription
- \$63.75 – Newspapers.com for registrar
- \$81.16 – for 4 months subscription for Ancestry.com for registrar
- \$11.75 - postage

The income collected for the month was:

- \$20 – dual membership funds

The Chapter's available funds are now: \$7826.11. This amount does not include those funds allocated to Project 2026 (\$1860.00.)

**Also including the December 2025 Treasurer's report below as it was not read at the December meeting or included in the December minutes.**

- Treasurer's Report: submitted by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for December 18, 2025.

The Chapter's funds at our September meeting were \$8554.73

The expenses for the month were:

- \$50.00 – Speaker Honorarium
- \$250.00 – Mathew Bolton Society CAR Donation

No income was collected for the month.

The Chapter's available funds are now: \$8254.73. This amount does not include those funds allocated to Project 2026 (\$1860.00.)

**Other Announcements**

- Tom Milson – presented Mel Oller, Texas SAR President, with a book related to the American Revolution



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- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- - Mel Oller, Texas Society SAR President – spoke briefly on a few matters, He invited members to participate in the State convention in April in Austin and added that the Texas SAR will be dedicating the Ancestor Monument with 69 names on it of patriots who are from Texas or buried in Texas at the state cemetery in Austin at 10 Am on a Saturday. Governor Gregg Abbott has also been invited though it is unknown if he will be able to attend. Color Guard attire is encouraged.

**Benediction:** Paul Andreason, Chaplain/President, gave the benediction

**Recessional:** Lead by Paul Andreason, Chaplain/President



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**Adjournment:** Paul Andreason, Chaplain/President adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary

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