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Texas Society, McKinney  
Chapter*

**February 19, 2026**

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

**Attendees**

There were (26 total) 26 SAR members and guests in attendance at Spring Creek Barbeque. Attendees included: Paul Andreason, Tom Milson, Blas Uribe, Mark McCraw Peter McLellan, Peter Ford, Richard Bonaparte and wife Lynn, Bill Taylor and wife Carol, Nathan White and wife Wanda, Cary Barnett & grandson Colton, Mark Harrison, Al Lisi, John Greer, Mark Hansen and wife, Scott Kingsley, Joe Chenoweth, Bill Graham and wife Johanna, Kasey Booth.

There were no participants in attendance by Zoom® for this meeting. Attendees included: None

Guests include: Guest speaker Richard Battle, and Kieran Forsythe



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**Call to Order**

- Paul Andreason, President/Chaplain, called the meeting to order at 7:02 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.



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- 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

- Next Meeting – Spring Creek Barbeque March 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
- April 16 – Chapter Meeting: "Early use of Drones" by Lt. General John Campbell (retired)
- May 21 – Chapter Meeting: "Martha Washington: Surprise Patriot of the American Revolution" by Kimberley Kimball-Cook Regent Susannah Biggers Bibb Chapter NSDAR

**New Member Induction Ceremony**

- None

**Program**

- Program – This month our program is:

For our program we are honored to have Richard V. Battle joining us to present: "Americans Who Made America" Richard is an award-winning and Amazon best-seller author of twelve books. He is a media commentator frequently appearing on radio and television and has been a motivational speaker and trainer for over 30 years on leadership, sales, and faith. His servant leadership includes the boards of many organizations, including Alpha Kappa Psi (past chairman), The Shepperd Leadership Institute (past chairman), Boy Scouts of America, Muscular



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Dystrophy Association, and Keep Austin Beautiful. Texas Governor Rick Perry appointed him to The Texas Judicial Council and The Texas Emerging Technology Fund. As president of the Austin Junior Chamber of Commerce, the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce recognized the chapter as the Most Outstanding chapter in the United States. The Junior Chamber of Commerce International recognized Richard as the Outstanding Chapter President in the world. Richard is an experienced corporate executive and non-profit leader who serves organizations in an advisory role.





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Mark McCraw, VP Programs, introduced the Guest Speaker. The program was a 37 minute presentation, followed by a short question and answer session. Mark thanked him and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.





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**Awards**

- None

**New Business**

- Nathan White, states he has been in discussion with the City of McKinney about placement of a memorial bench commemorating the US 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Nathan states the Chapter would pay for it but the City would be buying the bench. Cost would be \$3250 which would include a bench with base and a plaque. There are several locations that it could possibly be put which would be "To be determined". The group discussed the project's cost, vendor options, and potential locations in McKinney, Consideration for possible locations would include the downtown McKinney area, or several McKinney administrative areas such as the new court house. Nathan will continue to have discussions with the city to get more details.

Peter Ford made a motion to move forward with the 250<sup>th</sup> memorial bench project. Continued discussion focused on the motion to proceed with the memorial bench project, with \$1,860 already allocated and set aside for PROJECT 2026 to be put towards the bench project, and to further "fully fund" the Bench Project with approximately \$1,300 needed from available McKinney SAR Chapter General funds to cover the difference of the expected final cost of the bench. Tom Milson seconded the motion, no further discussion, motion approved by voice vote.

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

- Treasurer's Report: submitted and read by Peter Ford, Treasurer, "Treasurer's Report for February 19, 2026.

The Chapter's funds at our last meeting were \$7826.11

Our single expense for the month was:

- \$66.47 – Reimbursement for VIP Dinners at our January meeting

The Chapter's available funds are now: \$7759.64. This amount does not include funds allocated to Project 2026 (\$1860.00.)



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**Other Announcements**

- Peter McLellan – discussed the Texas SAR Memorial dedication planned for Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in Austin during the SAR State Convention. He and a few other people likely Tom Milson will be driving down there and to let them know if anyone wants to carpool. The monument is already erected and installed with a plaque of names of all patriot ancestors buried in Texas.

- Comments from Texas Society officers, main takeaways include:

- - John Greer states he is the State Chairman of the Public Service Heroism Awards. He says this is a national award not a state award and it goes from National Congress to National Congress in the timing of the presentation of these awards, which include Law Enforcement, EMS, Lifesaving, Fire Safety, and Heroism. John recommends each chapter have all 5 of these medals in their inventory to award as candidates are found.

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

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

**Adjournment:** Paul Andreason, Chaplain/President adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Blas Uribe, Secretary

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