



(left) McKinney Chapter Presidents addressed the meeting. 2004 President Mike Yarbrough looks on as 2005 President Peter McLellan addressed the group. (right) TXSSAR President Roy Adams installed both the Plano and McKinney chapter officers for 2005.



(left) Mike and Nancy Yarbrough (right) Mike Yarbrough of McKinney Chapter and Peter Rowley of Plano Chapter.

Photos by Compatriots Willie Walker and John Reeves.

The McKinney Chapter met jointly with the Plano Chapter at the Tony Roma restaurant in Plano on January 11, 2005.

TXSSAR State President Roy Adams swore in the 2005 officers for both the Plano and McKinney Chapters.

The McKinney Chapter #63 officers for 2005 are

President: Compatriot Pete McLellan

VP: Compatriot Carroll Maxwell

Sec/Treas: Compatriot Cecil Coale

Sgt.at Arms: Compatriot Marshall Battle

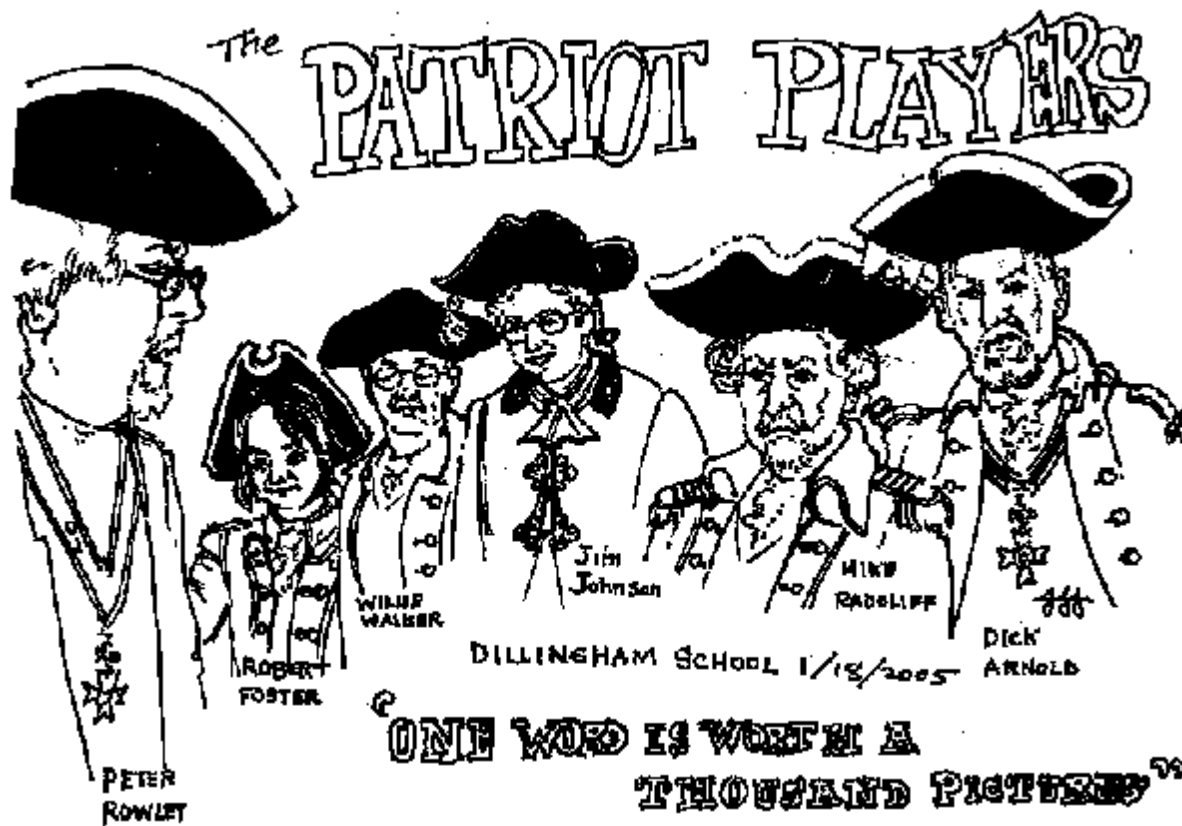
Historian: Compatriot Mic Barnette

Chaplain: Compatriot Willie Walker

Registrar: Compatriot John Greer

Web-Master: Compatriot Cecil Coale

Attendees at the joint meeting were: Nathan and Wanda White, Marshall and Sylvia Battle, John Greer, Jim and Mary Lynn Johnson, Carroll and Marilyn Maxwell, Pete and Downey McLellan and daughter Megan, Tommy Slay, Mike and Nancy Yarbrough, Rex Witcher, William Witcher visitor, Oz Baker visitor, Mike Radcliff, Peter Rowley and Sandi Craig, FSB Jim and Corinne Robertson, Roy and Maxine Adams visitors.



SAR members from the Dallas, Denton, McKinney and Plano Chapters visited Dillingham Middle School in Sherman, Texas.

On Tuesday, January 18, Peter Rowley, Mike Radcliff, Jim Johnson, Robbie Foster, Dick Arnold and Willie Walker presented a Revolutionary War program to five social studies classes of Mrs. Paula Parker. The programs ran from 9:00 AM to 2:45 PM. Peter Rowley wore his "Red Coat" and took an adversarial role. It was a great educational experience for the children who, for most part appeared very interested in what we had to say. *Drawing by Compatriot Jim Johnson of the Denton Chapter.*



(left to right) Robbie Foster (Denton), Peter Rowley (Plano) and Dick Arnold (Dallas).





(left) Peter Rowley (Plano) as Lord Cornwallis.



(left to right) Robbie Foster (Denton), Willie Walker (McKinney), Jim Johnson (Denton), Peter Rowley (Plano), Mike Radcliff (Plano), Dick Arnold (Dallas)
Photos from Willie Walker



Minutes of February 1, 2005 McKinney SAR Chapter officers meeting

The officers of the McKinney Chapter of the SAR held their monthly meeting at the home of President Pete McLellan, 2600 Lexington Place in McKinney on February 1, 2005.

Officers attending the meeting were:

President Pete McLellan

Secretary/Treasurer Cecil Coale

Chaplain Willie Walker

Sergeant at Arms Marshall Battle

The speakers for the chapter meetings in 2005 were determined.

A joint meeting with the McKinney DAR were discussed.

It decided to have a local civic official swear in the 2006 officers next December. This had been done previously by the state TXSSAR president in a joint meeting with the Plano Chapter.

Past chapter president Willie Walker asked the meeting attendees to change the secondary chapter bank signature responsibility from him to the 2005 president Pete McLellan. The attendees then requested the chapter secretary/treasurer Cecil Coale and president McLellan to go to the Legacy Bank on February 4 and change the signature documents accordingly.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

The bank requested a signed copy of these minutes for its records, which Cecil Coale will deliver to the bank representative Ms. Sherri Jenkins.

President Pete McLellan

Vice-President Carroll Maxwell

Secretary/Treasurer Cecil Coale

Chaplain Willie Walker

Registrar John Greer

Historian Mic Barnette

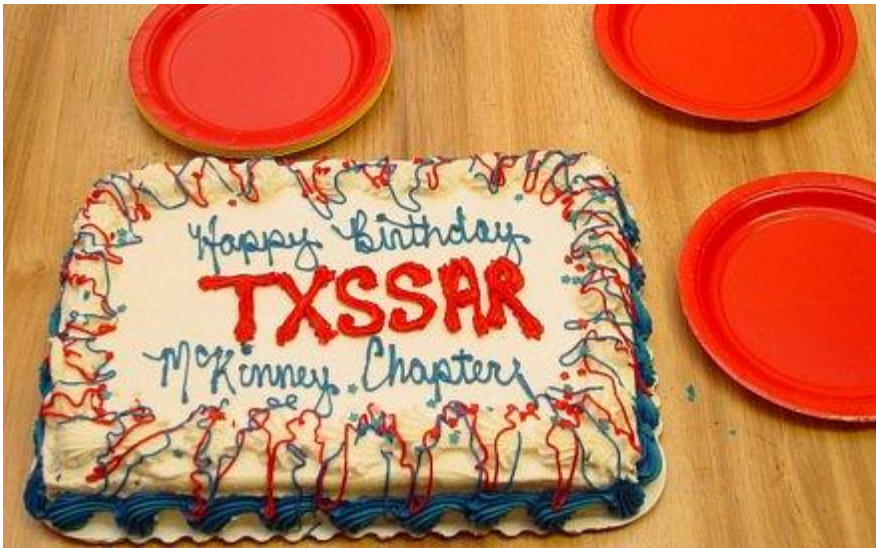
Sergeant-At-Arms Marshall Battle

President Pete McLellan addresses the group. The 5th grade winning poster is near the podium.



(left) President McLellan presents Compatriot Marshall Battle a Certificate of Appreciation for his work as chapter Sergeant-at-arms. (right) The winning 5th grade poster showing Washington crossing the Delaware, which was painted by Coralyn Kai of Princeton Intermediate School.

Yum, yum! What a tasty chapter birthday cake.



(right) Mr. Bill Dowdy is a long time resident of McKinney and past Chairman of the McKinney Economic Development Corporation. Bill spoke about the MEDC, and their efforts in securing new businesses for



location in McKinney. Mr. Bill Dowdy was Senior Council from the Union Pacific Railroad until his retirement. (left) Compatriot Carroll Maxwell presented Mr. Dowdy with a Certificate of Appreciation.



(left) Wosar Mae Shaw accepts four supplemental certificates for her brother Gerald Alverson. That makes 16 supplementals for Gerald! (right) Compatriot Willie Walker presented chapter President McLellan with a Certificate of Appreciation from TXSSAR for his work at the recent state BOM.

The meeting was opened at 7:10PM by chapter President Pete McLellan

Invocation was give by Chaplain Willie Walker

The Pledge to the American flag lead by Mike Yarbrough

The Pledge to the TX flag lead by Mike Radcliff

The Pledge to SAR flag lead by Jim Johnson.

Those in attendance voted to contribute \$30.00 to held defray the expenses of the District 4 oration contest winner to the TXSSAR State meeting in March. (Please send the check to Peter Rowley)

The 5th Grade Poster Contest was won by Carolyn Bingam of Princeton Intermediate School.

Birthday cake was served in honor of the chapter's second birthday.

Marshall Battle was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his work as Sergeant-at-Arms in 2004.

Pete McLellan was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from TXSSAR for his work on the August BOM hosted by the McKinney chapter.

Carroll Maxwell introduced Bill Dowdy, the speaker for the evening. Mr. Dowdy's family is long time resident of McKinney and is the retired chief legal council for (I have emailed Carroll) and retired Chairman of the McKinney Economic Development Council (MEDC). He spoke about some of the history of McKinney. He is also described the working of the MEDC.

Compatriot Carroll Maxwell presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Bill Dowdy

Gerald Alverson was presented with four more supplementals (that's 16 total for Gerald). The certificates and stars were accepted by his sister Mae Shaw wife of Compatriot James Shaw.

The Benediction was read by Compatriot Willie Walker

The Recessional was lead by Jim Endenburn

The meeting was adjourned by President Peter McLellan

Attendance; Peter and Danna McLellan, Mic Barnett, Tommy Slay, Carroll Maxwell, Marshall and Sylvia Battle, Rex Witcher, James and Mae Shaw, Milton Lentz, James Johnson, Peter Rowley and Sandy Craig, Willie and Marilyn Walker, Jim Endenburn, Mike Radcliff, Mike Yarbrough,

Visitors: Chris Casey (President of the Denton Chapter) and Bill Dowdy (Speaker)

The Minutes were recorded by Compatriot Willie Walker.



On Sunday, January 16, 2005 the McKinney, Plano and Denton chapters furnished the Color Guard for a Martin Luther King Celebration and a naturalization ceremony held at Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano.

(L-R) Dick Arnold, Chris Casey, Jim Johnson, Peter Rowley, Mike Radcliff, Willie Walker and Steve Seachord



(left) (L-R) Peter Rowley and Jim Johnson (right) (L-R) Senior Pastor Paul Goodrich of CRUMC, Willie Walker, Dick Arnold, Steve Seachord.

(L-R) Peter Rowley, Chris Casey, Steve Seachord and Dick Arnold



Photos from Compatriot Willie Walker.



On January 16, 2005 the KDFW Fox News, Channel 4 Newscast, TV Station on the 9:00 p.m. News, Covered the U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremony at the United Methodist Church, Plano, Texas. Channel 4 showed the Plano Chapter Color Guard presenting the Colors. *Photos from Compatriot Steve Seachord*

McKinney Chapter members Peter McLellan and Willie Walker appeared at Huddleston Middle School in Princeton and presented the 30 students who entered the poster contest a certificate and presented Coralyn Kai Bingman a \$50 savings bond and a certificate.



(right) Chapter President McLellan presented Coralyn Kai Bingham a certificate and \$50 savings bond for her winning poster showing George Washington crossing the Delaware river.



(left) Coralyn Kai Bingham and her winning poster with Compatriot Willie Walker.



(left) Mrs. Miriam Mercer whose 30 social studies students entered the contest received a Certificate of Appreciation.



(right) Mrs. Mimi Bracey who has invited us the past three years received a Certificate of Appreciation. Vice Principal Mike Walsch received a Certificate of Appreciation.





McKinney Chapter member who attended the meeting are (left to right): Willie Walker, Peter McLellan, Nathan White, Steve Seachord, Peter Rowley, Mike Radcliff.

(left) Willie Walker received the Patriot's medal.

(right) The winning [5th grade poster](#) on display.



(left) Former NSSAR President General Rice Aston, Treasurer General Nathan White, and current NSSAR President General Henry McCarl (right) Peter and Downey McLellan

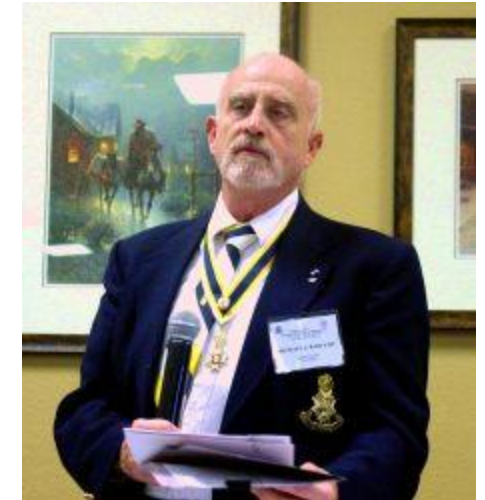


(left) Nathan and Wanda White and John Greer. (right) A very colorful grand entrance

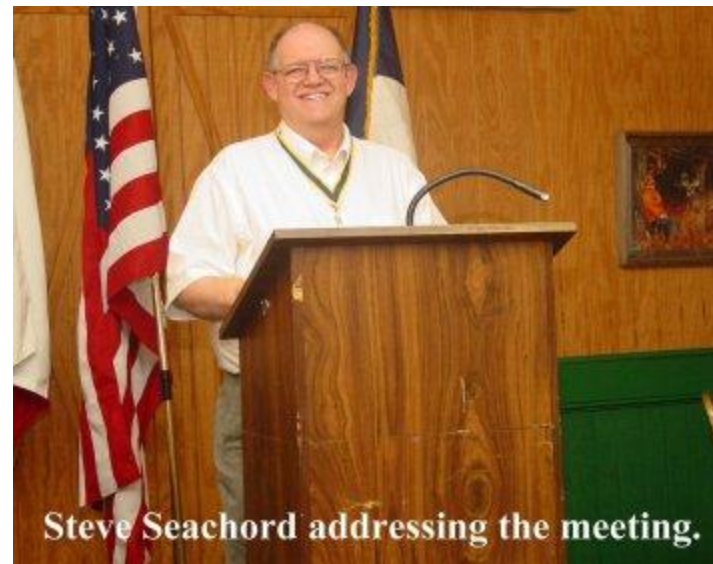


(left) Willie Walker presented the district 11 report.

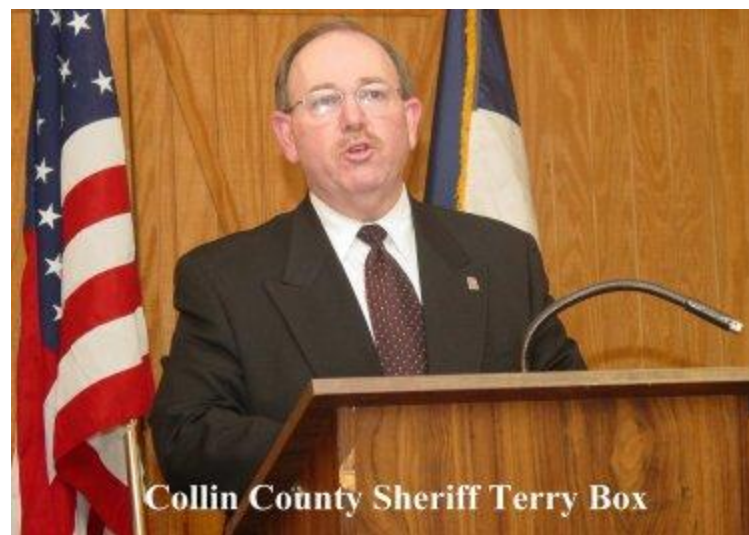
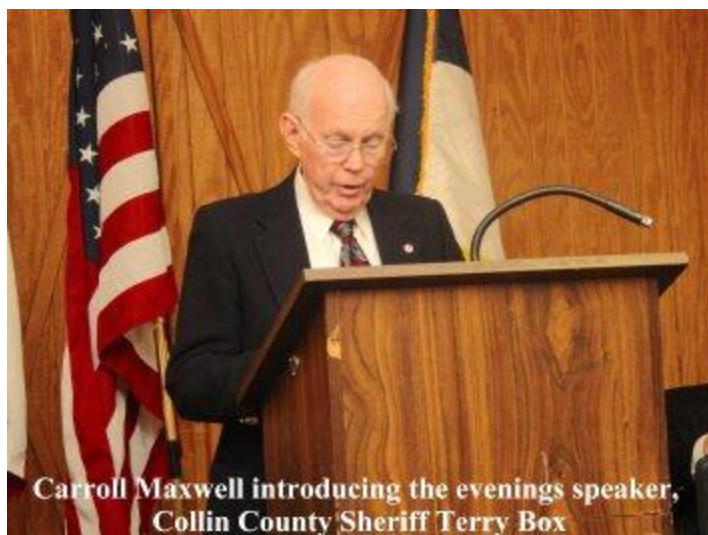
(right) TXSSAR Registrar Mike Radcliff reports to the group.



These photos are from Willie Walker.



Steve Seachord invited us to attend the welcoming home of Iraq soldiers who return to the US at DFW airport for two weeks vacation.



Sheriff Box talked about crime in Collin County and how all police agencies work together to combat the crime.



(left) Compatriot Carroll Maxwell presented Sheriff a Certificate of Appreciation. (right) President McLellan presented Collin County deputy sheriff sergeant Todd Rainwater the SAR Law Enforcement medal and certificate.



(left) Sheriff Box won the evening's raffle. (right) Judge Mike Yarbrough says a few words to the group.

The meeting was opened at 7:10 PM by chapter President Pete McLellan.

Invocation was give by Chaplain Willie Walker

The Pledge to the American flag lead by Cecil

President McLellan reported on the recent State BOM in New Braunfels and the awards won by the McKinney chapter.

Treasurer Cecil Coale reported \$1559 in the Chapter bank account.

Carroll Maxwell introduced Collin County Sheriff Terry Box, the speaker for the evening. Sheriff Box is a McKinney native and has been Sheriff for 20 years. He spoke about growth of law enforcement in Collin County to match the rapid population growth.

Compatriot Carroll Maxwell presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Sheriff Box.

The TXSSAR Law Enforcement medal was presented to Sheriff Sgt. Todd Rainwater.

Sheriff Box won the raffle prize.

The Benediction was read by Compatriot Willie Walker

The meeting was adjourned by President Peter McLellan

Attendance; Peter and Danna McLellan, Mic Barnett, Cecil and Marcia Coale, John Greer, Tommy Slay, Carroll Maxwell, Milton Lentz, Willie and Marilyn Walker, and Mike Yarbrough



(left) Chapter president Peter McLellan calls the meeting to order. (right) Chapter member Jim Shaw looks on as Wosar Mae Shaw advised that her brother Gerald Alverson now has two more supplemental applications approved for a total of 14.



(right) Chapter first vice president Carroll Maxwell introduced the guest speaker Ms. Dianne McCall (left) She is the executive director of the McKinney Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) organization.

Compatriot Maxwell presented Ms. McCall with a Certificate of Appreciation for her very interesting talk about how CASA assists the county with child abuse and foster family activities.





(left to right) Compatriots Steve Seachord, Willie Walker, Peter Rowley and Mike Radcliff were color guards for the McKinney Volunteer Awards dinner on Thursday, April 28, 2005. Willie Walker led the Pledge to the American Flag.



The left photo was published in the April 29, 2005 issue of the McKinney Courier-Gazette on page 3 with the caption

"Presenting colors -- In concluding the Fourth Annual Volunteer Recognition Celebration Thursday night at Chesnut Square, Willie Walker, Peter Rowley, Mike Radcliff and Stephen Seachord of the Sons of the American Revolution presented colors and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance." *These photos were from Compatriot Willie Walker.*



Dr. Don Hoke told about the past, present and future of the Collin County History Museum. He is the director of that museum, which is housed in the former McKinney Post Office building.

McKinney chapter compatriot Carroll Maxwell presented Dr. Hoke with a certificate of appreciation after his talk.



(left to right) Compatriots Jim Johnson (Denton), Nathan White and Dr. Hoke. Compatriot White is a past president of the TXSSAR as well as McKinney chapter member.

Photos by Compatriot Willie Walker.



The McKinney Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Steak Kountry restaurant on June 9, 2005 at 7 pm.

Those attending the meeting were: Cecil and Marcia Coale, Gary Coats, Jim Johnson, Peter and Danny McLellan, Carroll and Lynn Maxwell, Peter and Danny McLellan, Tom and Maggie Slay, Eugene Trimble, Willie and Marilyn Walker, Nathan and Wanda White.

The attendees ate supper from 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

President McLellan called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Treasurer Cecil Coale reported that there was \$1914.00 in the chapter bank account.

Our guest speaker Dr. Don Hoke talked about the past, present and future of the Collin County History Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by President McLellan.



Compatriot Carroll Maxwell introduces the evening's guest speaker Mr. H. L. "Buddy" Pricer, who told us about the American Legion blue star banner program.



The blue star banner is a cloth flag that hangs in the window of a family having one or more children in the armed forces. The design dates to World War I and was a common sight during World War II. The American Legion and the SAR working together to popularize this old time American tradition once again. More information about the blue star program can be found on the [American Legion](http://www.americanlegion.org) web site.



President Pete McLellan presented Mr. Pricer with a Certificate of Appreciation.



(left) President McLellan presented Compatriot Cecil Coale with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service as Secretary/Treasurer and Webmaster for 2005. (right) President McLellan presented Wosar Marcia Coale the Martha Washington medal for her support of Cecil's chapter activities.

The meeting was opened at 7:15 PM by chapter President Pete McLellan.

Invocation was given by Chaplain Willie Walker.

The Pledge to the American flag was said by the group.

Treasurer Cecil Coale reported \$1905 in the Chapter bank account and that we now have 31 paid members.

Chapter first vice president Carroll Maxwell introduced the guest speaker Mr. Buddy Pricer, who spoke about the American Legion Blue Star banner project. After his talk there was a lively discussion of how the McKinney Chapter could assist with the Blue Star project.

There was no raffle.

The Benediction was read by Compatriot Willie Walker.

The Martha Washington medal was presented to Wosar Marcia Coale for her continued support of the McKinney Chapter.

The meeting was adjourned by President Peter McLellan at 8:20 pm.

Those attending were Marshall and Sylvia Battle, Cecil and Marcia Coale, Carroll and Lynn Maxwell, Peter and Downey McLellan, Milton Lentz, Tommy Slay, Mic Barnette, Willie and Marilyn Walker and guest H. L. "Buddy" Pricer.

"On Sunday, June 26, 2005, the Plano, Denton, McKinney SAR Chapters participated in the Independence Day Celebration held by the McKinney Heritage Association at the Chestnut Square Museum Site adjacent to the County Court House in McKinney, TX. The celebration was of two phases; 1:00 pm, the first phase was with the SAR Color Guard march around the Square with guest, children and members of the Association, at 4:00 pm, the second phase was held in the restored church with a Flag Folding Ceremony using the Betsy Ross Flag, of original design. A short lecture was provided describing the origin, participation and life of Betsy Ross. The circumstance by which Betsy Ross was engaged by George Washington was outlined for the guests and visitors. Two additional Flags were dedicated representing the periods having 35 and 38 Stars. Compatriots Dick Arnold, Mike Radcliff, Steve Seachord, Peter Rowley, William Walker and Jim Johnson including WOSAR Sandi Craig, Mary Lynn Johnson and Charlene Seachord were in attendance". Prepared by: Compatriot Peter Rowley



Members of McKinney, Plano, Dallas and Denton SAR chapters prepare to lead the McKinney parade on June 26, 2005.

The North Texas Color Guard at the Dulaney House in Chesnut Square in McKinney.

(front row left to right) Mike Radcliff (Plano & McKinney, Willie Walker (Plano & McKinney), Steve Seachord (Plano & McKinney)

(back row left to right) Peter Rowley (Plano & McKinney), Dick Arnold (Dallas), Jim Johnson (Denton)





After the march around the square, a Flag Folding Ceremony using the Betsy Ross Flag, of original design was done inside the restored church at Chesnut Square. A short lecture was provided describing the origin, participation and life of Betsy Ross.

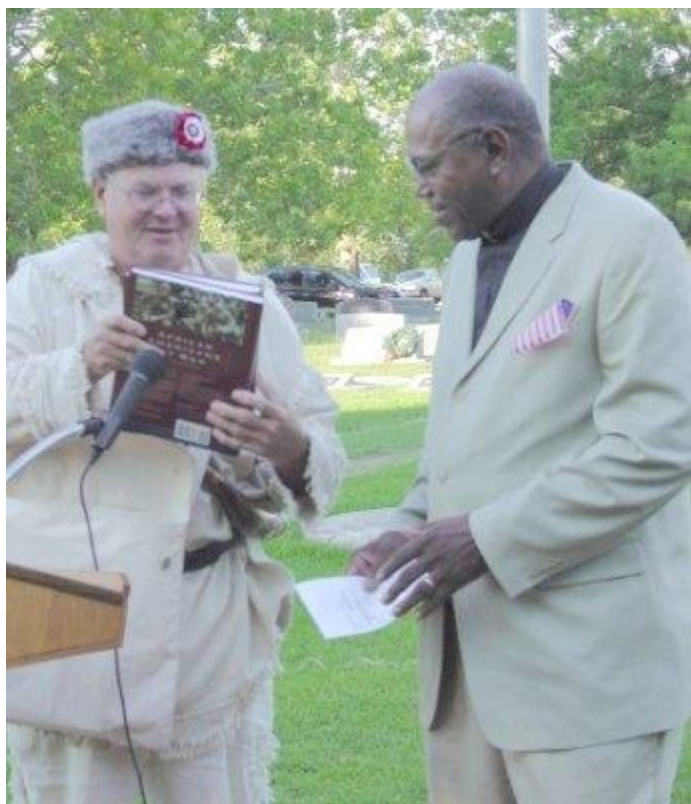
Photos from Steve Seachord.



(left) The North Texas Color Guard presents the colors at the Memorial Day service at Commerce Texas. Visible left to right; Wendel Edwards, Peter Rowley, Jim Johnson, Jim Heath, Mike Radcliff and John Greer. Not visible Chris Casey and Willie Walker.



(right) Reverend Wes Geary, colonel U.S. Army retired, addresses the group.



(left) John Greer presented guest speaker Wes Geary several historical books.



(right) TXSSAR President Jim Heath addressed the group.

Front row Left to Right; Maxine Heath, Jim Heath, Linda Edwards, Wendall Edwards.

Back row Left to Right, Mike Radcliff, John Greer, Jim Johnson, Chris Casey, Willie Walker, Wes Geary, Peter Rowley.





Compatriot Willie Walker participated in the color guard at the annual Plano Symphony Orchestra's 4th of July concert.

(Photo left to right) Willie Walker, John Radcliff and Donald Rowley.

Photo from Willie Walker.

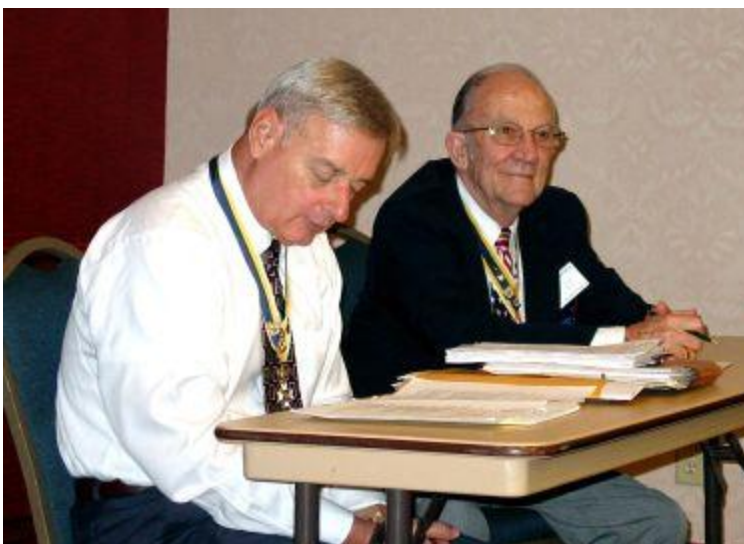


This photograph appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Saturday, July 23, 2005.



(left to right) McKinney Chapter president Peter McLellan, Compatriots Nathan White, Steve Seachord and Mike Radcliff.

Our thanks to Compatriot Willie Walker for these fine photos.



(left) NSSAR Secretary General Nathan White and Jim Robertson conducting a night - time meeting.



(right) Mike Radcliff receiving the Silver Color Guard Medal from TXSSAR Color Guard commander Mike Green.



(left) Compatriot Jim Johnson and the rest of the TXSSAR Color Guard.



(left) Mike Radcliff conducting a workshop for the Council of Chapter Presidents.




(left) President McLellan welcomes the membership back from the summer recess. (right) Vice President Maxwell introduces the evening's speakers from the McKinney Police department.



(left) Chief Doug Kowalsky described the city of McKinney's part in handling Hurricane Katrina Evacuees in the Wal Mart building in McKinney. Then he introduced Detective Diane Hale. (right) President McLellan presented Chief Kowalsky with a Certificate of Appreciation.



 The McKinney Chapter presented Detective Hale with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation medal and certificate.

These three news items are from Compatriot Steve Seachord.

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SAR welcomes new citizens

At left, from left, are Mike Radcliff, Carol Radcliff and Richard Arnold. The Sons of the American Revolution Plano Chapter of Collin County attended the U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremony at the Latino Cultural Center in Dallas.

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Right, the Sons of the American Revolution Plano Chapter of Collin County attended the U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremony on Sept. 8 at the Plano Centre. There were 911 new citizens from 75 countries sworn in by Judge John D. Bush. Mike Radcliff led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Plano Chapter of the DAR Mary Shirley McGuire Chapter handed out American Flags to the new citizens.



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Editorial

New citizens

On Aug. 5, 47 new citizens from 16 countries were presented by James Hughes, examiner, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Dallas, and sworn in by Robert K. Roach, U.S. magistrate judge of the Northern District of Texas. Teena McNeely, deputy clerk, Wichita Falls Division, opened the court and Bob Hampton, Wichita County treasurer, spoke to the assembly.

Special guests for the occasion were two members of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, who presented the colors. Richard Arnold of Dallas and Michael J. Radcliff of Plano were in court for their second time and appeared in their period dress.

Each new citizen was presented their certificate of citizenship, a four- by six-inch American flag to wave and an American flag lapel pin. Judge Roach shook each citizen's hand and posed for a picture with each.

Following the official ceremony, Judge Roach invited all present to a reception hosted by the Major Francis Grice Chapter, National Society of the American Revolution. The visiting SAR members provided the Betsy Ross flag, and the DAR provided the American flag. Members of

the DAR have hosted receptions for naturalized citizens for many years, and wish to thank those who helped by their donations. Those who donated for this reception were Lowe's Grocery, Sincerely Yours Florist and Kathy's Deli and Bakery, all of Iowa Park. Hostesses for the occasion were Mary Wolfe, Nikki Byrd, Susan McRae and Charlene Parks, members of the Francis Grice Chapter.

Each of these 47 citizens had to study and learn more about our country than most of us remember from our American history and government studies in school, and most are very demonstrative of their excitement and pleasure to have joined us as American citizens.

Since I am deeply involved in this procedure, I take an intense interest in how much press is given to these proceedings. I only saw the two pictures titled, "This land is your land" in the Saturday morning (Aug. 6) *Times Record News*. Will someone please tell me why this is of less interest to the general public than other articles published?

*Charlene Parks, Chairman
Americanism Committee
Major Francis Grice
Chapter, NSDAR
Iowa Park*

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Saturday,
August 27, 2005

The McKinney Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Steak Kountry restaurant on September 8, 2005 at 7 pm. There were no monthly meetings in July or August.

Those attending the meeting were: Marshall and Silvia Battle, Cecil and Marcia Coale, Gary Coats, Ernie Martin, Peter and Downey McLellan, Carroll and Lynn Maxwell, Jim and Mae Shaw, Willie and Marilyn Walker, Nathan and Wanda White.

The attendees ate supper from 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

President McLellan called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Treasurer Cecil Coale reported that there was \$1791.00 in the chapter bank account.

Our guest speaker McKinney Doug Kowalsky talked about assisting evacuees from New Orleans after the hurricane Katrina. He introduced his detective Diane Hale. President McLellan presented Detective Hale with the SAR Law Enforcement Commendation medal and certificate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by President McLellan.

The McKinney Chapter held its monthly meeting at the home of chapter president Peter McLellan on October 13, 2005 at 7 pm.

Those attending the meeting were: Mic and Paula Barnett, Marshall and Silvia Battle, Cecil and Marcia Coale, Peter and Downey McLellan, Carroll and Lynn Maxwell, David Noe, Eugene and Betty Trimble , Nathan and Wanda White.

We had an informal bar-b-que buffet dinner prepared by the McLellans in their living room and kitchen. We talked about family history subjects. We played a "get acquainted" game where each person interviewed a person they didn't know and then introduced that person to the group. We all had a fine time and got to know one another better.

Afterwards, the meeting was adjourned.



The Plano Chapter Sons of the American Revolution presented the colors for Judge White (Plano/McKinney). Compatriot Mike Radcliff (Plano/McKinney) led the Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag and to the Texas Flag and Compatriot Peter Rowley (Plano/McKinney) read the Proclamation by President George Bush for Veterans Day, 2005. Attending were Compatriots William Walker (Plano/McKinney), Richard Arnold (Dallas), Steve Seachord (Plano/McKinney) and DAR Sandi Craig.

Jurors awaiting selection to a specific court.

*Photos are by
Wosar Sandi Craig.*





(photo left to right) Compatriots Steve Seachord (Plano/McKinney), William Walker (Plano/McKinney), Richard Arnold (Dallas), Mike Radcliff (Plano/McKinney), Commissioner Jack Hatchell, Compatriot Peter Rowley (Plano/McKinney) and Commissioners Judge Ron Harris, Jerry Hoagland, Phyllis Cole, Joe Jaynes. Judge Harris is reading a Veterans Day Proclamation.

On the Wall in the lobby of Collin County Courthouse is the draped Betsey Ross Flag above the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.

The framed Betsey Ross flag with a dedication plaque was placed above the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution in the lobby of the Collin County Courthouse. Attending were the Commissioners Phyllis Cole, Jerry Hoagland, Joe Jaynes and Jack Hatchell.

The Betsey Ross Framed Flag with was provided by the Plano and McKinney Chapters, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). The Honor Guard was Peter Rowley, Richard Arnold, Mike Radcliff, William Walker and Steve Seachord. Attending was Compatriots Don Rector, Thurston Blakely and Wosars Teddy Rector and Sandi Craig.

The Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution were donated by the SAR in previous years.

Photos are from Compatriot Steve Seachord.



President McLellan presented Wosar Nancy Yarbrough with the SAR Martha Washington medal for her support of past President Mike Yarbrough's SAR work.



Firefighter Scott Barnett told the group about his experiences during the first 18 months of the Iraq war. He was a major in the Army Military Police and was responsible with supplying security for convoys going from Kuwait to Baghdad.

President McLellan presented Firefighter Scott Barnett with the SAR Fire Safety Commendation medal. His wife Susan stands by his side.



The McKinney Chapter held its monthly meeting on November 10, 2005 at the Steak Kountry in McKinney at 7:00 pm.

Those attending the meeting were: Mic and Paula Barnett, Cecil and Marcia Coale, Peter and Downey McLellan, Carroll and Lynn Maxwell, David Noe, Tommy Slay, Eugene Trimble, Willie and Marilyn Walker, Nathan and Wanda White, Mike and Nancy Yarbrough. Visitors were Charles and Mary Ann Niswanger.

We ate supper from about 6:20 to 7:08 pm when the meeting was called to order by President McLellan.

We said the pledges to the American Flag, Texas Flag and the SAR Flag.

Treasurer Cecil Coale reported \$1758 in the chapter bank account. Compatriot Walker advised the group that the State Treasurer had just sent out dues notice. He noted an error in that notice, namely that the McKinney chapter dues are \$12.50 and not the \$15.50 shown on the notice.

Officers for 2006 were elected: President Willie Walker, Vice President Carroll Maxwell, Secretary/Treasurer Cecil Coale, Sergeant at Arms Marshall Battle, Historian Mic Barnette, Chaplain Tommy Slay, Registrar John Greer and Webmaster Cecil Coale.

New business was discussed:

November 19-20, 2005 -- BOM in Abilene, Texas

President James E. Heath, PhD will install 2006 chapter officers at the December Meeting.

There will be a Rumbaugh oration contest at the December meeting. The chapter will award a \$100 savings bond to the winner.

President McLellan presented McKinney Firefighter Scott Barnett with the SAR Fire Safety Commendation medal and certificate. VP Maxwell introduced him as our guest speaker.

Firefighter Barnett, who is also a major in the Army reserve, spoke about his 18 months in the Iraq war.

Chaplain Walker said the Benediction.

President McLellan led the Recessional and adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.



(right) Nathan White presented Jim Johnson with recognition for his contribution to the "Centers for Advancing America's Heritage."



(left) Nathan White

conducted the planning meeting.

On November 11, 2005 a NSSAR Congress planning meeting was held at the Tri-County Library in Mabank, Texas. McKinney chapter members attending were: Nathan and Wanda White, Willie Walker, Mike Radcliff, Peter Rowley and Jim Johnson.

Photos from Willie Walker



Members of the McKinney, Plano, Denton and Dallas chapters served as the color guard at a program sponsored by the Collin County Committee on Aging which was held at Frisco High School on November 15, 2005. The program was presented by retired Secret Service Agent Mike Howard who was on the presidential detail in Dallas when Kennedy was assassinated.

(left to right) Compatriots Peter Rowley and Willie Walker.

The color guard member: (left to right) Steve Seachord (Plano/McKinney), Mike Radcliff (Plano/McKinney), Jim Johnson (Denton/McKinney), Willie Walker (Plano/McKinney), Peter Rowley (Plano/McKinney) and Dick Arnold (Dallas)

Photos from Willie Walker.



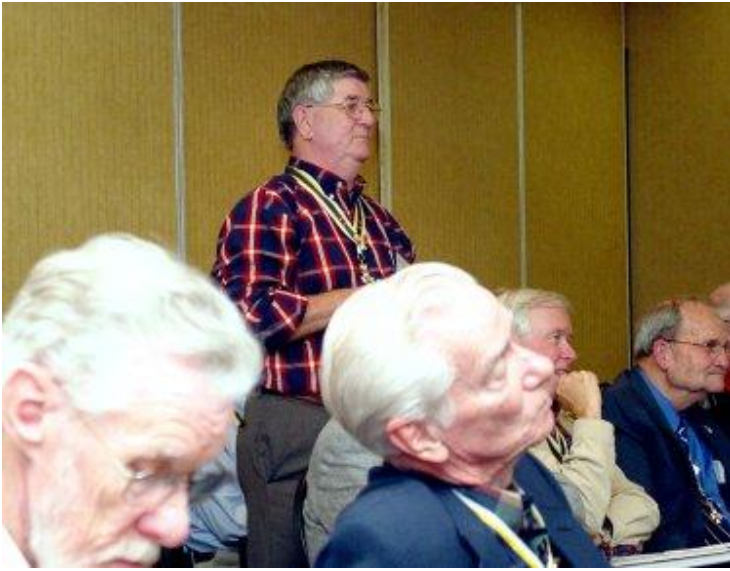
These members of the McKinney chapter attended a BOM on November 18 - 20, Texas in Abilene hosted by the Big Country chapter: Nathan and Wanda White, Mike and Carol Radcliff, Willie and Marilyn Walker, Peter Rowley and Sandi Craig, and Jim and Mary Ann Johnson.



(left) Jim Johnson lead the color guard. (right) Mike Radcliff received the CAR-DAR Silver Medal of Appreciation from the TXSSAR Staff Secretary George West.



(left) It was announced at the BOM that Mike Radcliff will be one of five recipients of the Patriots Medal to be awarded at the March, 2006 TXSSAR Convention. Mike Everheart another recipient of the Patriots Medal is on the left and FSP Roy Adam is on the right. (right) Nathan White addressed the BOM.



(left) TXSSAR Secretary Harry Fife nominated Nathan White for NSSAR Minute Man Medal. (right) Wanda and Nathan White described the NSSAR Congress at the BOM.



On Friday afternoon, November 18th, the color guard participated in a SAR grave marker of a recently deceased member of the Big Country chapter.

(photo left to right) Peter Rowley is 2nd from the left, Mike Radcliff 3rd from the left, Jim Johnson 7th from left and Steve Seachord at the far right.

Photos from Willie Walker



President McLellan addressed the group and welcomed Compatriot Ernest Martin as a new McKinney Chapter member.

Compatriots Marshall Battle and Pete McLellan showed the group our new TXSSAR flag.





NSSAR National Secretary Nathan White addressed the group and installed the 2006 officers.



President McLellan presented Courtney Hodge with the Rumbaugh oratory award and a \$100 US Savings Bond. Her oration was entitled "Molly Pitcher."

(left to right) Ms. Brenda Miller (Courtney's English teacher at McKinney Christian Academy), President McLellan, Courtney Hodge and her parents Michelle and Steve Hodge.

These photos were made by Compatriot Willie Walker.

The McKinney Chapter held its monthly meeting on December 8, 2005 at the Steak Kountry restaurant in McKinney at 7:00 pm.

Those attending the meeting were: Marshall Battle, Cecil and Marcia Coale, Mark Hanson, Milton Linz, Peter and Downey McLellan, Ernest and Marylee Martin, Carroll and Lynn Maxwell, Tommy Slay, Eugene Trimble, Willie and Marylin Walker, Nathan and Wanda White, Mike and Nancy Yarbrough. Visitors were Courtney Hodge (orator), Steve and Michelle Hodge (parents) and Brenda Miller (Courtney's English teacher at McKinney Christian Academy).

We ate supper from about 6:20 to 7:08 pm when the meeting was called to order by President McLellan.

We said the pledges to the American Flag, Texas Flag and the SAR Flag.

Treasurer Cecil Coale reported approximately \$1700 in the chapter bank account.

Officers for 2006 were installed by NSSAR Secretary General Nathan White: President Willie Walker, Vice President Carroll Maxwell, Secretary/Treasurer Cecil Coale, Sergeant at Arms Marshall Battle, Historian Mic Barnette, Chaplain Tommy Slay, Registrar John Greer and Webmaster Cecil Coale.

Courtney Hodge presented her Rumbaugh oration entitled "Molly Pitcher."

President McLellan led the Recessional and adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

McKinney Chapter # 63 of the TXSSAR	December 8, 2005
Call to OrderPeter McLellan	Old BusinessPeter McLellan
InvocationWillie Walker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Letter from Diane G. Tilton, Detective, City of McKinney Police Department
Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 11/2005 – BOM – Abilene, TX ■ NSSAR/TXSSAR 2006 Dues by 12/31/05
Pledge to the Texas Flag: "Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible."	New Business: Peter McLellan
Pledge to SAR Flag: "We the descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ernest Martin – Chapter Member ■ Gary Coats – Supplemental Ancestor Certificate ■ New Chapter TXSSAR Flag ■ Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Courtney Joan Hodge – McKinney Christian Academy
Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting have been published on the chapter web site. I'll entertain questions and comments at this time, if there are none I'll accept a motion to accept them as written on the web site.	Introduction of SpeakerCarroll Maxwell
Treasurer's report:\$ 1700.....Cecil Coale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NSSAR Secretary General Nathan E. White, Jr. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Installation of 2006 Chapter Officers ○ 2006 National Congress Update ○ Other Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Recent Chapter Donation's 	BenedictionWillie Walker
Introduction of Compatriots and Guests:	Recessional:
	"Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and independent Supreme Court and a Nation of Free Men."
	Adjournment Peter McLellan

Here is a copy of the evening's program: