



Members dined and talked before the meeting. The meeting minutes are posted [here](#).



(left) President Walker presented Peter McLellan the past president's medal and certificate.  
(right) Donald Corben-Smith told the group about the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Dallas.



Vice President Maxwell presented Mr. Corben-Smith a certificate of appreciation.

*Photos by Willie and Marilyn Walker*



The McKinney Chapter held its monthly meeting on January 12, 2006 at the Steak Kountry restaurant in McKinney at 7:00 pm.

Those attending the meeting were: Richard Arnold (Dallas), Ken and Adelle Bell (Dallas), Cecil and Marcia Coale, Don Corben-Smith ( guest speaker),Milton Linz, Peter and Downey McLellan, Jim Edenburg, Bill Kosinger, Carroll and Lynn Maxwell, David Noe, Mike Radcliff (Plano), Peter Rowley (Plano), James and Mae Shaw, Tommy Slay, Eugene Trimble, Willie and Marilyn Walker, Nathan and Wanda White.

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

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

Treasurer Cecil Coale reported approximately \$1500 in the chapter bank account. The dues from state have not been received yet.

Mr. Donald Corben-Smith was the evening's speaker. He is vice president of the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas.

President Walker led the Recessional and adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.



Compatriot Steve Seachord described this event in these words "On January 15, 2006, the Plano Chapter of Collin County Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard presented and retrieved the colors for the U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremony and Plano Martin Luther King Celebration 2006 at the First United Methodist Church, Plano, Texas. Emcees for the program were Bernice J. Washington and Derrick Brookins. Color Guard present were Compatriot Richard Arnold, Mike Radcliff, Peter Rowley, William Walker, Chris Casey, Jim Johnson, and Stephen Seachord with Charlene Seachord taking photographs. 50 candidates for U.S. Citizenship took the Oath of Allegiance to become new Citizens."



The color guard participants were : (photo left to right) Steve Seachord (Plano/McKinney), Peter Rowley (Plano/McKinney), Jim Johnson (Denton/McKinney), Richard Arnold (Dallas), Chris Casey (Denton), Willie Walker (Plano/McKinney) and Mike Radcliff (Plano/McKinney).

*These two photos were taken by Wosar Charlene Seachord.*



The North Texas District Rumbaugh Oration Contest was held at the Schimelpfenig Library in Plano on Sunday, February 5. The contestants were Courtney Hodge of McKinney Christian Academy representing the McKinney chapter, Chloe Sikes of Plano Senior High School representing the Plano chapter, and Jordan Innerarity of Tyler representing the Captain William Baron chapter. The winner was Chloe Sikes of Plano. Tom Whitelock of the Dallas chapter presented Chloe a series of new State Quarters representing the "Original 13 Colonies".

The contestants and judges: (photo left to right) Courtney Hodge, Peter McLellan (McKinney), Chloe Sikes, Larry Ashburn (Capt. William Baron), Ned LaRowe (Plano), Jordan Innerarity, Drake Peddie, Lynn Fussell (Plano), Bonnie Trosclair (Plano).



(photo left) Chloe Sikes



(photo right) Courtney Hodge



Tom Whitelock (Dallas chapter) presented Chloe Sikes with a set of new state quarters representing the original thirteen colonies.

*Photos by Compatriot Willie Walker (McKinney).*



The SAR color guard presented the flags to begin the meeting.



(left) TXSSAR President Jim and Maxine Heath (right) President Heath talks with Plano Chapter President Dick Arnold.





(left) Mrs. Rosemary Rumbley made a delightful talk entitled "1001 Reasons to Love America." (right) Wosar Marylin Walker, Rosemary Rumbley, and John Abston DAR member Mae Shaw and McKinney SAR Chapter member Jim Shaw.



Some of the SAR members that attended the meeting: Jim Johnson (Denton/McKinney), Jim Shaw (McKinney), Steve Seachord (Plano/McKinney), Dick Arnold (Plano), Mike Radcliff (Plano/McKinney), Peter Rowley (Plano/McKinney) and Willie Walker (Plano/McKinney).



The McKinney Chapter met jointly with the John Abston DAR Chapter at the Heard-Craig auditorium in McKinney on Saturday, February 11, 2006 at 10:00am.

SAR members attending the meeting were: Richard Arnold (Plano), Ken and Adelle Bell (Dallas), Cecil and Marcia Coale (Plano/McKinney), Bob Coker (Plano), TXSSAR President Jim and Maxine Heath, Milton and Jerry Lentz (McKinney), Carroll and Lynn Maxwell (McKinney), Mike and Carol Radcliff (Plano/McKinney), Peter Rowley and Sandi Craig (Plano/McKinney), Steve and Charlene Seachord (Plano/McKinney), James and Mae Shaw (McKinney), Tommy and Margie Slay (McKinney), Willie and Marilyn Walker (McKinney), Nathan and Wanda White (Plano/McKinney).

Here is a copy of the morning's program:

<b>John Abston Chapter, NSDAR</b> <b>Chapter Meeting</b> <b>11 February 2006</b> <b>Heard-Craig Auditorium</b>	
<b>Welcome and Call to order</b> .....	Early Irwin, Regent
DAR Ritual .....	Erma Beeson, Chaplin
Flag ceremony .....	SAR McKinney & Plano Chapters
Dr. James Heath, President of Texas Society SAR; Willy Walker, Vice President District III Texas Society SAR; Mike Radcliff, State Regent SAR; Dick Arnold; Peter Rowley; Steven Seachord; Dr. Jim Johnson & Chris Casey his grandson	
Pledge of Allegiance.....	Mike Radcliff SAR
American's Creed.....	Sandra Burke
Texas Pledge.....	Liza Soto
Registrar's Report .....	Carol Tatum
February Reasons to Celebrate.....	Erma Beeson
<b>Program</b> .....	Martha Francis
Presenter: Mrs. Rose-Mary Rumbley "1001 Reasons to Love America"	
<b>Announcement</b>	10 minute break for luncheon setup
<b>Hostesses</b> .....	Chair, Nancy Morian, Kay Cornish, Martha Francis, Mary Ann Miller and Kathleen Thompson



Color Guard members with two new U.S. citizens.

On Tuesday, February 28, 2006, a U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremony was Hosted by the Plano Civic Centre for the Homeland Security Department. Federal Magistrate Judge Don D. Bush declared the Civic Centre a temporary Federal Court for the purpose of inducting new citizens.

Judge Bush requested that the Plano SAR Chapter Color Guard present and retire the Colors. The Plano Mary Shirley McGuire DAR Chapter handed out American Flags. Judge Bush swore in 644 new citizens from 87 different countries. Some 655 relatives and friends also attended. The PISD Bridlewood Elementary School with Music Teacher Phyllis Thomas provided the vocal presentation of the Star Spangled Banner.

Members of the color guard were Richard Arnold (Plano), James Johnson (Denton/McKinney), Mike Radcliff (Plano/McKinney), Dan Reed (Plano), Donald Rowley (Plano), Peter Rowley (Plano/McKinney) and William Walker (Plano/McKinney). Photo's were taken by Wosar Sandi Craig of the DAR James Billingsley Chapter.

(photo left to right) Compatriots Dan Reed, Peter Rowley, Don Rowley, William Walker, Jim Johnson, Richard Arnold and Mike Radcliff



Peter Rowley, Sandi Craig and Don Rowley . *Thank you Sandi for taking these nice photos.*

# The Wylie News

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## *Patriots*

The Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution Chapter 37 Plano, Texas provided the Color Guard for the U. S. Citizenship & Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, Naturalization Ceremony, Feb 28, for North Texas at the Plano Centre. Shown with two new U.S. citizens are, from left, Wylie's own Dan Reed, with Peter Rowley, Don Rowley, Willie Walker, Jim Johnson, and Mike Radcliff of the Plano SAR Color Guard.

*Courtesy photo*



On Thursday, March 2, 2006, The Plano Chapter Color Guard went to east Texas at Tyler for a U. S. Naturalization Ceremony by the Homeland Security Department. Honorable Judge Judith Guthrie conducted the induction ceremony. The morning session inducted 64 new citizens from 9 different counties while the afternoon session inducted 39 citizens from 11 different countries. There were approximately 65 visitors and friends in attendance at each session. Judge Guthrie requested the Color Guard to present and retrieve the Colors for the Ceremony.

(photo left to right) Compatriots Michael Radcliff (Plano/McKinney), Richard Arnold (Plano) and Peter Rowley (Plano/McKinney). The local Tyler DAR chapter provided historical information and songs. *Photo by Wosar Sandi Craig.*

The First Cub Scouts Pack 437's Blue and Gold Banquet was held on March 4, 2006 in Richardson. Sterling Mott, Cubmaster, explain that the Blue and Gold banquets are held by Cub Scouts around the world designed to celebrate the founding of the Cub Scouting in 1930. These Banquets are held for the recognition of Cub Scouts achievements and to honor their promotions to a higher level. The Plano Chapter of Colin County of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was asked to present and retire the Colors. After the flag ceremony, Mike Radcliff gave information about the SAR, activities, family involvement, and patriotic information. Compatriot Radcliff led the Pledge of Allegiance. Attending were Compatriot Richard Arnold, Peter Rowley, Mike Radcliff and Steve Seachord.



(left photo, left to right) Compatriots Steve Seachord (Plano/McKinney), Peter Rowley (Plano/McKinney), Dick Arnold (Plano) and Mike Radcliff (Plano/McKinney)

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#### Congratulations – Cub Scout pack holds Blue and Gold Banquet

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CONGRATULATIONS

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There were a lot of members and guests present at this meeting.

Tonight was the third birthday of the McKinney Chapter.



Compatriot Judge Nathan White swore in two new members: (left) James Davis and (right) Drew Alverson.





Dr. Bill Smith told us about his son's role in the Iraq war. Compatriot Peter McLellan presented the SAR Heroism Medal posthumously to 2nd Lt. Brian Smith. Dr. Smith received his son's medal.



Compatriot Jim Johnson presented a parking sign for Judge White's new Corvette.

*These fine photos were taken by Compatriot Willie Walker.*

The McKinney Chapter met at Steak Kountry in McKinney on March 9, 2006 at 7 pm.

SAR members attending the meeting were: Drew and Michelle Alverson (McKinney), Ken and Adelle Bell (Dallas), Gary Coats (McKinney), Cecil and Marcia Coale (Plano/McKinney), Billy Compton and wife (visitors), James Davis (McKinney), Jim Edenburn (McKinney), John Greer (McKinney), Jim and Lynn Johnson (Denton/McKinney), Bob and Gloria Kinne (visitors), Milton and Jerry Lentz (McKinney), Carroll and Lynn Maxwell (McKinney), Peter and Downey McLellan, Frank Roberts (Louisiana SAR visitor), James and Mae Shaw (McKinney), Tommy and Margie Slay (McKinney), Dr. and Mrs. Bill Smith (guests), Willie and Marylin Walker (Plano/McKinney), Nathan and Wanda White (Plano/McKinney).

The meeting was called to order by President Walker at 7 pm.

Treasurer Cecil Coale reported about \$1800 in the chapter bank account.

Drew Alverson and James Davis were sworn in as new members by Judge Nathan White.

President Walker presented Supplemental certificates to Craig Alverson and Gary Coats.

Past President McLellan presented the SAR Heroism Medal posthumously to 2nd Lt. Brian Smith. His father Dr. William Smith received the medal.

The evening's guest speaker, Dr. Smith told us about his son's Army service in Iraq.

Later, the beautiful cake celebrating the McKinney Chapter's third birthday was served to the chapter members.

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.



Members from the McKinney and Plano SAR chapters performed as color guards for the Plano Symphony Concerts for Plano and Frisco fifth grade students on March 14-15 and April 5, 2006. There were a total of six concerts seen by about 6200 students.

(photo left to right: Dick Arnold (Plano/McKinney), Dan Reed (Plano), Alice Hobbs, and Willie Walker (Plano/McKinney))

(Photo left to right) Dick Arnold, Hector Guzman (conductor), Willie Walker, Cecile Higgins (orchestra member) and Dan Reed.



The TXSSAR State Convention was held at the Sugar Land Texas Marriott Hotel on March 17-19, 2006. The McKinney chapter members attending were Wanda White (Nathan had another committment), Mike and Carol Radcliff, Peter Rowley and Sandi Craig, Steve and Christine Seachord, Peter McLellan and Willie and Marilyn Walker.



(left photo) Mike Radcliff (Plano/McKinney) recieved the Patriot Medal. Mike is second from the right. (right photo) Peter Rowley (Plano/McKinney) and Wendel Edwards (Ambassador Fletcher Warren - Greenville) *Photos from Willie Walker.*



(left photo) Peter McLellan (McKinney) accepting the award for second place in the yearbook contest. (right photo) Willie Walker and Miss Texas

USA Lauren Lanning. *Photos from Willie Walker.*



(left photo) Mike and Carol Radcliff. *Photo from Willie Walker.*

(right photo) "At the recent Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution Annual Meeting in Sugar Land a non-firing replica Kentucky Flintlock Rifle was the "star" of the Silent Auction. Choice Community Services, a professional HOA MANAGEMENT COMPANY, donated the rifle to the auction. "The museum quality rifle was manufactured in Spain by Denix and is a superbly accurate representation. The design is based on existing pieces in museums and private collections. The manufacturing facility in Spain burned down in the fall of 2005." To date there are no plans to rebuild the factory which makes the rifle even more collectible."

"Lauren Lanning, Miss Texas USA presented the Kentucky Rifle to winning bidder James J. (Jim) Johnson, Jr., of the Denton and McKinney chapters. The presentation was made at the March 17th Saturday Night Banquet on behalf of the Alexander Hodge Chapter #49 TXSSAR by Miss Lanning. Upon accepting the rifle, Jim Johnson, TXSSAR Color Guard Commander, thanked her for "helping to arm the color guard". The rifle will be actively used

in color guard ceremonies and presentations."



"There was some speculation prior to the close of the Silent Auction as to what specifically inspired the "brisk" bidding. Was it solely the rifle or was the presentation a factor?" *Photograph courtesy of Mike Green*



On April 12, 2006, the Anderson Elementary School of Allen ISD hosted a historical information and events presentation for the 1st grade students performed by the Denton, McKinney and Plano Chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Approximately 131 student were present providing a variety of questions of the American Revolutionary War period concerning social, educational and family issues. Compatriot Don Rowley (Plano/McKinney) was the project coordinator with

assistance from Compatriots Jim Johnson (Denton/McKinney), Don Rector (Plano), Michael Radcliff (Plano/McKinney), Peter Rowley (Plano/McKinney) and WOSAR Teddy Rector and Kelley Rowley (Plano) of the Plano Chapter.

Photo: Jim Johnson with 1st grade students *Photos from Compatriot Steve Seachord.*





(left photo) George Washington's personal flag had 13 six pointed stars. (right photo) Wosar Teddy Rector tells how Betsy Ross made the first US flag.



(left) Guest speaker Marilyn Souder told of renovating a very old Carolina cemetery. (right) Carroll Maxwell presents Ms. Souder with a Certificate of Appreciation.





(left photo) Kathleen and Billie Lee Thompson. Billie turned in his application at Thursday's meeting and it should be approved very shortly. (right) Compatriot Nathan White briefed the group on the SAR National Congress to be held in Dallas this summer.



Three Marilyn's were present tonight: Marilyn Souder, Marilyn Walker and Marilyn (Lynn) Maxwell.

*Photos courtesy of Willie Walker*

The McKinney Chapter met at Steak Kountry in McKinney on April 13, 2006 at 7 pm.

SAR members attending the meeting were: John Barry (visitors), Marshall Battle, Cecil and Marcia Coale (Plano/McKinney), John Greer (McKinney), Carroll and Lynn Maxwell (McKinney), Peter McLellan, David Noe, Frank and Anita Roberts, Marilyn Souder (guest), Billy Lee and Kathleen Thompson (visitors), Willie and Marilyn Walker (Plano/McKinney), Morris and Amy Westerhold (visitors), Nathan and Wanda White (Plano/McKinney).

The meeting was called to order by President Walker at 7 pm.

Treasurer Cecil Coale reported about \$1750 in the chapter bank account.

The evening's guest speaker, Marilyn Souder told us about restoration of revolutionary war era Carolina cemetery.

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.



Curtis and Martha Ratcliff celebrated 70 years of marriage on April 23, 2006. Compatriot Ratcliff has been a member of the Sons of the American Revolution since the early 1950's. The family requested that the Plano Chapter of Collin County present and post the Colors during the anniversary celebration. The Plano Chapter wanted to congratulate the Ratcliff's for a long and fruitful life.

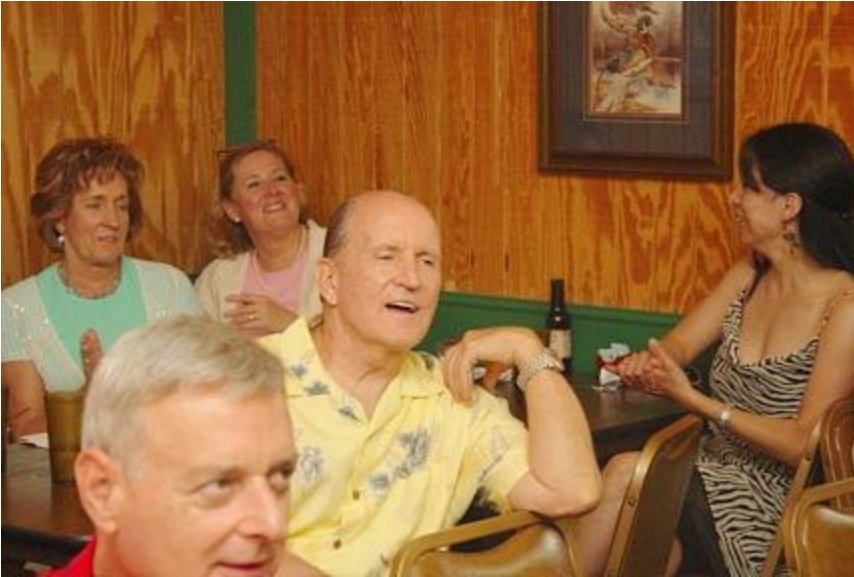
(photo left to right) Peter Rowley, Dan Reed, Steve Seachord, Mike Radcliff in chair: Martha Ratcliff, Curtis Ratcliff holding great, great grandchild

Attending from the SAR were Curtis and Martha Ratcliff, Peter Rowley (Plano/McKinney) & Sandi Craig, Steve (Plano/McKinney) & Charlene Seachord, Dan (Plano) & Carolyn Reed and Mike Radcliff (Plano).



Dan Reed posted the Colors while Mike Radcliff stood guard.

*Photos by Wosar Charlene Seachord*



(right photo) SAR Secretary General Nathan White tells the group about the National Congress to be held in Dallas this July. (left photo, backrow left ) Joanie Dowd, Tim's mother, Dagny McLellan, front row: Nathan White, Lance Dowd, Tim's father and Tim's wife Patty.

Compatriot Peter McLellan presented USMC 1st Sgt. Timothy Dowd the SAR Medal for Heroism. Sgt. Dowd said a few words to the group about his 28 Marine sniper group at Haditha, Iraq.



The McKinney Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Steak Kountry restaurant on June 8, 2004 at 7 pm.

Those attending the meeting were: Cecil and Marcia Coale, Carroll and Lynn Maxwell, Peter and Dagne McLellan, Don and Ann Sielert, James and Mae Shaw, Tommy Slay, Billy and Kathleen Thompson (visitors), Willie and Marylin Walker, Nathan White. Other visitors were USMC 1st. Sgt. Tim Dowd and his wife Patti, and his parents Lance and Joanie Dowd of McKinney.

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

President Walker called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Treasurer Cecil Coale reported that there was \$1745 in the chapter bank account.

Compatriot Nathan White briefed the group on the National Congress to be held in July, 2006 in Dallas.

Compatriot Pete McLellan presented USMC 1st. Sgt. Tim Dowd with the SAR medal for heroism for his valor in Iraq. Sgt. Dowd told the group about his 28 Marine snipers at Haditha, Iraq.

There will be no meeting in July or August. The McKinney Chapter will meet jointly with the DAR on September 11, 2006.

President Walker advised that an SAR Gold Good Citizenship medal for Ross Perot has been approved and is now being engraved. It will be presented later in the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by President Walker



(left) Chapter VP Carroll Maxwell presented Major Chuck Ruckel with a Certificate of Appreciation for his discussion of police and fire support in the recent Anna-Westminster tornado disaster. Major Ruckel was a field commander for the Collin County Sheriff's Office during the rescue efforts.



(right) Major Ruckel introduced CCSO Deputy Andrew Hatch, who was designated deputy of the year for his bravery in two fire rescues last year.

Chapter President Willie Walker presented Deputy Hatch with the SAR Law Enforcement appreciation medal.





The McKinney Chapter met at Steak Kountry in McKinney on May 11, 2006 at 7 pm.

SAR members attending the meeting were: Marshall and Sylvia Battle (McKinney), Cecil and Marcia Coale (Plano/McKinney), Carroll and Lynn Maxwell (McKinney), Peter McLellan, Frank and Anita Roberts and son Phillip (guests), Mae Shaw (Wosar), Tommy Slay, Willie and Marilyn Walker (Plano/McKinney), Wanda White (Wosar), Mike Yarbrough (McKinney) and guests Major Chuck Ruckel and Deputy Andrew Hatch.

The meeting was called to order by President Walker at 7 pm.

Treasurer Cecil Coale reported about \$1730 in the chapter bank account.

The evening's guest speaker, Major Chuck Ruckel told of emergency aid supplied by local fire and police forces to the survivors of of the tornado in Westminster and Anna several days earlier.

President Walker presented the SAR law enforcement medal to Deputy Andrew Hatch of the Collin County Sheriff's organization.

President Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.



(left photo) Compatriots Willie Walker, Russian immigrant, Jim Johnson and Dick Arnold.

(right photo) Compatriots Dick Arnold, keynote speaker Mrs. Marion Napoleon, Jim Johnson and Willie Walker.





(L-R) Willie Walker (McKinney/Plano), Charles Windoom (East Fork Trinity-Garland), Dr. Dan Day (Garland Mayor), Dr. Jim Johnson (Denton/McKinney), and Mike Radcliff (Plano/McKinney)

(L-R) Dorothy White of the City of Garland, Dr. Jim Johnson (Denton/McKinney), Casey Stegall (Fox 4 News reporter) and Mike Radcliff (Plano/McKinney)  
*Photos by Willie Walker (McKinney/Plano).*





(left) The color guard practices positions before the performance. (right) The color guard performs in front of the audience.



On July 4, 2006, Plano Symphony Orchestra Patriotic Concert at the Eisemann Center, Richardson. Music Director Hector Guzman directed the show titled "Patriotic Pops". The Color Guard presented and retrieved the Colors. Attending were John Radcliff, Mike Radcliff, Dan Reed, Richard Arnold, Steve Seachord, Don Rector, Carolyn Reed, Teddy Rector and Charlene Seachord. *Photos from Steve Seachord*



On July 4, 2006, the July 4th Plano Parade, Plano, Texas. "An All American Fourth" 4th of July Parade, Joint Float with Plano DAR, CAR, Plano SAR and McKinney SAR. Attending were Attending were Mike Radcliff, Richard Arnold, Stewart Youngblood, Steve Seachord, Carol Radcliff, Marcia Radcliff and Charlene Seachord with support from Mike Yarbrough, Ned LaRowe and Sally LaRowe.



(right) The DAR in their blue shirts and white slacks. The CAR wore red shirts.



Compatriots Steve Seachord, Mike Radcliff and Dick Arnold. *Photos from Steve Seachord*



The 116th NSSAR Congress was held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Addison, Texas on July 7 - 12. The McKinney attendees were: Nathan and Wanda White, Mike and Carol Radcliff, Peter and Dagny McLellan, Peter Rowley, Steve Seachord, John Greer, Jim and Mary Lynn Johnson, Jack Houghton and Willie and Marilyn Walker

#### Highlights of the 116th Congress

Nathan White was awarded the Minuteman Award, which is the highest award of the NSSAR.

Nathan was installed as President General of the NSSAR.

The Texas Society won several awards.

Willie Walker was award the Bronze Congress Appreciation Medal

The Host Reception was held at Storybook Ranch and many of the Compatriots drove out of towners so we could get to know each other.

A memorial service was held at Perkins Chapel at SMU on Sunday afternoon with a massed color guard.

The highlight on Monday was the Youth Award Luncheon and the awards presentations on Monday evening where Nathan White was presented the Minuteman Award by Jack Houghton.

The President's Banquet was held on Wednesday where Nathan White was installed as the 115th President General of NSSAR.



(right) Plano SAR Cannon at the entrance to the main ceremony room. (left) Honor guard waiting for the dignitaries to enter the main ceremony room for the induction of the National SAR Officers for the year 2006 to 2007. *Photos from Steve Seachord*

See also the coverage of the Dallas Congress by the [Florida SAR](#). Several Plano and McKinney members are shown.



The National Color Guard. *Photo from Steve Seachord*



The combined national color guard at the opening ceremony included Plano and McKinney members (left Steve Seachord, right John Greer)

*Photo from John Greer*

Plano and McKinney members in the color guard were (left to right) Peter Rowley, Willie Walker, Mike Radcliff and Steve Seachord.

*Photo from Willie Walker*



(left) Magician at Storybook Ranch. At right, entertainer Lou Mitchell at Storybook Ranch.

*Photos from Willie Walker*





(left) Wosar Dagny (Downey) McLellan setting up a display at the registration table. (right) Jack Haughton waiting to escort Nathan White to the Minuteman Award ceremony. *Photos from Willie Walker*



(left) Jack Haughton escorting Nathan White for the Minuteman Award. (right) President General Roland Downey presenting Nathan White the Minuteman Award. *Photos from Willie Walker*

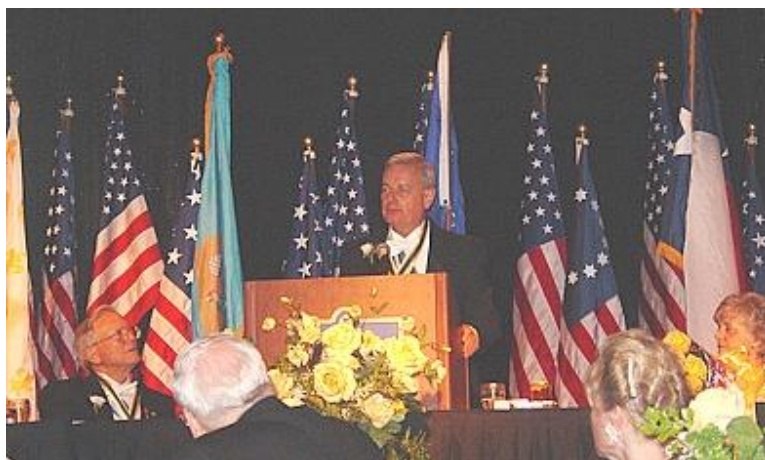


(left) President General Roland Downey presenting Dr. Jim Heath one of the many awards to the Texas Society.  
(right) Jack Houghton, Wanda White and Nathan White *Photos from Willie Walker*

Judge Edward F. Butler is swearing in Judge Nathan White, with his wife Wanda and Past President General Roland G. Downing, watching the ceremony.



On Wednesday evening, July 12, 2006 Judge Nathan E. White, Jr., from the Plano and McKinney Chapters of Collin County, was elected and sworn in as President General of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, to serve a one-year term at the InterContinental Hotel, Addison. Judge White has been a judge in Collin County for a number of years. The National Society held its 116th, 2006 congress in the Dallas area this year. Judge White, a Past President of the Texas Society and past National Society Secretary General, has been a very active member for a number of years at the local, state and national levels of the SAR. *Photo from Steve Seachord*



President General Nathan White addresses the Congress about SAR activities for the next year.  
*Photo from Willie Walker*



(left) Compatriot Jim Johnson presented Jim Heath the Silver Color Guard Medal. (right) Compatriot Mike Radcliff addressed the group.



(left) PG Nathan White and President Tom Green presented an award to Tom Smith (Dallas). (right) TXSSAR Secretary Harry Fife, Dagny and Peter McLellan at the banquet.





On August 8, 2006 the Collin County Color Guard of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) presented and retrieved the Colors for the U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremony held at the Plano Centre, Plano. There were two Ceremonies, one in the morning at 11:00 a.m. and the other was at 2:00 p.m. There were 1002 new citizens from over 77 different countries with a total attendance over 1732. Participating with the Color Guard was the Plano Mary Shirley McGuire Chapter of the DAR .

(photo left) The Color Guard from the SAR was Mike Radcliff (Plano/McKinney), Jim Johnson (Denton/McKinney), William Walker (Plano/McKinney) and Richard Arnold (Plano). (photo right) The Color Guard with a new citizen from Russia.

*Photos from Compatriot Steve Seachord*

On September 11, 2006 the Bethany Elementary School started its "Celebrates Star Spangled Banner Week".

Principal Denise Bleggi invited the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) to participate in the Star Spangled banner Celebration. Part of the week celebration included September 14th, which was the date when Francis Scott Key wrote the words that are now our National Anthem.



The Plano and McKinney SAR Chapters provided the Color Guard for the Bethany Elementary School. The students provided the leaders in the pledges to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag and sang the National Anthem.

Denise Bleggi led the program with the students handling many of the activities. The SAR answered questions from the students after the Assembly. Attending from the SAR was Richard Arnold, Mike Radcliff and Dan Reed.

Students waiting for the program

*Photos from Compatriot Steve Seachord*





(left photo) SAR President General Nathan White swears in new member Larry Jones. (right photo) New member Billy Thompson and his wife Kathleen.



McKinney Police Chief Doug Kowalski talked to the group.

McKinney Chapter President Willie Walker presented the SAR Law Enforcement medal and certificate to Detective Marco Robles. (right photo) Mrs. Tina Robles, Chief Kowalski and Assistant Chief Rex Redden.

*Photos from compatriot Willie Walker.*





The McKinney Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Steak Kountry restaurant on September 14, 2006 at 7 pm.

Those attending the meeting were: Marshall and Sylvia Battle, Ken and Adele Bell, Cecil and Marcia Coale, Nick and Ann Harper, Larry Jones, Milton Lentz, Peter and Dagne McLellan, Dan and Ann Sielert, James and Mae Shaw, Steve and Sharlene Seachord, Tommy Slay, Billy and Kathleen Thompson, Willie and Marylin Walker, Judge Nathan and Wanda White, and Judge Mike Yarbrough. Visitors were Chief Kowalski, Assistant Chief Rex Redden and Detective Marco Robles of the McKinney Police department.

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

President Walker called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Treasurer Cecil Coale reported that there was \$1200 in the chapter bank account.

Chief Kowalski briefed the audience on the status of the quadruple murder and recent real estate agent murder in McKinney.

President Walker presented the Law Enforcement medal and certificate to Detective Robles and certificates of appreciation to Chief Kowalski and Chief Redden.

President General Nathan White thanked the group for their support in the successful National Congress held in Dallas this summer.

New members Larry Jones and Bill Thompson were sworn in and presented with rosettes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by President Walker

A 99 year old became a new citizen during the U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremony at the Dallas Convention Center on September 18, 2006. The Collin County Sons of the American Revolution were requested by Homeland Security, to present and retrieve the Colors for the New Citizens which the Oath of Allegiance was administered by Michael Chertoff, Secretary of the U. S. Department of Homeland Security. There were 331 new citizens from 63 different countries with a total of 731 persons. Photos with the SAR were taken with the Color Guard after the Ceremony which included Richard Arnold, Mike Radcliff, Robert Hall and Dan Reed from the Plano SAR Chapter. The 99 year old citizen will turn 100 in a few week and the family request a color guard at the celebration.



(left) Compatriots Mike Radcliff and Dan Reed retrieved the colors. (right) LR, Dan Reed, Mike Radcliff, Richard Arnold, Robert Hall with the 99 year old and her family.



LR, Mike Radcliff, New citizen, Robert Hall, Dan Reed, Richard Arnold

*Photos from Compatriot Steve Seachord*



**PROGRAM** - (left to right) Dublin resident Kenneth Schronk, William Walker and Victor Smith, President of the Brazos Valley Chapter

## PAS given history lesson

Revolutionary War soldiers in their red trimmed, blue regimental coats, armed with musket, bayonet, and a "Betsy Ross" American flag, were the center of a Constitution Week program Wednesday, September 20th at the Paradigm Accelerated Charter School. Members of the Brazos Valley Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, accompanied by their ladies, members of the Elizabeth Crockett Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution provided a historical patriotic program while in period dress.

The program opened with a witness describing the surrender of the British Army under the command of General Lord Cornwallis to General George Washington at Yorktown, Virginia on the October 19, 1781. The British military band played a very unusual tune. It was "The World Turned Upside Down". Which was the way the army under General Cornwallis' and King George viewed the events which had occurred in their thirteen colonies. The greatest military power in the world at that time had lost a war. King George must now grant independence these thirteen colonies. The main part of the program explained why General Cornwallis was forced to be at Yorktown. This was the result of a series of battles in South and North Carolina during 1780 and 1781. Some of these battles were won by the Patriots, while more were lost. However the American forces could make good their loss-

es, while the British army continued to dwindle in size after every battle they won or lost. In the end, this weakened army was forced from North Carolina to Yorktown, Virginia.

At the close there was a discussion of the uniforms worn by the Continental Line, as the American regular army called. A replica of the most common musket used by the Continental Line, the French Charleville was displayed together with its foot long bayonet.

The Sons of the American


Revolution, and the Daughters of the American Revolution are organizations dedicated to the preservation of the history of the Revolution War period, education of the American public and the honoring of the ancestors who risk all to establish the United States of American.


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 McKinney President Willie Walker appeared with the Brazos Valley chapter on September 20, 2006. (photo left to right) Victor Smith, Shannon Smith, William Walker, Marilyn Walker and Kenneth Schronk.

There was a nice [article](#) in the Dublin, Texas newspaper about this Constitution Week ceremony.

Willie Walker makes a point. 

 The French Charleville musket details are explained to the audience.

*Photos by Willie Walker*

# DORSEY DRIGGERS | FIRE SAFETY AWARD



BRAD KELLAR / HERALD-BANNER

Wendell E. Edwards, left, and John Greer, right, with the Ambassador Fletcher Warren Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, present Dorsey Driggers with the organization's Fire Safety Award during a reception in Driggers' honor. Driggers retired Friday as the Hunt County Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator.



Kade Wallace, PFD Paramedic of the Year, received the Emergency Medical Commendation Award and medal and was presented to the Chapter by Bob Acker, PFD Interim Fire Chief. This medal recognizes accomplishments and outstanding contributions in an area of emergency medical services. The obverse of the medal depicts an EMS badge.

David Edwards, PFD Firefighter of the Year, received the Fire Safety Commendation Award and medal and was presented to the Chapter by Bob Acker, PFD Interim Fire Chief. This medal recognizes accomplishments and outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The obverse of the medal depicts a firemen's badge with a flame in the center.



Michael James, Police Officer of the Year, received the Law Enforcement Commendation Award and medal and was presented to the Chapter by Asst. Police Chief Ed Drain. This medal recognizes exceptional service and accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. The obverse of the medal depicts a police badge design surmounted by a gold eagle. (photo left to right) Michael James, Police Officer of the Year; Mike Radcliff, Asst. Police Chief Ed Drain.

(left to right) Gregory W. Rushin; Police Chief; Michael James, PPD Police Officer of the Year; Ed Drain, Assistant Police Chief; Kade Wallace, PFD Paramedic of the Year; David Edwards, PFD Firefighter of the Year; Bob Acker, PFD Interim Fire Chief; Hugo Esparza, PFD Incoming Fire Chief;

*Photos from Compatriot Steve Seachord.*





Guest speaker Mrs. Dorris James told us about the magnificent LDS library in Salt Lake city and how to access it from the McKinney Family History Center.

Peter McLellan presented Mrs. James with a Certificate of Appreciation.



The membership listened attentively.

*Photos from compatriot Willie Walker.*



The McKinney Chapter held its monthly meeting at the Steak Kountry restaurant on October 12, 2006 at 7 pm.

Those attending the meeting were: Marshall and Sylvia Battle, Cecil and Marcia Coale, Peter and Dagne McLellan, David Noe, Tommy Slay, Billy and Kathleen Thompson, Willie and Marilyn Walker. Mrs. Dorris James was a visitor and guest speaker.

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

President Walker called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Treasurer Cecil Coale reported that there was \$1300 in the chapter bank account.

Mrs. Dorris James told the group how to use the McKinney Family History Center to access the vast genealogy holdings of the LDS library in Salt Lake City.

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



(photo left to right) Peter Rowley, Mike Radcliff, Richard Arnold, Mayor Pat Evans and Steve Seachord

*Photo from Compatriot Steve Seachord*

On November 2, 2006 the PISD Wyatt Elementary School conducted a history fair, with a theme "Triumph and Tragedy in History" for fourth and fifth grade students.



(left photo) Fifth grade student, Katherine Xiu, was the first place winner in the History Poster Contest.

Ms. Michelle Bender and Tanya Belmares were the coordinators for the History Fair at Wyatt Elementary School. Ms. Xiu received from the Plano Chapter of Collin County, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), the Outstanding Citizenship Award Lapel Pin that recognizes the high ideals of character and citizenship for her outstanding American Revolutionary War Poster. The Plano SAR and the DAR James Billingsly Chapter judged 30 projects (Poster and Media displays) for the History Fair. Judging the entries were Dan Reed, Steve Seachord and Sandi Craig.



On November 4, 2006 the Plano Chapter of Collin County, Matthew Bolton Society, Children of the American Revolution participated in the American Flag Raising Ceremony preparing for the 7th Veterans Day Celebration at the Dallas - Fort Worth National Cemetery. The American Flags in the "expanded Avenue of Flags" are honoring our Patriotic Veterans.

Attending were Aaron Routt, President, and Savanna Seachord, 1st Vice President of the C.A.R., DAR Senior Advisors Elizabeth Routt and Donna Joseph and Plano SAR Senior Advisor Steve Seachord.

*Photos from Compatriot Steve Seachord*





On November 5, 2006, Sunday afternoon at the Schimelpenig Library, David Price, a junior at Plano Senior High, won the Rumbaugh Region 4 Oration Contest. The contest was sponsored by the Plano Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

(photo left) Karen Wilbanks, Instructor with Plano Senior High, David Price, winner, Richard Arnold, President of the Plano SAR.

The judges, timer, reader and usher for the Oration Contest were Drake Peddie, Ned LaRowe, Thurston Blakely, Richard Arnold, Lynn Fussell, George Tidmore and Steve Seachord. Also attending were Wosars Pat Blakely and Salley LaRowe.



Compatriot Richard Arnold talking with the Oration Contestants.

Photo of all 12 contestants for the Rumbaugh Oration Contest from Plano Senior High School

*Photos are from Compatriot Steve Seachord.*





On Friday, November 10, 2006, SAR Texas Society President Tom Green presented a Flag Program to the 5th grade students at Huddleston Middle School in Princeton, Texas. Other SAR members present were FSP Dick Arnold, Mike Radcliff, Robert Hall, Peter McLellan and Willie Walker.



(left photo) Color Guard members Richard Arnold, Mike Radcliff, Willie Walker and Tom Green. (right photo) McKinney President Willie Walker presented Principal Anita Barch a Flag Certificate. *Photos from Compatriot Willie Walker*



The SAR Chapters of Collin County Color Guard presented the Colors for the Ceremony. Mike Radcliff led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Color Guard members were John Greer, Mike Radcliff, Peter Rowley and Steve Seachord. *Photos by Wosar Charlene Seachord.*



U. S. Congressman Sam Johnson talked to the group about current events and his experiences in the Korean and Viet Nam wars. *Photo by Wosar Charlene Seachord.*





Congressman Sam Johnson and SAR Chapter President Willie Walker presented SAR War Service medals and certificates to SAR members who had served in wars from World War II to the present. *Photos by Wosar Charlene Seachord.*

(right photo of recipients) left to right beginning on the front row - lower right corner:

Front row: Bill Bush and Don Sielert

Second row: Gary Coats, Ernest Martin and Ken Bell

Third row: Billy Thompson

Fifth row: James Shaw, Sam Johnson and Steve Seachord

President Walker also presented Certificates of Appreciation to the John Abston DAR Chapter and Barbara Johnson Executive Director of the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts at the joint meeting on Vet's Day.

Sam Johnson with Color Guard. *Photo from Willie Walker.*



The McKinney SAR Chapter held its monthly meeting on November 11, 2006 at 10:00am jointly with the John Abston DAR Chapter at the historic Heard-Craig house in McKinney.

Those attending the meeting were: Ken Bell, Bill Bush, Cecil and Marcia Coale, Gary Coats, John Greer, Ernest Martin, Peter and Dagne McLellan, Milton Lenz, Dan and Ann Sielert, James and Mae Shaw, Billy Thompson, Willie and Marylin Walker, Mike Radcliff, Peter Rowley, Steve and Charlene Seachord.

Delightful refreshments were served by the DAR hostesses.

The SAR Chapters of Collin County Color Guard presented the Colors for the Ceremony. Mike Radcliff led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Color Guard members were John Greer, Mike Radcliff, Peter Rowley and Steve Seachord. Photos were taken by Wosar Charlene Seachord.

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President Walker presented Certificates of Appreciation to the John Abston DAR Chapter and Barbara Johnson Executive Director of the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts at the joint meeting on Vet's Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am by President Walker.



On November 15th members of the John Abston DAR chapter (McKinney) and the McKinney SAR chapter met with McKinney Mayor, the Honorable Bill Whittfield who read a proclamation celebrating Veteran's Day. The McKinney SAR chapter presented the City of McKinney a Flag Certificate at the same meeting.

From left to right: Barbara Pratt, Willie Walker, Pete McLellan, Mayor Bill Whittfield, Mike Radcliff, Sandy Burk, Early Irwin and Linda Wilcox

*Photo from Compatriot Willie Walker.*

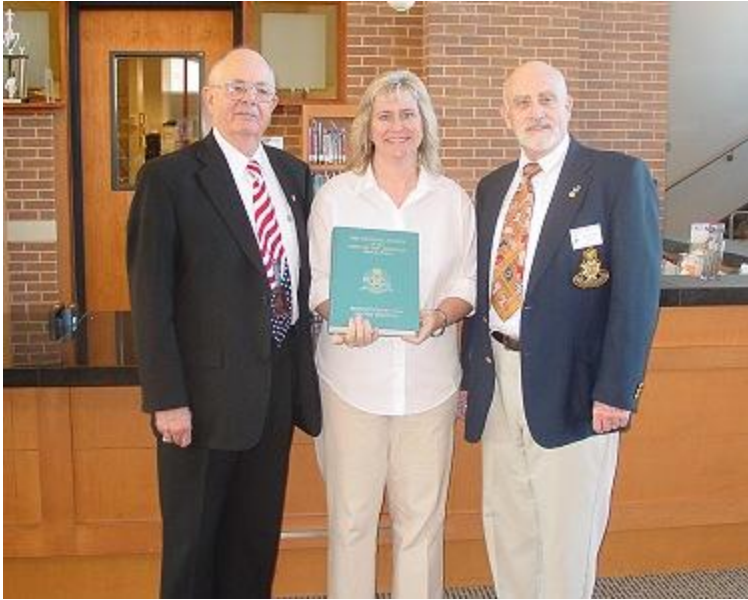
On November 16, 2006 a U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremony was held at the Plano Centre, Plano for 511 new citizens from 78 different countries for a total 1,083 persons were in attendance. The North Texas Color Guard was requested to present and retrieve the Colors for the Naturalization Ceremony.

Mike Radcliff led the new citizens in their first Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the DAR Mary Shirley McGuire passed out American Flags. The Color Guard members were Robert Hall, Jim Johnson, Mike Radcliff and Richard Arnold.



(left photo) Robert Hall, Jim Johnson, Lithuanian immigrant - New Citizen, Mike Radcliff, Richard Arnold  
 (right photo) Robert Hall, Jim Johnson, Russian immigrant - New Citizen, Mike Radcliff, Richard Arnold

*Photos from Compatriot Steve Seachord.*



The Collin County SAR chapters donated the book "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Revolutionary War Graves Registry" to the McKinney Memorial Library. The book was accepted by Ms. Beth Scudder, Library Director.

On November 18, 2006 the Plano ISD held their Elementary District History Fair for the 4th and 5th grade students at Rice Elementary, PISD, Plano. Ned LaRowe, Drake Peddie, Steve Seachord of the Plano Chapter, Charlene Seachord and DAR Sandi Craig judged Multi Media and Poster Board entries from 42 elementary schools in the Plano ISD for the District History Fair.



Judging history fair posters.



(left photo) Judges discuss entries. (right photo) Judging multimedia history fair projects on laptops.



(left) Compatriots Jim Johnson, Tom Green, Mike Radcliff, Don Stone and Jim Heath (right) Marilyn Walker, Shannon Smith, Dagny and Peter McLellan.





(left photo) Ms. Marilen Stidham told the members (right photo) about the Collin County Meals on Wheels program for elderly folks. She described other Collin County programs for the elderly such as CART transportation also.



(left) Compatriot Peter McLellan presented Ms. Stidham a Certificate of Appreciation. (right) Compatriot McLellan presented Ms. Mary Hedrick of Meals on Wheels with the SAR Bronze Good Citizen medal and certificate.

The McKinney SAR Chapter held its monthly meeting on December 14, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Steak Kountry Restaurant in McKinney.

Those attending the meeting were: Marshall and Sylvia Battle, Cecil and Marcia Coale, Gary Coats, Dave and Mich Danae, Ernest Martin and wife, Peter and Dagne McLellan, Milton Lentz, James and Mae Shaw, Ron and Julie Smith, Eugene Trimble, Willie and Marilyn Walker, Nathan and Wanda White.

Treasurer Cecil Coale reported about \$1100 in the bank.

Officers for the 2007 year were elected: President Peter McLellan, Vice President Milton Lentz, Secretary/Treasurer/ Webmaster Cecil Coale, Historian Marshall Battle, Chaplain Tommy Slay, Registrar Willie Walker, Sergeant at Arms Billie Lee Thompson.

Guest speakers were Ms. Marilyn Stidham and Ms. Mary Headrick of the Collin County Meals on Wheels program.

President Walker presented Ms. Headrick with the SAR Bronze Good Citizen medal and certificate. He presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Stidham.

President Walker advised that a joint Board of Managers meeting will be sponsored by the the McKinney and Plano Chapters in November, 2007.

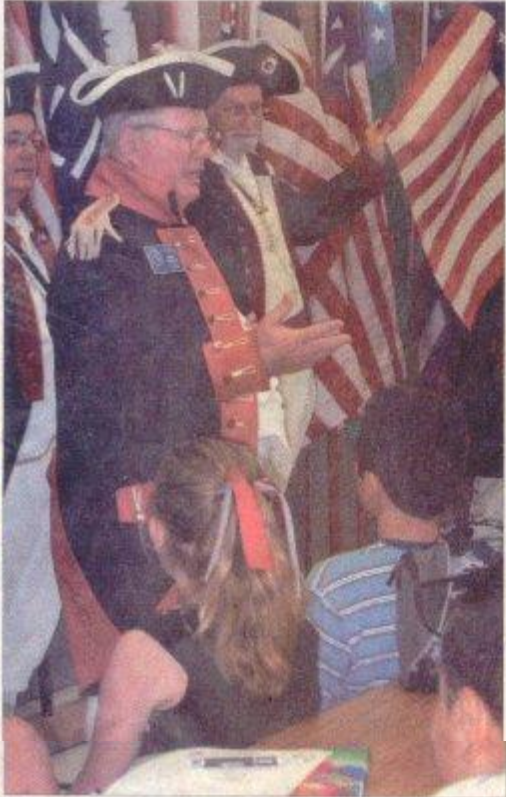
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by President Walker.

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## Commentary

# Sons of Revolution give history perspective

By Jennifer Miller



Photos by Jennifer Miller  
Texas SAR President Tom Green explains the sacrifices made by the country's earliest veterans.



Green and other members of the Sons of the American Revolution explain the significance of various flags from the US and other countries throughout history.

Students at Huddleston Intermediate School got a look back in time last Friday with a visit from the Sons of the American Revolution.

State and local representatives of the organization dressed in Revolutionary period garb, displayed a variety of historic flags of the United States, Great Britain, France, Spain, the Confederacy and the Colonies in order to tell the story of the nation from discovery through modern day.

Tom Green, president of the Texas Society of SAR, gave the presentation to the students, telling stories about the Revolution and questioning them on their knowledge of history along the way.

He explained an array of trivia about the various flags over the years. For example, Green explained that stars were typically six-sided on flags before the Revolution, but ever since the "Betsy Ross" flag, all stars on any flag around the world has always been five-sided.

Green also displayed the famous "Don't Tread on Me" flag logo, featuring a snake, which was a popular alternative to the eagle as the national symbol among many of the nation's forefathers.

Also taking part in the presentation were Dick Arnold, president of the SAR Chapter 37 in Plano, Peter McClellan, past president of the SAR Chapter 63 in McKinney, William Walker of Chapter 63 and Robert Hall of Wylie, a member of SAR Chapter 37 in Plano.

McClellan, who has been involved in the SAR since he was very young, just recently re-activated his membership as he began to recognize the importance of being a part of history.

"I really believe it's important for youth to really understand American history - how this country is formed and the sacrifices our forefathers made on our behalf," McClellan said.

Currently there are about 25,000 members in SAR nationally, and 2,500 in Texas.

The SAR is comprised of members who have traced their family tree back to prove they have an ancestor who supported American independence during the years 1774-1783.

The SAR McKinney and Plano chapters presented a flag program at the Huddleston Middle School in Princeton, Texas on December 16, 2007.

The Princeton newspaper published this article the following day. *Paper reference from Willie Walker*

On December 18, 2006 Jim Johnson (Denton/McKinney), Chris Casey (Denton), Bob DeBerry (Edmond Terrell) and Willie Walker (McKinney/Plano) presented five programs in Mrs. Paula Parker's 5th grade class at Dillingham Intermediate School in Sherman.



Compatriot Jim Johnson spoke as an American patriot, while the class looks on.



(left) The classroom was patriotically decorated for the occasion. (right) Compatriot Willie Walker answers questions from the audience.

