

Subject: The future of Texas Sons of the American Revolution Chapter #63, McKinney

Compatriots:

We have almost 40 dues-paying members, most of whom live in the immediate area. Yet our attendance at our monthly meetings usually consist of only 5-7 members – usually your Chapter’s Board of Managers and a couple of others.

Your current Board has been serving the Chapter for two years now and we have seen very little participation by Chapter members. The Board has come to the painful conclusion that Chapter members are uninterested in participating and quite frankly we are tired of trying to maintain the viability of the Chapter without support of the membership.

As an example, at our Annual Public Service Awards Night last month which was well advertised to the Chapter’s membership, the table of firemen and the table of police officers each outnumbered the chapter members present.

We are a service organization and there are many programs that we can participate in ranging from color guard activities, to presenting flag certificates to recognizing history teachers, and many others. Our chapter has been hampered in its efforts to perform these valuable activities through lack of participation by our members.

“The SAR is a historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit, United States 501©3 corporation that seeks to maintain and extend:

- The institutions of American freedom
- An appreciation for true patriotism
- A respect for our national symbols
- The value of American citizenship
- The unifying force of *e pluribus Unum* that has created, from the people of many nations, one nation and one people.

“We do this by perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions.” (<https://www.sar.org/About> )

I am calling a general membership meeting on Thursday, 20 November, at 7 p.m. at Eldorado Country Club to determine the future of the Chapter. There we will discuss two options:

- Continue activities of the Chapter with increased participation by its members
- Place the Chapter in an inactive status.

If the Chapter membership wants the Chapter to continue as an active Chapter, then we must have volunteers. We need members to volunteer to serve as Chapter Officers and on the Board of Managers. We need volunteers to serve on our various committees. If you can’t serve

as an Officer or on the Board then serve on a committee. We must have members take part in Chapter activities.

Without membership support, we face the demise of the Chapter. Barring a turnaround in support from our members, I will reluctantly recommend to the Board that the Chapter conduct its last meeting in December and turn in its last annual activity report for 2014 to State and National Headquarters. We will then place McKinney Chapter #63 in inactive status. After that members will be free to affiliate with other SAR chapters.

Any questions, comments or observations are most welcome. I look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

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Chapter President