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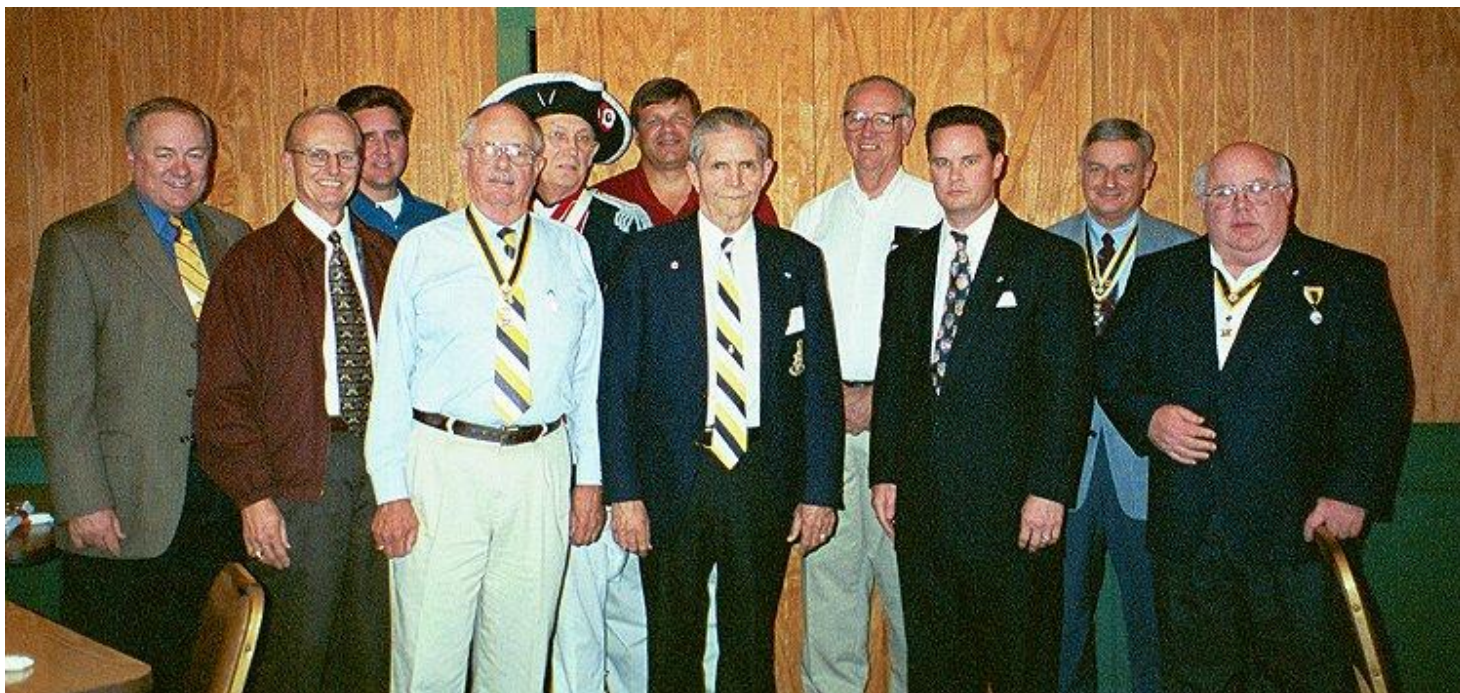
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The McKinney Chapter meets at 7 PM on the second Thursday of each month at the Steak Kountry Family Restaurant in the Westgate shopping center next to the Central Expressway in McKinney, Texas. Visitors, friends and wives are always welcome.

- January 13, 2003: State SAR President Dick Robinett will install our chapter officers for 2004 at a joint meeting with the Plano SAR. This meeting will be at Juan's Hacienda Mexican Restaurant across Plano Parkway, just south of Collin Creek Mall at 7PM.
- February 12, 2004: McKinney Chapter meeting returns to the Steak Kountry. This will be a historic event as everyone who was a member of the McKinney Chapter during 2003 will sign the chapter charter as the Charter Members.



(Front row left to right) Chaplain John Findley, Sergeant-At-Arms Marshall Battle, President Willie Walker, Secretary Cecil Coale, 2stVP Nick D'Uva, Registrar Bill Hurst
 (back row left to right) Historian Mark McCraw, McKinney-Denton Compatriot Jim Johnson, 1st VP Mike Yarbrough, McKinney-Plano Compatriot John McCraw, McKinney-Plano Compatriot Nathan White

Photo by Wosar Wanda White.

2002-2003 McKinney Chapter Officers

President	Willie Walker
1st Vice President	Mike Yarbrough
2nd Vice President	Nick D'Uva
Secretary/Treasurer	Cecil Coale
Chaplain	John Findley
Registrar	Bill Hurst
Historian	Mark McCraw
Sergeant-At-Arms	Marshall Battle
Webmaster	Cecil Coale

Patriotic Days of Special Interest to the SAR

- Washington's birthday, February 22
- Patriot's Day (Lexington and Concord), April 18
- Memorial Day, May 30
- Flag Day, June 14
- Independence Day, July 4
- Constitution Day, September 17
- Victory at Yorktown, October 19
- McKinney Chapter Anniversary Date, November ____
- TXSSAR Anniversary Date, December 8
- Bill of Rights Day, December 15

We have a Speakers Bureau to provide speakers for public gatherings, clubs, schools, and other events. Please click the speaker's name to contact him directly by email.



[Bill Hurst](#) talks about the life and times of William Washington "Cavalryman of the Revolution".

William Washington, cousin of Gen. George Washington, belonged to a small cadre of key field officers who served with distinction in the Continental Army through the entire Revolutionary War. He was an infantry officer at the Battle of Trenton, but transferred to the Continental Light Dragoons as a cavalry commander. He fought in all the major battles of Gen. Nathaniel Greene's campaign to drive the British from the Carolinas. He was elected Captain at the beginning of the war and ended it as a Lt. Colonel. Later, in 1792, he was appointed Brig. General of the 7th Militia Brigade and Brig. General of the U. S. Army during the "Quasi War" with France. He also served as a South Carolina state Senator from 1792 to 1804. The presenter is a 5th great nephew of William Washington.



[John Greer](#) tells of the adventures of Timothy Murphy, "The best shot in the Revolutionary War."

Timothy Murphy (1751 - 1818) served on the Northern Frontier of New York with Daniel Morgan's Riflemen. Murphy was the most famous private soldier of the Revolution and with much justification he should rank right up there with other great American war heroes like Alvin York or Audie Murphy. Like the other riflemen, he fought throughout the entire war, no small feat in itself.

Murphy's marksmanship changed the course of the Revolutionary War when he killed British General Simon Fraser in the Saratoga Campaign in 1777 with a single rifle shot from 300 yards distance.

[Willie Walker](#) tells about the Revolutionary War in the South.

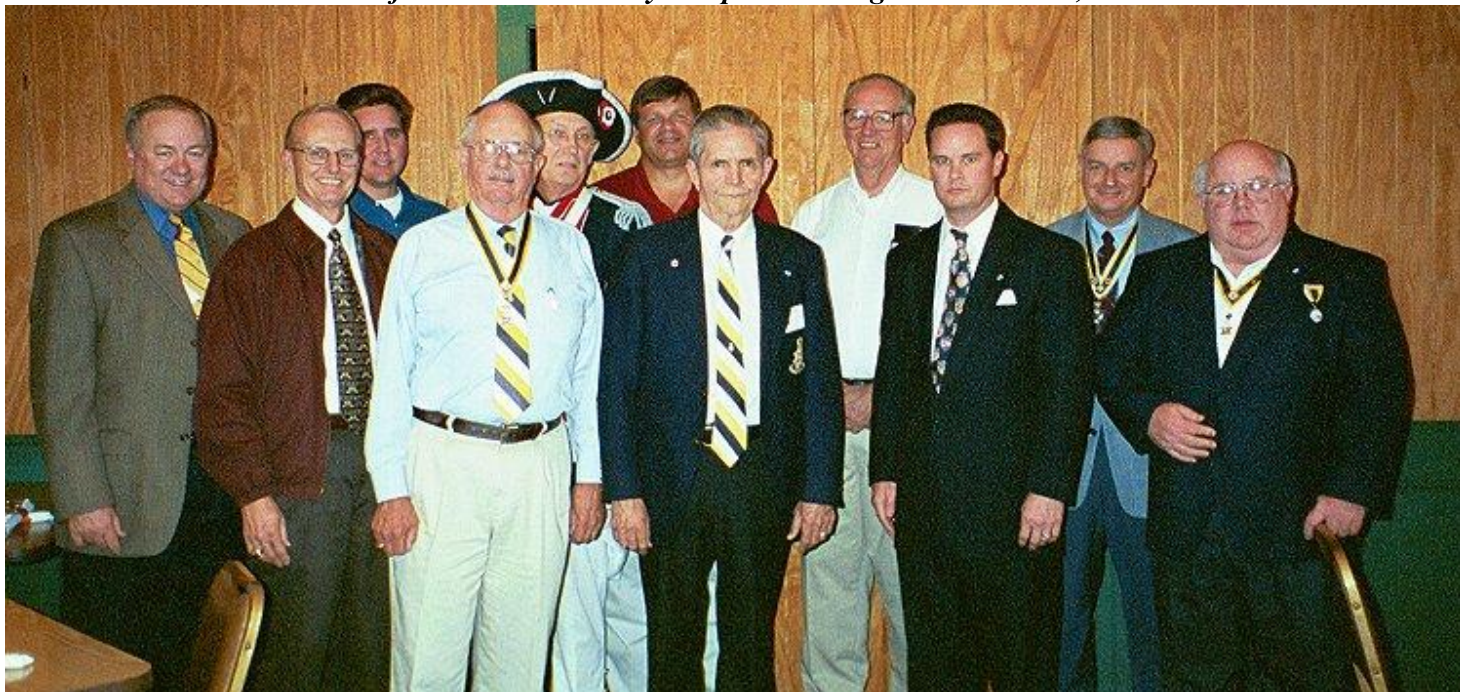


It was in the South, a region long neglected by Britain, where the war reached its conclusion. Because of the British inability to prevail in the North, London's strategists shifted their attention to the South, beginning in late 1778. The British and American Loyalists fought Washington's Continental Army and militias in major battles throughout the Carolinas, Virginia and Georgia until finally Lord Cornwallis was forced to surrender at the siege at Yorktown, Virginia in 1781.

The British changed their strategy in the south following their defeat at Saratoga, which ultimately led to their defeat at Yorktown. Major Southern battles to be discussed are Savannah, Charleston, Camden, King's Mountain, Cowpens, Guilford Courthouse and Yorktown.

The proposed McKinney SAR chapter met on October 10, 2002 at the Steak Kountry Family Restaurant in the Westgate shopping center in McKinney, Texas for its first meeting. The attendees were Marshall Battle, Cecil and Marcia Coale, Nick D'Uva, John Findley, Bill Hurst, Jim Johnson, John McCraw, Mark McCraw, Mike Yarbrough, Willie Walker and Nathan and Wanda White.

- The first item of business was to choose a Chapter name. These proposed names were discussed:
 - Joshua Abston (father of only revolutionary veteran buried in Collin County)
 - Daniel McKinney (father of McKinney founder Collin McKinney)
 - McKinney (our city)
 - Audie Murphy (Collin County World War II hero)
- The members voted and chose the name "McKinney Chapter."
- The members elected these officers for 2002-2003
 - President: Willie Walker
 - 1st Vice President: Mike Yarbrough
 - 2nd Vice President: Nick D'uva
 - Secretary/Treasurer: Cecil Coale
 - Registrar: Bill Hurst
 - Sergeant at Arms: Marshall Battle
 - Historian: Mark McCraw
 - Chaplain: John Findley
 - The members signed the charter application form. President Willie Walker will take this application to the State Board of Managers meeting in November for approval.
 - The monthly meeting date was designated the second Thursday of each month at the Steak Kountry Family Restaurant in the Westgate shopping center in McKinney at 7 PM. Meeting format will be "dinner with wives and guests" and "eat first, then speaker, then business." A chapter board of managers meeting will be held a week or two earlier at a date to be determined.
 - McKinney Chapter members should advise SAR state officers of their chapter changes.
 - Send \$5 state registrar Cliff Slagel for a dual membership in two chapters.
 - Send primary chapter designation to Bill Marrs.
 - Compatriot Nathan White led the SAR recessional and closed the meeting at 9 PM.

Views of the First McKinney Chapter Meeting on October 10, 2002

This photo shows the newly elected Chapter officers and other attendees. Eleven members attended. (Front row left to right) Chaplain John Findley, Sergeant-At-Arms Marshall Battle, President Willie Walker, Secretary Cecil Coale, 2stVP Nick D'Uva, Registrar Bill Hurst (back row left to right) Historian Mark McCraw, McKinney-Denton Compatriot Jim Johnson, 1st VP Mike Yarbrough, McKinney-Plano Compatriot John McCraw, McKinney-Plano Compatriot Nathan White
Photo by Wosar Wanda White.



Wosar's Marcia Coale (left) and Wanda White (right) attended the meeting.

Ideas and issues were discussed during the meeting



Photos by Compatriot Jim Johnson.

We signed the SAR chapter application form



(left to right) Willie Walker, Jim Johnson, John Findley, Mike Yarbrough, Nick D'Uva

Photos by Wosar Wanda White.



(left to right) Marshall Battle, Bill Hurst, Nathan White, Cecil Coale, John McCraw
Compatriots Willie Walker and Nathan White will take this application to the
State Board of Managers Meeting on November 2-3, 2002 for approval.

Photos by Wosar Wanda White.

The McKinney chapter board of managers meeting was held at President Willie Walker's home on October 24, 2002.

These decisions were made:

- Compatriots Willie Walker and Nathan White will take the McKinney chapter application to the state BOM meeting for approval on the weekend of November 2-3.
- Plans were made for a charter meeting on January 9, possibly at the El Dorado Country Club. A charter member will be anyone joining the chapter in 2003.
- Chapter dues were set at \$50. The Treasurer will talk to Legacy Bank on highway 380, across from Wal Mart about how to open a chapter bank account.
- Chapter year will be January 1 to December 31. The term of the charter officers will extend from October, 2002 to December 31, 2003. Meetings will be at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month.
- Compatriot Willie Walker is editing proposed chapter bylaws for BOM comment.
- Special SAR patriotic days were defined and will be posted on the McKinney web site.

Other items discussed included:

- Acquiring an American and SAR flag by purchase or corporate donation.
- Creating a one page monthly chapter newsletter in a format suitable for mailing as well as being posted on the web site.
- Startup of Americanism projects including the National SAR contests, the junior ROTC medal and judging at McKinney ISD history fairs.
- Participation in the ongoing SAR census project.
- Including a brief biography of a chapter member in the newsletter, similar to those seen in the McKinney newspaper.
- Possible locations of future BOM meetings which will be on the first Thursday of each month. The next chapter BOM will be November 27th at Compatriot Nathan White's home..
- A speaker for the November 14th regular meeting.

The McKinney SAR chapter # 63 met on November 14, 2002 at the Steak Kountry Family Restaurant in the Westgate shopping center in McKinney, Texas. Attendees were Marshall and Sylvia Battle, Cecil and Marcia Coale, Gary Coats, Bill Hays , Patrick Hays, Mike McCraw, John McCraw, Nathan and Wanda White, Willie and Marilyn Walker.

President Willie Walker called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. We ate supper. Dr. Thomas Selman reviewed David McCullough's book entitled "John Adams." Dr. Thomas was the first program speaker for McKinney Chapter #63.

Compatriot John McCraw suggested that a portrait of Audie Murphy for the Collin County courthouse would be a good SAR project. He suggested a print of the portrait now hanging in the Austin capital. He also suggested www.audiemurphy.com as a resource. Audie Murphy was a native of Farmersville, Texas and is remembered as the most decorated WW II veteran.

President Walker discussed extra dues for those wishing to be dual members.

President Walker closed the meeting at 8:30 PM.

The McKinney chapter board of managers meeting was held at Compatriot Nathan White's home on November 27, 2002.

These items were considered:

- The December meeting will a regular meeting at the Steak Kountry. Nathan White will contact a speaker. Cecil Coale will briefly discuss one of his revolutionary ancestors.
- The next Board meeting will be December 19th at President Willie Walker's home at 7 pm.
- The proposed Audie Murphy photo for the court house.
- Disposition of the assets of the defunct Peters Colony chapter.
- The December 7th Cavanaugh Air Museum memorial program.
- Treasurer Cecil Coale reported that three dual member due's checks for \$17.50 each have been received. A bank account at Legacy will be opened when we get the required \$100.
- The Chapter charter meeting in February.
- It was decided to use the web site for informational purposes and not have a separate paper newsletter.
- Publicity in the club section of local newspapers, genealogy clubs, state SAR newsletter and the McKinney library.
- The proposed chapter constitution and bylaws were discussed and suggestions made. President Willie Walker will forward the revised copy to Cecil Coale for posting on our web site.
- We need to encourage new members.

Views of the McKinney Chapter meeting of December 12, 2002



Members talking before dinner.



(left) Chapter president Willie Walker talks with Compatriot Mike Yarbrough.

(right) Compatriot Jim Johnson and Wosar Mary Johnson.

Our thanks to Compatriot Jim Johnson for these fine photos.

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After everyone had eaten supper, President Willie Walker called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Compatriot Cecil Coale conducted the Moment of History with a short talk about his SAR ancestor private Joshua Wilson of the North Carolina militia who participated in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in 1781.

McKinney Chapter member, Judge John McCraw talked about Collin County archaeology. Judge McCraw has been studying Collin County archaeology for fifty years and presented some interesting insights into the prehistoric era of our county.

The Audie Murphy memorial picture was discussed again. A collage of several pictures with text explanation on a 2 x 3 foot mounting board may be suitable for the Collin County courthouse.

There was a discussion concerning a possible memorial for Medal of Honor winners in Collin County. There are two known members and are no doubt others. We need a way of locating these folks.

Support of the Veterans Hospital in Bonham, Texas in the form of comfort items, clothes and magazines was discussed.

After a brief discussion, a decision was made to have the McKinney Chapter charter presentation meeting at the El Dorado Country Club.

Treasurer Cecil Coale advised that we have collected over \$100 in dual member dues and can now open a bank account at Legacy Bank. Legacy also has the TXSSAR and Plano Chapter accounts.

President Walker conducted a raffle of a pretty Christmas tree ornament for \$1 per raffle ticket. Mrs. May Shaw was the winner.

President Walker closed the meeting at 8:30 PM.

The McKinney chapter board of managers meeting was held at Compatriot Willie Walker's home on December 19, 2002.

These items were considered:

- The authorized signatures for the Chapter bank account were finalized.
- A menu for the February charter meeting at the El Dorado Country Club was made.
- A free Microsoft Word script file (the Bristol program) was downloaded from the National SAR web site. A copy will be given to prospective members to assist them with filling out their SAR application form.

Plano and McKinney SAR chapter members visited the Veteran's Hospital in Bonham, Texas on December 19, 2002



(left photo, left-to-right) Compatriots Willie Walker (Plano and McKinney), Mike Radcliff (Plano), Boni Trosclair (Plano), Peter Rowley (Plano) presented telephone calling cards to the Veteran's Hospital in Bonham, Texas to assist residents in making Christmas calls.

(right photo) David Fuller of the VA Volunteer Services accepted the telephone calling cards from our Compatriots.



(left photo) Our Compatriots visited with Mrs. Dot Linn who is a VA Hospital library volunteer and also a member of the George Blakey DAR chapter of Bonham.
(right photo) SAR Compatriots visited with VA Hospital residents Jerry Cooke (in shorts) and Jerry Sandefur (in jacket).



Our Compatriots talked with Mrs. Amy Clark, who is the Social Services Director in the VA nursing home.
Photos by Compatriot Peter Rowley