

Dedication:

This ceremony is being held in honor of compatriot Willie Walker, charter member of the McKinney Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

The United States Code, Title 36, Chapter 10

"The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

National Society Sons of the American Revolution

The SAR is a historical, educational, and patriotic non-profit, United States 501(c)(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

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**McKinney Society
Sons of the American Revolution**



**Flag Retirement Ceremony
May 16, 2009
Gabe-Nesbitt Park, McKinney, Texas**




McKinney Chapter President Don Babbs welcomed the audience to the Flag Retirement program. Since it was raining lightly, we met in the sheltered area at the park.

Here the meeting [minutes](#).

<i>Flag Retirement Ceremony</i>	
Welcome.....	President Don Babbs, SAR
Invocation.....	Chaplain Don Sielert
Presentation of Colors.....	TXSSAR Color Guard
Pledge of Allegiance.....	Bill Thompson
"National Anthem".....	New Andrews Sisters
Memorial to Willie Walker.....	Past President General Nathan White, National Society SAR
"Amazing Grace".....	Jim Ingham
Welcome and "How we got our Flag".....	Regent Carole Lowe, John Abston Chapter DAR, McKinney
Recognition of Special Guests.....	President Don Babbs
Present the Ring of Honor.....	President Don Babbs
"I am your Flag".....	Regent Michelle Alverson, Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of DAR, Allen
"God Bless America".....	New Andrews Sisters
Flag Retirement Ceremony.....	President Don Babbs
"Why the Flag is Folded 13 Times".....	Sgt. Thornberg
Retirement of the Colors.....	TXSSAR Honor Guard
Flag Carry Out.....	Children of the American Revolution, John Bolton Chapter Boy Scouts of America Troop #1188
Flag Burning.....	Compatriots Robert Hall and Dan Reed
Benediction.....	Chaplain Don Sielert
<i>Special Thanks To:</i>	
City of McKinney Children of the American Revolution, John Bolton Chapter Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of DAR, Allen John Abston Chapter DAR, McKinney Texas Society SAR Color Guard	
<small>Light refreshments are available by the concession stand courtesy of the McKinney and Allen Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the McKinney Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution</small>	



"I am your Flag" was presented by the Regent of the Bernardo de Galvez Chapter of DAR, Michelle Alverson.

The New Andrews Sisters, dressed as World War 2 WACs led the group in singing the National Anthem and God Bless America. *Photos by Robert Hall*

