

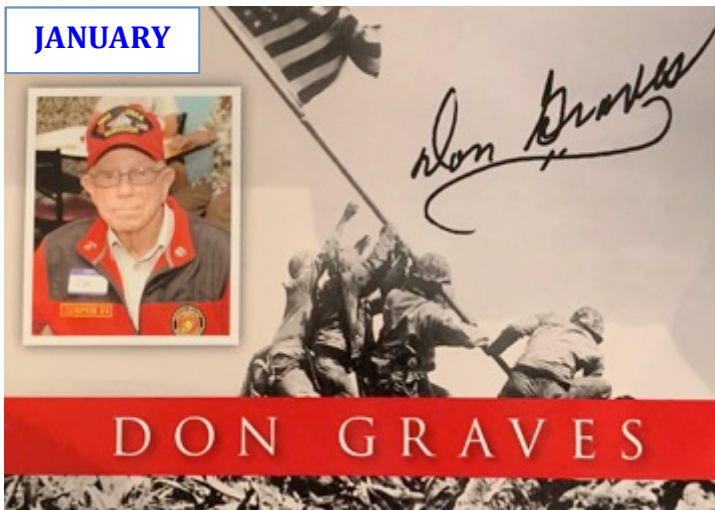


**MCKINNEY CHAPTER #63
WINTER NEWSLETTER
-2019 IN REVIEW-**



Compatriots, our McKinney Chapter had an outstanding 2019! This newsletter provides you with snapshots of 2019 and a first look at 2020 for both the Chapter and Texas Society.

During 2019 the McKinney Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented many outstanding programs that inspired, honored and educated our Compatriot members and guests.



Don Graves, USMC Retired
Iwo Jima Survivor's Recollections



McKinney High School Marine Corp Junior
ROTC – JROTC Program Overview



Chris Earnest, Special Agent, Texas DPS
Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events



Prosper Police Chief Doug Kowalski
The Founding of Our Country

MAY



Colin Kimball Collin County & Sheriff's Department
Fallen Warrior Portrait Project Overview

JUNE



Greg Gomel, Executive Director
Agile for Patriots Overview

JULY



Gus Cabarcas,
Hope for Warriors Organization Overview

AUGUST



Lin McCraw, *Finding Historical Relics
through Documents, Maps and Metal
Detector Technology*

AUGUST



Kara Smith, President, Matthew Bolton Society, Children of the American Revolution (CAR) and
Texas CAR First Vice President – *Overview View of Local Chapter, State and National Activities*

SEPTEMBER



Collin County Judge Chris Hill
An Update on Collin County

OCTOBER



John D. Anderson, Jr. – Texas Society Historian
Are You Loosing Your Chapter's History?

During 2019 the McKinney Chapter awarded medals and certificates to recognize and honor citizens in our community along with Chapter Compatriots. These awards were made throughout the year. In November, our program focused on Commendations.



Fire Safety Commendation
McKinney Fire Fighter Lynn Stanford



Law Enforcement Commendation
Prosper Police Chief Doug Kowalski

Resolution

on Award

Law Enforcement Commendation Award Life Saving Award

Name of Recipient
Ronald Eemisse
Rank or Title
Paramedic
Agency
McKinney Fire Department
Date of Presentation
11/23/2019
Location of Presentation
McKinney, TX
Please here make coverage or publicity for the award

Provide a brief description of the recipient's deed and/or accomplishments:
Ronald Eemisse has been selected as the Outstanding Paramedic for his professionalism, competency and high performance. He strives for knowledge and excellence in everything he does. He exemplifies the highest expectation of what it means to be a paramedic.

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Remember to send a copy of this report to your state-level society Public Service and Heroism Committee Chairman. All reports are due by June 1 in order for the recipient's name to be published in the Public Service Awards Booklet at the following annual SAR Congress.

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Emergency Medical Services Commendation
McKinney Paramedic Ronald Eemisse



Life Saving Commendation
McKinney Fire Fighter Jack Piontkowsky



Heroism Commendation
Prosper Police Officer Seanna Arrendondo



Flag Certificate
Ann McCormick



Junior ROTC Commendation
Jacob Shackleton, Executive Officer
McKinney High School Marine Corp
Junior ROTC



Junior ROTC Commendation
Brenan Olson
Allen High School Marine Corp Junior
ROTC



The Congressional Viet Nam Commemoration Lapel Pin Authorized By Congress



Viet Nam Commemoration Lapel Pin
Gary Sandt



Viet Nam Commemoration Spouses Lapel Pin
Barbara Sandt



War Service Medal
Ronald L. Smith



Military Service Veterans Corp Certificate
Gary Sandt



Past President Medal and Certificate
Former President General Nathan E. White, Jr.



President Kinsey presenting our Chapter donation of \$250 to the Matthew Bolton Society, Children of the American Revolution. Accepting the donation was Ms. Kara Smith, President of the Matthew Bolton Society

*New McKinney Chapter Compatriots
Class of 2019*

22 Compatriots and 4 Junior Compatriots

FEBRUARY



Compatriot Jason Fowler with daughter Madison



Compatriot Stephen Griffin

MARCH



Compatriot Stan Black



Compatriot Clayton Tangen



Compatriots Jeff Sandt and Gary Sandt

MAY



Compatriots Bryan Newman and son Nathaniel Newman



Compatriot Bennet Hancock

JUNE



Compatriots Jack Webb and Collin County Judge Chris Hill

JULY



Compatriot Joe Chenoweth

NOVEMBER



Compatriot Travis Hill



Compatriot Thomas Hill

DECEMBER



Compatriot Gary Graybeal



Compatriot Blas Uribe

[Additional McKinney Chapter Compatriots Inducted In 2019](#)

Compatriot Robert Cummings

Compatriot Kyle Scherpenzeel

Compatriot Michael Cummings

Compatriot Tomm Shultz

Compatriot Luke Higgs

Compatriot Kevin Watts

Compatriot Donald Kinsey

Compatriot Matthew Watts

Compatriot Taylor Kinsey

Compatriot Timothy Watts

Compatriot Scott Scherpenzeel

McKinney Chapter Veterans Activities



David Kinsey, McKinney Chapter President (4th from left), Donald Babbs Chapter Chaplain (2nd from left), and John Greer Chapter Compatriot (3rd from left), participating in the Pre 4th of July Cookout at the Veteran's Hospital in Bonham, Texas on June 25, 2019.

Color Guard Activities



David Kinsey, McKinney Chapter President and Texas SAR Color Guard Adjutant, participating at the Laredo George Washington Bridge Ceremony in February



David Kinsey, McKinney Chapter President and Texas SAR Color Guard Adjutant in the Texas SAR Color Guard photo in April



Grave Marking Ceremony for C B Dorchester, SAR Texas Society President 1918-1921 in Sherman, Texas. McKinney Chapter President David Kinsey participated in the Musket Salute in May.



David Kinsey, McKinney Chapter President participating at the Flag Retirement Ceremony in Plano, Texas on June 15, 2019.



David Kinsey, McKinney Chapter President, Donald Babbs Chapter Chaplain and John Greer Chapter Compatriot participating in the Audie Murphy Parade in Farmersville



David Kinsey, McKinney Chapter President at the Reading of the Declaration of Independence in Gainesville, Texas on July 3, 2019



Sherman Veterans Day Parade – Nov 9 - David Kinsey (State CG Adjutant), Ted Wilson (State CG Commander), John Greer (McKinney Dual), Sonny Replogle (Northern CG Commander), Bill Hurst (McKinney Dual), new Edmund Terrill member, Harvey Davis (Edmund Terrill President), T.L. Holden (E.T Registrar), Bob Johns (Plano)



Dallas Veterans Day parade 11-11-2019 - Brent Hershman (Dallas), Robert KiDrell (Dallas CG Commander), Mike Petridis (Former Dallas President), David Kinsey (McKinney President, Adjutant State Color Guard), Jerry Pinkerton (Dallas Registrar), John Ray (Plano), Tom Whitelock (Dallas, former everything)



Color Guard for new DAR Chapter Prosper/Celina: Shawnee Trail Chapter - Bill Hurst (Dual McKinney), T.L Holden (E.T.), PaGy Strawmyer (Shawnee Trail Regent), Ted Wilson (E.T., State CG Commander), Don Babbs (Dual McKinney), David Kinsey (McKinney, State CG Adjutant)

McKinney Chapter Other Awards, Events & Activities



The McKinney Chapter #63 was represented at the 2019 Texas Society Board of Managers Meeting on October 4-6, 2019 by David Kinsey Chapter President, FPG Nathan White Vice President New Members and Luiz Juarez Vice President Awards.



Thomas Milson
TXSSAR, McKinney Chapter Secretary
7709 Willowbend Drive
McKinney, TX 75071

November 12, 2019

Dear Mr. Milson,

On behalf of the University of North Texas Special Collections, thank you for your donation of the TXSSAR McKinney Chapter documents from founding in 2002 through end of year 2018. This donation is a welcome addition to our Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution (TXSSAR) Archive.

As part of the UNT Special Collections, these materials will be preserved, and made available for research use by students, scholars and the public. Our mission since 1975 has been to collect, house and preserve papers, photographs, and other primary source materials that support the study of people, events and communities in Texas and beyond. With the support of donations such as yours, we are able to contribute to scholarship and learning in many disciplines through research, exhibitions and public events.

Thank you again for your support and generous donation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Morgan Gieringer".

Morgan Gieringer
Head, University of North Texas Special Collections

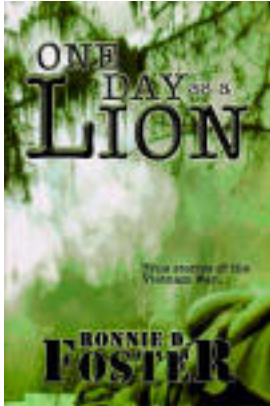
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Looking Forward to 2020

McKinney Chapter Activities and Information

Our first meeting of the new decade will on January 16, 2020. We will be meeting at Spring Creek Barbeque, McKinney, Texas for dinner and social time at 6:00 followed by our meeting at 7:00pm. Our 2020 Chapter Officers will be sworn in at this meeting by President David Temple, Texas Society. This will be a great opportunity for all to meet President Temple.



This month our speaker will be Mr. Ronnie D. Foster. Here is an excerpt from Alicia Pike's 2007 review of Mr. Foster's book "One Day as a Lion" published in the McKinney Courier-Gazette. "Though Collin County resident Ronnie D. Foster has been a professional songwriter and novelist for years, it is his newest book. *One Day as a Lion*" that Foster is most proud of. The book tells the stories of 21 Collin County soldiers who served in the Vietnam War and never came home. Foster writes not only about their time in the war, but also gives an idea of who they were before. "My main reason for writing the book is because of my buddy Bill Bryan," Foster said. "A few years ago, I ran across an old friend from high school and my friend told me he remembered Bill and me joining the Marines together. Then he asked me what happened to Bill, and I had to tell him that Bill died back in Vietnam.

It's very important to me that I tell these guys stories because I know they won't be forgotten. Really there wasn't a lot to tell because they died so young, though. They grew up, went to high school, joined the military and that was it. I didn't want to just tell their war stories but a little bit about who they were before."

**Compatriots do not miss this Marine Veteran's inspiring story about our Collin County soldiers!
See you on January 16, 2020 at Spring Creek BBQ.**

Texas Society Activities and Information

Invoices for 2020 dues have been sent out to all Texas Society Compatriots. When you receive your invoice please pay promptly by mail or online at <https://www.texassar.org>.

The Texas Society SAR will hold their 125th Annual Conference at The Woodlands, Texas on March 26 through 29, 2020 at Weston Woodlands. Make your reservations now and ask for the Texas SAR rates.

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