



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FREEDOM CHAPTER**

May 19, 2020

MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:03 PM

David Underdown, New Chapter President

Pledges/Invocations

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag – Mel Oller

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag – Mel Oller

SAR Pledge – Mel Oller

Invocation – David Underdown

Introduction of Guests - Drake Peedie TXSSAR State President

Members Present - 24

Roundtable Introduction - Mel Oller led **Second** Chapter ZOOM Virtual Mtg.

Minutes of Last Meeting – accepted

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 3/31/20 - \$3,118.58

Registrar's Report – 4 applications at National; 2 at State, 7 approved to date in 2020

Introduction of new members - none

Presentation of Awards – State received the William Furlong Award by the NSSAR for presentation of Flag Certificates in 2019

Speaker: Drake Peddie, State TXSSAR President

Discussed the future direction of where he wants to help shape the future by always improving the process

1. New Officer training initiative
2. New Texas SAR Website
3. Committee Revisions
4. Member retention.responsibility of each chapter
5. Get new members involved
- 6.Grow Rewarding Experiences

Other Business

State and National Congress Convention Updates – Virtual conventions being reviewed as contingencies just in case Coronavirus 19 dictates; Mel Oller reminds members will be needed to assist with Convention duties 30 Jul – 02 Aug and that the State website is being updated for members to register if they had not done earlier

Patriot Biographies – please add your own when possible

Scouting Activities – Marshal Brown reports over 80 scouting certificates on hand but but will grow larger once the virus subsides

Member Dues – State report received showing 87 paid and 15 unpaid members

ROTC - Medals delivered to 10 local JROTC Units/High Schools; however, all award program presentations cancelled due to coronavirus 19

Independence Day Parade - for Oak Ridge North yet to be confirmed

The Day in History: Don Stone – What if George Washington had not attended, and then elected President of the Constitutional Convention, May-Sep 1787

SAR Closing/Adjourn: Mel Oller 7:20 PM