



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FREEDOM CHAPTER

**October 20, 2020
MINUTES**

Call to Order: 6:03 PM – David Underdown President

VIA ZOOM

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag – David Underdown

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag – David Underdown

SAR Pledge – Mel Oller

Invocation – David Underdown

Introduction of Guests: Guest Kelly Troublefield.

Roll Call of Ancestor Patriots.

Old Business

Minutes of Last Meeting – accepted/online website

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 9/31/20 - \$5,491.00

Registrar's Report – 13 Applications approved in 2020; 3 currently at State and 1 at National; 7 applications are in process.

Patriot Day Celebration 2020 –President Dave Underdown presented 4 SAR Flag Certificates at the Sep 11 ceremony and has sent copies of them to the TXSAR Society.

Patriot Biographies – Raymond Smith, President David Underdown, and Secretary Ed Sellards have submitted 13 total biographies to date. Compatriot Sellards reminds all compatriots that if they submit a bio, please send a copy to him for Chapter records. Each bio submitted counts 5 points in the Chapter annual report.

Members Present – 13

Program

Compatriot LTCOL Green, SAR National Patriots Research System Chairman, gave a superb program on the Patriot Research System (PRS). He provided us with a great overview of the program's development since 2016 and its importance in assisting current membership, as well as generations to come, to locate, identify, and have the documentation needed to prove eligibility in joining the SAR. He walked us through the website and encouraged all compatriots to log on to the national website and establish their own login.

New Business

Wreaths Across America – The UDC Chapter that is sponsoring the Oakwood Cemetery has formally requested a Color Guard/Honor Guard for the December program, along with a speaker. Freedom Chapter has agreed to participate in the program and individual compatriots are encouraged to purchase wreaths. A Zoom meeting was to be conducted to discuss and work out details between the UDC Chapter and the SAR Freedom Chapter prior to our November Chapter meeting.

Scouting Activities – Mel Oller reminds the Chapter that there is Flag Retirement Ceremony Scheduled on Veterans Day, time and location TBD. Mel will present a Flag Retirement Certificate on our Chapter's behalf.

Challenge Coins

Compatriot Oller proposed purchasing challenge coins (@\$10 ea) as tokens of thanks for program presenters. Mel will research and report back at an upcoming meeting.

Upcoming events

1. Veterans Day Program scheduled by The Woodlands Township at Towns Green, 11 November from 4:30-5:30 pm. Compatriots are highly encouraged to attend and be in uniform if able.
2. Conroe Friendly City Kiwanis Club 42nd Annual Children's Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 12,2020 at 1:00pm. All compatriots are encouraged to attend and/or participate. We will have more details at our November meeting.
3. TXSAR Board of Manager's Meeting will be held virtually via zoom, 13 and 14 November.

This Day in History: Don Stone: October 20; In 1803 President Thomas Jefferson recognized that 3/8 of the trade of the U.S. went through New Orleans. Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte was in great need of funds for his war in Europe and agreed to sell the entire Louisiana Territory for \$15 million. On this day in history the U.S. Senate ratified the treaty, doubling the size of our young nation!

Closing/Adjourn: 7:50 PM by Dave Underdown

'Until We Meet Again'