



## **SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION FREEDOM CHAPTER**

**November 17, 2020  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 6:01 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** – David Underdown

**Invocation** – Jim Kuykendall

**Roll Call of Ancestor Patriots** – Mel Oller

**Minutes of Last Meeting** – accepted/online website

**Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 10/31/20** - \$5,510.47

**Registrar's Report** – 15 Applications approved in 2020; 5 applications are in process.

### **Old Business**

Veteran Grave Flagging – Compatriots John Thompson, Bob Mennell, Dave Hamaker, and Ed Sellards assisted Independence Chapter Bryan-College Station with flagging of veteran graves in College Station, 7 November.

Scouting Activities – Compatriot Dave Hamaker presented a Flag Retirement Certificate to Boy Scout Troop 519 Conroe, on the Chapter's behalf, 9 November. Compatriots David Underdown, Dave Hamaker, John Thompson, and Ed Sellards attended.

Veterans Day Program honoring the opening of the Sgt. Luther Dorsey Memorial Bridge at Veteran Memorial Park, Conroe, 11 November. Compatriots David Underdown, Ed Sellards, Dave Hamaker, John Meredith, and Marshall Brown attended.

Veterans Day Program was sponsored by The Woodlands Township at Towns Green, 11 November. Compatriot Ed Sellards presented a Flag Certificate to Vice Chairman Rieser on behalf of the Chapter. Compatriots Art Byram, John Thompson, Dave Morton, and John Thompson attended in uniform.

TXSAR Board of Manager's Meeting (BOM) was held virtually via zoom, 13 and 14 November. Compatriots Mel Oller, John Thompson, Ed Sellards, Dave Hamaker, and Jim Kuykendall were in attendance.

### **Members Present – 16**

**Program** None

### **New Business**

Wreaths Across America – T.J. Stubbs UDC Chapter is sponsoring the Oakwood Cemetery and has formally requested a Color Guard/Honor Guard for the Saturday, 19 December program. Freedom Chapter will participate in the program and individual compatriots are encouraged to purchase wreaths. Local Boy Scout troop will be helping place the wreaths. A meeting will be held discuss and work out details between the UDC Chapter and the SAR Freedom Chapter. Flagging of graves will be completed prior to the event and compatriots are encouraged to participate. Compatriot Mel Oller reminded the Chapter that this was not a SAR event, thus the SAR Flag would not be flown.

Conroe Friendly City Kiwanis Club 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Children's Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 1:00pm. All compatriots are encouraged to attend and/or participate. Compatriot Paul Fellencer has kindly volunteered his 2.5 Ton M 813 Truck and Compatriot Dave Morton will be driving his Convertible for the parade and the Chapter will be the number 3 entry in the parade. There are over 100 organizations participating. Chapter will be gathering around 11:15 am to decorate the vehicles. All need to be in place by 12:00. The location to meet will be sent to entire Chapter via email in early December.

SAR Dues – All Compatriots should have received their annual dues. Please pay prior to the end of December to avoid being delinquent.

SAR Orations Contest – Mel Oller reported that Regional contest will be conducted largely if not exclusively via electronic recorded submissions.

JROTC Medals – Ed Sellards has reached out to the 11 schools that the Chapter has supported over the years and has confirmed their desire to receive the JROTC Medal/Certificate for 2020-2021.

Compatriot Bill Myers has volunteered to play the drums for upcoming Color Guard events.

Compatriot Ed Sellards was recognized for earning the Texas SAR Society Bronze Color Guard Galvez Medal and it will be awarded at the WOA Event 19 December.

**This Day in History:** Don Stone:

November 17, 1734: Attack on the Freedom of Expression (Press) – John Peter Ziegler was arrested for the charge of seditious libel of Gov. Crosby. Crosby arranged to have Ziegler's lawyers disbarred and his bail was set so high that he lingered in jail for 9 months. Finally in August 1735, John was found "NOT GUILTY", his lawyer declaring that the only crime that he had committed was to tell the truth! This event resonated for decades in the Colonies and had a major impact in shaping our Nation's Constitution.

**Closing/Adjourn:** 7:14 PM by Dave Underdown

'Until We Meet Again'