



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
FREEDOM CHAPTER**

**May 19, 2021 MINUTES**

**VIA ZOOM**



**Call to Order:** 6:30 PM

David Underdown

**Pledges/Invocations**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag – Mel Oller

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag – David Hamaker

SAR Pledge – Ed Sellards

Invocation - Don Stone

**Members Present** – 16

**Introduction of Guests** – 3; Kermit Breed, Piney Woods Chapter; Tom Jackson, Past President of Tx SSAR and Trustee; Ms. Arabelle Campbell.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** minutes from April 20 meeting posted online

**Treasurer's Report:** \$6,573.97

**Registrar's Report:** 7 applications at State; 8 applications at National; 10 approved to date for 2021. Chapter President Underdown praised Registrar Hamaker for his fine efforts!

**Scouting Report:** none

**Roll Call:** Revolutionary War Ancestors of record

**Arabelle Campbell** Introduced by proud grandfather Art Byrum. Arabelle is the State CAR/DAR liaison. She shared with the Chapter the purpose and programs of the Children of the Revolution. She is also the current President of the Captain Edward Weeman Society CAR

**Speaker**

Tom Jackson, introduced by Chapter Pres. David Underdown. Topic of Program: The Irish Contribution to the Revolution, part 1, and the Battle of Cowpens. The personalities and battle strategies of both British and American forces were highlighted.

## Old Business

- Compatriot John Thompson presented a program on Paul Revere's Ride to the Independence SAR Chapter in College Station to 15 compatriots in late April. Thank you, John!
- April 21, 2021. Compatriots Ed Sellards and Bob Mennell attended and presented the JROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate to Magnolia H.S. NJROTC Cadet Aaron McAdams.
- April 22, 2021. Compatriot Thompson assisted Former Texas President Tom Jackson in presenting the 2021 TXSSAR JROTC Outstanding Cadet Medal and \$2,500 scholarship to Cadet LtCol Diana Cantu of Gen. Benjamin Davis H.S. Her instructor, LtCol Porfirio Munoz (ret.), was also awarded the NSSAR Good Citizenship Medal.
- April 22, 2021. Compatriot Thompson assisted Compatriot Jackson in awarding the NSSAR Good Citizenship Medal to MSGT Barnett (ret.), Waller H.S, AFJROTC.
- April 22, 2021. Compatriots Ed Sellards and Dave Hamaker attended and presented the JROTC Bronze Medal and Certificate to Montgomery H.S. MCJROTC Cadet Siegrist.

## New Business

- Compatriot Sellards announced that Freedom Chapter has qualified for the 2020-2021 NSSAR Educational Outreach Streamer.
- Compatriot Sellards reminded all membership of upcoming Memorial Day Programs in Montgomery County. On Sunday afternoon, May 30, The Woodlands Township is honoring our nations' fallen heroes at Town Green Park. On Memorial Day, May 31, there will be a large ceremony at the Montgomery Veterans Memorial Park. Both are official Chapter Color Guard events and all Compatriots are urged to attend.
- DAR "Never Forget Garden" Program in Tomball Saturday, 5 June. We have been invited to attend and provide a Color Guard in honor of the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- Compatriot Sellards reported that his site survey of New Montgomery Cemetery in Montgomery netted a little over 100 veteran gravesites. He noted that this site would be an ideal location to conduct a Wreaths Across American Event and would follow up to find out whom to contact for permission to hold the event, if, and when, the Chapter decided to move forward.
- Compatriot Mel Oller reported that he was still waiting on the details and status of the Oak Ridge North 2021 July 4<sup>th</sup> parade but felt confident that it would go on.
- Compatriot Tom Jackson has graciously agreed to return to be guest speaker at our FIRST IN PERSON Meeting since early 2020.
- Freedom Chapter will be returning to Spring Creek BBQ, located near the Home Depot and I-45/Research Forest Drive, for our Chapter meetings. June meeting

will be Tuesday, 15 June. President Underdown will be presenting 'belated' Chapter Awards and installing new members.

**This Day in History:** Don Stone

- 19 May 1828: President John Quincy Adams & the 20<sup>th</sup> Congress passed the Protective Tariff Act; this event is considered by most historians as beginning of the Civil War. Senator John C. Calhoun of S.C. declared this to be a Tariff of Abomination and declared this act to be unconstitutional and most injurious to the Southern States. The talk of Secession started to take hold.
- **SAR Closing/Adjourn:** David Underdown 7:48 PM 'till we meet again'

NOTE: Due to imminent **extreme** bad weather, Chapter leadership made a last minute decision to meet virtually in May versus meeting at Spring Creek BBQ in person.