



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FREEDOM CHAPTER**

June 15, 2021 MINUTES



Call to Order: 6:50 PM

David Underdown

Pledges/Invocations

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag – Dave Morton

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag – Art Bynum

SAR Pledge – Ed Sellards

Invocation – Tom Jackson

Members Present – 22

Guests – 10 + District V/P Ken Graalum via Zoom

Minutes of Last Meeting: minutes from May 19 meeting posted online

Treasurer's Report: \$6,396.97

Registrar's Report: 5 applications at State; 10 applications at National.

Scouting Report: Ben Bonnett reports that Eagle Scout Awards are picking up!

Roll Call: None due to Awards Recognition and Program

Awards: Past TXSSAR President Tom Jackson presided over awards presentation

Chapter President Underdown accepted the NSSAR Furlong Award from the State Society for participating in the Flag Certificate Presentation Program

David Hamaker was recognized with the Lafayette Award for his outstanding Volunteer services on behalf of the NSSAR with the Patriot Research Service.

John Kenton Thompson was presented two TXSSAR Certificates of Appreciation for his service as State Chairman for the Patriot Graves and ROTC/JROTC Committees.

David Hamaker, Chapter CG Commander, presented Certificates of Appreciation for Color Guard Service to: David Underdown, John Kenton Thompson, Mel Oller, Art Bynum, Bob Mennell, Ed Sellards, Dave Morton.

Ed Sellards presented TXSSAR Certificate of Appreciation for his role in the JROTC Enhanced Awards Program.

Speaker

Tom Jackson, introduced by Chapter Pres. David Underdown. Topic of Program: The Irish Contribution to the Revolution, part 2. The history of Irish (Scots-Irish) migration to the Colonies was presented with the focus on the Ulster-Irish; reasons - political, economic, and religious were emphasized. Revolutionary War Irish political and military leaders included John Paul Jones, John Barry, John Adams, and many signers of the 1st Constitutional Congress, Declaration of Independence, and the U.S. Constitution. Quotable quote: "You have lost America by the Irish". Count Lovejoy, House of Lords.

Old Business

- Compatriot Sellards reported that Chapter Attendance for Memorial Day Programs included: Art Bynum, Dave Morton, David Hamaker, Ed Sellards, Raymond Smith, and John Leonard.
- Flag Day Program, Flagging and Identification of Vet Graves 12 June. Thirteen Chapter members and 4 guests attended inaugural Flag Day Program at New Montgomery Cemetery. Twelve additional veterans were identified for December Wreaths Across America event.

New Business

- DAR "Never Forget Garden" Program in Tomball rescheduled (due to heavy rain) to Saturday, 17 June. We have been invited to attend and provide a Color Guard in honor of the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- Dave Morton made a Motion to "form a committee to plan for a Wreaths Across America program at New Montgomery Cemetery 18 December 2021". Dave Hamaker has volunteered to head committee. Motion approved with zero dissenting votes.
- New member Bill Meyers presented the price ranges for a Colonial-style marching drum (\$300 to \$1000), and is researching the pros and cons.

This Day in History – None this month

SAR Closing/Adjourn: David Underdown 7:45 PM ...'till we meet again'