



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
FREEDOM CHAPTER**



**November 16, 2021 MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 6:35 PM

David Underdown

**Pledges**

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** – 24

**Guests** – 6

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** minutes from September 21 meeting posted online

**Treasurer's Report:** \$5,964.63

**Registrar's Report:** 2 applications at State; 12 applications at National; 19 approved 2021

**Scouting Report:** None

**Awards:** None

**Roll Call:** Not conducted this month due to length of program

**Induction of New Members:** Texas SAR Society President Elect Jim Kuykendall

(Chapter member) inducted the following new members: Paul Fellencer, II, Dan Young, Don Hayes, David Meyers, Larry Hugonins, Ed Schaffey, Robert Mensinger, and Hiram Dunlap

**Program**

Compatriot Mel Oller, Texas SAR Society Secretary, gave a brief synopsis of the Board of Managers Meeting (BOM) held at Clear Lake Hilton, 8-10 October. He announced the formation of 1 new SAR State Chapter in the northern part of the State and the renaming of the Chapter in Waco in honor of 'Peter Sides', Revolutionary War Soldier who was killed at the battle of Medina, 1813.

Guest Craig Jones, a good friend of President Underdown, displayed and shared the family story quilt that was made by the daughter of Patriot Ethan Allen, leader of the

famed Green Mountain Boys of Vermont. The quilt was made around 1787 and has been lovingly cared for. What a great Heirloom!!

**Speaker:** Compatriot Bill Myers entertained and educated the Chapter membership on the purposes of the drum and associated cadences used in the Revolutionary War. Bill has been designated as the Chapter official drummer! Applause..... great job Bill!

### **Old Business**

- Compatriot Thompson reported that Chapter participation in the 2021 Texas Memorial Illumination, La Porte, was cancelled.
- October 27: School Traveling Trunk Presentation to 1-3<sup>rd</sup> graders at New Hope School in Montgomery. Compatriots Billingsley, Oller, and Meredith talked with about 25 students.
- November 8: Internment Program at Houston Veterans Cemetery for Compatriot Mike Hamlin, Galvez Chapter and Texas SAR Society Committee Chair of many years. Attended by Compatriots John Thompson, John Meredith, and Marshall Brown.
- November 11, Veterans Day Programs in Conroe and The Woodlands. Compatriots Underdown, Thompson, Sellards, Hamaker, Brown, and Stone attended program in Conroe at the Veterans Memorial Park. Compatriots Thompson, Sellards, Hamaker, and Myers attended the program at Town Green Park in The Woodlands. Congressman Kevin Brady was the keynote speaker.

### **New Business**

- Compatriot Hamaker encouraged all Compatriots to become part of the Chapter's Color Guard.
- Compatriot Sellards, in his role as Chapter representative on the Texas SAR Division Veterans Committee, collected over 400 items for veterans. He will take them to the VA DeBakey Hospital, Houston later in December. Larger donations to be picked up? Contact Ed Sellards at 832-729-2457/edsellards@yahoo.com.
- December 11, Christmas Parade in Conroe. Arrival time 1100. Participation in Montgomery Parade (same day) was cancelled.
- December 18, Wreaths Across America in Montgomery 1100 – 1215, New Montgomery Cemetery, located directly behind City Hall. All Compatriots encouraged to attend and support the Chapter.

**This Day in History** – By Don Stone; Nov 16, 1698: The first public lending library in America was established this day in Charleston, South Carolina. The land that the 1000 volume library stood on is today the home of Menninger Elementary School. Books were 'extremely' expensive in 1698; average cost in today's money - \$140 per book!

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