



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FREEDOM CHAPTER**



February 15, 2022 MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:32 PM

David Underdown

Pledges

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag – Dave Underdown

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag – David Hamaker

SAR Pledge – Ed Sellards

Invocation – Dr. Wally Shook, Guest

Members Present – 22

Guests – 9. Compatriot John Thompson introduced Sam Massie, Texas SSAR Communications Secretary.

Art Byram, incoming Chapter President, introduced the evening's speaker, Kristie Campbell. Kristie is the TX DAR Society Vice Chair for SAR relations and the Senior Curator of the CAR. Art is her very, very proud Dad!

Program Topic

Marbury Vs. Madison

This landmark Case established the Major Concept of 'Judicial Review' and the 'Limitation of Legislation Powers'. It was the first major case that the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on. Chief Justice Marshall led the Supreme Court in ruling against outgoing President John Adams' appointment of Circuit Judge Marbury and in favor of incoming President Thomas Jefferson. It also ruled against the Judiciary Act of 1789., declaring it to be unconstitutional. James Madison, Jefferson's Secretary of State, led the legal case against Adams' 'midnight appointment' of 16 Circuit Judges and 42 Justices of the Peace.

Awards: President David Underdown presented the Texas Society Bronze Service Medals to Compatriots David Hamaker and Ed Sellards for their significant contributions to the Chapter over the past 2 years.

Minutes of Last Meeting: minutes from January 2022 meeting posted online.

Treasurer's Report: \$5,787.57

Registrar's Report: 4 applications at State; 9 applications at National; 2 approved in 2022 to date. For 2021: 22 new members and 2 Supplementals.

Scouting Report: Ben Bonnett reports that Scouting activity is up as the pandemic starts to fade and that they are always looking for donations and sponsors.

Roll Call: None

Induction of New Members: None this month

David Hamaker announced the following:

Upcoming Events and Color Guard Activities:

02 Mar - Sam Houston B-Day and Tx Independence Day Prog. in Huntsville Tx	C
17 Mar - DAR State Conference; CG in Houston Tx	S
25 Mar – CAR State Conference CG in Katy Tx	S
31 Mar – TXSSAR State Conference in Richardson Tx (Hilton Hotel)	S
16 Apr – Camp Hope Charity event; CG in Tomball Tx	C
23 Apr – Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade; CG in Gainesville Tx	S/N?
06 May – Space Cowboys Baseball Game; CG in Sugar Land Tx (Constellation Field)	C
30 May – Memorial Day events; Conroe & The Woodlands	N
14 Jun – Flag Day events; TBD	S?
03 Jul – Red, White, & Blue Program Symphony in Conroe Tx	C
04 Jul – Independence Day Parade in Oak Ridge North Tx	N
10 Jul - National SAR CONGRESS; Savannah Ga	N

[CG EVENT CATEGORIES: N: National S: State C: Chapter]

Contact David Hamaker if you are interested in JOINING THE COLOR GUARD!!!

Old Business

- Compatriot Sellards thanked all who donated the 400+ items for veterans that were taken to the VA Hospital in Houston.
- Compatriot Sellards reported that the Chapter's 2022 Youth Essay Contest winner is Audra Gosch, Senior at Magnolia H.S.
- Compatriot Thompson reported that he and Compatriots Hamaker and Dunlap participated in the Educational Patriots Day Program at the City of Humble Museum with Piney Woods Chapter.
- The 2022 Orations Youth Contest was conducted at the Paidela Classical School, located at the Church at Creeks End, 3 Feb 2022. Compatriots Oller, Thompson, Hamaker, and Sellards attended. Winners to be announced in March.

- Compatriot Hamaker continues to encourage all Compatriots to become part of the Chapter's Color Guard. He thanked all who participated in the Chapter's inaugural Wreaths Across America Program and all other recent efforts. He also reports 2022 WAA Sponsor commitment is in the final stages of approval.
- Compatriot Sellards reported that the Chapter's 10 High School JROTC Programs will be receiving their Bronze Youth Medals in March.
- Recommendation for Freedom Chapter to host/co-host Texas SAR Division Reunion for 2023 was brought forward by Compatriot Mel Oller.

New Business

- Texas SAR Division 2022 Reunion to be held in Richardson, Texas at the Hilton Hotel, 31 Mar- 3 Apr. Compatriots encouraged to attend!
- Compatriot Sellards asks that members continue to bring contributions to upcoming meetings for our continuing support of our Veterans.
- 2022 Middle School Brochures to be judged (1,2,3 place winners) at the conclusion of the meeting. Winners to be announced at March Meeting.
- Compatriot Sellards announced upcoming George Washington Birthday Breakfast at 'The Breakfast Place' in The Woodlands, 22 February 2022.
- Election of Chapter Officers for 2022-2024. All were elected unanimously.
- Compatriot Sellards briefed the Chapter about becoming a Vietnam War Commemorative Partner (endorsed by NSSAR).

Election Results of the Chapter Officers for 2022 – 2024

Art Byram, President	David Hamaker, 1 st VP	John K. Thompson, 2 nd VP
Ed Sellards, Secretary	Dave Morton, Treasurer	Jeff Lehr, Registrar
John Meredith, Webmaster	Bill Myers, Sgt of Arms	Don Stone, Chaplain

Sam Massie conducted a raffle for the Chapter Color Guard and Compatriot Art Byram won the 1st prize, a beautiful Townsend's Revolutionary War Tricorn.

Compatriot Ed Sellards presented John K. Thompson with the SAR 25-year service pin. Other awardees, not present, included:

Compatriot Nolan Maxie	45-year Service Pin
Compatriot Willie Whitehead	35-year Service Pin
Compatriot Russell Cox	25-year Service Pin
Compatriot George Williamson	25-year Service Pin

This Day in History – None this month. Get well DON STONE!

Benediction – Rev. Shook

SAR Closing/Adjourn: David Underdown 7:50 PM ...'till we meet again'