



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
FREEDOM CHAPTER**

**March 15, 2022 MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 6:32 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 – David Hamaker

Invocation – David Underdown

**Members Present** – 15

**Guests** – 8

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** minutes from February 15, 2022 meeting posted online.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$4803.82 as of January 2022.

**Registrar's Report:** 7 applications at National; 2 approved in 2022 to date.

**Scouting Report:** No scouting report this month.

**Roll Call:** None this month due to the length of program

**Induction of New Member by TXSSAR District VP-8 Ken Graalum: Ken Henderson**

Ken also presented Compatriot Ray Smith with a Supplemental Patriot Certificate.

**Awards:** President David Underdown presented the Chapter Distinguished Medal of Service to Texas Division Secretary (and past Chapter President) Mel Oller for his outstanding contribution to the Chapter. David also presented the Roger Sherman Bronze Medal to Compatriot John Meredith and the Texas Society Chapter Bronze Service Medal to Compatriot Bill Myers for their significant contributions.

David Underdown introduced the evening's speaker, Ken Graalum. Ken is the TXSSAR District Vice President for Region 8.

**Program Topic: The Duties and Responsibilities of the Chapter Officer**

VP-8 Graalum outlined and summarized the responsibilities of Chapter Officers and challenged all to work together to bring about even better things for both the Chapter and Texas Society. Ken Graalum proceeded to induct the incoming President Art Byram and David Underdown passed the Presidential Neck Ribbon to him.

TXSSAR District VP-8 Graalum inducted the new Chapter Officers:

Art Byram, President David Hamaker, 1<sup>st</sup> VP John K. Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (not present)

Ed Sellards, Secretary Dave Morton, Treasurer Jeff Lehr, Registrar

John Meredith, Webmaster Bill Myers, Sgt of Arms Don Stone, Chaplain (not present)

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Old Business

- Orations Contest was very successful. Winners to be given their awards May 9, 6:00pm, at their school. Names of the winners will be announced at an upcoming Chapter meeting.
- Brochure Contest winners were chosen at the close of the February meeting. They will be returned to Tom Jackson and will be delivered to the school.
- New member George Adams was inducted into Freedom Chapter by Compatriots Hamaker and Sellards at his home, 4 March 2022.
- Compatriot Sellards offered a motion proposing that the Chapter become an Official Partner with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary USA Vietnam War Commemoration Program. The Chapter voted unanimously to join.
- Members were encouraged to bring non-monetary contributions to the May meeting. If you have many items to donate you can contact Ed Sellards at 832-729-2457 and he can work with you to pick them up.

David Hamaker announced the following upcoming events and color guard activities:

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

**Upcoming Events and Color Guard Activities:**

17/18 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	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

#### New Business

- Compatriot Sellards reports that he will be needing volunteers to assist with JROTC Medal Presentation In months of April and early May.
- All members are encouraged to use our website and facebook page to see the latest chapter activity photos and calendar of events.
- Compatriot Hamaker encouraged all to enter a Patriot Biography into the PRS system online and then submit to him as well for inclusion in upcoming newsletters. Contact him for more information.

**This Day in History** – None this month.

**SAR Closing/Adjourn:** President Art Byram 7:35 PM ...'till we meet again'