

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

FREEDOM CHAPTER

APRIL 19, 2022 MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:36 PM Art Byram

Pledges:

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag- Art Byram

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag- David Hamaker

SAR Pledge- Art Byram

Invocation- Art Byram

Members Present- 22 (20 in person, 2 via zoom) Guest- 18

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

Treasurer's Report: \$4,536.82 as of March 31, 2022

Registrar's Report: 10 approved applications for 2022 and 5 at state

Scouting Report: No scouting reports this month.

Roll Call: None this month due to length of program.

Induction of New Members: none were present for induction.

Compatriot Hamaker introduced guest from the John McAdams chapter in Huntsville, and the Piney Woods chapter from the Humble/Kingwood area.

Program Topic: "SAR State Meeting" presented by Compatriot David Hamaker

Freedom Chapter was presented with the following state awards:

Flag Presentation Award

SAR Americanism Award

SAR Outstanding Chapter Award

Joe M. Hill Membership Award

Compatriot Art Byram received the CAR Liaison Award, and Compatriot David Hamaker was presented the Lafayette Service Award.

Compatriot Hamaker discussed with chapter the importance to understand that SAR, both state and nationally is a 501-3C organization and that we a not-for-profit organization. He also emphasized the importance that we have no political ties with any political party or individual, while we are representing SAR at ANY event.

Jack Freuhwirth, a student at Paideia Classical School in Spring, the winner of the State of Texas Orations contest, representing the Freedom Chapter at the TXSSAR state meeting was our guest and he presented his winning essay to the chapter. He will represent Texas now at the national level.

Chapter Awards:

Military Service Awards were presented to Compatriots Art Byram, George Adams, Charles Jones, Pete Slough, and Hiram Dunlap.

Old Business:

Report of recent events- The TXSSAR state conference was held in Richardson, Texas on March 31 - April 3, 2022. The new state officers were inducted at this meeting and two members from the Freedom Chapter were installed. Jim Kuykendall and Mel Oller, as State President and State Secretary respectively.

Recent Color Guard activities included posting the colors two nights at the TXSDAR state convention in Houston, Texas on March 17th and 18th. One week later they posted colors at the CAR conference in Katy, Texas. We also participated with other Colors Guard members across the state in several posting/retiring colors at the TXSSAR state conference in late March and early April.

Several compatriots from our chapter attended Cradle of Texas event held in Montgomery, Texas on May 9, 2022

Several compatriots also attended the Camp Hope Charity event for Veterans with PTSD. The Color Guard posted the colors for this event. This was held in Hockley, Texas on April 16, 2022

Compatriot Hamaker mentioned that Saturday April 23, 2022 is the Metal of Honor Parade in Gainesville, Texas. Several members from our chapter are scheduled to attend. First time participants will receive the Bernardo De Galvez Bronze Metal.

Also mentioned by compatriot Hamaker is the Space Cowboys baseball game in Sugar Land, Texas where the Freedom Chapter Color Guard will present the colors prior to the singing of the National Anthem.

Memorial Day, Flag Day, Red, White & Blue Symphony in Conroe, Texas, and July 4th Parade in Oak Ridge North, Texas events were mentioned and will be followed up with more information in the coming weeks.

July 10th is the opening day for the National SAR Congress in Savannah, GA

New Business:

Our Color Guard has been invited to post/retire colors at the Heritage Trails DAR meeting on May 17, 2022. Compatriot Hayes will provide additional information prior to the event. This is a morning event that will not interfere with our chapter meeting that evening.

JROTC Medal presentation are taking place in April and May. Members from our chapter are volunteering to attend these events and present the school JROTC with Flag Certificates. We are scheduled to present at 10 schools during this time.

There is a Color Guard Rally in Dennison, Texas on May,21, 2022. If you have an interest in participating, please contact Compatriot Hamaker for more information.

Compatriot Hamaker mentioned the chapter newsletter and encouraged all members to enter a Patriot Biography into the PRS system online and then submit to him as well for inclusion in the upcoming newsletters. He is also looking for volunteers to help with the newsletter as well. If you want to help, please contact him for more information.

Continue to use our website and Facebook page to see the latest chapter activity photos and calendar of events.

The TXSSAR state convention will be held in Houston in 2023, which means the Freedom Chapter will be one of the host chapters. More information to follow at later date.

This Day in History- None this month.

SAR Closing/Adjourn: President Art Byram at 7:52 PM ...till we meet again'