



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FREEDOM CHAPTER**



May 17, 2022 MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Art Byram

Pledges

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag – led by Art Byram

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag – led by Art Byram

SAR Pledge – led by Art Byram

Invocation – Chaplain Don Stone via Zoom

Members Present – 25

Guests – 17

Minutes of Last Meeting: minutes from April 19, 2022 meeting posted online.

Treasurer's Report: \$4,436.82 as of May 2022.

Registrar's Report: 6 applications at National; 11 approved in 2022 to date.

Scouting Report: No scouting report this month.

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

Speaker/Program: President Art Byram introduced the newly elected Texas Society President Jim Kuykendall as the evening speaker. Jim is a member of Freedom Chapter and a past Chapter President. President Kuykendall shared his goals and vision for the Texas Society and his comments are summarized as follows:

President Kuykendall sends his kudos and THANKS to his home Chapter for its very significant growth over the past ten years. At a low point of just under 20 members, the Freedom Chapter has grown now to over 120 members. Jim's Program tonight focused on this Principal of the **POWER OF THREE – Recruiting, Retention, & Re-activation**. He emphasized it was time to put into place the educational programs that will make the Society grow both in numbers and knowledge. The TXSSAR has been planning and placing educational tools and resources on the State website over the past two years and it is a primary goal of President Kuykendall for Texas Chapters to implement focused officer training and a directed mentorship program. Special Texas Society pins are being made to recognize members for mentorship and recruiting. President Kuykendall challenged the Chapter to: (1) Continue to support public service and youth award programs; (2) Reach out to schools and provide Patriotic Educational Programs;

(3) Continue to Honor, Respect, and Recognize our Veterans. (4) Support and Participate in all Patriotic Programs. "Get a member – Ask Somebody"

TXSSAR Secretary (and past Chapter President) Mel Oller introduced many of our distinguished guests, including:

Ray Massey, TXSSAR President Elect and his wife Catherine; Tom Jackson, past TXSSAR President 2018-2019 and Trustee; Mike Anderson, President of Piney Woods Chapter; Bob Kubin, TXSSAR Color Guard Commander; Randy Hall, State Chair for ROTC/JROTC Program

Awards:

Compatriot Ed Sellards recognized nine Chapter members for their military service. In Partnership with the Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commission National Committee, and endorsed by the National Veterans Committee of the Sons of the American Revolution, several members were presented with Vietnam Appreciation pins.

Secretary Sellards awarded the 40-year SAR service pin and Certificate to Nolan Maxie.

Randy Hall, TXSSAR ROTC/JROTC Chair and 1st VP David Hamaker presented the SAR Silver Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate to Compatriot Ed Sellards for his faithful 18 years of service to the NJROTC Program.

Tom Jackson announced that Compatriot John K. Thompson had been awarded the Texas Society Silver Meritorious Medal for his 10-year tenure as the TXSSAR ROTC/JROTC Committee Chair; to be presented at upcoming Chapter meeting.

President Art Byram presented the Military Service Medal and Certificate to Compatriot Ken Henderson. Ken was also presented the NSSAR Veterans Multi-Corps Certificate.

Induction of New Member: TXSSAR President Jim Kuykendall inducted Rob Eissler

Old Business

- 1 VP Hamaker reported on May CG activities:
 1. 3 May, U.S. Naturalization Program in Bryan, Tx; Attended by: D. Hamaker, J. Thompson, D. Hayes, A. Byram. E. Sellards.
 2. 6 May, Sugar Land Space Cowboys Baseball Game – This was a CAR sponsored event. Ballpark officials stated that our CG was the best they have sponsored at the park! Attended by: A. Byram, D. Hamaker, B. Myers, D. Hayes, L. Johnston, M Oller, T. Jackson.
 3. 17 May, Heritage Trails DAR Luncheon in Spring. Attended by: A. Byram, D. Hamaker, E. Sellards, D. Hayes, B. Myers, H. Dunlap.
- Secretary Sellards thanked the many Chapter members who presented JROTC Medals to our sponsored Units. Special Thanks to David Hamaker, John K. Thompson, Bill Myers, Hiram Dunlap, Tom Stuewe, David Morton, and Don Hayes.

1 VP 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:

29 May – Memorial Day Event at Town Green Park in The Woodlands	N
30 May – Memorial Day Event at Mont Co. Veterans Park in Conroe	N
30 May – Memorial Day Event at VFW Post 4709 in Conroe	N
14 Jun – Flag Day event with DAR Chapter	S
18 Jun - Audie Murphy Parade Farmersville (northeast of Dallas)	S
22 Jun - April Sound Women’s Association Luncheon	C
02 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
12/13 Aug - Battle of Medina Symposium and Musket Salute in Leming Tx	S

New Business

- In lieu of participating in the State CG Rally in North Texas (Denison) for Armed Forces Day, the Officers of the Chapter opted for a local event, which is a National CG event, at the Montgomery County Memorial Park. Compatriot Sellards will coordinate and prepare a short program.
- 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.
- Anyone interested in becoming the Chapter Newsletter Editor, please contact David Hamaker.
- President Art Byram announced that the Freedom Chapter will be hosting the TXSSAR 2023 State Convention, and that Volunteers will be needed.

Compatriot David Hamaker was the winner of the Tri-corn Hat drawing

This Day in History – Don Stone via Zoom. The New York Stock Exchange was founded on this day in history, May 17, 1792.

SAR Closing/Adjourn: President Art Byram 7:45 PM ...'till we meet again'