



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
FREEDOM CHAPTER**



**June 17, 2022 MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 6:30 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 David Hamaker

Presentation of Colors by Compatriots E. Sellards, H. Dunlap, and T. Stuewe

SAR Pledge – led by Art Byram

Invocation – Chaplain Don Stone

**Members Present** – 21    **Guests** – 14    TXSSAR President Jim Kuykendall present

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** minutes from May 17, 2022 meeting posted online.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$5,639.32 as of May 31, 2022.

**Registrar's Report:** None

**Ancestor Roll Call:** Led by Art Byram

**Scouting Report:** Compatriot Ben Bonnett reports that he expects activity to be slow through the summer but pick up once school begins

**Speaker/Program:** President Art Byram introduced the Oak Ridge North Police Chief Tom Libby to recount the lifesaving actions of two of his officers earlier this spring. Finding the victim unresponsive and with little to no pulse, the two officers provided 4 doses of NARCAN and performed CPR. EMS arrived on the scene about 5 minutes after they took the initial and immediate action.

**Awards:**

Officers Kelly Kennerly and Ralph Craig were presented with the SAR Life Saving Medal by Chapter President Art Byram for their actions in saving a young man from a drug overdose.

Compatriot Ed Sellards presented the SAR Military Service Medal to Rob Eissler.

**Induction of New Members:** Freedom Chapter past President David Underdown and President Art Byram inducted Rev. Wally Shook, Jr. and Joe Andrews.

1 VP David Hamaker announced the following upcoming color guard activities

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### **Upcoming Events and Color Guard Activities:**

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
4 Aug -	U.S. Naturalization Program Bryan, Tx.	C
20 Aug -	Battle of Medina Symposium and Musket Salute in Leming Tx	S
11 Sep -	Patriot Grave Marker Dedication; Bonham, Tx	S

### **Old Business**

- Anyone interested in becoming the Chapter Newsletter Editor, please contact David Hamaker.
- All new members are encouraged to become members of the Color Guard; contact 1VP Hamaker
- President Art Byram announced that Compatriot Loren Johnston has agreed to chair the Freedom Chapter planning committee for the TXSSAR 2023 State Convention; Volunteers will be needed. If interested contact Loren and info Art and David Hamaker.

### **New Business**

- TXSSAR President Kuykendall encouraged all to become mentors; details regarding the Mentorship Program are on the State Website. Mentor pins are to be awarded to members who become mentors within their Chapters.
- 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.
- Compatriot Sellards briefly discussed the SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program and encouraged all to record their participation for SAR B/S/G 250<sup>th</sup> Medals.

**This Day in History** – by Don Stone; Battle of Bunker Hill (Breed's Hill); while a tactical victory for the British Army, the Patriots inflicted twice the casualties upon the Redcoats.

**SAR Closing/Adjourn:** President Art Byram 7:47 PM ...'till we meet again'