



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
FREEDOM CHAPTER**



**August 16, 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

Presentation of Colors by Compatriots E. Sellards, H. Dunlap, D. Hayes, D. Hamaker

SAR Pledge – led by Art Byram

Invocation – Chaplain Don Stone

**Members Present** – 20    **Guests** – 9

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** minutes from Jun 16, 2022 meeting posted online.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$ 5,389.82 as July 31, 2022.

**Registrar's Report:** None

**Ancestor Roll Call:** None due to length of program.

**Induction of New Members:** President Byram and VP Hamaker inducted Compatriots William Carter and John Hamilton; they were presented with their certificates and rosettes.

**Awards:**

President Byram and 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hamaker presented the Military Service Medal to Rev. Wally Shook. Compatriot Ed Sellards presented the SAR 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal to Compatriot John Thompson for his mentorship over the past three years. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hamaker presented the TX Div. Color Guard Silver Galvez Medal and the SAR Service to Veterans Medal to Compatriot Ed Sellards.

**Speaker/Program:** Compatriot Don Hayes presented Dr. Sheronna McMahon. She played a large selection of Violin Colonial Music, including minuets, marches, and popular tunes. She also treated us to American Fiddle Music and educated all on the differences between the violin and the fiddle by her excellent selections. Who knew that early fiddle players insisted on putting a rattlesnake rattle in their fiddles to achieve a better sound! Sheronna choose songs such as 'Gen. Washington's March', 'Hail to a Wedding', 'Yankee Doodle' (original version and more modern one), and closed out with

a more contemporary favorite, 'Orange Blossom Special'. Her performance was well appreciated, and she was presented a nice, personalized Mug by President Art Byram.

**Scouting Report:** None.

1 VP David Hamaker announced the following upcoming color guard activities

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

**Upcoming Events and Color Guard Activities:**

20 Aug -	Battle of Medina Symposium and Musket Salute in Leming Tx	S
11 Sep -	Patriots & 1 <sup>st</sup> Responder Day Events (am & pm) The Woodlands	C
17 Sep -	Texas Navy Day @ San Jacinto Monument	C
20 Sep -	Heritage Trails DAR Mtg; TX SAR Pres Kuykendall to speak	S
09 Oct -	CAR Flag Retirement Program Mont. Co Flag Park Conroe	C
21-22 Oct	TX Div. SAR Board of Managers Mtg Plano, Tx	S
03 Nov -	US Naturalization Program Bryan, Tx	S
06 Nov -	Joanna Trout Chapter Magnolia DAR Event	C
11 Nov -	Veterans Day Program Town Green Park The Woodlands	N
12 Nov -	Magnolia DAR Event @ Magnolia Library	C
17 Nov -	San Jacinto DAR Chapter Mtg Tomball	C
01 Dec -	San Jacinto DAR Chapter 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Tomball	C
2-4 Dec -	Dickens on the Strand Galveston	S
10 Dec -	Kiwanis Christmas Parade Conroe	C
17 Dec -	Wreaths Across America New Montgomery Cemetery	N

**Old 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.
- 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.
- Interested in becoming the Chapter Newsletter Editor? Contact 1VP Hamaker. Patriot biographies solicited for the newsletter.
- Volunteers will be needed for the TX Division 2023 March Annual Meeting, hosted by Freedom Chapter. Contact President Byram if you can help!

- Compatriots Kuykendall Oller, Byram, and Sellards attended the 2022 Congress in Savannah, Ga.
- Wreaths Across America sponsor(s) for 17 Dec are being sought. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hamaker to report at the September meeting with more details.

### **New Business**

- Kirstie Campbell, Senior Chapter Advisor, made the announcement that the CAR Captain Ed Weeman Chapter was relocating to The Woodlands.
- President Byram announced that the Chapter has acquired a mock cannon from the Plano Chapter; it is expected to be used in a variety of chapter activities.
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP Hamaker discussed the 2023 Youth Contests and the need for volunteers. Contests include Essay, Oration, Brochures, Posters, and JROTC.
- Compatriot Don Hayes talked about the 20 Sep DAR Heritage Trails Meeting in Spring; Tx Pres Kuykendall scheduled to speak. Compatriot Bill Myers will be featured on the Drum.
- Pres. Byram announced that the formal SAR Mentorship Program will commence soon.

Heritage Chapter DAR Regent Rowena Hayes presented the Freedom Chapter a donation for \$50 for Color Guard Services at their May meeting.

**This Day in History** – by Don Stone; Battle of Bennington on Aug 16, 1777....

BUT on Aug 14, 1775, a Mr. Henry Tucker, a merchant in St. Georges Bermuda, was convinced by Congressional Financier Robert Morris to sell 100 barrels of Gun Powder to the Continental Congress to fight the British Crown in what has become known to history as the Bermuda Gunpowder Plot.

**SAR Closing/Adjourn:** President Art Byram 8:10 PM ...'till we meet again'