



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FREEDOM CHAPTER**



September 20, 2022 MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:35 PM

Art Byram

Pledges

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag – led by Ed Sellards

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag – led by David Hamaker

Presentation of Colors by Compatriots D. Hayes, D. Hamaker

SAR Pledge – led by Art Byram

Invocation – Chaplain Don Stone

Members Present – 23 **Guests** – 10

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

Treasurer's Report: \$ 5,307.97 as August 31, 2022

Registrar's Report: None

Ancestor Roll Call: Conducted by Art Byram

Induction of New Members: President Byram and VP Hamaker inducted Compatriots Michael and Kenneth Misner; they were presented with their certificates and rosettes.

Awards: 1st VP Hamaker presented a SAR Flag Certificate to Spring Creek BBQ, our host restaurant in recognition of their flying the US Flag daily. Compatriots David Hamaker and Ed Sellards were awarded the SAR 250th Anniversary Gold Medal by President Byram.

Speaker/Program: President Art Byram shared with the Chapter the Texas SAR Society Mentorship Program and encouraged all to complete the training online and to become certified to become mentors. New members will be receiving a "New Members Manual" electronically. Mentors are to receive a special Texas SAR pin.

Scouting Report: Secretary Sellards relayed information from Marshall Brown that the number of Eagle Scout Certificates for 2022 should exceed 30.

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:

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 th 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

- 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.
- 1st VP Hamaker discussed the 2023 Youth Contests and the need for volunteers. Contests include Essay, Oration, Brochures, Posters, and JROTC.
- 1st VP Hamaker solicited articles and pictures for the Chapter monthly newsletter.
- Art Byram and his wife Susan attended the South-Central District Meeting in Bentonville, Arkansas in September.

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- Chapter Registrar Jeff Lehr has resigned his position due to his personal workload and the position will be temporarily assumed by 1st VP D. Hamaker.
- Secretary Sellards gave a power point presentation on how to document, qualify, and file for the 3 different levels of the SAR 250th Anniversary Medals.
- 2023 State Convention Chair Loren Johnston gave a summary of action items that committee members are working on in preparations for the late March 2023 event.

This Day in History – by Don Stone; on 20 September 1863 the bloody battle of Chickamauga was fought in northern Georgia between the Union Army led by William Sherman and the Confederate Army led by Braxton Bragg, resulting in an overwhelming victory for the Southern Cause. Mary Edwards Walker, female Civil War Surgeon and ex-POW became the first and only female to be awarded the Military Medal of Honor, only to have it rescinded in 1916 by the War Department. But....it was restored in 1977, with some controversy.

SAR Closing/Adjourn: President Art Byram 8:20 PM ...'till we meet again'