



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FREEDOM CHAPTER**



October 18, 2022 MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30PM

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 D. Hayes, D. Hamaker

SAR Pledge – led by Art Byram

Invocation – Chaplain Don Stone

Members Present – 22 **Guests** – 16

Minutes of Last Meeting: minutes from September 20, 2022, meeting posted online.

Treasurer's Report: \$ 4,692.38, as September 30, 2022.

Registrar's Report: 4 applications currently in works; 23 applications approved 2022.

Ancestor Roll Call: None to the length of the Chapter meeting.

Induction of New Members: President Byram and VP Hamaker inducted Compatriot John Blum; he was presented with his membership certificate and rosette.

President Byram conducted the oath of office to the Chapter's new Registrar, Richard Huntington.

Awards: President Byram and Texas Society Secretary Oller presented the Life Saving Medal to Officer Hensley, O.R.N., and the Heroism Award to Officer Hatch, O.R.N. Oak Ridge North Chief of Police Tom Libby read the account for both officers and expressed his personal pride in having these find officers on the city's police force. Chapter members and guests gave both officers a standing ovation in recognition of their superb public service.

President Byram presented the following Compatriots with a 250th Anniversary Gold Medal Letter of Authorization: David Underdown, Loren Johnston, Don Hayes, Bill Myers, and Tom Stuewe.

1st VP Hamaker presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Margaret Montgomery DAR Chapter Regent Cindy Amburgey and to Heritage Trails DAR Chapter Rowenna Hayes for their support of Freedom Chapter.

Heritage Trails DAR Chapter Regent Rowenna Hayes presented a donation to the Chapter on behalf of Compatriot Bill Myers for the excellent program on the “Drum” he gave to their Chapter earlier in May.

Speaker/Program: Secretary Sellards presented a Power Point Program on all NSSAR Medals presented to Compatriots who provide financial support to the Society’s Educational, Youth Library, and Endowment efforts. He encouraged Compatriots to report both SAR financial and Veteran groups contributions to him so they can be reported in the Chapter’s 2022 Americanism, USS Stark, and Texas Society Supplemental Reports.

Scouting Report: Ben Bonnett informed the Chapter that Eagle Scout activity was picking up. Eagle Scouts who were presented with a SAR certificate in 2022 will be reported by the end of December by Marshall Brown

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:

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| 03 Nov - | US Naturalization Program Bryan, Tx | S |
| 05 Nov - | Veterans Day Parade in Navasota, Tx | N |
| 06 Nov - | Joanna Trout Chapter Magnolia DAR Event | C |
| 07 Nov - | Boy Scout Flag Retirement Program Conroe | S |
| 11 Nov - | Veterans Day Program Town Green Park The Woodlands | N |
| 12 Nov - | Joana Trout Chapter Magnolia DAR Event @ Magnolia Library | C |
| 15 Nov - | Heritage Trails Chapter Meeting | C |
| 17 Nov - | San Jacinto DAR Chapter Mtg Tomball | C |
| 19 Nov - | CAR Flag Handling Training event Conroe Veteran Memorial Park | 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

- 1st VP Hamaker discussed the 2023 Youth Contests and the need for volunteers. Contests include Essay, Oration, Brochures, Posters, and JROTC.
- Chapter planning progress of the 2023 State Convention being hosted by Freedom Chapter 30 March – 1 April.
- Interested in being the Chapter's Newsletter Editor? 1st VP Hamaker wants to take on an Apprentice.....do you want to step up and take on this important role?
- Color Guard and Chapter Activities: 1st VP Hamaker encouraged all Compatriots to support upcoming events.

New Business

- Secretary Sellards encouraged all Chapter members to participate in the SAR 250th Anniversary Medal program; at least 4 more are eligible for the Gold Medal and at least 8 are eligible for the Bronze or Silver Medal.
- 2023 Chapter 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.
- Wreaths Across America is now over 100% funded for 2022; further contributions can still be added and will carry over to next year.
- TXSSAR BOM will be held, 21-23 October in Plano, Tx.

This Day in History – by Don Stone; on 18 October 1867, William Seward, U.S. Secretary of State, finalized the purchase of the Territory of Alaska from the Czar of Russia for \$7.2 million dollars. This purchase was pilloried in the U.S. Press and was commonly referred to as 'Seward's Folly'. Thirty years later GOLD was discovered in Alaska. Seems like the purchase was not so much a folly after all.

SAR Closing/Adjourn: President Art Byram, 8:00 PM ...'till we meet again'