



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
FREEDOM CHAPTER**



January 17, 2023 MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:33PM

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

SAR Pledge – led by Art Byram

Invocation – Chaplain Don Stone

Members Present – 26 **Guests** – 16

Minutes of Last Meeting: minutes from November 17, 2023 meeting posted online.

Treasurer's Report: \$ 4,547.18 as of December 2022.

Registrar's Report: 7 applications currently in works; 23 applications approved 2022; 4 Supplementals. D. Myers had a Supplemental application approved.

Ancestor Roll Call: led by Art Byram

Induction of New Members: None this month; 1VP Hamaker introduced members awaiting certificates: D. Zimmerman, T. Hodges, T. Friday.

Awards:

- David R. Underdown – SAR 250th Gold Medal.
- Rowena Hayes and Susan Johnson – Chapter letters were presented by President Byram, authorizing the purchase of the SAR 250th Bronze Medal.
- Compatriots Ed Sellards and David Hamaker have both earned the NSSAR Bronze and Silver Medal and will have them presented at the TXSSAR State Convention late March 2023.

Speaker/Program: Nolan Raymond Maxie – 1st President of Freedom Chapter; “The story of the early days of the Chapter in Pictures”. The Chapter was established in 1982 and Nolan told all how the Chapter has grown throughout the years and how much he has appreciated the Chapter’s involvement in the community.

Scouting Report: None.

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

Upcoming Events and Color Guard Activities:

21 Jan - Montgomery County Texas Historical Flag Park Annual Program C
22 Feb - George Washington B-Day Luncheon Conroe N

Old Business

- US Naturalization Program, 5 January 2023, in College Station (George Bush Library) was attended by Compatriots D. Hamaker, J. Thompson, and D. Hayes.
- Newsletter – Compatriot David Hamaker; anyone interested in taking this on??? Send Patriot Biographies to David Hamaker.
- Wreaths Across America was well attended; thanks again to all the supporters and Compatriot Tom Stuewe for helping to secure sponsors.
- Compatriot Ed Sellards presented a program to the Coughatti Trace DAR Chapter, 8 January 2023, in Conroe.

New Business

- Compatriot Davis Morton is recovering at home and sent his thanks to all for the concern and well wishes.
- Secretary Sellards displayed the Grand Raffle Prize at the 2023 State Conference, a framed limited-edition print of Rick Reeve, “Forged in Fire”, Gen. Washington and Von Steuben at Valley Forge.
- Secretary Sellards encouraged all Chapter members to participate in the SAR 250th Anniversary Medal program.
- 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.
- Compatriot Hamaker reported that a new War of 1812 Chapter in Montgomery County is being formed and encouraged Freedom Chapter members to check with him if they believe they may be eligible to join; should have first meeting in April.
- Compatriot Grave Marking Programs are being planned for Apr and Nov in 2023.
- A Patriot Grave Marking Program for Henry Bailey Greenwood is being planned for end of March.
- Secretary Sellards reported that the Chapter’s 2022 USS Stark Report was submitted and that the 2022 Americanism and TXSSAR Supplemental Reports were being sent shortly. The Americanism Report is up 58% over 2022.
- Compatriot Don Hayes was sworn in as the new Chapter Treasurer, replacing Davis Morton. Motions were made by Compatriot John Meredith, and duly seconded, to add both Don Hayes and David Hamaker as signatories to the Chapter’s bank account. The Chapter vote was unanimously in favor. A motion was made by Compatriot John Meredith, and duly seconded, to remove Davis

Morton and David Underdown from the Chapter's bank account. The Chapter vote was unanimously in favor.

This Day in History – by Don Stone; January 17, 1781: At the Battle of Cowpens in S.C., American forces led by BG Daniel Morgan defeated British forces led by LtCol Tarleton.

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