



**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION  
FREEDOM CHAPTER**



**November 15, 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** – 21    **Guests** – 11

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** minutes from October 18, 2022 meeting posted online.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$ 4,097.18, as October 31, 2022.

**Registrar's Report:** 6 applications currently in works; 21 applications approved 2022.

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

**Induction of New Members:** President Byram and VP Hamaker inducted Compatriots John Blum and Don Kluth; presented with their membership certificate and rosette.

**Awards:**

- John C Meredith – Liberty Medal "Oak Leaf"; SAR Bronze Good Citizenship Medal
- David R. Underdown – SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Gold Medal
- Susan Johnston – SAR Medal of Appreciation (DAR); Chapter letter authorizing the purchase of the SAR 250<sup>th</sup> Bronze Medal
- Compatriots Wally Shook, Jr. presented the SAR Veterans Corps Certificate

**Speaker/Program:** Compatriot John Thompson – "**Kentucky Iron and the Texas Connection**"; the story of the 'Blummary' of Kentucky and the importance of iron ore during the American Revolution and afterwards.

**Scouting Report:** Ben Bonnett informed the Chapter that Eagle Scout activity was picking up. Eagle Scouts who were presented with SAR certificates in 2022 will be

reported by the end of December by Marshall Brown. Anticipate around 35 total. Eagle Scout National Essay Contest due 15 January 2023.

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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| 17 Nov - | San Jacinto DAR Chapter Mtg                                 | Tomball                 | C |
| 01 Dec - | San Jacinto DAR Chapter 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner | Tomball                 | C |
| 10 Dec - | Kiwanis Christmas Parade                                    | Conroe                  | C |
| 15 Dec - | Colonial Dames Program                                      | Conroe                  | C |
| 17 Dec - | Wreaths Across America                                      | New Montgomery Cemetery | N |

### **Old Business**

- Newsletter – Compatriot David Hamaker; anyone interested in taking this on???
- CAR/DAR Thank you Notes – Read by Compatriot Ed Sellards.
- Color Guard Activities – Compatriot David Hamaker reviewed last month's activities.
- BOM Meeting October 21,22,& 23 McKinney, TX - Freedom Chapter awarded the "Partners in Patriotism" Certificate.

### **New Business**

- Secretary Sellards encouraged all Chapter members to participate in the SAR 250<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Color Guard Commander Hamaker reviewed this month's activities.
- 2023 SAR dues need to be paid by December 31 to be current.
- Wreaths Across America is now over 100% funded for 2022; further contributions can still be added and will carry over to next year. Special thanks to Tom Stuewe for getting financial contributions from local Montgomery businesses.
- Past President of the Capt. Ed Weyman Chapter CAR, Abby Sue Campbell, talked about: (1) CAR State Project for 2023, Military Kids with the theme "Ready and Forward", (2) Special CAR Mentors w. \$12 donation.

**This Day in History** – by Don Stone; Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation in November 1777.

**SAR Closing/Adjourn:** President Art Byram, 8:05 PM        ...'till we meet again'