



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



FREEDOM CHAPTER

MARCH 19, 2024, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

David Hamaker

Color Guard Commander Myers led the CG (Compatriots Lano, Miles, Kluth, Thompson) in the posting of the Colors.

Pledges

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag led by David Hamaker

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by David Hamaker

SAR Pledge led by David Hamaker

Mission Statement led by William Myers

Invocation - Don Stone

Members Present – 30 **Guests** – 24

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Secretary Kluth reported minutes from the February meeting were posted online; Compatriot Byram made motion to accept minutes, seconded by Compatriot Huntington, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hayes reported ending balance of \$8,753.15; Secretary Kluth made motion to accept report, seconded by Compatriot Sellards. and approved.

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Huntington reported two applications at National, two applications at State and two supplement applications at National, two applications at State.

Scouting Report: Ben Bonnett reported the scouts collected 314 Flag Retirements through their collection boxes.

Recognition of Guests: Treasurer Hayes recognized State Secretary and Past Chapter President Mel Oller; State Treasurer Don Hayes, Past Chapter Presidents Nolan Ray Maxie, John Thompson, and Don Stone; Madame Regent Rowena Hayes and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Twin Creeks, Coughatti Trace, San Jacinto, Heritage Trails, Jonna Troutman, Margaret Montgomery.

New Members: President David Hamaker inducted Compatriot Anthony Marine into the Freedom Chapter and he was presented hia membership certificate and a rosette.

PROGRAM: Chapter Essay Winner – Treasurer Hayes introduced Arrabelle Campbell as our Chapter's Essay winner and presented her with the George S. & Stella M. Knight certificate, medal, and a \$200 award. The essay was on Daniel Morgan who served under George Washington, Benedict Arnold, among others during the American Revolution. He was made a Brigadier General by Congress in 1780 before his retirement.

Presentation of the Irish and Scottish in the American Revolution – Compatriot Hoffman presented a history and service of Scottish/Irish immigrants to America prior to, during, and after the American Revolution. This service included such notables as John Paul Jones and President John F. Kennedy.

AWARDS –

- Art Byram, past Chapter President, was presented a Distinguished Service Medal and Certificate by David Hamaker and Ed Sellards.
- Ed Kelly was presented a Veteran's Certificate and a Viet Nam War Certificate for his service to the Country by Ed Sellards.

OLD BUSINESS

- DAR State Meeting – Austin, Texas – Compatriot Don Hayes spoke about the meeting and encouraged the Chapter members to attend a future meeting.
- Madame Regent Rowena Hayes spoke about a rare Sampler donated by the TX SAR Ladies Auxiliary to TX SAR for their museum.

NEW BUSINESS

- Recognition of the Chapter Birthday – Charter Certificate Mar 1st the Chapter turned 38 Years in existence
- SAR Patriot Chest Program – Compatriot Don Hayes discussed our progress and a three-member committee was formed to determine our purchases with the initial \$500.
- JROTC Chairman Ed Sellards discussed the JROTC Medal Presentation Season and the expansion of the Schools for this year.
- **Honor Flight** 4/20 and 6/1– Compatriot Bill Myers discussed the two opportunities we have this year.
- Military Service Recognition Medals and Certificates – Compatriot Ed Sellards discussed honoring our fathers and grandfathers who serviced with a Memorial Day Chapter Program
- SAR Public Service Awards: Law Enforcement/EMS/Life Saving/Heroism/Fire Safety – Compatriot Ed Sellards encouraged members to identify individuals that service our community and should be honored.
- Media/Newsletter Chairman – Compatriot Matt Hoffman encouraged members to contribute articles to the newsletter
- Youth Programs Chairman – Compatriot John Hamilton encouraged members to hand out brochures to spread the word about the opportunities with our Youth Awards.
- Armorer - Basic Musket Safety/Training – Compatriot Loren Johnston discussed an advanced class in the Fall.
- Color Guard and other Events – Compatriot David Hamaker and Bill Myers discussed upcoming events.

Ancestor Roll Call: None tonight due to the length of the meeting.

This Day in History – Don Stone's history moment was on the Stamp Act, 22 March 1765. This was a complex tax (e.g. a tax on each page of a newspaper) among other applications as a way for the Colonies to pay the expenses of the Expeditionary Army. The tax was repealed after one year.

SAR Closing/ Adjourn: President David Hamaker, 8:15 PM ...'till we meet again'.

Sons of the American Revolution Mission Statement

'The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War Patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations, about the founding principles of our Country.'