



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



FREEDOM CHAPTER

FEBRUARY, 18, 2024, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

President Hamaker

Compatriot Myers led the CG (Compatriots Byram, Miles, Kluth, Lano, Jones) in the posting of the Colors.

Invocation Compatriot Lano

Pledges

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag led by Compatriot Myers

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by Compatriot Hoffman

SAR Pledge led by Compatriot Hayes

Mission Statement led by Compatriot Hamaker

Members Present – 29 **Guests** – 14

Recognition of Guests:

Compatriot Hayes recognized Former President General Tom Lawrence, Former State President Sam Massey, State President Elect, Past State Secretary, and Past Chapter President Mel Oller; State Treasurer Don Hayes, District 7 VP and Past Chapter President Art Byram, Past Chapter President John Thompson; and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Twin Creeks, Coughatti Trace, San Jacinto, Heritage Trails, Jonna Troutman, Robert Raines, Spring Creek, and Margaret Montgomery.

New Members:

Compatriots Hamaker and Hayes inducted Compatriots Anthony Bradford, Christopher Bradford, Rusty McLaughlin, and Gerald Messerschmidt into the Freedom Chapter and they were presented their membership certificates and rosettes.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Secretary Kluth reported minutes from the January meeting were posted online to the Chapter's website and approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hayes reported ending balance of \$11,215.92 and the report approved as read.

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Huntington reported 3 to 4 applications were at National.

Scouting Report: Compatriot Bonnett reported the Chapter would have a 2025 Scouting Essay and requested additional help with the Scouting program.

Youth Programs Report: Compatriot Hamilton reported Arabelle Campbell won the State Video Contest.

Media/Newsletter Report: Compatriot Hoffman stated the Newsletter should be out within two weeks.

PROGRAM:

Starting the program, Arabelle Campbell's video contest entry was shown and received a standing ovation. Next the Freedom Chapter's Essay Winners read their essays. Montana Hart (Teacher Essay) described her teaching methods and

what winning would mean to her. Isaac Corell, Youth Essay, dealt with Naval Combat, John Paul Jones, and the growth of the US Navy.

AWARDS

- Chapter Awards were presented by Compatriots Hamaker, Sellards, and Hayes
 - Compatriot Lano was presented his Service to Veterans Medal, 1st and 2nd Bronze palms.
 - Compatriot Lano was also presented his Patriot Grave Marking Medal, 1st palm.
 - Compatriot Hamaker was presented his Compatriot Grave Marking Medal, 1st palm.
- Color Guard Awards
 - None presented.
- Other Awards
 - Compatriot Sellards presented Compatriot Byram an SAR Mason Challenge Coin.
- Service Awards
 - None presented.

OLD BUSINESS

- None discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- SAR 2025 State Convention: Compatriot Hamaker encouraged members to register online and reserve rooms for the 2025 Convention in Richardson, TX.
- Upcoming Color Guard Events: Compatriot Hamaker highlighted the George Washington Parade, the Colonial Dames State Conference, Humble Museum RevEd event, and the Liberty Tree Ceremony.

ANCESTOR ROLL CALL: The roll call was performed.

This Day in History – Compatriot Hoffman’s history moment was February 18, 1775, when the British Parliament declared a rebellion in Massachusetts, mobilizing troops, and causing the Massachusetts Assembly to go into hiding. On February 18, 1546, Martin Luther, who began the Protestant Reformation, died.

Benediction – Compatriot Lano gave the benediction.

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.’