



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



### FREEDOM CHAPTER

APRIL 15, 2025

**Call to Order:** 6:30 PM President Hamaker

Compatriot Myers led the CG (Compatriots: Miles, Hoffman, Thompson, Jones, Tyson, Lano) 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 Hayes

SAR Pledge led by Compatriot Myers

Mission Statement led by Compatriot Hamaker

**Members Present** –18 **Guests** – 21

**Recognition of Guests:** President Hamaker recognized several non-member guests as did Past President Nolan Maxie, some of whom were Veterans.

Compatriot Hayes recognized State President Mel Oller, State Treasurer Don Hayes, District 7 VP and Past Chapter President Art Byram, Past Chapter President Nolan Maxie, and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Twin Creeks, Coughatti Trace, San Jacinto, Heritage Trails, Jonna Troutman, Robert Raines, Spring Creek, and Margaret Montgomery.

Compatriot and Past President Maxie recognized: Charles Armitage (Viet Nam Vet) & wife as well as his own wife.

**New Members:** No new members were present to be inducted.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Compatriot Lano reported that minutes from the March meeting were posted online to the Chapter's website and approved as circulated. President Hamaker noted Secretary Kluth was out of the country.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Hayes reported the ending balance of \$ 11,953.98 and the report approved as read.

**Registrar's Report:** No formal report However President Hamaker reported that he had packets from National for two new approved members and there were about 6 - 8 applications at State for approval and to send to National...

**Scouting Report:** No report

#### **Other Reports or Requests:**

State President Oller asked the membership to hang out two lanterns to recognize April 18<sup>th</sup> , Paul Revere's Ride and the Beginning of our country to move toward independence as part of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities

**Youth Programs Report:** Compatriot Hamilton presented his report, and it consisted of several points:

Arrabelle Campbell received several awards and certificates for her efforts this year on behalf of our Chapter.

VP Dist. 7 Byram (grandfather), Kristi Campbell (DAR and Mother) along with President Hamaker and State Treasurer gathered to make awards/certificates to Arrabelle for her accomplishments. Our Chapter had five of seven winners and has 1 of the State of candidates of 6 who to be judged to go to National Contests include Knights Essay, Rumbaugh Oration, Video, SAR-CAR Essay which Arrabelle later presented State President Oller and Chapter President Hamaker supplemented Chairman Hamilton's remarks and are impressed with our Youth Program success. Regrettably, Chairman Hamilton has elected to step down and will need to be replaced. Volunteers are requested.

**Armorer's Report:** Compatriot Johnston is planning for a Fall Musket Training. President Hamaker also provided some additional guidance on requirements relative to the insurance as well as **weapon safety, as a continuing reminder.**

**Media/Newsletter Report:** - Compatriot Hoffman reported the following:

The April Newsletter was distributed on Tuesday April 15 prior to the meeting.

Due to Compatriot Hoffman's recent appointment to The Texas State Compatriot Editor post, he will give up our Chapter Newsletter. The GOOD NEWS is a new member; Craig Dooley will be trained by Hoffman to do the Chapter Newsletter on a go forward basis. We are fortunate to have such a "quick out of the blocks" member to jump into this job for the benefit of all the members

**PROGRAM:** Arrabelle Campbell presented her award-winning SAR-CAR Essay.

### **AWARDS**

- Compatriot Myers was presented Youth Education certificate and medal (15 presentations) by President Hamaker
- Chapter Awards: President Hamaker reviewed 4 Chapter awards made at State Convention for Chapter's excellence in various areas.
- Compatriots David / Ed / Don presented to Arrabelle Campbell.
- 250 Awards: Chapter VP Sellards presented the Silver 250 Award to Skipper Jones  
Charles Armitage was presented with the Military Certificate of Appreciation and Viet Nam Era pin by VP\ Ed Sellards and Past President Maxie will award both Richard Hobson and Edward Smith their certificates at their homes.
- State President Oller was recognized by President Hamaker as completing 50 years in the Masons

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- SAR Patriot Chest Program Example – Compatriot Hayes, no new developments to report

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2026 SAR State Annual Convention: - addressed several hotels under consideration and some other general considerations our Chapter will need to consider as this event draws near. Compatriot - David Hamaker
- 2025 SAR State Annual Convention See above Awards section
- JROTC Chairman – Compatriot Art Byram reported all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> presenters are assigned and scheduled
- Military Service Recognition Medals and Certificates – Compatriot Ed Sellards, see above Awards section
- President Hamaker gave a look ahead to a **special event of the Chapter**  
Our oldest Active Member, Wallace Thomas Shook, Jr. will reach 100 years later this year. The Officers are planning a special event and recognition for Compatriot Shook and coordinating through family. More details later.
- Color Guard and Other Events – President Hamaker reviewed the upcoming calendar through April

**ANCESTOR ROLL CALL:** due to the limited time remaining there was no roll call. But earlier in the meeting, President Hamaker reminded the Chapter of our individual Patriots in total and our country's debt to them.

**This Day in History** – Compatriot Hoffman's history moment was for April 19<sup>th</sup> and addressed events of these people on that date: George Washington – 1776, Abraham Lincoln – 1865, Titanic – 1912, Jackie Robinson – 1947 – and the Boston Marathon Bombing – 2013..

**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.'***

**Respectively submitted, Charles F Lano, Aide de Camp, Interim Chaplain, Stand-In for Secretary Don Kluth**