



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



FREEDOM CHAPTER

JUNE, 17, 2025, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

President Hamaker

Compatriot Myers led the CG (Compatriots Miles, Jones, Hoffman, Kluth, Tyson, and Coker) 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 Hamaker

SAR Pledge led by Compatriot Hamaker

Mission Statement led by Compatriot Hamaker

Members Present – 22 Guests – 10

Recognition of Guests: Compatriot Hamaker recognized himself as State Color Guard Commander; State President and Past Chapter President Mel Oller, District 7 VP, SAR/CAR State Liaison, and Past Chapter President, Art Byram; Past Chapter President John Thompson; Madame Regents' Heritage Trail Mary Thompson and Twin Creeks Cherry Calendar and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Twin Creeks, San Jacinto, Coushatti Trace, Heritage Trail, Robert Raines, Spring Creek, and Margaret Montgomery.

New Members: No new members were inducted.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Secretary Kluth reported minutes from the May meeting were posted online to the Chapter's website (www.freedomchaptersar.org/chapter-minutes) and approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report: Compatriot Hamaker reported an ending balance of \$11,065.98 and approved as circulated.

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Hamaker reported 10-15 applications were at National.

Scouting Report: Compatriot Bonnett reported the scouts were going to summer camp.

Youth Programs Report: Compatriot Hamaker reported the Chapter is looking for a volunteer to take over the Youth Programs.

Media/Newsletter Report: Compatriot Hoffman reported on the Flag Day event at Vision Park, in Shenandoah.

Armorer – Basic Musket Safety/Training Report: No report.

PROGRAM: "Second Continental Congress" - presented by Compatriot Hoffman. The Second Congress functioned as the provisional government raising militias, appointing diplomats, adopting the first U.S. constitution, and securing recognition and support from foreign nations.

VIDEO: The Battle of Bunker Hill

AWARDS

- Chapter Awards - No awards.
- Color Guard Awards – No awards.
- Service Awards – No awards.

OLD BUSINESS

- None Discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion One - In support of the Texas Society 250th Monument Dedication Program in April 2026 at Austin State Cemetery, Compatriot Sellards proposed that Freedom Chapter expend \$250 to help with the costs of this exceptional effort. Seconded by Compatriot Hoffman. After discussion, motion passed.
- Motion Two - In support of Veteran events for 2025, Compatriot Sellards proposed that Freedom Chapter expend \$250 for the purchase of 20 Wounded Warrior Coins and \$250 for 50 (250th) Veteran Challenge Coins. Seconded by Compatriot Hoffman. After discussion, motion passed.
- SAR University – Online training for members wishing to become officers in the Chapter.
- Color Guard and other Events – Compatriot David Hamaker highlighted three upcoming events.
 - Audie Murphy Parade – Farmersville.
 - Independence Day Parade – Oak Ridge North.
 - Independence Day Parade – The Woodlands.

ANCESTOR ROLL CALL: The roll call was performed.

This Day in History – Compatriot Hoffman's history moment was for June 17, 1775, and dealt with the Battle of Bunker Hill and the Patriot Peter Salem.

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.'