



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



### FREEDOM CHAPTER

AUGUST, 19, 2025, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

President Hamaker

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

**Invocation** Compatriot Hayes

#### **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 Hamaker

Mission Statement led by Compatriot Hamaker

**Members Present – 24 Guests – 13**

**Recognition of Guests:** Compatriot Hayes recognized State President and Past Chapter President Mel Oller; himself as State Treasurer, SAR/CAR State Liaison/DVP 8 and Past Chapter President Art Byram, David Hamaker, State CG Commander, Matt Hoffman, State Newsletter Editor, Past Chapter Presidents John Thompson Dave Underdown, and Dave Morton; Madame Regents Cindy Amburgey (Mary Vaughan Corner), Cherry Calendar (Twin Creeks) and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Twin Creeks, Coughatti Trace, San Jacinto, Heritage Trails, Jonna Troutman, Robert Raines, Spring Creek, and Mary Vaughan Corner.

**New Members:** Compatriots Hamaker, Sellards, and Hayes inducted Compatriot John Presnall into the Freedom Chapter and presented him with his membership certificate and rosette.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Secretary Kluth reported minutes from the June meeting were posted online to the Chapter's website. The report was received and approved as posted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Hayes reported an ending balance of \$9,680.55. The report was received and approved as read.

**Registrar's Report:** Compatriot Huntington reported 16 new members approved as of January 1, 2025.

**Scouting Report:** Compatriot Bonnett reported the scout camp was held, 2,500 flag retirements performed over the past four years, and he is still looking for an eagle scout to enter the essay contest,

**Media/Newsletter Report:** Compatriot Hoffman reported the next State newsletter will come out September 1.

**PROGRAM:** Dr. Carolina Crimm gave a presentation on the early life and career of Bernardo de Galvez that included moving supplies up the Mississippi River to General Washington and the Battles of Baton Rouge and Pensacola.

## AWARDS

- Chapter Awards
  - Compatriot Myers presented the Youth Education Award (2) and certificate by Compatriot Hamaker.
  - Compatriot O.K. Jones presented the 250<sup>th</sup> Gold Anniversary medal and certificate by Compatriot Sellards.
  - Compatriot Hamaker presented the Compatriot Grave Marking certificate and 4<sup>th</sup> Bronze Palm by Compatriot Sellards.
  - Compatriots Myers and Compatriot Hayes were presented the Distinguished Service medal and certificate by Compatriots Hamaker, Sellards, and Oller.
- Color Guard Awards presented by CG Commander – Compatriot Hamaker
  - Compatriot Oller presented his Bronze National Color Guard medal and certificate.
- Service Awards
  - None.
- Other Awards
  - Benjamin Franklin Youth Education Lapel Pin and Certificate/William Byron 'Bill' Watts Memorial
    - Compatriot Myers
    - Compatriot Hamaker
    - Compatriot Sellards
    - Compatriot Hoffman

## OLD BUSINESS

- None Discussed.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Compatriot Thompson resigned his position as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.
- Compatriot Thompson made motion to elect Compatriot William Myers to fulfill the remainder of his term as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Compatriot Kluth seconded the motion. No discussion and the motion passed.
- 2026 SAR State Annual Convention moved to Austin Compatriot - David Hamaker
- Color Guard and Other Events Compatriot David Hamaker
  - 28 Aug 2025 US Naturalization, Brazos Center, Bryan, TX
  - 17 Sep 2025 Constitution Day
  - 26-27 Sep 2025 Battle of Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge, LA

**ANCESTOR ROLL CALL:** No roll call.

**This Day in History** – Compatriot Hoffman's history moment was for August 19, 1775, and dealt with General Washington's letter to Lt. General Gage on his treatment of "all rank not derived from the same source with your own [Gage]. I [Washington] cannot conceive any more honorable than that which flows from the uncorrupted choice of a brave and free people... [The Political Writings of George Washington, Volume 1 1754-1788, pp 72-23.]

**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.'***