



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



### FREEDOM CHAPTER

JANUARY, 20, 2026, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

President Hamaker

**Invocation** Compatriot Lano

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

#### **Pledges**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag led by Compatriot Hamaker.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by Compatriot Hayes.

SAR Pledge led by Hamaker.

Mission Statement led by Compatriot Hamaker.

**Members Present – 30 Guests – 17**

**Recognition of Guests:** Compatriot Hayes recognized State President Mel Oller, District 7 VP, SAR/CAR State Liaison Art Byram, himself as State Treasurer, State Color Guard Commander David Hamaker, Past Chapter President John Thompson; Madame Regent Mary Thompson (Heritage Trails), and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Coushatti Trace (Susan Byram), Spring Creek (Connie Miles), and Robert Raines (Debby McLaughlin).

**New Members:** David Hamaker, Ed Sellards, and Don Hayes presented each with their membership certificate and rosette.

- Walter Patterson
- Hal Long

#### **Supplementals:**

- OK Jones
- William Myers

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Hayes reported an ending balance of \$8,717.02 and approved as read.

**Registrar's Report:** Compatriot Huntington reported 3 new members approved, 1 supplemental approved, 1 new application in-progress, and 3 supplementals in-progress since January 1, 2026.

**Scouting Report:** No report.

**Youth Programs Report:** Compatriot Hamaker reported all programs contests were reported to state.

**Media/Newsletter Report:** No report.

**PROGRAM:** Video – The Battle of Cowpens.

## **AWARDS**

Compatriots Hamaker, Hayes, and Sellards presented:

- **Chapter Awards**
  - Charles Lano - Compatriot Grave Marking Bronze Palm and Certificate
  - Ed Sellards – Compatriot Grave Marking Bronze Palm and Certificate
  - Don Hayes – Compatriot Grave Marking Bronze Palm and Certificate
  - Michael Miles – Compatriot Grave Marking Bronze Palm and Certificate
  - Jeff Calender - Compatriot Grave Marking Bronze Palm and Certificate
  - OK Jones – Compatriot Grave Marking Bronze Palm and Certificate
  - Charles Lano – Patriot Grave Marking Silver Palm and Certificate
  - Art Byram – Service to Veterans – Bronze Palm and Certificate
  - Ed Sellards - Service to Veterans – Bronze Palm and Certificate
  - David Hamaker – Service to Veterans – Bronze Palm and Certificate
  - Charles Lano – Service to Veterans – Silver Palm and Certificate
  - Don Kluth - Bronze Henry Knox Medal and Certificate
  - Tom Stuewe - Texas Service Medal and Certificate
- **Color Guard Awards**
  - None.
- **Service Awards**
  - None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Slate of Candidates for 2026 Chapter Officers.
- Compatriot Hamaker discussed the 2026 SAR State Annual Convention and Monument Dedication.
- Compatriot Hamaker discussed upcoming Color Guard Events:
  - George Washington Birthday Parade – February 21
  - RevEd Humble Museum – Mar 7
  - DAR State Conference – Mar 10

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

**This Day in History** – Compatriot Hoffman related the Iran Hostage Crisis ended on January 20, 1981.

**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.'***