



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



### FREEDOM CHAPTER

MARCH, 17, 2026, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

President Hayes

**Invocation** Compatriot Kuykendall

Compatriot Myers led the CG (Compatriots Miles, Jones, Hoffman, Dooley) 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 23 Guests 19**

**Recognition of Guests:** Compatriot Hayes recognized State President and past Chapter Mel Oller, Past State President Sam Massey, Past State President and past Chapter President Jim Kuykendall, District SAR/CAR State Liaison/DVP 7 Art Byram, himself as State Treasurer, State Color Guard Commander David Hamaker, State Newsletter Editor Matt Hoffman, Past Chapter President John Thompson; Madame Regent Cherry Calender (Twin Creeks), and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Twin Creeks [Cherry Calender], Coughatti Trace [Susan Byram, Linda Dooley], Heritage Trails [Rowena Hayes], Mary Vaughan Corner [Cecily Kelly], Robert Raines [Debby McLaughlin], and Mary Martin Elmore Scott [Catherine Massey].

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

- Walter Keyser
- Dalton Miller
- Don "Stanley" Martin

#### **Supplementals:**

- None

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Hayes reported an ending balance of \$7,437.14 and approved as read.

**Registrar's Report:** No report.

**Scouting Report:** No report.

**Youth Programs Report:** Chapter winners presented their orations.

**Media/Newsletter Report:** Compatriot Hamaker requested anyone not receiving the newsletter to please let him know.

## **Induction of New Chapter Officers by State President Mel Oller**

- Don Hayes – President
- Ed Sellards – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- William Myers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Don Kluth – Secretary
- OK Jones - Treasurer
- Richard Huntington – Registrar; David Hamaker, John Meredith – Asst. Registrars
- David Hamaker – CG CMDR; William Myers - Asst. CG CMDR
- David Hamaker – Chapter Newsletter
- Don Hayes - DAR Liaison
- Charles Lano – Chaplain
- Historian – Matt Hoffman

**PROGRAM:** Allison Fruewirth (Culpepper Spy Ring) and Nicole Wells (Nathan Hale), both from the Paideia Classical School, presented their Orations to the Chapter.

## **AWARDS**

Compatriots Hamaker, Hayes, and Sellards presented:

- **Chapter Awards**
  - Debby McLaughlin – Martha Washington Medal and Certificate
  - Bill Myers – Youth Education Certificate and 4<sup>th</sup> Bronze Palm
- **Color Guard Awards**
  - None
- **Service Awards**
  - None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2026 SAR State Annual Convention and Monument Dedication Compatriot - David Hamaker
- Color Guard and other Events – Compatriot - David Hamaker
  - 21 March 2026 Medal of Honor – Massing of Colors, San Antonio, TX
  - 28 March 2026 CAR State Conference, Pflugerville, TX

**ANCESTOR ROLL CALL:** Roll call was given.

**This Day in History** – Compatriot Hoffman gave March 17, 1776, the day the British Army abandoned Boston.

**Benediction** – Compatriot Kuykendall gave the benediction.

**SAR Closing/Adjourn:** President Hayes, 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.'***