



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

FREEDOM CHAPTER

APRIL, 21, 2026, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

President Hayes

Invocation Compatriot Hayes

Compatriot Hamaker led the CG (Compatriots Miles, Jones, Coker, Presnall, Byram) in the posting of the Colors.

Pledges

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag led by Compatriot Hoffman

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by Compatriot Sellards

SAR Pledge led by Compatriot Myers

Mission Statement led by Compatriot Kluth

Members Present –26 Guests – 14

Recognition of Guests: Compatriot Hayes recognized Past President General Tom Lawrence, Past State President(s) Mel Oller, District SAR/CAR State Liaison/DVP 7 Art Byram, Past State Color Guard Commander/DVP 8 David Hamaker, himself as State Treasurer/Freedom Chapter President, State Newsletter Editor Matt Hoffman, Past Chapter Presidents; John Thompson, Texas SAR Auxiliary Ladies President Rowena Hayes; Madame Regent Mary Thompson (Heritage Trails) and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Coughatti Trace [Susan Byram], Spring Creek [Connie Miles], and Heritage Trails [Mary Thompson, Rowena Hayes].

New Members:

- None

Supplementals:

- None

1st Vice President's Report: Compatriot Sellards requested those compatriots close to earning their 250th Anniversary medals to get in contact with him. Any Veterans also get in contact about receiving the Veterans Service medal.

2nd Vice President's Report: Compatriot Myers reported we have guest speakers for all but our November meeting at this time.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jones reported an ending balance of \$9,857.14.

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Hamaker reported seven (7) new members awaiting induction, eleven (11) new applications and six (6) supplementals at National.

Scouting Report: No report.

Media/Newsletter Report: Compatriot Hamaker reported the monthly newsletter was doing well.

Immediate Past Chapter President – David Hamaker Ceremony of Appreciation

President Hayes and 1st Vice President Sellards presented the Past Chapter President Pin and Certificate, the Past State Color Guard Commander Oak Leaf Cluster and Certificate, and an Eagle Statue for his service.

PROGRAM: Compatriot Myers introduced Past President General (newest member of the Freedom Chapter) Tom Lawrence who presented *Points that Shaped the Nation: Tax Protests Against England, Common Cause unified the Colonies, Colonists learned to do without or make their own goods due to tariffs, and placing the government in the hands of the people.*□

AWARDS

Compatriots Hayes, Sellards, and Hamaker presented:

- **Chapter Awards**
 - Richard Huntington - Bronze Henry Knox Medal and Certificate
- **Color Guard Awards**
 - Don Kluth – Bronze National Color Guard Medal and Certificate
 - John Thompson – Caleb Gibbs State Color Guard Commanders Medal and Certificate
- **Service Awards**
 - None

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- 2027 SAR State Annual Convention *Houston, TX* Compatriot – Don Hayes
 - Need to Form Planning Committees; and,
 - Compatriots to serve and make this Convention the best yet.
- Color Guard and other Events – Compatriot - David Hamaker
 - Pancake Dinner – Honor Café, Honoring Local Heroes, April 23, 2026
 - Honor Flight – Hobby Airport, April 25, 2026
 - Space Cowboys Baseball Game, Sugarland, TX, April 26, 2026

ANCESTOR ROLL CALL: No roll call.

This Day in History – Compatriot Hoffman gave us April 21, 1836, the Battle of San Jacinto.

Benediction – Compatriot Hayes gave the benediction.

SAR Closing/Adjourn: President Don 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.'