



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

### FREEDOM CHAPTER

MAY, 19, 2026, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

President Hayes

**Invocation** Compatriot Lano

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

#### **Pledges**

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

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

SAR Pledge led by Compatriot Kluth.

Mission Statement led by Compatriot Myers.

**Members Present – 29 Guests – 17**

**Recognition of Guests:** Compatriot Hayes recognized Past State President Mel Oller, District SAR/CAR State Liaison/DVP 7 Art Byram, himself as State Treasurer, Past State Color Guard Commander and Past Chapter President David Hamaker, State Newsletter Editor Matt Hoffman, Texas SAR Auxiliary Ladies President Rowena Hayes, Past Chapter Presidents; John Thompson; David Underdown, and Dave Morton, and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Coushatti Trace, Spring Creek, Heritage Trails, and Robert Raines.

**New Members:** No new members present to be inducted.

#### **Supplementals:**

- None Awarded.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Secretary Kluth reported minutes from the April 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 Jones reported an ending balance of \$ 9,632.32 and approved as read.

**Registrar's Report:** Compatriot Huntington reported 15 new members and 9 supplements since January 1, 2026.

**Scouting Report:** No report.

**Youth Programs Report:** No report. See *Awards and Recognition* for 2026 Youth Award Winners.

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

**PROGRAM:** Compatriot Hoffman presented a very enlightening perspective on the Native Americans entitled, *The Six Nation Showdown! Indians in the American Revolution*, that showed where they helped and supported the Colonies and also where they how supported the French, during the French/Indian War, and some supported the British during American Revolution.

## AWARDS

Compatriots Hayes, Hamaker, and Sellards presented:

- **Chapter Awards**

- None

- **Color Guard Awards**

- Compatriot Charles Lano received the Silver Bernardo de Galvez State Medal, the Bronze Color Guard National Medal, and the Silver Color Guard National Medal and associated certificates.

- **Service Awards**

- None

- **Other Awards and Recognition**

- Kristie Campbell received the America 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gold Medal and certificate
- Arabelle Campbell, SAR/CAR Essay and Joesph Plumb Video Winner, received a check and a certificate for each award.
- Austin Jander (not present), 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Knight Eagle Scout Essay, received a check and a certificate.

## OLD BUSINESS

- None

## NEW BUSINESS

- Color Guard and other Events Compatriot - David Hamaker
  - 23 May 2026 Memorial Day Observance, Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Park
  - 25 May 2026 Memorial Day, National Cemetery, Houston
  - 30 May 2026 Honor Flight, Hobby Airport

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

**This Day in History** – Compatriot Hoffman gave us May 19, 1776, where Brigadier General Benedict Arnold and his Continental troops were forced to surrender to the British. Later this battle was known as *The Battle of the Cedars*.

**Benediction** – Compatriot Lano 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.'***