



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



FREEDOM CHAPTER

JUNE 16, 2026, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

President Hayes

Invocation Compatriot Lano

Compatriot Hamaker led the CG (Compatriots Miles, Jones, Byram, Dooley, George Clobyton) 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. Hamaker

SAR Pledge led by Compatriot Hayes

Mission Statement led by Compatriot Myers.

Members Present – 23 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, and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Coughatta Trace, Spring Creek, Heritage Trails, and Robert Raines.

New Members: Thomas Baugh, Christopher Propes, Dennis Schrull.

Supplementals:

- None Awarded.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Assistant Secretary Miles reported minutes from the May 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 \$ 8,011.52 and approved as read.

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Hamaker reported 15 new members and 9 supplements from January 1, 2026.

Scouting Report: No report.

Youth Programs Report: No report.

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

PROGRAM: Compatriot Meyers introduced Compatriot Sellards who presented a very informative talk entitled ***Our Founding Document and the Men Who Made It Happen, The Declaration of Independence***. It was a fascinating look at the history of the various versions and journeys of the Declaration of Independence both before and after July 4, 1776.

AWARDS

- **Chapter Awards**
 - None
- **Color Guard Awards**
 - None
- **Service Awards**
 - None
- **Other Awards and Recognition**
 - None

OLD BUSINESS

- Color Guard and other Events Compatriot - David Hamaker
 - 18 May 2026 Freedom Plane Houston Museum of Natural History – greeted guests.
 - 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

NEW BUSINESS

- Color Guard and other Events Compatriot - David Hamaker
 - 01 June 2026 Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce
 - 03 July 2026 Del Webb Parade
 - 04 July 2026 The Woodlands Parade
 - Annual Congress July 9-16, 2026 Compatriots Hayes, Sellards and Oller
 - Texas State Meeting in Conroe 2027
 - National Congress in Austin 2029

ANCESTOR ROLL CALL: Roll call did not occur.

This Day in History – Compatriot Hoffman

Benediction – Compatriot Lano gave the benediction.

SAR Closing/Adjourn: President Hayes, 8:00 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.'