



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



FREEDOM CHAPTER

AUGUST, 18, 2026, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

President Hayes

Invocation Compatriot Lano

Posting of the Colors Compatriot Hamaker led the CG (Compatriots Tyson, Miles, Jones, Dooley).

Pledges

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by Compatriot Byram

SAR Pledge led by Compatriot Kluth

Mission Statement led by Compatriot Myers

Members Present – 29 Guests – 18

Recognition of Guests: Compatriot Hayes recognized District SAR/CAR State Liaison/DVP 7 Art Byram, himself as State Treasurer, Past State Color Guard Commander David Hamaker, State Newsletter Editor Matt Hoffman, Past Chapter Presidents; John Thompson, Dave Morton, Past Madame Regent Cherry Calender (Twin Creeks) and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Twin Creeks (Judy Lano), Coughatti Trace (Susan Byram), Spring Creek (Connie Miles), Mary Vaughan Corner (Cecily Kelly), and Robert Raines (Debby McLaughlin).

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

- Nathaniel Kramer
- Kevin Watts
- Richard Schmidt
- Michael Brumly
- Bryan Kramer
- William Berry IV

Supplementals:

- None

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Secretary Kluth reported minutes from the June 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 \$8,127.34 and approved as read.

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Huntington reported 17 new applications approved and 20 more at National.

Scouting Report: No report.

Youth Programs Report: No report. Compatriot Kluth will start making contact later this month.

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

PROGRAM: Compatriot Myers introduced Compatriot Tom Jackson who presented his "Salute to the Ladies." Women played a critical role in shaping the early American economy. With the men serving in the war, managed farms, plantations, and businesses. Women organized boycotts against British goods, and raised funds for the Army.

AWARDS

Compatriots Hayes and Sellards presented:

- **Chapter Awards**
 - Ed Kelly – 250th SAR Bronze Medal (Chapter) Certificate
 - Ed Sellards – Youth Education, 4th Oak Leaf Cluster; Service to Veterans, 8th Oak Leaf Cluster, Patriot Grave Marking 1st Oak Leaf Cluster
- **Color Guard Awards**
 - None
- **Service Awards**
 - Don Hayes – 5 Year

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- 2026 SAR State Annual Convention Compatriot – Hayes
 - We were encouraged to assist the Chapter in the planning phase; and,
 - Volunteer where needed from Registration to the Silent Auction.
- Color Guard and other Events – Compatriot - David Hamaker
 - First Responders Day, MCVMC, Flag Park – 11 Sep 2026.
 - Magnolia ISD School Presentations – 15-17 Sep 2026.
 - Honor Flight, Hobby Airport, 19 Sep 2026.

ANCESTOR ROLL CALL: No roll call.

This Day in History – Compatriot Hoffman gave the following: 1590 – the Roanoke Colony was found deserted. 1920 – The 19th Amendment was ratified by one vote when a 24-year-old Tennessee Representative received a note from his mother.

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.'