SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

FREEDOM CHAPTER

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM President Hayes

Invocation Compatriot Lano

Compatriot Hamaker led the CG (Compatriots Miles, Jones, Byram, Presnall) 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 Byram.

SAR Pledge led by Compatriot Kluth.

Mission Statement led by Compatriot Myers.

Members Present – 23 **Guests** – 11

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/DVP 8 David Hamaker, Past Chapter Presidents; David Underdown, Madame Regent Cherry Calender (Twin Creeks), and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Twin Creeks (Cherry Calender}, Coushatti Trace (Susan Byram), Heritage Trails (Rowena Hayes), Mary Vaughan Corner (Cecily Kelly),and Mary Martin Elmore Scott Chapter, Huntsville.

New Member: Compatriots Don Hayes and Ed Sellards presented the membership certificate and rosette.

- Jerry Hagans

Supplementals:

- None

Compatriot Don Stone Remembrance

9/11 Remembrance and Moment of Silence

- Responsive Reading - Preamble to Constitution & Ringing of Bells
- Responsive Reading - **"**We Will Never Forget"
    - American Flight 77
    - United Flight 93
    - American Flight 11
    - United Flight 175; and,
    - The Fire, Police, and Victims in and around the Twin Towers

PROGRAM: SAR Video – John Hancockls Trunk – Likely Contents of Trunk include: Correspondence Committee Lists, Key Players, Military Members, Provincial Congress Activities, and Weapons "Stash" Locations

1st Vice President Report: Magnolia ISD – Three-Day Event for Third, Fourth, Fifth Graders.

2nd Vice President Report: Speakers for upcoming meetings are assigned.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Secretary Kluth reported minutes from the August 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 $ 8,733.27 and approved as read.

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Huntington reported 21new applications approved and 2 supplements approved since January 1, 2026.

Scouting Report: No report.

Youth Programs Report: No report.

Media/Newsletter Report: Compatriot Hamaker reported newsletter is doing well.

AWARDS

Compatriots Hayes, and Sellards presented:

- **Chapter Awards**
  - 250TH SAR Bronze and Silver Medals – John Presnall

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Color Guard and other Events — Compatriot - David Hamaker
  - Sep 15-17 School Presentations Magnolia Event Center, Magnolia, TX
  - Sept 19 Honor Flight, Hobby Airport
  - Sep 21 Constitution Skits, Stewart Creek Elementary, Montgomery, TX

ANCESTOR ROLL CALL: Roll call was given.

This Day in History – Compatriot Kluth state the first trenches were dug on the Western Front in1914 (WWI). tanks were introduced in warfare in 1916 (WWI), and the Battle of Britain turns the tide in World War II.

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.'