



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



FREEDOM CHAPTER

APRIL 16, 2024, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

President Hamaker

Color Guard Commander Myers led the CG (Compatriots Byram, Miles, Hoffman, and Kluth) in the posting of the Colors.

Pledges

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag led by President Hamaker

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by President Hamaker

SAR Pledge led by President Hamaker

Mission Statement led by President Hamaker

Invocation - Compatriot Stone

Members Present – 24 Guests – 14

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Secretary Kluth reported minutes from the March meeting were posted online to the Chapter's website and approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hayes reported ending balance of \$10,956.96 and the report approved as read.

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Huntington reported no new applications at this time.

Scouting Report: Compatriot Brown reported a flag retirement certificate was presented.

Recognition of Guests: Treasurer Hayes recognized State President Elect, Past State Secretary, and Past Chapter President Mel Oller; State Treasurer Don Hayes, District 7 VP and Past Chapter President Art Byram, Past Chapter President Don Stone; DAR ladies present from Chapters: Twin Creeks, Coushatti Trace, San Jacinto, Heritage Trails, Jonna Troutman, and Margaret Montgomery.

New Members: No new members were inducted.

PROGRAM: No formal program.

ANCESTOR ROLL CALL: The roll call was performed.

AWARDS

- Art Byram and Ronald Gentzler were presented Service Certificates and Medals by Compatriot Hayes.

OLD BUSINESS

- CAR State Meeting, Houston, TX – President Hamaker spoke about the meeting and the replica of Freedom Hall.
- SAR State Meeting, San Antonio, TX – Compatriots Hamaker spoke about the Convention and that the Freedom Chapter had the most attendees after the Host Chapter.

NEW BUSINESS

- SAR Patriot Chest Program – Compatriot Hayes discussed the Committee is still looking into items to include and Patriot Chest donations are welcome.

- JROTC Medal Presentation Season – President Hamaker stated the presentations are well received by the recipients and the flag certificates for the remaining presentations were available to be picked up.
- Honor Flight 4/20 – President Hamaker and Compatriot Byram spoke about the details of the Honor Flight, Hobby Airport: Muster Time, Flight Arrival, and up to 7-10 compatriots would be allowed by TSA to go to the Gate.
- Media/Newsletter Chairman – Compatriot Hoffman encouraged compatriots to submit Patriot Ancestor writeups for the Newsletter and Yearbook.
- Youth Programs Chairman – Compatriot Hamilton spoke about the Youth Programs and the School Districts that have shown interest to participate.
- Armorer - Basic Musket Safety/Training – Compatriot Loren Johnston spoke about safety equipment needed when firing black powder muskets/rifles.
- Color Guard and other Events – President David Hamaker and Compatriot Bill Myers spoke about upcoming events.

This Day in History – Compatriot Stone's history moment was for April 16, 1789, and dealt with George Washington leaving Mount Vernon that day to travel to New York for his first inauguration as President.

Benediction – Compatriot Stone gave the benediction.

SAR Closing/Adjourn: President David Hamaker, 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.'