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|  | **SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**  **FREEDOM CHAPTER**  May 21, 2024, MINUTES |  |

Call to Order: 6:30 PM 1st VP Sellards

Sgt at Arms Myers led the CG (Compatriots Miles, Hoffman, Kluth, Lano, Thompson) in the posting of the Colors.

**Pledges**

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag led by 1st VP Sellards

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by 1st VP Sellards

SAR Pledge led by 1st VP Sellards

Mission Statement led 1st VP Sellards

Invocation - Compatriot Shook

**Members Present** – 28 **Guests** – 16

**Minutes of the Last Meeti**n**g**: Secretary Kluth reported minutes from the April meeting were posted online. Compatriot Sellards made motion to accept minutes, seconded by Compatriot Myers, and approved as circulated.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Hayes reported ending balance of $12,626.11 and the report approved as read.

**Registrar’s Report:** Compatriot Huntington reported 2 applications at National, 2 applications at State.

**Scouting Report:** No report this month.

**Recognition of Guests:** Treasurer Hayes recognized State President Tracy Pounders, State President Elect/Past State Secretary/Past Chapter President Mel Oller; State Treasurer Don Hayes, District 7 VP/Past Chapter President Art Byram, Past Chapters President Nolan Ray Maxie, John Thompson, David Underdown; Heritage Trails Honorary Regent Rowena Hayes, Twin Creeks Regent Cherry Calendar, and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Twin Creeks, Coushatti Trace, San Jacinto, Heritage Trails, Jonna Troutman, Margaret Montgomery and Spring Creek.

**New Members:** None.

**PROGRAM:** State President Pounders spoke about his patriot ancestor and encouraged us to do the same; telling our stories, especially with the approaching 250th Anniversary of the Nation. Compatriot Sellards then moderated the well-received Memorial Service with the assistance of Compatriot Hayes in the presentation of Service Certificates and Lapel Pins in recognition of our veteran parents and grandparents.

**ANCESTOR ROLL CALL:** No roll call due to Memorial Service.

**AWARDS**

* **NATIONAL AWARDS:**
* Compatriots Charles Jones and Ed Sellards were presented their 5-Year Membership Certificates.
* Compatriot Erick Jeffreys was presented his Military Service Certificate.
* **STATE AWARDS:**
* Compatriot Matt Hoffman was presented his Bronze Galvez Color Guard Medals.

**OLD BusinesS**

* 1st VP Sellards spoke about the events the Chapter attended since our last meeting.
* Patriot’s Day – Shenandoah, TX – Groundbreaking for Veterans Park (4/18).
* Honor Flight – Hobby Airport (4/20).
* Medal of Honor Parade – Gainesville, TX (4/27).
* DAR Coushatti Trace Meeting (5/16).
* Armed Forces Day Breakfast Ceremony (5/18).
* Tomb of the Unknown Soldier – Massing of Colors (5/21)

**New business**

* SAR Patriot War Chest Program – Compatriot Hayes stated the War Chest should be completed soon.
* JROTC Medal Presentation Season – Compatriot Sellards stated the presentations would shortly be finished for this school year and Compatriot Byram was taking over the Program.
* Honor Flight (6/1) – Compatriot Sellards stated the next opportunity for our Chapter to honor the Medal of Honor recipients at Hobby Airport would be June 1.
* SAR Public Service Awards – Compatriot Sellards encouraged us to identify Law Enforcement/EMS/Life Saving/Heroism/Fire Safety individuals who deserve recognition and the Chapter can present the SAR Public Service Award.
* Media/Newsletter Chairman – Compatriot Hoffman again encouraged us to submit Patriot Ancestor writeups for the Newsletter and Yearbook.

**This Day in History** – Compatriot Byram’s history moment was for May 21, 1881, and dealt with the founding of the American Red Cross. From its beginning, the Red Cross has been dedicated to serving people in need. Since its congressional charter in 1900, the federal government has tasked the Red Cross to provide services to the members of the American armed forces and their families as well as providing disaster relief in the United States.

**Benediction** – Compatriot Shook gave the benediction.

**SAR Closing/Adjourn:** 1st VP Sellards, 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.’***