



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



### FREEDOM CHAPTER

JUNE 18, 2024, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

President Hamaker

Invocation - Compatriot Stone

Compatriots Byram, Miles, Hoffman, Kluth, and Lano posted 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

**Members Present – 19 Guests – 20**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Hayes reported an ending balance of \$12,408.25 and the report approved as read.

**Registrar's Report:** Compatriot Huntington reported 5 new member applications at National, 3 new member applications at State; 1 supplemental application at National, 4 supplemental applications at State. Year to date, the Chapter has 2 new member approvals.

**Scouting Report:** No scouting report.

**Recognition of Guests:** Chapter and State Treasurer Hayes recognized State District 7 VP and Past Chapter President Art Byram, Former Chapter Presidents John Thompson and Don Stone; Regent Twin Creeks Cherry Calendar, and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Twin Creeks, Coughatti Trace, San Jacinto, Heritage Trails, Jonna Troutman, and Margaret Montgomery, and Spring Creek.

**New Members:** President Hamaker inducted Compatriot OK "Skipper" Jones into the Freedom Chapter and he was presented his membership certificate and rosette.

**PROGRAM:** Title: American Battlefield Trust/Presenter: Compatriot Ed Sellards. Compatriot Sellards did a presentation on the Trust's efforts to save battlefields on private land from development. A 4-minute video on Bunker Hill highlighted the outstanding quality the Trust puts into its efforts to educate and inform the Public of their mandate and our history.

#### AWARDS

- Chapter Awards
  - Compatriot Sellards presented Certificates of Remembrance and Appreciation to Compatriots present, but, unable to attend our last meeting, for Veteran Parents/Grandparents service.
  - Service to Veterans Medal and Certificate presented to David Hamaker presented by Compatriot Sellards.
  - 250<sup>th</sup> Bronze Medal and Certificate presented Paul Fellencer, Sr. by Compatriot Sellards.
  - 250<sup>th</sup> Silver Medal and Certificate presented to Matt Hoffman presented by Compatriot Sellards.
  - 250<sup>th</sup> Gold Medal and Certificate presented to Michael Miles presented by Compatriot Sellards.

- 250<sup>th</sup> Bronze Medals and Certificates presented to Kristie Campbell, Abby Sue Campbell, Arabelle Campbell, Cecily Kelly, and Debby McLaughlin as Non-SAR Partners in Patriotism by Compatriot Sellards

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- DAR Lady Washington Luncheon - Color Guard – President Hamaker spoke about picking up a WWII D-Day event from attending the Luncheon.
- Sugarland Space Cowboys – Color Guard – President Hamaker spoke about the event and another ballgame in September.
- Memorial Day – Conroe, TX and Houston National Cemetery – Honor Guard – President Hamaker spoke about the Chapter attended two events on Memorial Day.
- Honor Flight – Hobby Airport – Houston, TX – Honor Guard – President Hamaker spoke about the 21 Vietnam Veterans on this flight.
- D-Day WWII Memorial Event – Houston, TX – Honor Guard – President Hamaker spoke about our attendance and that Mayor John Whitmore attended.
- Flag Day – Flag Park – Conroe, TX – Color Guard – President Hamaker spoke about the ceremony.
  - DAR HARC Flag Day Luncheon – Houston – Color Guard – President Hamaker spoke about our attendance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- DAR 5-man Color Guard, President Hamaker explained the DAR reason for a Color Guard of five at their luncheons.
- SAR Patriot Chest Program – Compatriot Hayes said the Patriot Chest is continuing to make progress.
- SAR Public Service Awards – Law Enforcement/EMS/Life Saving/Heroism/Fire Safety – Compatriot Sellards is still looking for nominations.
- President Hamaker spoke the need for restoration of the WWII Memorial after our attendance at the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony and proposed the Chapter match donations made by meeting attendees. Motion made by Compatriot Hoffman and seconded by Compatriot Kluth, and approved.
- JROTC Chairman – Compatriot Byram is now the Chairman.
- Media/Newsletter Chairman – Compatriot Hoffman continued to encourage us to submit a patriot bios for the newsletter and the yearbook.
- Youth Programs Chairman – Compatriot John Hamilton showed his spreadsheet with dates for the various awards.

**ANCESTOR ROLL CALL:** No roll call due to the length of the meeting.

**This Day in History** – Compatriot Stone's history moment was for June 18, 1812, and dealt with Congress' Declaration that we had the right to defend ourselves against the United Kingdom, which began the War of 1812.

**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.'***