



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



FREEDOM CHAPTER

OCT 15, 2024, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

President Hamaker

Invocation Compatriot Don Hayes

Posting Colors Compatriot Myers led the CG (Compatriots Miles, Hayes, Hoffman, Kluth, Lano) 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

Members Present – 25 **Guests** – 18

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hayes reported ending balance of \$11,265.65 and the report approved as read.

Registrar's Report: No registrar's report.

Scouting Report: No scouting report.

Recognition of Guests: Treasurer Hayes recognized:

Texas State President 2023-2024 Sam Massey, Texas 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 Presidents John Thompson, Dave Morton, and David Underdown; Madame Regent Twin Creeks Cherry Calender and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Twin Creeks, Coughatti Trace, San Jacinto, Heritage Trails, Joanna Troutman, Margaret Montgomery, and Spring Creek.

New Members: President Hamaker inducted Compatriot(s) Edwin Stevens, Richard Amburgey Sr., and Richard Amburgey Jr. into the Freedom Chapter and they were presented their membership certificate(s) and rosette(s).

PROGRAM: Title: The Intolerable Congress Presenter: Compatriot Matt Hoffman Details: Compatriot Hoffman portraying John Adam presented the steps that led to the formation of the First Continental Congress and the varying opinions of the colonies on what the appropriate steps to follow. Reconciliation or self-rule? The acts and incidents were many but included the Stamp Act, the Townsend Acts, the Boston Massacre, the Boston Tea Party, and the Coercive Acts.

AWARDS

- Chapter Awards
 - Youth Education Medal – Compatriot David Hamaker presented by Compatriot Hayes
 - Youth Education Palm – Compatriot Ed Sellards presented by Compatriot Hayes
 - Service to Veterans Certificate w/Medal – Charles Lano presented by 1st Vice President Sellards
- Color Guard Awards presented by CG Commander – Compatriot Hamaker
 - Bronze Galvez – Compatriot Kurt Brown
 - Silver Galvez – Compatriot Don Hayes
 - Silver Galvez – Compatriot William Myers

OLD BUSINESS

- No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

- 250th Anniversary Bench – President Hamaker discussed the progress and showed photographs.
- Intermediate Rifle Cleaning – Compatriot Loren Johnson discussed the class later this fall.
- Upcoming Color Guard Events – President Hamaker highlighted the Patriot Grave Marking (November 16th) and other dates where we have multiple functions (November 11th, Veterans Day, and December 14th, Conroe Kiwanis Christmas Parade and Wreaths Across America).

ANCESTOR ROLL CALL: No roll call.

This Day in History – Compatriot Hayes history moment included several events for October 15th: 1789 - the First Presidential Tour in New England by President George Washington, 1815 - Napoleon's Exile to St. Helena, and 1924 - President Calvin Coolidge declares the Statue of Liberty a national monument.

Benediction – Compatriot Hayes 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.'