



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



FREEDOM CHAPTER

SEP 17, 2024, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

President Hamaker

Compatriot Myers led the CG (Compatriots Byram, Miles, 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

Mission Statement led by Compatriot Myers

Invocation - Compatriot Hayes

Members Present – 22 **Guests** – 15

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hayes reported ending balance of \$11,588.09 and the report approved as read.

Registrar's Report: Compatriot Huntington reported 7 new member applications approved since January 1, 2024; 5 applications at National, 1 application at State, 1 supplemental application at National, and no supplemental applications at State. Year to date, 17 new applicants have been contacted.

Scouting Report: No scouting report.

Recognition of Guests: Compatriot Hayes recognized State President Elect, Past State Secretary, and Past Chapter President Mel Oller; State Treasurer Don Hayes, District 8 VP Dennis Brunson, District 7 VP and Past Chapter President Art Byram, Past Chapter President John Thompson; Madame Regent Heritage Trails Mary Thompson, Twin Creeks Madame Regent Cherry Calender, and DAR ladies present from Chapters: Twin Creeks, Coughatti Trace, San Jacinto, Heritage Trails, Jonna Troutman, Margaret Montgomery, Robert Raines, La Vallita, Spring Creek, and Elmore Scott.

New Members: No new members were inducted.

PROGRAM: Title: General Nathanael Greene/Presenter: Salina Baker Details: During the Revolutionary War, Greene served under George Washington in the Boston, New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia campaigns. Later Washington appointed him Commander of the Continental Army in the southern theater. The program included both his early life through his death in 1786.

AWARDS

- Chapter Awards
 - Youth Education Medal presented to Compatriot Lano by President Hamaker.
- Color Guard Awards – None.

OLD BUSINESS

- No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

- SAR Club Express – Compatriot Oller discussed this new software the State is considering for paying dues, in addition to other functions. Freedom Chapter members will be provided more details in a future email where members can register online.
- Youth Programs Chairman – Compatriot John Hamilton discussed the response to the brochures has been positive.
- Color Guard and other Events – Compatriot David Hamaker informed the Chapter of a Patriot Grave Marking on November 16, 2024.

ANCESTOR ROLL CALL: No roll call.

This Day in History – Compatriot Haye's history moment was for September 17, 1976, and dealt with the first public introduction of the Space Shuttle. In addition, on September 17, 1787, the Constitution was signed by delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

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.'