



SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



FREEDOM CHAPTER

JAN 28, 2025, MINUTES

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

President Hamaker

Invocation Compatriot Calender

Compatriot Myers led the CG (Compatriots Miles, Byram, Jones, Kluth) in the posting of the Colors.

Pledges

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag led by Compatriot Hayes

Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag led by Compatriot Myers

SAR Pledge led by Compatriot Myers

Mission Statement led by Compatriot Hamaker

Recognition of Guests: President Hamaker recognized SAR members with dual membership in other lineage groups and DAR ladies present. Compatriot Sellards asked first-time visitors to also stand and be recognized.

Members Present – 21 Guests – 9

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Secretary Kluth reported minutes from the November meeting were posted online to the Chapter's website. Compatriot Sellards made the motion to accept minutes and seconded by Compatriot Byram.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hayes reported ending balance of \$10,524.32 and the report approved as read.

Registrar's Report: President Hamaker reported 8 applications were at National.

Scouting Report: No scouting report.

Youth Programs Report: Compatriot Hamilton reported the following contest winners: Issac Corell/Knight Classical School – Knight Essay Contest; Allison Fruehwirth/Padela Classical School – Rumbaugh Oration Contest; Arabelle Campbell/Acellus Academy – Video Contest; Arabelle Campbell/Acellus Academy - SAR-CAR Essay Contest; and Montana Hart/Tomball ISD - American History Teacher Contest.

New Members: President Hamaker and Compatriot Hayes inducted Compatriot Elbert Coker into the Freedom Chapter and he was presented his membership certificate and rosette.

PROGRAM: No formal program.

AWARDS

- Compatriot Byram announced the Freedom Chapter was awarded the President General's Outreach Streamer.
- Chapter Awards Compatriots Hamaker/Sellards/Hayes
 - Service to Veterans Medal, 1st Bronze Palm – Art Byram presented by Compatriot Hamaker.
 - Service to Veterans Medal, 1st Bronze Palm – David Hamaker presented by Compatriot Sellards.
 - Service to Veterans Medal, 4th Bronze Palm – Ed Sellards presented by Compatriot Hamaker.
 - Youth Education Medal, 2nd Bronze Palm – Ed Sellards presented by Compatriot Hamaker.
 - Lafayette Volunteer Medal, 1st Silver Palm – Ed Sellards presented by Compatriot Hamaker.

- 250th Bronze Medal & Certificate – Skipper Jones presented by Compatriot Hamaker.
- War Service Medal & Certificate – Skipper Jones presented by Compatriot Hamaker.
- 45-Year Membership Pin & Certificate – Nolan Maxie presented by Compatriot Hamaker.
- 30-Year Membership Pin & Certificate – George Williamson presented by Compatriot Hamaker.
- Color Guard Awards
 - None presented.

OLD BUSINESS

- None discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2026 SAR State Annual Convention – Compatriot Hamaker announced the Freedom Chapter will host the Convention next year and encouraged members to join the Convention Committee.
- 2025 SAR State Annual Convention – Compatriots Hamaker and Hayes informed members that the Richardson Convention will be open for registration by February 1 and hotel reservations are available online at the TXSSAR website.
- JROTC Chairman – Compatriot Byram stated packages for the upcoming award ceremonies are ready to be assigned.
- Color Guard and other Events – Compatriot Hamaker mentioned the recent Lineage Fair (1/23/25) in Conroe, the Compatriot Grave Markings (1/25/25) in San Antonio, and the TXDOT's Texas Transportation Forum (1/28/25) in Round Rock. Upcoming events include US Naturalization (2/6/25) in College Station and the Colonial Pageant & Ball (2/21/25)/George Washington Parade (2/22/25) in Laredo.

ANCESTOR ROLL CALL: The roll call was performed.

Benediction – Compatriot Calender 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.'