



# FREEDOM RINGS

## CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Sons of the American Revolution – Freedom Chapter #38 monthly newsletter. This is a new endeavor for our chapter to keep our members better informed. We hope to further your interests in our Patriotic, Historic and Educational activities. We want to share information about the events the chapter has participated in and upcoming events. We also want to recognize our new members, as well as those members that have approved supplemental applications. By keeping our members better informed, we hope to have a more active chapter, with our members participating in the different activities that the chapter is involved in. I encourage you to get involved with the chapter to help us grow and excel in any way you can. If you want to help the chapter, we have a job for you!

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we go through these stressful times from the Virus and unrest in portions of our great nation, it is more important than ever for The Sons of the American Revolution and the Freedom Chapter in particular be active in keeping in front of the people the values, traditions and history of our Nation that has made it so great.

The Mission Statement of the Freedom Chapter starts off with: "The objectives of the Freedom Chapter are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational and shall include those that are intended to or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who by their services or sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution achieved the independence of the American people".

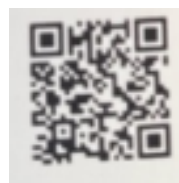
There are several ways that the Freedom Chapter have actively worked to achieve these goals. The Chapter is active in several Youth Programs. We sponsor the Rumbaugh Oration Contest, the Knight Essay Contest, and the Middle School Brochure Contest. In addition, The Chapter awards JROTC

medals and Eagle Scout Certificates. The Chapter participates in Public Service programs such as Patriot Day in The Woodlands, Forth of July Parade and Memorial Day celebration. The Chapter participates in Grave Markings on Flag Day and Wreaths Across America. The Color Guard is very active. There were about 145 participations in 45 different events. The Compatriots in their uniforms and period attire get a lot of attention and when they participate in public events, more often than not, people want to have their picture taken with the members of the Color Guard. In addition to all this, 20+ Awards and Medals are given to various organizations and individuals.

As you can see, the Chapter is very active. This is not only reflected in the number of times we are requested to participate in events; but when men see how active the Chapter is, this results in men wanting to join. Last year 22 men completed their application and became members of the Freedom Chapter.

For those or you that have not had the chance to visit our Web Page, I encourage you to do so at [www.freedomchaptersar.org](http://www.freedomchaptersar.org) or use the QR at the end of the write up. With the new year starting, I am sure that the Freedom Chapter will continue to grow and have a very positive impact on the community.

Regards,  
David Underdown  
President – SAR Freedom Chapter



# Color Guard Dates to Remember

**February 22<sup>nd</sup> George Washington Birthday Brunch, 9:30-11am The Breakfast Place, The Woodlands**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Houston Birthday, 10am, Huntsville**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> DAR State Convention – Hyatt Hotel, 1200 Louisiana St, Houston, muster 5:30pm**

**March 25<sup>th</sup> CAR State Conference – Embassy Suites, 11730 Katy Fwy, Houston, muster 6pm**

**Mar 31<sup>st</sup> – Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> SAR Annual Conference – Hilton Hotel, Richardson**

## Chapter Officers

President Byram	Art
1 <sup>st</sup> VP Hamaker	David
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP Thompson	John
Secretary/ROTC Ed Sellards	
Treasurer Morton	Dave
Registrar Lehr	Jeff
Asst Registrar Hamaker	David
Meredith	John
Asst Program/ROTC Thomson	John

## Chapter Award Winners

### Chapter Essay Award Winner

- Audra Gosch  
Magnolia High School

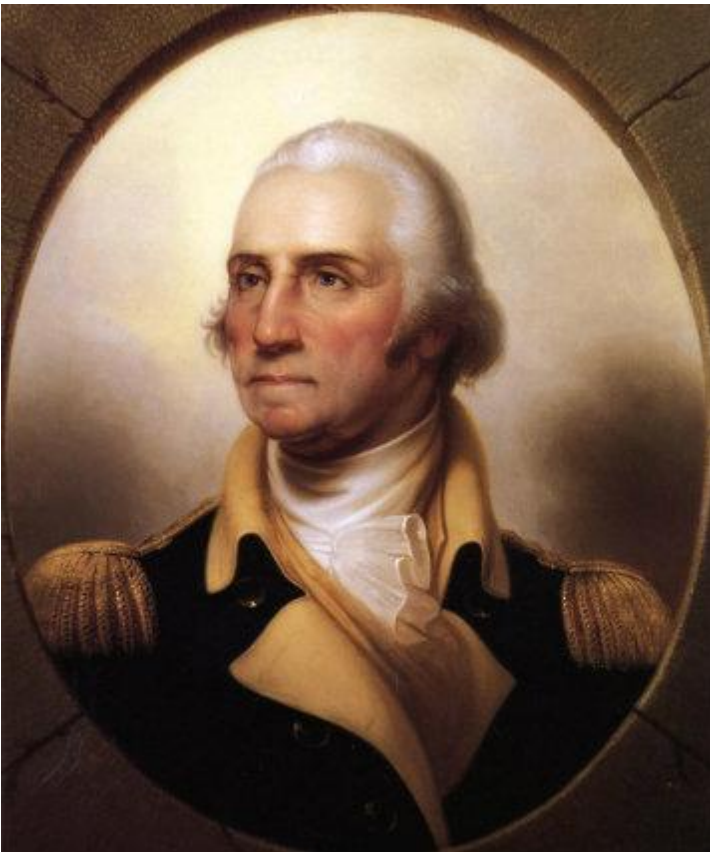
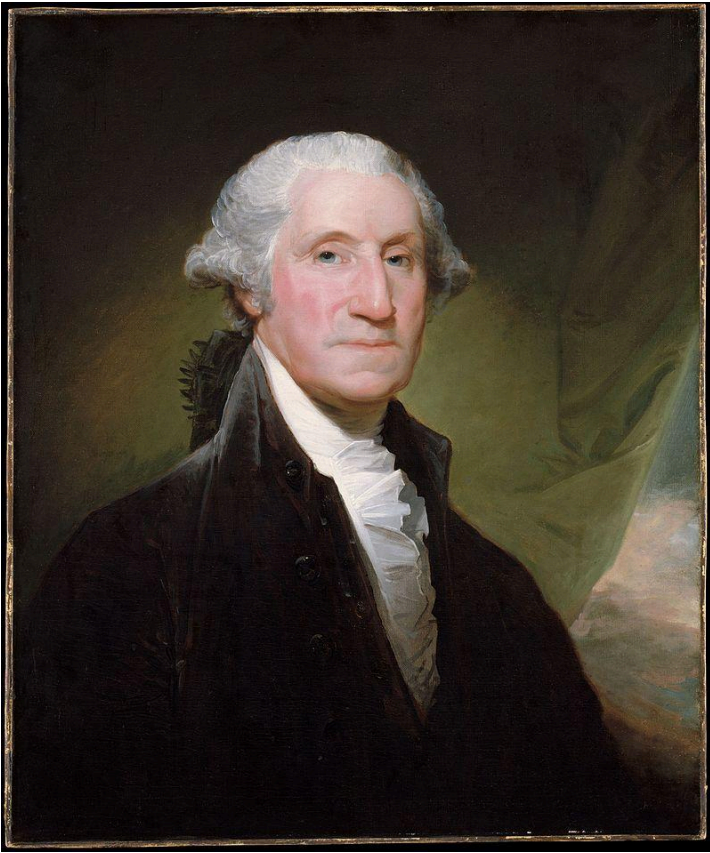
### Chapter Brochure Contest Pin Oak Middle School

- 1st. place Julie Tang
- 2nd. place Melanie Chen
- 3rd. place Madeline Moussa

### Regional Orations Contest

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Josef Fruehwirth  
Paul Carrington

# 250 YEARS OF LIBERTY



Presidents Day Special Edition. "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."  
George Washington, First President under the Constitution, set the example for future Presidents.

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February 22, 1732, using the "New Style" Gregorian calendar, is George Washington's birthday, not the Monday before, or the Monday afterwards. We all know who he is so I am just going to leave you with a few pertinent quotes of Washington to think about in the times we are living.

"The time is now near at hand which must probably determine whether Americans are to be freemen or slaves; whether they are to have any property they can call their own; whether their houses and farms are to be pillaged and destroyed, and themselves consigned to a state of wretchedness from which no human efforts will deliver them. The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army. Our cruel and unrelenting enemy leaves us only the choice of brave resistance, or the most abject submission. We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die."

Address to the Continental Army before the Battle of Long Island - August 27, 1776

"One of the expedients of party to acquire influence, within particular districts, is to misrepresent the opinions and aims of other districts."

Farewell Address - September 19, 1796

"To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

First Annual Address, to both Houses of Congress - January 08, 1790

"a good moral character is the first essential in a man? It is therefore highly important that you should endeavor not only to be learned but virtuous."

To George Steptoe Washington - December 05, 1790

"Arbitrary power is most easily established on the ruins of liberty abused to licentiousness."

"Circular to the States" - June 08, 1783

"It is infinitely better to have a few good men than many indifferent ones."

Letter to James McHenry - August 10, 1798

"It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one."

Letter to his niece, Harriet Washington -October 30, 1791

"Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder."

Letter to Major-General Robert Howe | Tuesday, August 17, 1779

"By the all-powerful dispensations of Providence, I have been protected beyond all human probability and expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me, yet escaped unhurt, altho' death was levelling my companions on every side."

GEORGE WASHINGTON, letter to John A. Washington - July 18, 1755

"I hold the maxim no less applicable to public than to private affairs, that honesty is the best policy."

Farewell Address to the People of the United States - September 19, 1796

"Truth will ultimately prevail where pains is taken to bring it to light."

Letter to Charles M. Thruston -August 10, 1794

"As a very important source of strength and security, cherish public credit. One method of preserving it is, to use it as sparingly as possible; avoiding occasions of expense by cultivating peace, but remembering also that timely disbursements to prepare for danger frequently prevent much greater disbursements to repel it; avoiding likewise the accumulation of debt, not only by shunning occasions of expense, but by vigorous exertions in time of peace to discharge the debts, which unavoidable wars may have occasioned, not ungenerously throwing upon posterity the burthen, which we ourselves ought to bear."

Farewell Address - September 17, 1796

"However [political parties] may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled

to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion."

Farewell Address -September 17, 1796

"Let us therefore animate and encourage each other, and show the whole world that a Freeman, contending for liberty on his own ground, is superior to any slavish mercenary on earth."

General Orders - July 02, 1776

"If in the opinion of the People, the distribution or modification of the Constitutional powers be in any particular wrong, let it be corrected by an amendment in the way which the Constitution designates. But let there be no change by usurpation; for though this, in one instance, may be the instrument of good, it is the customary weapon by which free governments are destroyed."

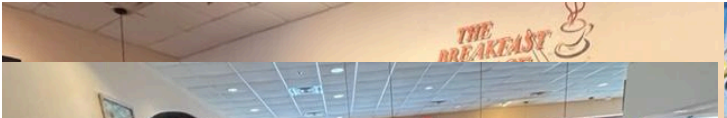
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## CHAPTER MEETING – FEBRUARY 15



Congratulations to David Hamaker and Ed Sellards who were awarded the TEXAS BRONZE SERVICE MEDAL for services rendered! Great meeting with about 35 members and guests.

## GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY BRUNCH PROGRAM



*SONS OF THE AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION*



*FREEDOM CHAPTER  
CELEBRATES*

*George Washington's  
Birthday  
BREAKFAST*

*22 FEBRUARY 2022*

*The Breakfast House  
The Woodlands, Texas  
9:30—11:00am*

of our country's birthday!

