

Sons of the American Revolution
Tennessee Valley Chapter

July 13, 2020

July Chapter Meeting

Location: Zoom Meeting Conducted on Internet
Huntsville, AL

Attendees: Ray Livingston, Jim Griffith, Bob Anderson, Jim Maples, Jess Brown, Richard Tingle, Jim Alexander, Benny Hannah, Bill Sommers, Richard Blanton, Dudley Burwell, Bob Baccus, Ray Cassell, Larry Crabtree, Charles Thomas, Ross Eastman, George Vinson, David Billings (National Minuteman), Anders Kinney, Jim Carver, Pete Pacey, Lou Pacey, Don Wolfe, (23)

Unidentified: jgale, melanie scalfano, Charles, phone 1, phone 2 (5)

Total 29

Meeting Opened at 11:00 PM. President Ray Livingston said that all microphones will be muted. If you want to speak, unmute your microphone.

James Henderson, Chaplain gave invocation. President Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

President Ray welcomed David Jones, ALSSAR President.

Happy 244th Birthday of the United States!

Future Plans

The Huntsville Library as of June 2nd is no longer allowing meetings until future notice. TVCSAR will have Zoom meetings until we can have meetings at the Library.

COVID-19 restrictions are back and apparently will be with us for a while.

We will use Chapter standard meeting agenda and format as much as possible.

Board of Officers Meeting will be on 1st Monday of August at 11:00 AM.

Chapter Meeting is the 2nd Monday of August at 11:00 AM.

PROGRAM

Topic: TVCSAR Public Relations Activities and Plans

Jess Brown, Committee Chairman for Public Relations discussed the work that he and his committee have completed and are working on.

After Jess completed his presentation, Jim Griffith told about his idea to create a TVCSAR video. The video will be used to introduce the Chapter to potential new members. Now is a good time for the video because of the lack of person to person meetings.

Bob Anderson said that the Speaker's bureau could use a library of videos. Since in person speakers cannot be used in Schools, there is a need for video presentations in Schools. A presentation on General Morgan would be used in Morgan County Schools. There other topics of local interest that would be of value to local schools.

James Henderson said we should work with the Madison County Military museum on presentations that they could use as part of their display.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes of the June meetings have been posted on our Website for the past two weeks. There have been no comments. The minutes are approved as presented.

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) from officers and Committee Chairmen are still due. Please send SOP's to President Ray Livingston.

Committee Chairmen please appoint a Vice Chair. Once the Vice Chair is appointed, please send train the Vice Chairman and send his name to President Ray.

The Donation for the Library is still in the works.

NEW MEMBERS

Ray Livingston inducted the following new members:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Patriot</u>
Ross Hillyer Eastman	Abraham Riker
Alex Kim Eastman	Abraham Riker
Anders Michael Kinney	Conrad Wilhoit
Pete Paceley	Henry Harless
Lou Paceley	Henry Harless

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – RAY LIVINGSTON

The 8th official TVCSAR (Board of Officer's meeting and Chapter) meetings using Zoom.

By using Zoom, we continue to function and have meetings. COVID-19 and its effect on schools may have an effect on our service projects for this year.

Thanks to each officer, committee chair and volunteer who makes activities and functions possible.

Awards

President's Volunteer Service Award

Lafayette Volunteer Service Awards

Color Guard

Other

We have person's that are qualified for these awards. Please apply.

In-person meetings to be guided by public health safety guidelines.

Mission of the Sons of the American Revolution

The objects of the Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people, to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government found by our forefathers.

OFFICER REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT - Benny Hannah

Patriot's Research

Alabama overall is 72% of the Patriot's linked. The overall Alabama rating is 22%. TVCSAR is 93% of Patriot's Slinked. Ray Cassell has done this work. Cahaba Chapter is 100% complete and Richard Montgomery Chapter is 84%.

Danny Witt is doing a great job on heroism and public service.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Jim Maples

Posting Chaplain James Henderson's messages on the home page. Sending an E-mail to Pete Pacey on his Patriot Henry Harless. Fred Olive also shares Henry Harless as ancestor.

RECORDING SECRETARY – Dudley Burwell

No report.

RAY CASSELL



Five new members were inducted today. State and National are approving new members in a shorter time period.

Eleven supplemental's have been sent to ALSSAR. Five are at NSSAR for review.

New applications are getting through in four to five weeks. Supplemental's are taking four months approximately.

PATRIOT BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Please fill out your Patriot biographical sketches. Our Chapter has only filled out three bios! Contact Ray Cassell for more info.

TREASURER REPORT – Randal Jennings

No Report. Randal was not at the meeting.

HISTORIAN REPORT – Jim Alexander

Officers and Committee Chairs please send reports to Jim.

CHANCELLOR REPORT – Richard Tingle

No report,

GENEALOGIST REPORT – Bill Sommers

No report

CHAPLAIN REPORT – James Henderson

No report

NSSAR/ALSSAR COMMENTS

David Jones, ALSSAR President

Outstanding job TVCSAR Chapter! Everyone is doing something! Wish I could get other Chapters to do the same.

NEW BUSINESS

Our future meetings will continue as Zoom meetings until COVID-19 health issues are removed.

If schools are closed, what will we do? Bob Anderson/Jim Griffith have proposed having a library of videos to loan to or give to schools to help in teaching American History related to the American Revolution.

ACTION POINTS

1. Determine how to work with Schools if Pandemic continues into 2021.
2. How to provide assistance to teachers of American Revolution using videos.
3. Determine videos available from NSSAR that could be used.
4. Select topics based on availability of videos, pictures and information from members.

CLOSING COMMENTS

- Thanks for your support.
- We appreciate David Jones, ALSSAR President attending our Zoom meeting and his compliments.
- Thank you, Jess Brown, for your work for the Chapter and your presentation on your work on public relations.
- Our next BOO meeting is the 1st Monday in August at 11 AM
- Our next Chapter meeting is the 2nd Monday in August at 11 AM.

Chaplain James Henderson delivered the Benediction. President Ray Livingston delivered the Recessional and closed the meeting. The meeting ended at 12:01 PM.

Dudley Burwell, Recording Secretary
Tennessee Valley Chapter, SAR

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