

Sons of the American Revolution

Tennessee Valley Chapter

April 13, 2020

April Chapter Meeting

Location: ZOOM Meeting Conducted on Internet
Huntsville, AL

Attendees: Ray Livingston, Benny Hannah, Jim Maples, Dudley Burwell, Ray Cassell, Randall Jennings, Richard Tingle, Jim Alexander, James Henderson, Chip Pharr, Jess Brown, Fred Olive, Jim Griffith, Mike Gray, Topper Bernie, Bob Anderson, J Gale, Kim Keller, Richard Tingle, Allie Swann, Steve Pierce, Charles Thomas, Davis Byers, Bill Sommers, Charles Gattis, George Vince, Eddie Winkler, Cory McCandless, Robert Benson, Mark Hubbs, Gene Bryson, Mike Gray, Eric Alford, PG Nathan White, (identified 35)

Larry ?, g35601, Woody ?, Ww ?, James ?, Dan's IPad, Tom, William, 256-837-5172, 256-534-5464 (9 unidentified) total 44

Members 41

Guest 3 - Fred Olive (Past Pres. ALSSAR), Eric Alford (ALSSAR State Recording Secretary),

Meeting Opened at 11:04 PM. President Ray Livingston asked that cell phones and microphones be silenced.

President Ray gave the Invocation, led the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

We were welcomed to our Zoom meeting. First time visitors and guests were welcomed. Ray extended a welcome to guest to join us again. Hopefully at an in person meeting.

The plans for the coming year are listed below.

- Chapter leadership thinks it is important to continue meeting in some manner.
- Continue to meet via Zoom or other web-based collaboration system.
- Use Chapter standard meeting agenda and format.
- Board of Officers Meeting the 1st Monday at 11:00.
- Chapter Meeting the 2th Monday at 11:00.

Because of the restrictions on meetings, we will use ZOOM software for future meetings until the government requirements are changed. Several options in Zoom were considered and we decided to use ZOOM Pro. There are security concerns and potential hacking problems.

When participating in a ZOOM meeting when you speak, you will be on camera. Since you will be at home or at work when participating in the ZOOM meeting, turn off the TV, music and your phone during the meeting.

Please provide feedback about the use of ZOOM. This is a new way to have meetings. Your ideas and comments will be appreciated.

OFFICERS FOR 2020-2020

President	Ray Livingston
Vice President	Benny Hannah
Corresponding Secretary	Jim Maples
Recording Secretary	Dudley Burwell
Registrar	Ray Cassell
Genealogist	Bill Sommers
Treasurer	Randall Jennings
Chancellor	Richard Tingle
Chaplain	James Henderson

Committee Chairs are in place-Check our website

The following persons have been accepted into membership of TVCSAR. Allie Swann was online when the it was announced that the following people have been accepted as new members.

Joseph Scott Haynes
Gideon Haston Haynes
Allie Swann

Allie Swann and Joseph Scott Haynes and Gideon Haston Haynes will receive their membership certificates at the next person to person meeting. These are still unindicted members.

Our Registrar reported that NSSAR is closed at present. Approval of new members will be slow.

Old Business

The minutes from the previous meeting were posted on our website. There were no comments or changes requested. The minutes were approved as posted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT RAY LIVINGTSON

This was the first monthly meeting as President for Ray. He sent his thanks to you for giving him the honor of serving as your President for this year. This Chapter has an unquestioned heritage and reputation and he plans to keep it going. He thanks each officer, committee chair and each volunteer who makes it possible for us to continue pursuing our organizational objectives this year. TVCSAR operations continue.

March Installation Banquet was permanently cancelled. Refund guidance issued. Several members have not responded to the request to indicate a refund or donate the payment for the banquet to the Chapter.

School support was disrupted. Our awards for ROTC/JROTC were not made at most high Schools.

A Summer Social is being planned in August. Whitesburg Baptist Church has been closed. The Social may be held there or at another location based on regulations.

The SAR National Congress is scheduled for 9-15-2020. Need names of attendees. If you plan to attend, please contact Ray.

In person meetings will be guided by authorized local health rules, officials and government restrictions. We need to be prudent. Many of our members are of an age that make the Corona virus would be detrimental to their health.

President's Objectives for 2020-2021

- 1. Build upon preceding success and foundation**
- 2. Generate more membership involvement**
- 3. Partnership with other patriotic groups**
- 4. Continue our focus on youth and the schools we support.**
- 5. Continue the PR program to educate others about SAR and our Chapter.**
- 6. Support more at State and National: Mission, Goals, and Objectives**

Continuity of Chapter Operations and Services.

Ray said we need to do three things: develop standard operating procedures (SOP) at the officer and committee level; strengthen our committees with more members at least one of whom is a backup to the committee chair; and get better engaged with our Chapter historical archives endeavors. Ensuring that we can continue to operate and support all the other organizations that we have historically, means we need to establish recorded procedures and have adequate member involvement to maintain our momentum.

Other Comments

Awards for Sparkman High School ROTC cadets were given to ROTC Commander at Sparkman. Bob Anderson reported that awards for Morgan County Schools have been given to Morgan County Schools. He thinks the Awards will be given out in August when schools reopen.

The summer social is planned. The person-to-person meeting rules are a consideration. Ray will look for a place for the social. Whitesburg Baptist is closed and he has been unable to contact anyone there.

The Officers Reports are listed below:

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT - BENNY HANNAH

Benny reported that he recently attended a Children of the American Revolution Meeting (CAR). The meeting was prior to Governor Ivy's order to have no more person to person meetings. The CAR is planning a color guard. Training is planned after person to person meetings allowed.

CHAPLAIN REPORT – JAMES HENDERSON

Chaplain Henderson has been praying for our Chapter. He has offered to pray to members in need. If you have a person that is need of prayer, all James with information on the prayer request.

He told of interviewing Bob Anderson on flags. He is looking for persons with interesting stories to be on his radio show in Decatur.

TREASURER REPORT – RANDAL JENNINGS

Treasurer Jennings reported that we have \$10,176 in our checking account and \$9,332 in our money market account.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: APRIL 2020

Registrar Ray Cassell reported the following:

There are 57 persons that are awaiting family data for their applications. There are 27 open applications. Five Applications have been mailed to the ALSAR Registrar. There are 4 applications in review at NSSAR. Three applications have been approved. No persons were induced at the last meeting.

George Vince's application for a supplemental has been approved. George commented on his supplemental patriot. George is the first person to be awarded a Supplemental at a ZOOM meeting.

At present, Ron Breeden ALSAR Registrar is willing to evaluate applications and send them to NSSAR. There are a few persons working at NSSAR. There will be a wait.

NSSAR has a new program to help new applicates. The data base provides information on approved applications. This data based can be used to get information and reduce research.

NSSAR is seeking additional information on Patriots. If you have new information on your Patriot, please send it to Ray Cassell.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – JIM MAPLES

Jim reported that the ALSSAR Website has 16 Battlefield Trust Video available on their website.

HISTORIAN REPORT – JIM ALEXANDER

Jim comments on the Battlefield Trust Videos. He also requested information on the Flag Presentation given to Constitution Hall. He will use the information to get points for the Chapter.

GENEALOGIST REPORT – BILL SOMMERS

Bill was present and commented on the NSSAR program for additional information on Patriots.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports were given.

Closing Comments

- Ray thanked everyone for their support, participation and understanding.
- Provide feedback on this type venue or any other issue
- The following visitors were present: Nathan White, Eric Alford, Fred Olive
- Nathan White commented that this meeting may be one of the first ZOOM meeting held by an SAR Chapter.
- Aron Moore has moved to Huntsville and supports the National CAR. Cannot comment on this...don't recall.
- Next Chapter meeting is on May 11th

ACTION POINTS

1. Please provide feedback on ZOOM meeting. Ideas to improve the meeting will be helpful. E-mail or call President Ray.
2. Begin work on SOP's for Chapter. This action point applies to person that have previously been officers or committee chairmen.
3. Contact High Schools to determine when Awards and Metals can be given.
4. Provide information on members in poor help to Chaplain James Henderson.

Chaplain James Henderson delivered the Benediction and the recessional was given.

The recessional was given and the meeting adjured at 12:06 PM.

Dudley Burwell
Recording Secretary
Tennessee Valley Chapter SAR
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