

Sons of the American Revolution
Tennessee Valley Chapter
April 12, 2021
Regular Meeting

LOCATION: First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

ATTENDEES:

Bob Baccus, David Billings, Jess Brown, Dudley Burwell, David Byers, Ray Cassell, Benny Hannah, James Henderson, Mark Hubbs, Clifford Lanham, Ray Livingston, Jim Maples, Charles McMurry, Victor Michel, Charles Powell, James Terrell, George Vinson, Roger Whitesides, Charles Oiling, Christopher Holland, Ronald Bridges. (21)

ATTENDEES ON ZOOM:

Bob Anderson, Nathan White and eight others. (10)

GUESTS:

Iris Hannah, Sheryl Livingston, Elizabeth Griffith, Brenda Winter, Linda Maples, Jonita Haynes, Jim Haynes, Janie Buyers, Dorothy Bridges, Nancy Harris, Kevin Bridges, Misty Quick, Marica Whitehead, Kay Bridges, Andrea Bridges, Erin Bridges, Erin Maples, Chris Bridges, Matthew Maples. (19)

OPENING:

President Benny Hannah opened the meeting at 11:05 AM and asked Chaplain James Henderson to pray the invocation.

Vice President Dudley Burwell led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

GREETINGS:

President Hannah welcomed everyone (live and Zoom) and guests to the meeting.

PROGRAM:

Vice President Dudley Burwell introduced today's speaker Mark Hubbs, who is retired from Redstone Arsenal, served in the Infantry and is an author. He will speak today on the use of Field Artillery in the Revolutionary war. He talked about the Types of Cannons, Types of Ammunition and Serving the Gun. Mark's excellent presentation was both informative and interesting. President Hannah presented a SAR Eagle to Mr. Hubbs for his presentation.

SECOND PROGRAM

President Benny Hannah recognized David Billings for a special presentation. David announced that Jim Maples has been selected to receive the Minuteman Award, the highest SAR national award possible. David presented a summary of Jim's twenty plus

years of National service This award was established in 1951 and is for service at the National Society. It and will be presented to Jim at the June 2021 National Congress.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND SUPPLEMENTALS:

The following new members were inducted by President Hannah:

- Christopher Holland Patriot - John Morrison
- Ronald Bridges Patriot - John Drake

Ray Cassell pinned SAR Rosettes on both new members

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes from 3/8/2021 meeting have been posted for 2 weeks. There were no comments or questions. The minutes were approved as posted.

NEW BUSINESS:

CPT Mike Rose, Medal of Honor recipient will speak about the Medal of Honor and be recognized for his work on a video for the Alabama Veterans Museum at the June 14 meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Benny Hannah

- Alabama Veterans Museum opening ceremony is May 28, 2021.
- Patriot Day is April 19. A program has been pre-recorded with Channel 48 reporter Payton Walker and it will be showed at 11:00 AM.
- Moments in History will be recorded and broadcast on WLRH on April 19.
- Color Guard is a very active part of our Chapter. Please consider volunteering.
- Americanism activities need to be reported monthly in order to maintain a current scoresheet.
- Flag Certificate and Flag Retreat Ceremony - CAR and Scout Troops will be involved.
- Patriot Record System. Ray Cassell has done a lot of work on this but more to be done. Anyone interested in helping please volunteer.
- JROTC Award was presented to James Clemens High School.
- Awards to Morgan County Schools were presented by Bob Anderson and Randel Jennings.
- Patriot Day Interview - Bob Anderson will be interviewed for 30 minutes by WKAC.
- Amazon Smiles. Please use Amazon Smiles when making purchases. Our chapter gets a .5% kickback on all purchased you make from Amazon.

Vice President: Dudley Burwell

No Report

Recording Secretary: George Vinson

No Report

Corresponding Secretary: Jim Maples

Reported that we have 199 paid members with 2 more to be reinstated which will put us back over 200.

Treasurer: Randal Jennings:

Not Present. Benny Hannah reported Checking Balance \$13,7867.40, Money Market Balance \$9,363.30 as of 31 March 2021.

Registrar: Ray Cassell

Reported that he has twenty-three open applications, five have been mailed to ALSAR, three are being reviewed at NSSAR and six have been approved. Nine Supplemental Applications have been mailed to ALSAR and all nine are now in review at NSSAR. Two Supplementals have been approved.

Historian: Jim Alexander

No Report

Chaplain: James Henderson

No Report

Genealogist: Bill Sommers

No Report

Chancellor: Richard Tingle

No report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Deferred until next meeting.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

President Hannah thanked all of the visitors for being with us today and also Jim Griffith for setting up the computers, speakers slides etc. for our meeting today.

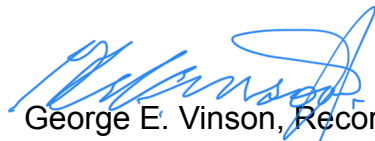
Next Meeting will be on May10, 2021

BENEDICTION, RECESSIONAL and ADJOURNMENT:

Chaplain James Henderson gave the benediction.

Vice President Dudley Burwell led us in the recessional.

President Benny Hannah adjourned the mention at 12:17 PM



George E. Vinson, Recording Secretary
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