

Sons of the American Revolution

Tennessee Valley Chapter

October 12, 2020

October Chapter Meeting

Location: Zoom Meeting Conducted on Internet

Huntsville, AL

Attendees: Ray Livingston, Jim Griffith, Bob Anderson, Jim Maples, Jess Brown, Benny Hannah, Richard Blanton, Dudley Burwell, Bob Baccus, Ray Cassell, Charles Thomas, Don Wolfe, Randal Jennings, Chip Pharr, R Lewis, Larry Crabtree, Jim Alexander, David Byers, Lee Jones, Lynn Helms, Kim Keller, Steven Brouse, Paul Gibbs, Michael Acosta, Richard Raleigh, III, Richard Raleigh, Jr. (26)

Unidentified: Delana's IPAD (1)

Total 27

Meeting opened at 11:00 AM. President Ray Livingston said that all microphones will be muted. If you want to speak, unmute your microphone. Please turn off cell phones.

Bob Baccus gave the invocation. President Ray Livingston led pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

Greetings

Michael Acosta, Steve Brouse, Trip Raleigh, and Paul Gibbs are new members to be induced and were welcomed to the meeting. The meeting is being recorded for the Recording Secretary.

Near Term Plans

We will continue to meet using Zoom Pro until further notice. No new location for our meetings has been found.

Board of Officers Meeting will be on the 1st Monday, Nov. 2 at 11:00 AM.

Chapter Meeting is the 2nd Monday, Nov. 9th at 11:00 AM.

PROGRAM

Our speaker was Bob Baccus. Bob presented "The Christian Values and Principles of our Founding Fathers".

Old Business

The minutes from our meeting on 9/14/2020 have been posted for two weeks. There were no comments or questions about the minutes. The minutes were approved as posted.

A donation has been made to the Huntsville library to honor deceased members. The next step is to approve books about the American Revolution to honor deceased members.

Inductions/Supplementals

The following New Members were inducted:

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| Paul Allan Gibbs | - | Patriot John Gibbs |
| Richard Raleigh, III | - | Patriot Timothy Rich |
| Michael Acosta | - | Patriot Joshua Timmons |
| Steven Michael Brouse | - | Patriot Johann Adam Braus |

Presidents Report

This is the 14th official TVCSAR meeting which includes both BOO and Chapter meetings held using Zoom. COVID has changed our way we hold meetings. Zoom allows us to continue to function. COVID is impacting our ability to conduct training in Schools and may limit the number of students that will be involved in various contests.

Thanks to our members and officers for their continuing volunteer efforts during this difficult year.

Twickenham Towne Chapter of DAR and SAR have a grave marking for Henry Harless at Bellview Cemetery at 2:00 PM on Oct.24th. Ken Michel is handling coordination with DAR and CAR.

Please take the NSSAR Youth Protection Training. If you have contact with youth, it is mandatory training. It is also required for all NSSAR officers. In the future State and local officers will be required to take the training. The training is available on the NSSAR website. It takes about 30 minutes.

If you and your committee are planning to present Awards and/or Certificates, check your calendar and be sure you allow adequate time to get the items needed. Contact Randal Jennings for ordering procedures.

On Saturday, the President's Volunteer Service Award will be presented to one of our members. We have other members that can receive medals for their work. Please track your time and activities and apply for awards.

TVCSAR is creating videos about our Chapter. Videos are being created of Awards presentations, events and programs. A TVCSAR YouTube Channel has been created. Jim Griffith has created this Channel.

ALSSAR BOM Meeting on Oct. 10, 2020

The meeting was attended by Ray Livingston, Dave Billings, Jim Maples and Bob Anderson. National Officer candidates spoke.

The ALSSAR Convention and BOM Meeting will be on Feb, 19-20 2021. It is currently planned as an in-person meeting.

The NSSAR Congress is scheduled on July 10-15 2021 in Renton WA. It is currently planned as an in-person meeting.

The ALSSAR Ladies Auxiliary has donated \$1500 to the SAR Museum.

You can review individual and chapter awards in the latest SAR Magazine.

MISSION OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

President Ray Livingston made a pointing out the importance of the mission of SAR. Remember that the object of the Society is to be patriotic, historical and educational.

Officer Reports

Vice President -Benny Hannah

Benny reported that he has received seven (7) nominations for persons eligible for Public Service and Heroism awards. These nominations are from Morgan and Madison Police Dept.

Ron Bearden is helping with PRS data. We are close to reaching 100% of the members.

Corresponding Secretary – Jim Maples

Jim Maples thanks everyone that provided pictures and writeups for the newsletter.

Recording Secretary – Dudley Burwell

Turned in the Fall Report for ALSSAR.

Registrar- Ray Cassell

Reported that he has 31 open applications, 2 have been mailed to ALSSAR, 5 are being reviewed at NSSAR and 5 have been approved. We inducted 4 at our meeting today. Six (6) SAR Supplemental Applications have been mailed to ALSSAR, six (6) are in review at NSSAR. Four Supplemental Applications have been approved. Several Supplementals are only awaiting signing.

Patriot Research System. TVCSAR has 98.5% of the members linked to Patriots, 98.5% of the Patriot lineage entered, and out of 660 applications, there are 10 missing. This is better than the National SAR at 93.6%, 54% and 119,258 with 609 missing. The ALSSAR numbers are 72.8%, 27.5% and 4243 with 19 missing.

Treasurer – Randal Jennings

We have \$9370 in the checking account and \$9354 in the money market. There are checks that have not been entered.

Dues cards will be sent out this month. State is requesting that we pay by December 1st.

Historian Report – Jim Alexander

No Report. All officers please send info from new activities.

Chancellor Report – Richard Tingle

No Report.

Genealogist Report – Bill Sommers

No Report.

Chaplain Report – James Henderson

No Report, not present.

DEFERRED INSTALLATION BANQUET



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- October 17 at 2:00 at Early Work Museum Grand Hall – invitation is out.
- We will be time constrained.
- Agenda
 - Welcome to ALSSAR President David Jones
 - Recognition and awards to officers for 2019-2020
 - Recognition of the Ladies Auxiliary
 - Past President Jim Griffith remarks
 - Installation of 2020-2021 Officers
 - President's Volunteer Service Award
 - President Ray Livingston remarks
- New inductions
- Presentation of Member Certificates and Rosettes
- Presentation of Member Supplemental Certificates

WEAR MASKS

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Committee Reports

Public Relations

LAMAR Advertising Certificates of Appreciation. Two for individuals and one Corporate
Sept. 17 at 2:00 PM (Livingston, Hannah, Brown, Griffith, Jennings, Maples and Burwell)

Constitution Lapel Pins- Constitution Day, Sept. 17

Mayor Tommy Battle, City of Huntsville, Sept. 17 at 11:00 AM

Mayor Paul Finley, City of Madison, Sept 16 at 4:00 PM

Tazewell Shepard, Pres.-Elect of Alabama State Bar: Sept 15

WLRH Certificate of Appreciation for PSA support Oc t 1 at 1:00 PM

Grave Markings

Dudley Burwell reported that the Veterans Administration has approved the application for a headstone for Revolutionary War Soldier Patriot Jacob Caulk. He is buried at Mt Paran Cemetery. The descendant is Kathryn Vernor. The proposed marking date is Saturday, Nov. 14th. This is an SAR Chapter and Color Guard Event.

The headstone for Patriot Richard Johnson buried in the Chambless-Byrne Cemetery has been received and is in place. The descendant is Karen Gilliam Andress. The proposed marking date is Saturday, Nov. 14th. This is an SAR Chapter and Color Guard Event.

Patriot Henry Harless, Sr. Belleview Cemetery, Descendants are Virginia Harless Cook and Fred Olive. The new headstone will be marked on Oct. 24th at 2:00 PM. This will be a DAR event with SAR Color Guard and member support. Bob Baccus will sound taps.

Veterans Day (Nov. 11)

The SAR Float will be used in the Athens Parade on Nov. 7th. Bob Anderson will lead the rebuilding of the float. The build day is Oct. 31st. Randal Jennings needs Color Guard members to march and participate in this event.

New Business

Future meetings will be Zoom Pro for now. When public health rules permit, we will start meeting face to face.

Closing Comments

Randal Jennings will schedule a Color Guard practice session. An event was scheduled for Thursday night but will be rescheduled. Due to refinements in the Color commands, a practice is needed. Randal has seven Color Guard members for the Harless grave marking. There are four Color Guard members that will participate in the Hunt Springs National Defense luncheon. Only two persons have signed up for the Athens Veterans Day parade. Randal is looking for more to help with this event. They will participate in Maple Hill DAR wreath laying for Luther Isom at Maple Hill Cemetery on Dec. 6th.

President Ray Livingston's closing comments:

Thanks, Bob Baccus, for our program on "The Christian Values and Principles of our Founding Fathers".

Remember to attend Officers Installation-Awards Saturday, Oct. 17th, Early Works Museum at 2:00 PM.

Next BOO meeting is on Nov. 2nd

Next Chapter Membership meeting is on Nov, 9th.

Action Points

1. Twickenham Town Chapter of DAR and SAR have a grave marking for Henry Harless at Bellview Cemetery at 2:00 PM on Oct.24th. Ken Michel
2. Please take the NSSAR Youth Protection Training.

3. If you and your committee are planning to present Awards and/or Certificates, check your calendar and be sure you allow adequate time to get the items needed
4. All Officers and Committee Chairs – Installation and Awards at Early Works Museum Saturday, Oct. 17th at 2:00 PM.

BENEDICTION

President Ray Livingston gave the benediction.

RECESSIONAL

President Ray Livingston gave the Recessional.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 PM.

Dudley Burwell, Recording Secretary

Tennessee Valley Chapter, SAR

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