

Sons of the American Revolution
Tennessee Valley Chapter
October 11, 2021
Regular Meeting

LOCATION: First Baptist Church Huntsville, AL Fellowship Hall.

ATTENDEES:

Bob Anderson, Bob Baccus, David Billings, Whitney Blanchard, Steven Brouse, Jess Brown, Dudley Burwell, Ken Carpenter, David Cassell, Ray Cassell, Emory Ferguson, Jim Griffith, Benny Hannah, Lynn Helms, James Henderson, Thomas Keller, Ray Livingston, Jim Maples, Charles McMurry, Victor Michael, Owen Pharr, Charles Powell, E.C. Richardson, Allie Swann, Otha Vaughn, George Vinson,(26)

ATTENDEES ON ZOOM:

James Alexander, Robert Benson, Richard Blanton, James Haynes, Lawrence Hillis, Mark Reed, Daniel Spiegelberg, Richard Tingle, Allan's iPhone, Woody (10)

GUESTS:

Kay Anderson, Linda Maples, Bobbie N. Ferguson, Jane Michelle, Bill Mariott, Candy Mariott (6)

OPENING:

President Benny Hannah opened the meeting at 11:03 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:

Chaplain James Henderson introduced Bill Mariott, Vice President of the Huntsville Chapter of the AUSA, today's speaker, who made a very interesting presentation about the AUSA and some interesting facts from the Revolutionary War.

President Hannah presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Mariott for his presentation.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Minutes from the 13 September 2021 meeting were approved as corrected.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Crawford-Ryan Cemetery: Asked again for volunteers to help clean-up Crawford-Ryan Cemetery, Apple Grove, AL in Morgan County where Revolutionary War Patriot William Evans Ryan is buried. The cemetery is in bad condition and still requires lots of work. Anyone who would like to volunteer please contact Vice President Burwell.
- Biographies of Patriots: We still need help with bio's of Patriots. If you can help please contact Dudley Burwell or David Byers.

- List of Patriots: We have put together a list of Patriots from Limestone, Madison and Morgan counties and are working to identify the graves for possible marking.
- By-Laws: Jim Maples was asked to discuss recommended change. He said that the proposed change is basically the same as ALSSAR's which gives the president the authority to appoint an assistant to any officer position if the workload requires it.
- Membership Dues: Benny has cards and requested all to pick them up and pay by cash or check either today or next meeting.
- Volunteers For Upcoming Events: Bob Anderson requested volunteers to help with putting the float together or be on the float. Contact Bob or Randall Jennings if you can help.
- State and Chapter Lifetime Membership: Ken Carpenter recommended that the TVCSAR and ALSSAR consider establishing lifetime memberships. He will send President Hannah a written proposal.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND SUPPLEMENTALS:

No new members were inducted.

President Hannah presented supplemental certificates to Ray Cassell for two Patriots:

- James Patton
- John May

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Benny Hannah

- We have sent out letters to area police departments, sheriffs and fire departments asking for nominations for heroism and service awards. We have received several nominations and expect more. Planning to have the awards ceremony in December.
- Grave Markings: Three to Five year program for Grave Markings in Madison, Morgan and Limestone Counties.
- Patriot Bio's: Please make an effort to complete a bio. for your patriot and forward to Dudley Burwell or David Byers for input into the PRS.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Oct 16 BOM - American Village - 16 Oct
 - 23 Oct Samuel Davis Grave Marking, Mt Paran Cemetery
 - Oct 30 Flag Retirement Ceremony (CAR)
 - Oct 30 Garden Dedication at KDS School
 - Nov 6 Hartselle Veterans Day Parade
 - Nov 6 Huntsville Veterans Park Celebration
 - Nov 9 Presentation at Monrovia Middle School
 - Nov 11 Huntsville Veterans Day Parade
 - Nov 11 Birmingham Veterans Day Parade - 11 Nov

Vice President: Dudley Burwell

No Report

Recording Secretary: George Vinson

No Report

Corresponding Secretary: Jim Maples

Friends of the SAR Library - Asked members to support. He will have pins next month.

215 members currently.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier - Handout available at the sign-in desk.

Treasurer: Randal Jennings:
No Report (Not Present)

Registrar: Ray Cassell

Reported that one Supplemental was recently approved, sixteen are at National for review, and two are at ALSAR. Forty five Supplementals have been approved so far this year.

Patriot Research System: The TVCSAR and ALSSAR are both at 100% complete so we are now in a maintenance mode.

Historian: Jim Alexander
No Report

Chaplain: James Henderson

Reported that a \$100 check was presented to the Huntsville Library for three memorial books.

Genealogist: Bill Sommers
No Report

Chancellor: Richard Tingle

Recommended changes to bylaws be posted at website for review and will be voted on at November meeting.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

President Hannah thanked all of the visitors and members for being with us today and again thanked Bill Mariott for his presentation today..

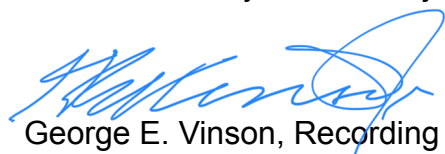
Next Meeting will be on November 8, 2021.

BENEDICTION, RECESSONAL and ADJOURNMENT:

James Henderson gave the benediction.

President Benny Hannah led us in the recessional.

President Benny Hannah adjourned the meeting at 12:13 PM



George E. Vinson, Recording Secretary
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