

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

LOCATION: First Baptist Church Huntsville, AL., Fellowship Hall.

ATTENDEES:

Michael Acosta, Jim Alexander, Mark Alexander, Bob Anderson, Bob Baccus, David Billings, Jean Blachard, Richard Blanton, Jess Brown, Douglas Burdette, Dudley Burwell, Clinton Byers, David Byers, Ray Cassell, Elmer Field, Jim Griffith, Benny Hannah, Lynn Helms, James Henderson, Mark Hubbs, Thomas Keller, Larry McFall, Charles McMurry, Owen Pharr, Charles Powell, George Royer, Daniel Spiegelberg, James Terrell, Charles Thomas, George Vinson, Thomas Watson, Donis Wolfe (32)

ATTENDEES ON ZOOM:

Ronald Bledsoe, Charles Oiling, Bill Sommers, Richard Tingle, Otha Vaughn, Roger Whitesides (6)

GUESTS:

Nancy Byers, *Ray Anderson (?)*, Janet Acosta, David Acosta, Marc Byers, Sue Royer, Linda Maples, Jennie Hall, Ann Hall, Max Hall, Donald Christian (11)

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. He also recognized representatives from CAR chapters.

PROGRAM:

President Hannah introduced David Acosta, CAR chapter President, then Ann Hall, CAR chapter president. Both made short presentations about their chapters.

Vice President Dudley Burwell introduced Jess Brown, who made a detailed presentation about TVCSAR work at the Alabama Veterans Museum. He described and showed pictures of the displays of the Revolutionary War Section which was created by the our chapter. President Hannah congratulated Jess Brown and his team of Jim Griffith, Lynn Helms, and Mark Hubbs for their excellent work on this project.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Minutes from the 14 June 2021 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Grave Markings: Asked 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 will require lots of work. It was noted that Senator Orr has agreed to help support this cleanup.
- Summer Social - We are planning a summer social either in August or September.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND SUPPLEMENTALS:

The following new members were inducted by President Hannah:

- Harrison Stone Patriot - William Byers
- Charles Hooper Patriot - James Hooper

Ray Cassell pinned SAR Rosettes on both new members

CHAPTER CERTIFICATES:

President Hannah presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the following individuals:

- Jess Brown for his work on Alabama Veterans Museum.
- Mark Hubbs for his work on various chapter projects.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Benny Hannah

- Alabama Veterans Museum: Opening ceremony was on 1 July 2021. Our Color Guard supported this event. If you haven't visited the museum already please take time to go visit.
- Billboards: Four Electronic Billboards were on display over the 4th of July holiday.
- Moments in History: WLRH Radio broadcasted recorded "Moments in History" over the 4th of July holiday.
- Challenge Coins: Are available for purchase at the sign in desk for \$5 each.
- Youth Training: All of our officers and committee chair's have been trained.

Vice President: Dudley Burwell

- Grave Markings: We continue to identify graves of patriots that need to be marked. Six have been identified in Madison County. If you know of patriot graves that have not been marked please let him know.

Recording Secretary: George Vinson

No Report

Corresponding Secretary: Jim Maples .

Not Present. At National Congress.

Treasurer: Randal Jennings:

Not Present. President Hannah reported: Checking Account Balance is \$10,204.12

Money Market Balance is \$9,366.51. We have received a \$500 donation from CPT Mike Rose and his wife for purchase of memorial books.

Registrar: Ray Cassell

Reported that we have ten approved applications that have not been inducted and eighteen Supplementals applications pending approval at this time.

Patriot Research System: The TVCSAR is at 100% complete for members linked to the patriot and patriot lineage entered. Still work to be done for SAR and ALSAR. Focus is now on getting other Alabama Chapters up to the 100% level.

Historian: Jim Alexander

No Report

Chaplain: James Henderson

He reported that he is trying to set up a time for the memorial books to be presented to the Huntsville Library.

Genealogist: Bill Sommers

No Report

Chancellor: Richard Tingle

No report

CLOSING COMMENTS:

President Hannah thanked all of the visitors and members for being with us today.

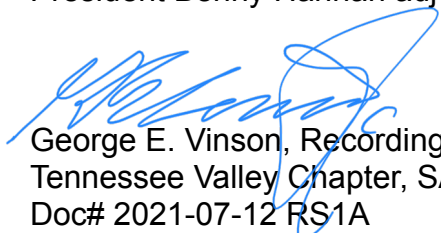
Next Meeting will be on August 9, 2021.

BENEDICTION, RECESSONAL and ADJOURNMENT:

Chaplain James Henderson gave the benediction.

Vice President Dudley Burwell led us in the recessional.

President Benny Hannah adjourned the mention at 12:12 PM



George E. Vinson, Recording Secretary
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