

**Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Tennessee Valley Chapter**  
**June 14, 2021**  
**Regular Meeting**

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

**ATTENDEES:**

Bob Anderson, Bob Baccus, David Billings, Richard Blanton, Jess Brown, Dudley Burwell, David Byers, Kenneth Carpenter, Braxton Connors, Edward Few, Emory Ferguson, Jim Griffith, Keith Haney, Benny Hannah, James Henderson, Randal Jennings, Thomas Keller, Clifford Lanham, Ray Livingston, Jim Maples, Charles McMurry, Ken Michael, Jimmy Pemberton, Owen Pharr, Charles Powell, Larry McFall, George Royer, Dan Sorrells, Samuel Summers, Charles Thomas, George Vinson, Donis Wolfe (32)

**ATTENDEES ON ZOOM:**

Jim Alexander, Ray Cassell, Chad Holland, William Kirkland III, Mark Lambert, Charles Oiling, Don Roberson, Jacque Reeves, Bill Sommers, Richard Tingle, Otha Vaughn, (256) 428-1359, Lawrence's IPad (13)

**GUESTS:**

Sheryl Livingston, Kay Anderson, Janice Jennings, Linda Baccus, Iris Hannah, Martin Smithers, Gweneth Smithers, Gary "Mike" Rose, Margret Rose, Jane Michel, Michele Kinner, Michael Kinner, George Royer, Kathy Rains, Les Roop, Rose Ann Gosa, Linda Maples, Nancy Billings, Quimby Rains, Sally Daniel, Bill Danby, Jeanne Corden, Bill Daniels, Allie Swann, (24)

**OPENING:**

President Benny Hannah opened the meeting at 11:00 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 various DAR and SAR chapters and state officers who were present.

Thanked Linda Baccus for playing patriotic music on the piano.

Recognized that today is the U.S. Army's Birthday and Flag Day.

**PROGRAM:**

Jim Griffith introduced today's speaker Medal of Honor recipient CPT Gary "Mike" Rose. He gave a very patriotic and heart felt talk about the flag and our responsibility to honor

and respect the flag and to educate the next generation about the importance of the flag to the United States of America. He spoke of the history of the Medal of Honor and said he is one of 47 living recipients today. As of this date only 3,991 people have received this medal. He was recognized with the presentation of a Certificate of Outstanding Service by President Benny Hannah. CPT Rose's wife was presented a gift certificate to Connors Steakhouse.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Minutes from the 10 May 2021 meeting were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- George Washington Endowment Fund: Jim Maples recognized Janice Jennings as the newest GWEF member and President Hannah pinned on her membership pin.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President:** Benny Hannah

- Board of Managers Meeting - Thanked those who attended the 15 May Meeting.
- Alabama Veterans Museum: Opening ceremony will be 1 July 2021. Our Color Guard will support this event.
- Grave Marking: 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.

**Vice President:** Dudley Burwell

No Report.

**Recording Secretary:** George Vinson

No Report

**Corresponding Secretary:** Jim Maples

- As of today we have 206 members.
- On July 2, 2021 at 11:00 AM Jim will appear on Payton Walker's Show on Channel 48
- Announced he is preparing a presentation and revealed a replica of a flag thought to be the predecessor of the Stars and Stripes.

**Treasurer:** Randal Jennings:

No Report.

**Registrar:** Ray Cassell

Reported that we have twenty-three open applications and eighteen Supplementals applications 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.

**Historian:** Jim Alexander  
No Report

**Chaplain:** James Henderson

Asked for approval of \$100 for Memorial Book Donation Program to purchase three volumes of "Nothing But Blood and Slaughter, Military Operations and Order of Battle of the Revolutionary War in the Carolinas". These books are in memory of: William James Brooks, William Walton Vaughn, and Harold Floyd McMillan. Expenditure was approved. **CPT Rose** was recognized and said that he and his wife Margaret would like to donate \$500 for purchasing memorial books.

**Genealogist:** Bill Sommers  
No Report

**Chancellor:** Richard Tingle  
No report

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

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

Next Meeting will be on July 12, 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 meeting at 12:40 PM



George E. Vinson, Recording Secretary  
Tennessee Valley Chapter, SAR  
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