

Sons of the American Revolution

Tennessee Valley Chapter

December 14, 2020

December Chapter Meeting

Location: Zoom Meeting Conducted on Internet

Huntsville, AL

Attendees: Ray Livingston, Jim Griffith, Bob Anderson, Jim Maples, Jess Brown, Benny Hannah, Dudley Burwell, Bob Baccus, Ray Cassell, Chip Pharr, David Byers, Lynn Helms, Kim Keller, Steven Brouse, Richard Tingle, David Billings, George Vinson, Mark Hubbs, Ken Michel, Roger Whiteside, Topper Birney, Brett Isom, Edward Isom, Charles Isom, Jon Isom, Jim Carver, Lawrence Hill, Danny Whitt, Tom Butler, Charles Thomas, Bill Sommers, Doug Burdette, James Watson, Larry Crabtree, Charles Gattis, (35)

Unidentified: Cliff?, Linda's pad, Charles?, Bill? (4)

Total 39

President Ray Livingston opened the meeting at 11:00 AM.

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

Greetings

President Ray Livingston welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said that Senator Tom Butler, the Isoms and Doug Burdette were present to be inducted into TVCSAR as new members. The meeting is being recorded for the Recording Secretary.

Near Term Plans

We will continue to meet using Zoom Pro in until further notice.

The Huntsville Library will not be available for in-person meetings until March based on current information. The First Baptist Church maybe used for in-person meetings in February and March.

Board of Officers Meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 4th at 11:00 AM.

Chapter Meeting is on Monday, Jan. 11th at 11:00 AM.

PROGRAM

Benny Hannah is the Committee Chairman for Public Service and Heroism Awards. Our program is a video using the presentation of awards to the Decatur and Madison Police Departments. Dudley

Burwell took the videos and Jim Griffith edited the videos into a movie. Jess Brown, Chairman of the PR Committee arranged for local TV stations to cover these events. TVCSAR received great PR from these events.

A third Public Service and Heroism awards presentation is planned in Athens this afternoon at 5:30 PM.

Old Business

The minutes from our meeting on 11/9/2020 have been posted for two weeks. There were no comments or questions about the minutes. The minutes were approved as posted.

Officer/Committee Action Plans have been completed and turned over to the Historian. Several SOP's have been turned in as well.

A donation has been made to the Huntsville library to honor deceased members. This item is closed.

Inductions/Supplementals

Six new members were inducted.

- Tom Butler's Patriot is Hezekiah Utley.
- Doug Burdette's Patriot is John Coats.
- Brett Isom's Patriot is Ellis Palmer.
- Jon Isom's Patriot is Ellis Palmer.
- Charles Isom's Patriot is Ellis Palmer
- Edward Isom's Patriot is Ellis Palmer

PRESEIDENTS REPORT

2020-2021 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

- **Nominating Committee: Jim Griffith (Chair), Bob Baccus, Allie Swann**

President	Benny Hannah
Vice President	Dudley Burwell
Corresponding Secretary	Jim Maples
Recording Secretary	George Vinson
Treasurer	Randal Jennings
Registrar	Ray Cassell
Historian	Jim Alexander
Chaplin	James Alexander
Genealogist	Bill Sommers
Chancellor	Richard Tingle

Chapter voting will take place at the February Meeting.

Names in **red** are individuals taking new positions. Names in black are people keeping the same position.

This is the 18th official TVCSAR meeting which includes both BOO and Chapter meetings held using Zoom.

DAR/C.A.R Support

Veteran Grave marking will take place this week-end.

NSSAR Youth Protection Training

Please take this online training.

Awards

President Ray Livingston has received two Lafayette Volunteer Service Medals. These awards will be presented to two hardworking members of TVCSAR at an in-person meeting.

Americanism Award

Benny Hannah reported that the Americanism Award runs from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st. If you are responsible for an activity that can be included in this area, please send me a spreadsheet outlining your work. Jess Brown's PR work will really help on the points. Please send Benny information by mid-Jan. 2021 for submittal by Feb. 1st, 2021.

Future Chapter Meetings (Very Tentative because of COVID 19)

- Jan 11th – Zoom with a program
- Feb 8th – In-person Youth Awards and Officer Elections
- Mar 8th – In-person installation and awards at 11:00 AM with no meal

Recent/Future Events

Dec 3, 10:00, Decatur PD PS&H Awards

Dec 7, Tut Fann State Veterans Home, delivered thank cards to veterans with holiday wishes.

Dec 8, 4:00 PM Madison PD PS& H Awards

Dec 14, 5:30 PM Athens PD {S&H Awards

Dec 19:

- 11:00 AM – Wreaths Across American at Roselawn Cemetery in Decatur
- 1:00 PM C.A.R. Wreath laying for Patriots at Harris Hill Cemetery
- 3:00 PM – Wreath laying at Mt Paran Cemetery

Jan. 9, 2021 ALSSAR Musket Training

ALSSAR Annual Meeting:

- Feb. 20, 2021 at American Village
- Limited in-person and virtual

TVCSAR DRAFT PLAN for REVOLUTIONARY WAR SECTION OF THE ALABAMA VETERANS MUSEUM IN ATHENS (AVMA)

Jess Brown reported that he and Lynn Helms met with Mrs. Thompson, Director AVMA to discuss the items TVCSAR will be providing for the Rev. War section of the Museum. She thanked TVCSAR members for their help with various questions about muskets, uniforms, displays and other issues. They are now planning to provide a regimental style uniform and Militia uniforms.

Ray Livingston and his wife are going to meet with Beverly Thornton. She is Hal Thornton's wife. Hal is deceased. Beverly plans to give all or part of Hal's uniform for use in the AVMA Rev. War Section.

MISSION OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Society is to be patriotic, historical and educational.

OFFICER REPORTS

Jim Griffith reported on

TVCSAR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

The YOUTUBE Address is: <https://youtu.be/IUOsQyLhYCw>

Please sign on and subscribe.

Vice President -Benny Hannah

Benny reported that he has two volunteers one from the Shoals Chapter and one from the Valdez Chapter helping with PRS data for the State of Alabama. They are putting in about 10 applications per day.

Benny talked with Kevin Turner, Sheriff, Madison County. He wanted to get awards for one of his deputies. He and Benny will work out a date.

Corresponding Secretary – Jim Maples

The newsletter is now on the TVCSAR website.

Recording Secretary – Dudley Burwell

No report.

Treasurer – Randal Jennings

Randal was not present. Last month's balances were \$8,235.35 in the checking account and \$9354 in the money market. Ray did not think the numbers had changed much.

Registrar- Ray Cassell

Reported that he has 31 open applications, 4 have been mailed to ALSSAR, 6 are being reviewed at NSSAR and 7 have been approved. We inducted 0 at our last meeting. Six (9) SAR Supplemental Applications have been mailed to ALSSAR, four (4) are in review at NSSAR. Eight Supplemental

Applications have been approved. National is approving new member applications in about seven (7) weeks which is very good compared to last year.

If you are working on Supplementals, try to complete them in early 2021. An increase in cost of Supplementals is expected as soon as the SAR Congress meets.

Patriot Research System. TVCSAR has 100% of the members linked to Patriots, 100% of the Patriot lineage entered out of 677 applications and 2 missing. This is better than the National SAR at 97.6%, 61.8% and 121,483 with 2047 missing. The ALSSAR numbers are 74.6%, 32.1% and 4251 with 14 missing.

Please send in Biographical Sketches for your Patriot or Patriots.

Historian Report – Jim Alexander

No Report.

Chancellor Report – Richard Tingle

No Report.

Genealogist Report – Bill Sommers

No Report.

Chaplain Report – James Henderson

No Report, not present.

Committee Reports

Youth

ROTC/JROTC - Ray Livingston

The Outstanding Cadet Award – Nomination packets for the award have been received. Ray has only received one person for this award.

Orations, Brochure, History Teacher - Bob Anderson

Bob has several schools working on Brochures. He is expecting several schools to provide Brochures for the contest. He has three schools working on posters. No entries for History teacher.

Knight Essay – Bob Baccus

No response yet. Asked Bob Anderson for help. Bob Anderson thinks there may be students applying from Hartselle but not sure.

Elementary School Poster Contest – Richard Lewis

Bob Anderson has three schools that are submitting posters.

Eagle Scout- Otha Vaughn

Not present

Public Relations – Lynn Helms reported that he received an email from Walter Dockery allowing TVCSAR to use his data on Rev. War Veterans in Alabama to be used by the Alabama Veterans Museum. Lynn said that Walter’s list is for all Rev. War veteran’s that have lived in Alabama. The Veterans Museum is looking Rev. War Veterans that are buried in Alabama. Additional work will be required to use this list.

Closing Comments

Thanks to Jim Griffith, Dudley Burwell and Benny Hannah for the Public Service and Heroism Awards Program.

If you are interest in the December 21: Christmas Star/Star of Bethlehem go to:

<https://youtu.be/P9YVYpLYq24>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gzWiOtWKoxo>

Topper Birney announced that he is resigning from TVCSAR for health reasons.

Action Points

1. Please take NSSAR Youth Protection Training online.
2. Please send Benny Hannah information needed for Americanism Award.
3. The YOUTUBE Address is: <https://youtu.be/IUOsQyLhYCw>
Please sign on and subscribe.
4. If you know a history teacher worthy of an Award please contact Bob Anderson.

BENEDICTION

Ray Livingston gave the benediction.

RECESSIONAL

President Ray Livingston gave the Recessional.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.

Dudley Burwell, Recording Secretary

Tennessee Valley Chapter, SAR

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