

# Sons of the American Revolution

## Tennessee Valley Chapter

Mar. 8, 2021

### March Chapter Meeting

**Location:** Zoom Meeting/In-person Meeting at First Baptist Church  
Huntsville, AL

**Attendees in-person:**

Michael Acosta, Jim Alexander, Mark Alexander, Bob Anderson, Herman Birney, III, Richard Blanton, Dudley Burwell, David Byers, Ken Carpenter, Ray Cassell, Jim Griffith, Benny Hannah, Randall Jennings, Ray Livingston, Jim Maples, George McCanless, Charles McMurray, Richard Tingle, George Vinson, Harold Whitesides, Charles Oiling, Christopher Holland, Charles Thomas (24)

**Guest at in-person:** Iris Hannah, William Kirkland, Sheryl Livingston, Elizabeth Griffith, Brenda Winter, Linda Maples (6)

**Attendees on Zoom:** Harold and Jacqueline, Steve Brouse, Clifford Lanhan, Ken Michel, Ed Isom, Chip Pharr, Alan's Phone, Dan Spiegelberg, Bob Baccus, Mark Hubbs, unknown, Tom Jones, Jane Michel, Fred Olive, Drew Isom, Jess Brown, Don Wolfe, Charles Thompson (18)

Total: 48

President Ray Livingston opened the meeting at 11:00 AM. Pres. Ray gave the Invocation. Vice President Benny Hannah gave the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

### Greetings

This was the first Chapter meeting since COVID 19 health restrictions stopped in person meeting. Ray recognized several new members and other visitors. Benny Hannah led the Pledge of allegiances and the SAR pledge. President Ray Livingston gave the opening invocation.

### Program

President Ray introduced ALSSAR President William Kirkland. State President Kirkland gave a presentation on the role of SAR in today's environment. He gave the history of SAR and how it has evolved.

President Ray Livingston gave President William Kirkland a Certificate of Appreciation and an SAR eagle for attending the meeting.

## **New Member Certificates and Supplement Certificates**

SAR Membership Certificates and Rosettes were presented by President Ray Livingston and Ray Cassell to the following new members:

Michael Acosta –	New Member Certificate and Rosette
Charles Oiling -	New Member Certificate and Rosette
Tom Butler -	New Member Certificate and Rosette
George Vinson -	Supplemental Certificate
Roger Whiteside -	Supplemental Certificate
<b>Charles McMurray</b>	<b>Supplemental Certificate</b>

## **Youth Awards**

Bob Anderson told us about the Youth Awards. In the TVCSAR Oration Contest, Oliva Patterson won 1<sup>st</sup> place, Samantha Simmons won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Brinkley Cottingham won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. In the State Contest, Oliva Patterson won 1<sup>st</sup> place representing TVCSAR, Samantha Simmons won 2<sup>nd</sup> place representing Birmingham Chapter, and Brinkley Cottingham won 3<sup>rd</sup> place representing Mussel Shoals.

In the Poster Contest Lela Shurden won the Poster contest for TVCSAR. Also, in the contest we had two students from Hartselle. They came in second and third in the TVCSAR Contest. The Lela Shura won State. The Second-place winner in the TVCSAR contest came in third and the third-place winner came in Second in the State contest.

In the Brochure Contest, Rhyan Holloway won the TVCSAR Brochure Contest and came in 2<sup>nd</sup> at State. Considering the COVID 19 situation we had a good year. We had 90 Brochures and 200 Posters in the contests. This year was a big success for us considering the difficulties caused by COVID.

## **Chapter Awards**

Elizabeth Griffith was given a Certificate of Appreciation for her Art work used for the SAR billboards. This was a project of Jess Brown's PR Committee.

## **George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF) Awards**

Jim Maples, Chairman of the NSSAR George Washington Endowment Committee (National), William Kirkland, ALSSAR President and Jim Griffith, Chairman ALSSAR George Washington Endowment Committee (State of Alabama) presented the Awards. The persons becoming fellows are:

Dudley Burwell, Harold Whiteside, and Ray Cassell.

## **NSSAR AWARDS**

ALSSAR President William Kirkland present an Award to Ray Cassell for preparing the largest number of Supplemental Applications. Jim Alexander was given the Roger Silver Medal Silver Award. Ray Cassell was given the Lafayette Service Award for his hours of entering data for the Patriot Research System. Benny Hannah was given the Lafayette Service Award for his time given to NSSAR and TVCSAR.

## **TVCSAR OFFICERS AWARDS**

President Ray Livingston gave an SAR Medal Award to the 2020-2020 Officers. The officers given awards:

Benny Hannah, Jim Maples, Dudley Burwell, Randal Jennings, Ray Cassell, Jim Alexander, James Henderson, Bill Sommers, and Richard Tingle.

## **Installation of Officers 2020-2021**

Ray Livingston thanked officers for 2020-2021 for their service. William Kirkland, ALSSAR President installed the officers for 2021-2022.

The following persons were installed as officers for 2021-2022:

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

Ray Livingston, outgoing President, presented the President's Gavel and president's medal to Benny Hannah, the incoming President. Benny presented Ray Livingston with the past President's pin. ALSSAR President William Kirkland thanked Ray for service and Benny gave an acceptance speech.

## **RECESSIONAL**

Vice President Dudley Burwell gave the Recessional.

## **BENEDICTION**

Ray Livingston gave the benediction.

Benny Hannah adjourned the meeting at 12:07 PM.

Dudley Burwell, Recording Secretary

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