

# Sons of the American Revolution

## Tennessee Valley Chapter

September 14, 2020

### September Chapter Meeting

**Location:** Zoom Meeting Conducted on Internet

Huntsville, AL

**Attendees:** Ray Livingston, Jim Griffith, Bob Anderson, Jim Maples, Jess Brown, Richard Tingle, Benny Hannah, Bill Sommers, Richard Blanton, Dudley Burwell, Bob Baccus, Ray Cassell, Charles Thomas, Jim Carver, Don Wolfe, Nathan White, Roger Whitesides, Topper Birney, Randal Jennings, John Farr, David Billings, Dan Spielberg, Charles Camp, Hobbs Camp, R Lewis, Larry Crabtree, Jim Alexander, Joseph Haynes, Robin Haynes, Harvey Ambrose, Ken Michell, David Byers, Zack Magnusson, J Watson, Charles Gattis, Allie Swann, Lee Jones (37)

Unidentified: 256 233 5278, etc, (2)

NSSAR & State Officers: Eric Alford, ALSSAR State Recording Secretary; Fred Olive, Treasurer General  
NSSAR: C. Bruce Pickette, Past ALSSAR Pres. & current NSSAR EXCOM member (3)

Speaker: Waymon E. Burke (1)

Total 43

Meeting Opened at 11:00 AM. President Ray Livingston said that all microphones will be muted. Please turn off your cell phones. If you want to speak, unmute your microphone.

President Ray gave the invocation, led pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

### Greetings

President Ray Livingston welcomed our speaker, Waymon E. Burke, PhD and our visiting ALSSAR Officers, Eric Alford and NSSAR officers, Fred Olive and C. Bruce Pickette.

### Near Term Plans

We will continue to meet using Zoom Pro until further notice. President Ray Livingston contacted six different venues for in-person meetings and none were available. He asked for suggestions for in-person meetings.

Group meetings can cause COVID-19 to spread rapidly. The safety of our members is his first concern since many are over 65.

Board of Officers Meeting will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, October 5th at 11:00 AM.

Chapter Meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, October 12th at 11:00 AM. We plan to meet on Columbus Day.

When we start meeting in person, we will continue to use Zoom Pro at these meetings for our members that can not attend in person and for those that are out of town.

## **PROGRAM**

Our speaker was Waymon E. Burke, PhD Instructor of History at Calhoun Community College, Real Estate Business owner and local TV commentator. He spoke on “The Declaration of Independence, A Promissory Come Due”. A copy of his presentation will be posted on our Website.

### **Old Business**

The minutes from our meeting on 8/10/2020 have been posted for two weeks. There were no comments or questions about the minutes. The minutes were approved as posted.

Vice Chairs are still needed for several Committees. Please select a person to be Vice Chair.

The SOP's for Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs are currently being evaluated. After evaluation of SOP's is completed, they will be printed and used.

President Ray is working with the Huntsville Library about using Memorial Donation to purchase books about the American Revolution.

### **Inductions/Supplementals**

The following New Members were inducted: Joseph Scott Haynes- Patriot George Sparkman

Gideon Haston Haynes – Patriot George Sparkman

James Harvey Ambrose – Patriot Thomas Stanford

### **Presidents Report**

This is the 12<sup>th</sup> official TVCSAR meeting which includes both BOO and Chapter meetings held using Zoom. COVID has changed our way we hold meetings. Zoom allows us to continue to function. COVID is impacting our ability to conduct training in Schools and may limit the number of students that will be involved in various contest.

Pres. Ray Livingston reminded us that Patriot Day was September 11<sup>th</sup>, Constitution day is Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Week is September 17-23<sup>rd</sup>. He thanks our members and officers for their continuing volunteer efforts during this difficult year.

DAR and CAR will provide support for Patriot grave markings. The CAR groups are the John Hunt Society in Huntsville and Captain John Farrar Society in Athens.

NSSAR encourages all officers and Committee members to take the online NSSAR Youth Protection Training available online. If you have contact with Youth, please be sure to take the training and follow the procedures provided.

Awards for the President's Volunteer Service Award, the Lafayette Volunteer Service Award, and the Color Guard are expected. If you are doing volunteer work for SAR or other groups and have records on you hours worked, please contact President Ray Livingston.

TVCSAR Video production will begin on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at Lamar Advertising. We will video the presentation of awards to Lamar Advertising. A Video will be taken when Awards are presented to WLRH.

### **Mission of the Sons of the American Revolution**

The three primary activities of SAR are: to be patriotic, historical, and educational. To maintain our democratic form of government, we work to foster true patriotism and work to maintain our institutions of American Freedom.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **Vice President -Benny Hannah**

Benny reported that he is continuing to work on getting nominations for persons eligible for Public Service and Heroism awards.

#### **Corresponding Secretary – Jim Maples**

Please send pictures and information on your activities to go on the website.

#### **Recording Secretary – Dudley Burwell**

Reported that he has prepared a bio for Richard Johnson and Jacob Caulk.

#### **Registrar- Ray Cassell**

Reported that he has 30 open applications, 6 have been mailed to ALSSAR, 2 are being reviewed at NSSAR and 7 have been approved. We inducted 3 at our meeting today. Six (6) SAR Supplemental Applications have been mailed to ALSSAR, seven (7) are in review at NSSAR. Four Supplemental Applications have been approved and six were given out at the last meeting.

Patriot Research System. TVCSAR has 98.5% of the members linked to Patriots, 92.3% of the Patriot lineage entered, and out of 660 applications, there are 10 missing. This is better than the National SAR at 92.3%, 50.1% and 119,248 with 612 missing. The ALSSAR numbers are 72.6%, 26.2% and 4202 with 19 missing.

#### **Treasurer – Randal Jennings**

We have \$9370 in the checking account and \$9352 in the money market.

#### **Historian Report – Jim Alexander**

Continues to record reports of activities.

**Chancellor Report** – Richard Tingle

Is reviewing video from Jim Griffith for copywrite problems.

**Genealogist Report** – Bill Sommers

No Report.

**Chaplain Report** – James Henderson

No Report not present.

**NSSAR/ALSSAR COMMENTS** –

Bob Anderson- EXCOM

Asked everyone to go online and look at the new NSSAR logo choices. Let him know which one you like. Also reported that TVCSAR student won an Honorable mention in the Poster contest.

The Cincinnati Chapter of SAR won the Americanism award.

Bruce Pickette- EXCOM

Talked briefly about possible changes in the way SAR and local dues maybe handled in the future.

**Committee Reports**

**Public Relations**

**LAMAR** Advertising Certificates of Appreciation. Two for individuals and one Corporate  
Sept. 17 at 2:00 PM (Livingston, Hannah, Brown, Griffith, Jennings, Maples and Burwell)

**Constitution** Lapel Pins- Constitution Day, Sept. 17

Mayor Tommy Battle, City of Huntsville, Sept. 17 at 11:00 AM

Mayor Paul Finley, City of Madison, Sept 16 at 4:00 PM

(Livingston, Hannah, Brown, Jennings)

**WLRH** Certificate of Appreciation for PSA support Sept 24 at 1:00 PM

(Livingston, Hannah, Brown, Griffith, Jennings, Maples, Burwell)

**Grave Markings**

Patriot Jacob Caulk, Mt Paran Cemetery. Descendant is Kathryn Vernor.

Patriot Richard Johnson, Chambless-Byrne Cemetery Descendant is Karen Gilliam Andress.

Patriot Henry Harless, Sr. Belleview Cemetery, Descendant is Virginia Harless Cook and Fred Olive  
(Twickenham Chapter of DAR) Color Guard Event.

The dates are not set but hope to mark in October.

## **DAR/CAR**

The CAR may be interested in participating in cleanup of Cemeteries prior to marking of graves. Ken Michel will handle coordination.

DAR will handle marking of Patriot Henry Harless, Sr. grave. TVCSAR will handle Patriots Caulk and Johnson.

## **New Business**

Future meetings will be Zoom Pro for now. When public health rules permit, we will start meeting face to face.

## **Closing Comments**

Thanks to all that participated in today's meeting. Thanks to our visitors. We hope you will visit with us again.

Special thanks to Dr. Waymon Burke for our program on "The Declaration of Independence, A Promissory Note Come Due".

## **Action Points**

1. **LAMAR Advertising Certificates of Appreciation** Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM  
Attending: Livingston, Hannah, Brown, Griffith, Jennings, Maples, Burwell
2. **Constitution Lapel Pins** commemorating Constitution Day on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>  
Mayor Tommy Battle, City of Huntsville, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM  
Mayor Paul Finley, City of Madison, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM  
Attending: Livingston, Hannah, Brown, Jennings
3. **WLRH Certificate of Appreciation** for PSA support, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM
4. **Grave Markings** for Patriot Jacob Caulk, Patriot Richard Johnson, and Patriot Henry Harless, Sr.  
Dates to be announced.
5. **Coordination on Cemetery Cleaning** with DAR/CAR by Ken Michel. Dudley Burwell to provide contact information of Mt. Paran and Chambless-Byrne Cemeteries. DAR to provide information on Belleview Cemetery.

## **BENEDICTION**

President Ray Livingston gave the benediction.

## **RECESSIONAL**

President Ray Livingston gave the Recessional.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 PM.

Dudley Burwell, Recording Secretary

Tennessee Valley Chapter, SAR

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