

# Sons of the American Revolution

## Tennessee Valley Chapter

Feb. 8, 2021

### February Chapter Meeting

**Location:** Zoom Meeting Conducted on Internet  
Huntsville, AL

**Attendees:** Ray Livingston, Jim Griffith, Bob Anderson, Jim Maples, Jess Brown, Benny Hannah, Ray Cassell, Richard Tingle, David Billings, George Vinson, Bill Sommers, Dudley Burwell, Jerry Crabtree, Roger Whitesides, Smokey Ferguson, Richard Blanton, Clifton Lanham, Dan Spiegelberg, Nile Clifton, Don Wolfe, Mark Hubbs, Richard Blanton, Jim Carver, Jamey Watson, Charles Thompson, Charles Olling, Edward Isom, Ken Michel, David Cole, Lawrence Hillis (30)

Guest: Alan Burks, Tim Green, Dene Mayfield, Lt. Col. David Murphy, Megan Green, Judge White, Layla Sherden, histudent, Jennifer Morris, Sandy Collins, Mrs. Sparkman (11)

Unknown: Larry, 256 428 1359, Alan's phone, Galaxy (4)

Total: 45

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

### Greetings

President Ray Livingston welcomed everyone to the meeting. Pres. Ray recognized persons to be inducted as new members: Charles Olling, Nile Clifton and Edward Isom. Smokey Ferguson from Cullman joined us for the first time. The guest for the Youth Awards were welcomed. See names guest listed above.

We will continue to meet using Zoom Pro.

Board of Officers Meeting will be on Monday, March 1st at 11:00 AM. We are planning a Zoom meeting.

Chapter Meeting is on Monday, March 8th at 11:00 AM. We are planning to meet at First Baptist Church for an in-person meeting. Officers will be installed and Awards given. This could be changed if Public Health regulations are changed to a Zoom meeting because of an increase in COVID 19 cases.

## **PROGRAM**

### **JROTC AWARD**

The program for today is Youth Awards. The outstanding JROTC Outstanding Cadet was Cadet Megan Green of Huntsville High School. She also won second place at State. She read her essay for us. Pictures of Cadet Green receiving her Award from Pres. Ray was viewed. Pictures of Cadet Green, her parents and Lt. Col. David Murphy where seen.

Lt. Col. David Murphy commented on Cadet Megan Green's excellent performance as a Cadet and her leadership in JROTC.

### **ORATION CONTEST**

Bob Anderson told about the Orations Contest. The three winners of the Orations Contest all attended Hartselle High School. Olivia Patterson won 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Samantha Simmons won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Brinkley won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Each have been given a medal. They will be given a check and Certificate at Hartselle High School.

The three winners of the TVCSAR contest will all go to the ALSSAR contest and compete. Oliva will represent TVCSAR, Samantha will represent Birmingham and Brinkley will represent Muscle Shoals. Videos of their presentations were shown because they will be competing in the State Oration contest.

Mrs. Dene Mayfield was recognized for assisting with the Oration Contest. She said that she was proud of Oliva, Samantha and Brinkley. She hopes they do well at the State contest.

### **Middle School Brochures**

Bob Anderson complimented Mrs. Shurbut's Class at Morgan County Priceville Junior High School, had five honorable mentions: Gregory Eubanks, Claire Dunaway, Rachel Rodaman, Elizabeth Murphy, Abby Lane Loy.

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was Rhyan Holloway of Holy Family, Erin Demington, of Holy Family won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Kenzie Bowling of Priceville won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The Teacher at Holy Family is Gene Altman.

The winner of the Middle School Brochure Contest was Rhyan Holloway of Holy Family Middle School. Bob Anderson told us that Rhyan won second place in the ALSSAR contest.

### **Elementary School Posters**

The results of the TVCSAR contest are: 1st place winner was Layla Shurden of Sparkman School. The 2nd place winner was Reid Collins of Hartselle Intermediate and 3rd place winner was McKinnley Morris of Sparkman School.

McKinnley Morris took 2<sup>nd</sup> place at State. Reid Collins took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at State. Layla Shurden won 1<sup>st</sup> place at state. Layla will now compete in the National NSSAR Contest. The judges and Bob Anderson said Layla's Poster was a very unique poster. Bob thinks the Poster will do well in the NSSAR Contest.

Mrs. Hembree as the teacher of the 1<sup>st</sup> place student will receive an Award also.

## **Eagle Scout Scholarship**

Alex Cole of Madison and Alexander Angle of Helena, AL are contestants for Eagle Scout Scholarship. The winners have not been announced.

## **OFFICER Elections**

### **2020-2021 Officer Nominations**

The following persons are nominated to be officers in 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 Alexander
Genealogist	Bill Sommers
Chancellor	Richard Tingle

Pres. Ray Livingston asked if there were nominations for any officer position. There were no additional nominations. Since there were no additional nominations, he declared the slate of officers elected.

## **NEW Members**

The following person were inducted into membership:

<u>New Inducted Member</u>	<u>Patriot</u>
Nile Clifton	Henry Fudenwider
Charles Olling	Frances Phelps
Edward Isom	Ellis Palmer

The certificate and Rosette will be presented at the Officer Installation next month or these items will be mailed.

## **Old Business**

The minutes from our meeting on 1/11/202 have been posted for two weeks. There were no comments or questions about the minutes. The minutes were approved as posted.

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

President asked for additional nominations. There were no additional nominations. The slate of officers was declared elected by Pres. Ray Livingston.

**This is the 22<sup>th</sup> official TVCSAR meeting (Board of Officers and Chapter) using Zoom.**

### **NSSAR Youth Protection Training**

Please take this online training if you are involved in youth training or an officer. The training is online at the SAR web page.

### **Mentorship- David Billings**

David is working on the TVCSAR Mentor Program. The program will support new members prior to and after induction.

### **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 next month at the Officer Installation and Awards Meeting.

### **Americanism Award**

Benny Hannah reported that Americanism Award application has been submitted and is in progress. The application show that the Chapter has over 1,000 points in each category. This is the first time we as a Chapter have gone over 1,000 points in category in the last three years.

### **USS Stark Memorial Award**

This is the first time we have competed for this Award. We have over 1,000 points. Next year we will do better because we will collect information during the year to prove that have worked in each area.

If you make a donation to Tutt Fann Veterans Home, please keep a record. This applies to any activity to assist veterans.

Benny and Jim Griffith plan to create spreadsheets to help SAR leaders and Committee Chairs and Committee members keep up with time and items donated to Veteran Groups

### **TVCSAR Videos**

Jim Griffith is working on videos that will go into the Alabama Veterans museum in Athens. Mike Rose is a metal of Honor winner. He lives in Huntsville and has agreed to the introduction to the videos for the veteran's museum. We are also working on American Revolution short videos we are calling Fast Facts. One of the videos is on John Trundell's Revolutionary War painting that hanks in the US Capital Rotunda. The video is about 2 minutes in length and informative. Also, we are working on one for George Washington's flag. It is called the Washington Standard. The second Continental Congress and the Charleville musket.

The Fast Fact Videos will be used in the Veteran's museum and on our YouTube Channel. The labelling of these videos will change based on where we use them. Please get on YouTube and subscribe to our Channel. To find the Channel go to YouTube and type in Tennessee Valley Chapter SAR.

## **Future Chapter Meetings**

- Mar 8<sup>th</sup> – In-person installation and awards at 11:00 AM with no meal

Ray Livingston has reservation with First Baptist Church for in-person meetings on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The plan is:

- Officer Installation and awards.
- We will complete member inductions. Member certificates will be given and Rosettes presented.
- The meeting will be hybrid. You can attend using Zoom or in-person
- Health restrictions will apply. This means wearing masks and social distancing.
- If COVID cases increase, we will have a zoom meeting only.

## **Recent/Future Events**

February 14: Presidents Day PSA

- Jim will record on Thursday, Feb. 11 at WLRH

ALSSAR Annual Business Meeting and Convention:

- Feb. 20, 2021 at American Village
- Limited in-person and virtual
- Registration form on ALSSAR website: All attendees must register
- Jim Griffith will be installed as Secretary

## **Revolutionary War Section of the Alabama Veterans Museum in Athens**

Jess Brown reported that we have received the GWEF Grant to pay half of the cost of items to be used in the Revolutionary War Section of the museum. Orders are being placed for materials to be used in the display for the museum.

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

Don't forget that patriotic, historical and educational are our mission.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Vice President** -Benny Hannah

No Report.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Jim Maples

Reported that we have 185 members according to NSSAR.

**Recording Secretary** – Dudley Burwell

I am working on the Winter 2020-21 report for ALSSAR. The report will be completed shortly.

**Treasurer** – Randal Jennings - Not present.

Checking Account	\$13,944.08	Money Market	\$9,360.36
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2021 DUES

- 158 Senior Members
- 12 Junior Members
- 81% Paid
- +8 reinstated

**Registrar**- Ray Cassell

Reported that he has 28 open applications, 4 have been mailed to ALSSAR, 4 are being reviewed at NSSAR and 7 has been approved. We inducted 0 at our last meeting. Eight (8) SAR Supplemental Applications have been mailed to ALSSAR, three (3) are in review at NSSAR. Five (5) Supplemental Applications have been approved.

We submitted 30 new member applications plus 19 supplemental applications for a total of 49 for 2020. Of the applications submitted, 23 new members were approved and 15 supplementals were approved.

This past week, two new member applications were submitted.

Patriot Research System. TVCSAR has 100% of the members linked to Patriots, 100% of the Patriot lineage entered out of 688 applications and 3 missing. This is better than the National SAR at 98.2%, 68.3% and 129,238 with 2838 missing. The ALSSAR numbers are 100.0%, 43.5% and 4276 with 24 missing.

**Historian Report** – Jim Alexander

No Report. Not present

**Chancellor Report** – Richard Tingle

No Report.

**Genealogist Report** – Bill Sommers

No Report.

**Chaplain Report** – James Henderson

No Report, not present.

**NSSAR/ALSSAR**

## **Committee Reports**

Public Relations by Jess Brown:

Upcoming:

- Presidents Day on Feb. 15
- Presidents Day: WAAF-TV during Tennessee Valley Living from

11:00-12:00 AM. Jim Maples will be live. He has four to six minutes for his presentation.

Jess plans to deliver ginger bread made from George Washington's mother Martha's recipe to WAAF and others. WAAF plans to post the recipe supplied by Jess Brown.

## **Closing Comments**

### **Action Points**

1. Please take NSSAR Youth Protection Training online.
2. The YOUTUBE Channel- Please search for Tennessee Valley Chapter Sons of the American Revolutions.
3. Signup for ALLSAR meeting on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. You can attend in person or virtually.

### **RECESSIONAL**

Vice President Benny Hannah gave the Recessional.

### **BENEDICTION**

Ray Livingston gave the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.

Dudley Burwell, Recording Secretary

Tennessee Valley Chapter, SAR

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