



The Valley Patriot

Tennessee Valley Chapter, Alabama Society
Sons of the American Revolution—August/September 2014



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Meeting Schedule

11 August 2014
11:00am Regular Meeting
Huntsville Public Library
Main Meeting Room

8 September 2014
11:00am Regular Meeting
Huntsville Public Library
Main Meeting Room

President's Message

Summer is almost over and the schools are preparing to open for another school year. That means, of course, that our youth programs will be cranking up. While we have most of our youth program chairmen, there is always room for more of our members to participate. Pick a committee and offer your services. The committees can always use your help and you will get the self satisfaction of participating.

Our chapter continues to grow. We pick up one or two members every month and our registrar, Bob Baccus, tells me we continue to have applicants in the pipeline. That should make all of us proud that we belong to a thriving, dynamic Chapter. Another measure of growth is the attendance at our monthly meetings. At the April meeting we had fifty members and guests in attendance. At the July meeting we had seventy members and guests in attendance and each month between April and July we constantly increased attendance. I attribute the growth to interesting and friendly meetings, interesting speakers, interesting history quizzes and good food among other things.. Let's keep up the good work

Our Chapter and State were well represented at the National Congress. The chapter had five members plus guests attending the the State had twenty-six Members plus guests attending. Obviously, Alabama's presence was felt.

Speaking of the National Congress, Hannah Hembree, the Chapter and the States entry in the Brochure Contest won third place. Congratulations to Hannah. That is only the second national youth contest that our Chapter has won.

One of my proudest moments as President of the Tennessee Valley Chapter was the awarding of War Service and Military Service medals to some of the chapter's veterans. Twelve Veterans were recognized for their service. We still have veterans that have not been recognized and I hope they will get with Mark Lowman, our veterans coordinator, to register their service so we can have another award ceremony later in the year.

As we approach Fall, the activities of our color guard increases. They currently plan to participate in the DAR's ringing of the Bells on September 17, 2014 at Constitution Hall and a grave marking for a War of 1812 Veteran on September 28, 2014. More about these activities later as schedules are finalized. If you are interested, the color guard always welcomes new members.

The next ALSSAR Board of Managers meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2014 at The American Village near Montevallo. All members are invited to attend. This meeting will include a tour of the National Veterans Shrine at the American Village. Should be interesting.



At our July meeting Terry Cornett and Bob Baccus gave an excellent program on music in the Revolutionary War.

Secretary's Report - June Meeting

The June chapter meeting began at 11:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Bob Doherty, and the Pledge to the SAR led by Jim Maples. The Prayer of Invocation was given by Past President Bob Anderson

Thirty-nine members signed the attendance roster and the guest sheet was signed by 27 guests. Guests were recognized and each was asked to introduce themselves. Of note was the introduction by Jim Maples of four members of the Society of Mayflower Descendants, Deen Rice, Lt. Governor of the Tennessee Valley Colony; Ellie Lienau, Deputy Governor of the State Society; Norine Lee (Brian House's mother) and Linda Maples.

New Members: Russell McKinley Spry was inducted as our newest member. Daniel Aaron Kohler and Edward Forrest Winter are also new members, and their certificates were mailed to them.

Supplementals: Stephen Pearce and Luke Pearce received Supplemental Certificates. John Rogers' was mailed to him on 5/31/2014

Vice President Hal Thornton introduced the program speaker, Susanna Leberman, Huntsville-Madison County Library Archivist, who spoke on the book "Founding Mothers" written by Cokie Roberts, of NPR fame. She gave us many examples of the role women played in the revolutionary war period.

Announcements: Bob Anderson noted that our Junior ROTC candidate (Alabama winner) did not come in the top five of the finalists at the competition. Our Brochure and Poster (Alabama winners) are still in the competition.

Each Sunday, June 1 through August 31, the American Village in Montevallo will open from 1 to 5 p.m. for a special veteran's Salute. Veterans and active members of the military are admitted free. Also of note: in the Montevallo area there is a monument marking the geographical center of Alabama. June 14 is Flag Day.

George Royer noted that there is a Society of Washington's Army Descendants - from patriots who were with General Washington in the period December 1777 to June 1778 at Valley Forge. The web site valleyforgemuster.org can be utilized for the lookup of possible patriots.

Reading of the minutes from the May chapter meeting was dispensed with by voice vote.

Children's minute: Compatriot Connie Cook was not present.

Recognition and thanks were given to the Women's Auxiliary members and SAR member's wives, Susan Crabtree, Linda Maples, Linda Doherty, Kay Anderson, Wilma Stone, Lynn Hammond, Margie Bledsoe, Carol Lowman, Beverly Thornton, Sue Royer, Francis Jones, Abby Alexander, and Bob Adams, who graciously provided the lunch for members and guests.

President Bob Doherty closed the meeting with his "Little

Known Facts of the Revolution": The battle of Monmouth Courthouse was noted by the profanity used by General George Washington. It was said that he "swore the leaves off the trees". He was directing his anger at General Lee regarding the direction of the war.

The meeting concluded at 11:40 p.m. with President Bob Doherty leading the SAR Recessional and Past President Bob Anderson giving the Benediction.

Kim Keller, Secretary

Secretary's Report - July Meeting

The July chapter meeting began at 11:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Dave Byers, and the Pledge to the SAR led by Past President Bob Anderson. The Prayer of Invocation was given by Chaplain Connie Cook.

Fifty three members signed the attendance roster and seventeen guests were present. Guests were recognized and each was asked to introduce themselves

New Members: Roy Adams, Jr. was inducted as our newest member. James Patrick Yokel, also a new member, was not present to receive his certificate. New members Andrew and Wesley Norton were mailed their membership certificates on June 12, 2014.

Supplementals: None

Certificates and Awards: Frank Vinz was presented the Lamplighter Medal & Certificate for monetary Contribution to Center of Advancing American heritage. SAR War Service & Military Service Medals were presented to the following compatriots to recognize their service in the armed forces of the United States:

Harold F. McMillan	US Army WW2
Robert L. Anderson	US Air Force Vietnam
Harold E. Thornton	US Army Vietnam
Millard E. Moon	US Air Force Southwest Asia
James M. Lowman	US Army Southwest Asia
Russell M. Spry	US Army Iraq
Ronald B. Bledsoe	US Navy China Service
Thomas L. Jones	US Navy
James H. Maples	US Army
William S. Pearce	US Army

Mark Lowman was thanked for his preparation of this list of veterans. More will be recognized in the future.

Vice President Hal Thornton introduced the program speakers, who were compatriot Bob Baccus, and Terry Cornett. They presented a program on the usage of drums and the fife to signal commands to soldiers during battle. Bob also showed us a bugle he had purchased that was used during the War Between the States.

Reading of the minutes from the June chapter meeting was dispensed with by voice vote.

Children's minute: Compatriot Connie Cook conducted an

educational quiz regarding the history of the American flag.

The greeters for today were Joe Jones and Dudley Burwell.

President Bob Doherty recognized and thanked the ladies who helped prepare the lunch today: Linda Maples, Susan Crabtree, Kay Anderson, Linda Doherty, Janie Byers, Linda Baccus, Cookie Keller, Pat Cook, Beverly Thornton, Abby Alexander, and Sue Royer.

Announcements: The Summer Social will be held August 15th at the Whitesburg Center. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. Other items will be furnished by the chapter.

Radio station WKAC in Athens was visited on July 3, where Bob Anderson, Bob Baccus, Bob Doherty, and Jim Maples talked about the SAR.

President Bob Doherty closed the meeting with his "Little Known Facts of the Revolution. The meeting concluded at 12:20 p.m. with Vice-President Hal Thornton leading the SAR Recessional and Chaplain Connie Cook giving the Benediction.

Kim Keller, Secretary

Upcoming Events

11 August 2014 - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Huntsville Public Library.

15 August 2014 - Summer Social, 6:00pm, Whitesburg Dr., Huntsville (see page 4 for details)

8 September 2014 - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Huntsville Public Library.

13 September 2014 - Board of Managers Meeting, 10:00am, The American Village near Montevallo

26-27 September 2014 - Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY



Three Bobs (Baccus, Anderson, and Doherty) and a Jim (Maples) did a one hour radio program on the SAR on July 3rd at WKAC in Athens.



Above: Franz Vinz receives a Lamplighter Award for his contribution to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.
Left: Our June speaker was Susanna Leberman, Archivist for the Huntsville-Madison County Library. Susanna's topic was the "Founding Mothers."



Treasurer's Report
January-April 2014

Income	
Annual Banquet Income	1,960.00
Corp Contributions - Youth Programs	190.00
Individual Youth Prog Contributions	0
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	12.25
Annual Dues	252.00
New Member Application Fee	300.00
SAR AL State Medal	<u>150.00</u>
Total Income	2,864.25
Expense	
Awards and Grants	
Brochure Contest	200.00
Eagle Scout Award	200.00
JROTC Cash Award	250.00
Orations	300.00
Poster Contest	644.16
Accounting/Bank Fees	76.11
Facilities (Summer Social/Other)	0
Medals and Awards	549.25
Operations	
Postage	95.00
Supplies/Printing	172.11
Other Expenses	-455.00
Library Memorial Expense	0
Membership and Dues	0
Travel and Meetings	
Conference, Convention, Meeting	1985.19
Travel	<u>582.60</u>
Total Expense	4,599.42
Net Ordinary Income	-1,735.17
Net Income	-1,735.17

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Endeavor Money Market	10,023.36
RFCU Business Checking Account	<u>1,574.68</u>
Total Checking/Savings	11,598.04
Undeposited Funds	<u>0</u>
Total Current Assets	11,598.04
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities (National/State Dues Payable)	0
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	15,005.00
Unrestricted Net Assets	0
Net Income	<u>-3,406.96</u>
Total Equity	11,598.04
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>11,598.04</u></u>

Brian House, Treasurer



Roy Adams



Russell Spry

Welcome new members Roy Adams and Russell Spry!

Summer Social

Our summer social will be held on Friday, August 15th, at the Whitesburg Baptist Church Center, 7300 Whitesburg Dr. Admission is a side dish or dessert. Beverages and barbeque will be provided. RSVP by August 11th, Bob and Linda Doherty, 256-350-9077, bobba2@charter.net.

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Pictures by Susan Crabtree and Linda Maples





At our July meeting, Chapter President Bob Doherty awarded War Service Medals and Military Service Medals. We have several more members who are eligible for one of these medals. Scan and send a copy of your DD214 to Mark Lowman (lowmanm@mindspring.com) or bring a copy to the August meeting. We will have another ceremony to award these medals this autumn.



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