

**Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Tennessee Valley Chapter**  
**December 13, 2021**  
**Regular Meeting**

**LOCATION:** First Baptist Church Huntsville, AL Fellowship Hall.

**ATTENDEES:**

Bob Anderson, Bob Baccus, David Billings, Whitney Blanchard, Steven Brouse, Jess Brown, Dudley Burwell, Marcus Byers, Jerald Condor, Emory Ferguson, Elmer Field, James Foley, Jim Griffith, Russell Goodwin, Keith Haney, Benny Hannah, Lynn Helms, James Henderson, Clifford Lanham, Ray Livingston, Jim Maples, Charles McMurry, Charles Powell, E.C. Richardson, Anderson Seeboch, Dan Sorrells, James Terrell, Charles Thomas, Otha Vaughn, James Watson, Roger Whitesides, Donis Wolfe, (32)

**ATTENDEES ON ZOOM:**

Ray Cassel, William Crabtree, James Haynes, Robert Hill, Mark Hubbs, Victor Michel, Richard Tingle, George Vinson, (8)

**GUESTS:**

Kay Anderson, Iris Hannah, Fred Olive, Michael Williams, John Blakly, Linda Maples, Jacqueline Whitesides, Ryan Gentry, Brandy Williams, Karen Gentilcore, Phillip Hope, Bailey Hope, Ralph Dawe, Ruby Jewell, Duane Clemons, Mokoyli Clemons, Vivienne Clemons, Carlo Esclamado, (18)

**OPENING:**

President Benny Hannah opened the meeting at 11:03 AM and asked Chaplain James Henderson to pray the invocation.

Vice President Burwell led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

**GREETINGS:**

President Hannah welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those from the community who are being recognized for their service.

**PROGRAM:**

President Hannah indicated that today's program will serve to recognize members of our Public Safety (First Responder) community for their heroism and other outstanding acts of service. Two police and fire departments will be recognized today and others will be recognized later in December.

- Madison County Sheriff
  - Deputy Jess McKenny, awarded: Law Enforcement Commendation
  - Deputy Amanda Mixon, awarded: Public Safety Heroism
  - Deputy John Blakly, awarded: Law Enforcement Commendation
  - Deputy Michael Williams: Public Safety and Heroism for Life Saving
- Madison Police / Fire Department
  - Officer Ruby Jewell: Public Safety and Heroism for Life Saving
  - Firefighter Duane Clemons: Public Safety and Heroism for Life Saving

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Minutes from the November 2021 meeting were approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Five Year Grave Marking Program: Goal is to mark six graves per year in Limestone, Madison and Morgan counties. We still need volunteers to help with cleanup.
- Biographies of Patriots: We still need help with bio's of Patriots. If you can help please contact Dudley Burwell or David Byers. Everyone should make an effort to write a bio for their patriots.
- Membership Dues: Only 120 members have renewed so far. Not a good showing since we have over 200 members. Please pay dues as soon as you can to Randall Jennings.
- School and Veterans Programs: Bob Anderson reported the school poster, and speaking programs on track for another year of excellent participation. He will need volunteers to help with judging.
- Increase Size of Color Guard: Due to the many request for our color guard we need to consider increasing the size of the color guard. Please consider volunteering.
- Friends of the SAR Library: Jim Maples introduced Dr. Fred Olive, SAR Librarian General who presented certificates of membership to Benny Hannah and Roger Whitesides.

## **INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND SUPPLEMENTALS:**

President Hannah administered membership oaths and Vice President Dudley Burwell pinned rosettes to new members:

- Randy Morrison
- Jeff Gentilcore

President Hannah presented a supplemental certificate to:

- Roger Whitesides

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President:** Benny Hannah

- Grave Markings: Three to Five year program for Grave Markings in Madison, Morgan and Limestone Counties.
- Patriot Bio's: Please make an effort to complete a bio for your patriot and forward to Dudley Burwell or David Byers for input into the PRS.
- Upcoming Events:
  - Dec 13 Public Service & Heroism Awards - Athens City Council
  - Dec 20 Public Service & Heroism Awards - Decatur City Council
  - Dec 18 Wreaths Across America - Decatur, AL

**Vice President:** Dudley Burwell

No Audio

**Recording Secretary:** George Vinson

No Report

**Corresponding Secretary:** Jim Maples

Friends of the SAR Library and GWEF - Asked members to support these worthy organizations.

**Treasurer:** Randal Jennings:  
Checking Balance: \$18,517.76  
Saving Balance: \$9,375.90

**Registrar:** Ray Cassell:  
- 3 New Applications at National  
- 17 Supplementals at National

**Historian:** Jim Alexander  
Not Present

**Chaplain:** James Henderson  
Just Wanted everyone to know that we will be visiting the Tut Fan Veterans home at 2pm today.

**Genealogist:** Bill Sommers  
No Report

**Chancellor:** Richard Tingle  
No Report

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

President Hannah thanked all of the visitors and members for being with us today and again thanked the recipients of the Public Service and Heroism Awards today.

Next Meeting will be on January 10, 2022.

**BENEDICTION, RECESSIONAL and ADJOURNMENT:**

James Henderson gave the benediction.  
President Benny Hannah led us in the recessional.  
President Benny Hannah adjourned the meeting at 12:26 PM



George E. Vinson, Recording Secretary  
Tennessee Valley Chapter, SAR  
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