

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

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

**ATTENDEES:**

Bob Anderson, Bob Baccus, David Billings, Jess Brown, Dudley Burwell, David Byers, Jerald Condor, Emory Ferguson, Edward Few, Elmer Field, Jim Griffith, Benny Hannah, James Haynes, Lynn Helms, James Henderson, Mark Hubbs, Clifford Lanham, Ray Livingston, Jim Maples, Charles McMurry, Dan Sorrells, Daniel Spiegelberg, Charles Thomas, Otha Vaughn, George Vinson, Thomas Watson, Roger Whitesides, Donis Wolfe (28)

**ATTENDEES ON ZOOM:**

James Alexander, Richard Blanton, Stephen Brouse, Ray Cassell, Jim Carver, Lawrence Hills, Chad Holland, Lee Jones, Thomas Keller, Mark Reed, Richard Tingle, (11)

**GUESTS:**

Kay Anderson, Jonita Hayes, Linda Maples, John Bellis, Jeanne N. Conder, Nancy Billings, Jacqueline Whitesides (7)

**OPENING:**

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

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

**GREETINGS:**

President Hannah welcomed everyone (live and Zoom) and guests to the meeting.

**PROGRAM:**

President Hannah introduced Vice President Burwell, who made a very interesting presentation about John Hunt.

President Hannah presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Vice President Burwell for his presentation and also to Bob Baccus for his presentation at last months meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Minutes from the 9 August 2021 meeting were approved as written.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Crawford-Ryan Cemetery: Asked for volunteers to help clean-up Crawford-Ryan Cemetery, Apple Grove, AL in Morgan County where Revolutionary War Patriot William Evans Ryan is buried. The cemetery is in bad condition and will require lots of work.
- Flag Retirement Ceremony: Set for late October with the local CAR group. Please bring in any old worn flags for proper disposal to our next meeting.

### **INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:**

The following new members were inducted by President Hannah:

- Mark Reed (On Zoom)
- Edward Few

President Hannah pinned SAR Rosette on Edward Few.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President:** Benny Hannah

- We are sending out letters to area police departments, sheriffs and fire departments asking for nominations for heroism and service awards.
- Public Relations Initiative: Legacy Trees from the Landmark Forest of James Madison's Montpelier. Jess Brown picked up eleven Tulip Popular Trees legacy trees from the Landmark Forest of James Madison's Montpelier. They have been given to the Huntsville Botanical Gardens for safe keeping and nurturing. They will be ready to plant in the spring and fall of 2022.
- Grave Markings: Three to Five year program for Grave Markings in Madison, Morgan and Limestone Counties.
- Color Guard: Continues to be a very active part of our Chapter and is the "face of" our organization. Please consider volunteering. Contact Randal Jennings our CG Commander.
- 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:
  - Sep 17 Constitution Week Luncheon in Opelika, AL
  - Sep 17 Constitution Day - Moments in History played on 89.3 during morning and evening drive.
  - Sep 20 Constitution Day at Athens State University
  - Sep 23 Leadership Conference - Louisville, KY
  - Oct 16 BOM, American Village
  - Oct 23 Grave Marking at Mt. Paran
  - Oct 30 Garden Dedication at Kate Duncan Smith DAR School in Grant, AL
  - TBD Flag Retirement Ceremony - Decatur AL

**Vice President:** Dudley Burwell

- Grave Markings: Continuing to work to identify location of graves, visiting site to determine work to be done. There are approximately 100 Patriot graves in Madison, Morgan and Limestone Counties. Additional help is needed with getting the graves ready to be marked. If you can help please contact Benny Hannah or Dudley Burwell.

**Recording Secretary:** George Vinson  
No Report

**Corresponding Secretary:** Jim Maples .

Made Christmas Cards available in packs of five for members to take home and write a message for presentation to residents of "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home Christmas time.

Mark Hubbs presented Jim Maples with two Revolutionary War weapons to be donated to the SAR Museum. Jim will take the donations to Louisville next week.

**Treasurer:** Randal Jennings: (Not Present) Presented by President Hannah  
Checking Account Balance is \$11,896.30  
Money Market Balance is \$9,371.23.

**Registrar:** Ray Cassell

Reported that he is currently working on a number of applications.

Patriot Research System: The TVCSAR and ALSSAR are both at 100% complete.

**Historian:** Jim Alexander  
No Report

**Chaplain:** James Henderson

Bill Mariott, VP of the local AUSA Chapter will speak at our October meeting.

**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 Dudley Burwell for his presentation today..

Next Meeting will be on October 11, 2021.

**BENEDICTION, RECESSONAL and ADJOURNMENT:**

James Henderson gave the benediction.

Vice President Dudley Burwell led us in the recessional.

President Benny Hannah adjourned the mention at 12:13 PM



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