

**Sons of the American Revolution**  
**Tennessee Valley Chapter**  
**November 08, 2021**  
**Regular Meeting**

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

**ATTENDEES:**

Bob Anderson, Bob Baccus, David Billings, Whitney Blanchard, Richard Blanton, Benjamin Boyd, Steven Brouse, Jess Brown, Douglas Burdette, Dudley Burwell, Marcus Byers, Ray Cassell, Jerald Condor, Emory Ferguson, Benny Hannah, Lynn Helms, James Henderson, Mark Hubbs, Randal Jennings, Clifford Lanham, Ray Livingston, Jim Maples, George McCanless, Charles McMurry, Victor Michael, Charles Powell, E.C. Richardson, Allie Swann, Charles Thomas, Otha Vaughn, George Vinson, Roger Whitesides, Donis Wolfe,(33)

**ATTENDEES ON ZOOM:**

James Alexander, Jim Griffith, James Haynes, Richard Tingle, James Watson (5)

**GUESTS:**

Kay Anderson, Linda Maples, Bobbie N. Ferguson, Jane Michel, James Foley, Jacqueline Whitesides, Woody Williams, Janie Byers, Gary Gee, (9)

**OPENING:**

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

President Hannah led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the SAR Pledge.

**GREETINGS:**

President Hannah welcomed everyone and to the meeting. He indicated that we were having difficulty connecting to the Zoom attendees but would keep trying to fix the problem.

**PROGRAM:**

President Hannah introduced today's program speaker Mark Hubbs. Mark spoke about the Sons of Union Veterans, its history and the local organization. He encouraged anyone interested in joining this organization should contact him.

President Hannah presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Hubbs for his presentation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Minutes from the 11 October 2021 meeting were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- By-Laws: Recommended changes to the bylaws that allow the Chapter President to appoint assistants to Chapter Officer positions have been posted at the website for review by the membership. A brief explanation of the changes was made by Jim

Maples to include a motion to approve. Motion was seconded by Bob Anderson. The motion was approved by the membership.

- Crawford-Ryan Cemetery: The \$1,500 check from Senator Orr has been received to remove the big tree.
- 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: Cards are at the sign-in table. Please pick them up and pay by cash or check either today or at the next meeting.
- State and Chapter Lifetime Membership: Lifetime membership will be looked at by Jim Maples' committee looking at on-line payment of dues.

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

No new members were inducted.

President Hannah presented supplemental certificates to:

- Donis Wolfe
- Charles McMurry

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President:** Benny Hannah

- Ceremonies to recognize those selected for heroism and service awards have been scheduled. Madison County receiptants will receive awards at the December TVCSAR Meeting. Limestone County awards will be presented on 13 Dec in Athens.
- 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:
  - Nov 9 National Defense Luncheon at HCC
  - Nov 9 Free Breakfast and Presentation at Monrovia Middle School
  - Nov 11 Huntsville Veterans Day Parade
  - Nov 12 Gray Cemetary

**Vice President:** Dudley Burwell

Our Chapter goal is to mark 6 graves per year as part of the America 250 program

**Recording Secretary:** George Vinson

No Report

**Corresponding Secretary:** Jim Maples

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

Online Dues Payment System - Had a Zoom meeting with a Texas SAR group last week and will also look at Tennessee's system this week. Texas demonstrated a very workable system.

**Treasurer:** Randal Jennings:

Checking Balance: \$14,018.33

Saving Balance: \$9,374.36

Color Guard: Very busy.  
- 55 State Events  
- 11 National Events  
- 18 Chapter Events

**Registrar:** Ray Cassell  
- 6 New Approvals not yet inducted.  
- 2 New Applications at National  
- 17 Supplementals at National

**Historian:** Jim Alexander  
No Report

**Chaplain:** James Henderson  
Flag Retirement Ceremony went very well.

**Genealogist:** Bill Sommers  
No Report

**Chancellor:** Richard Tingle  
No Report

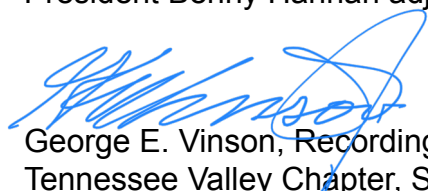
**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

President Hannah thanked all of the visitors and members for being with us today and again thanked Mark Hubbs for his presentation today..

Next Meeting will be on December 13, 2021.

**BENEDICTION, RECESSIONAL and ADJOURNMENT:**

James Henderson gave the benediction.  
President Benny Hannah led us in the recessional.  
President Benny Hannah adjourned the meeting at 12:15 PM



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