



The Valley Patriot

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Sons of the American Revolution
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Meeting Schedule

8 April 2024

11:00am Regular Meeting
Huntsville Public Library
1st Floor Meeting Room

15 May 2024

11:00am Regular Meeting
Huntsville Public Library
1st Floor Meeting Room

President's Report

Compatriots,

I thank you for permitting me to lead our organization for the coming year. My goal is to continue the good work accomplished last year by Mark Hubbs, his officers, and committee members. To that end I will be asking each of you to become actively involved in one of our committees. It is only through active involvement that one builds friendships and contributes to the goals of the organization. At present I, no we, are in need of someone to head our Public Relations Committee. After several years of exemplary service Jess Brown is stepping down. He will be missed, but he will be available to provide advice and a little mentoring for whomever replaces him. Please consider it.

I look forward to seeing each of you at 1100 hours on 8 April at the library.

Owen "Chip" Pharr
President



Tennessee Valley Chapter Officers 2024-2025

Left to right: Chaplain Rev James Henderson, Immediate Past President Mark Hubbs, Corresponding Secretary Jim Maples, President Chip Pharr, Vice-President Don Wolfe, Registrar Ray Cassell, Recording Secretary Steve Brouse, Genealogist Mark Icenogle and in the front Treasurer Gene Bryson. Not shown is Historian Richard Blanton

Revolutionary Questions by Jim Griffith

1. What member of the Committee of Five responsible for the creation of the Declaration of Independence refused to sign the document?
2. What happened to the Liberty Bell during the occupation of Philadelphia by the British?
3. After how many rings did the original Liberty Bell crack?
4. How many times was the original Liberty Bell recast?
5. What percentage of battles did the Colonials win?
6. Who commanded the French expedition in the United States?
7. What was the first printed version of the Declaration of Independence that included the names of all signers?
8. Who painted the famous porthole portrait of George Washington?
9. Who designed and created the first American submarine?
10. During the American Revolution, the Liberty Bell was removed from Philadelphia and taken here. Where was it taken?

Answers from the February/March Newsletter

1. How old was James Monroe when he crossed the Delaware River with George Washington's troops to fight the Hessians in Trenton?
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2. This person brought a dog to the First Continental Congress in 1774. Can you name him?
George Washington
3. What future enemy did George Washington foxhunt with?
Lord Dunmore

4. What future Presidents were on the Committee of Five responsible for the creation of the Declaration of Independence?

John Adams & Thomas Jefferson

5. In 1776, King George III was responsible for the largest empire the world had ever seen. How old was King George III in 1776?

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6. How old was Henry Knox when he drug the cannons of Fort Ticonderoga back to Boston, over 300 miles?

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7. How old was the Marquis de Lafayette when he led troops at the Seige of Yorktown?

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8. Who is believed to be the youngest soldier in the American Revolution?

Joseph Plumb Martin at 15 years old

9. It is rumored that this individual made this statement just prior to his death. "Let me die in my old uniform in which I fought my battles for freedom. May God forgive me for putting on another one". Can you name the individual who it is rumored to have made that statement?

Benedict Arnold

10. How old was Thomas Jefferson when he wrote the Declaration of Independence?

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Upcoming Events

8 April 2024 - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Downtown Huntsville Public Library Main Meeting Room

4 May 2024 - Board of Managers Meeting, 10:00am, The American Village

15 May 2024 - **NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING DAY** - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Downtown Huntsville Public Library Main Meeting Room

10 June 2024 - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Downtown Huntsville Public Library Main Meeting Room



Above: State President Michael Martin installs the 2024-2025 officers.
At the right Mark Hubbs places the neck ribbon on newly installed President Chip Pharr



Austin High School Outstanding JROTC Cadet

Left to right: Mr. Angel Ortiz, father of Cadet Ortiz; Compatriot Steve Brouse; Angel Ortiz, Outstanding JROTC Cadet; LTC Eugene Thurman, Senior Military Instructor at Austin High; Compatriot Jess Brown; Sergeant Major Priscilla Davis, Army Military Instructor at Austin High

Welcome New Member!



Brochure Contest

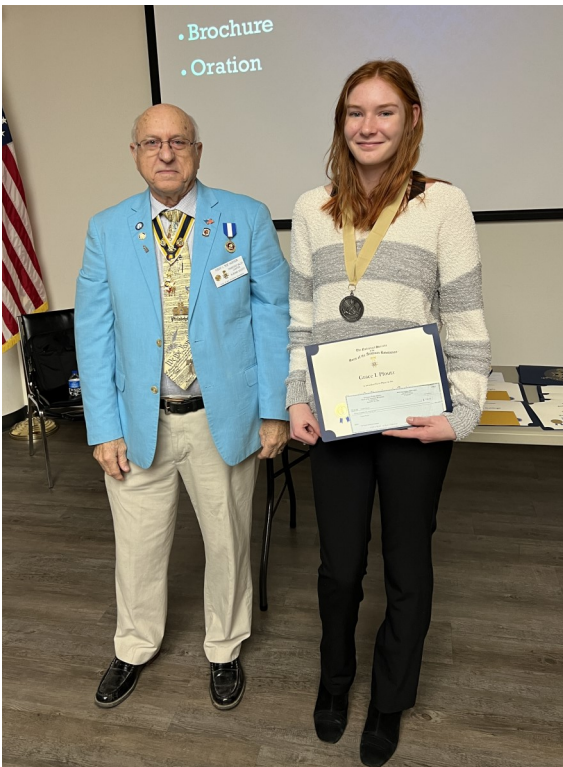
At the left: 1st Place Sophia McDade
Above: 2nd Place Danica Clemond



ARTHUR AND BURDEN KING EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

1st Place: Caleb Williams
2nd Place: Shawn Langseth
3rd Place: Caleb Garrett

Eagle Scout Contest
 Left to right: Eagle Scout Chairman Michael Acosta,
 2nd Place Shawn Langseth, 1st Place Caleb Williams,
 3rd Place Caleb Garrett



. Brochure
. Oration

Orations Contest
 Winner Grace Pfoutz



Poster Contest
 2nd Place Colton McKelvey
 1st Place Andrew Osborn was not present



JROTC Outstanding Cadet
 1st Place Piper Wright



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