



The Valley Patriot

Tennessee Valley Chapter, Alabama Society
Sons of the American Revolution
February/March 2024



President's Report

February 14th is Valentine's Day for most folks. But this Valentine Day is the 245th anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek, Georgia. There, Patriot Militia leaders Andrew Pickens and Elijah Clarke defeated a Loyalist Militia force commanded by John Boyd. The Patriot Militia, although half the strength of their adversaries, killed and captured hundreds of Boyds Tories and scattered the remainder. Boyd himself was slain on the field. The Georgia upper back country was never again threatened with invasion for the remainder of the War.

This will be my last message as President of the Tennessee Valley Chapter. My term will come to an end in March. It has been an absolute honor to serve as President, and I appreciate the trust that was placed in me.

Several exciting things were achieved during my term. Most important of which was winning the President General's Activities Award and the President General's Cup during the National Congress in July 2023. These prestigious awards are due to the outstanding participation of our members in various commemorative and patriotic programs in Madison County and the State of Alabama.

- Our retention of old members and the recruiting of new members for this year was at an all-time high.
- Our Color Guard has participated in hometown events and events scattered across the state and the Southeast.
- Our Youth Committees have engaged with many schools and Boy Scout troops and awarded scores of medals, scholarships and cash prizes.
- Our Public Affair Committee Chair has gained access to TV and other news organizations that have given us priceless free exposure to the public. We even scored a live 4th of July television interview!
- Our own Jim Griffith and Jim Maples have grown their excellent YouTube Channel and Pod Cast (Revolutionary War Rarities) to be a valuable National asset for the Sons of the American Revolution.
- Our patriot grave markings have been enhanced by grants from the Pomeroy Foundation which provides roadside markers for Patriot cemeteries.

These are but a few of the things this chapter has accomplished in the last year. I just happened to be blessed to be at the helm as President, but the vision and work was done by a score of dedicated, self-starting, and skillful members of this chapter.

Thanks!

Mark Hubbs
President

**President Hubbs presents a
Certificate of Appreciation to our
January speaker David Canupp.
David's topic was the 1st
Amendment to the Constitution.**



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Meeting Schedule

12 February 2024
11:00am Regular Meeting
Huntsville Public Library
1st Floor Meeting Room

15 March 2024
6:00 pm
Annual Banquet
Huntsville Country Club

Revolutionary Questions by Jim Griffith

1. How old was James Monroe when he crossed the Delaware River with George Washington's troops to fight the Hessians in Trenton?
2. This person brought a dog to the First Continental Congress in 1774. Can you name him?
3. What future enemy did George Washington foxhunt with?
4. What future Presidents were on the Committee of Five responsible for the creation of the Declaration of Independence?
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?
6. How old was Henry Knox when he drug the cannons of Fort Ticonderoga back to Boston, over 300 miles?
7. How old was the Marquis de Lafayette when he led troops at the Seige of Yorktown?
8. Who is believed to be the youngest soldier in the American Revolution?
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?
10. How old was Thomas Jefferson when he wrote the Declaration of Independence?

Answers from the December Newsletter

1. How many siblings did George Washington have?
5 full siblings and 4 half siblings
2. Who said "We must, indeed, all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately"?
Ben Franklin
3. What was the first office where George Washington sought election?

Virginia House of Burgesses, he ran and lost in 1755

4. There were only two names on the original print of the Declaration of Independence. Whose names appear on the original print?

John Hancock and Charles Thomson

5. What unique title/office did Christopher Ludwick hold during the American Revolution?

Baker General

6. What was the "founding vessel" of the United States Navy?

The "Hannah"

7. How did Commander's communicate their battle commands to their troops during the American Revolution?

Signals provided by Fife & Drummers

8. On July 9, 1776 there was a large statue of King George III that was torn down in New York City. What was that statue used to create?

It was melted down and made into musket balls

9. Only once in the history of the United States has any President been elected by receiving 100% of the Electoral votes? Who was that President?

George Washington

10. The American Revolution happened during a period known as the "Age of"?

Enlightenment or Reason

11. What future President, other than Washington, crossed the Delaware River and fought at the Battle of Trenton?

James Monroe

**Tennessee Valley Chapter
Annual Awards and Officers Installation Banquet
Friday, March 15th at 6:00 PM
Huntsville Country Club
Social - 6:00 PM Dinner - 7:00 PM**

For a fillable pdf Registration Form go to our home page at tvcsar.org. There is a link near the top to download the form. Also, we will have some hard copy forms at the Chapter meeting on Monday, February 12th. Bring your checkbook if you would like to register at the meeting.

Upcoming Events

12 February 2024 - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Downtown Huntsville Public Library Main Meeting Room

23 - 24 February 2024 - ALSSAR Convention & Business Meeting, Embassy Suites Hoover, AL

15 March 2024 - Annual Banquet, Huntsville Country Club, 6:00pm

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



Scan the QR code above to open FastFunHistory.com, the website of Revolutionary War Rarities. You can find our podcast on YouTube, Apple, iHeart Radio, Spotify and others. The website has links to all locations where we can be seen or heard.

State President Jim Griffith presents NSSAR Lifetime Member Certificates to (left to right), Robert Benson, Clovis Davis, and Ray Cassell.



Compatriots Lawrence Hillis and Randal Jennings present a Bronze JROTC Medal and Certificate at Sparkman High School to Cadet Michael Weaver.



Welcome New Members!



At our December meeting we awarded Public Service and Heroism Awards. At the left from the Madison City Police Department is Officer Luke Alexander receiving the Law Enforcement Medal and Certificate from President Mark Hubbs.



At the right from the Madison City Fire Department is Fire Fighter Cole Edwards receiving the Life Saving Medal and Certificate from President Mark Hubbs.



The Madison County Sheriff's Department was well represented at our December Public Service & Heroism awards meeting. Above from left to right Detective Josh Moseley, Deputy Sheriff Clay Warmbrod, and Deputy Sheriff Miranda Pitts receive Law Enforcement Medals and Certificates from President Mark Hubbs.

In the picture below Madison County Sheriff Kevin Turner is shown with the above awardees and the Sheriff's Department staff that attended the ceremony.





Wreaths Across America Decatur, Alabama December 16, 2023

In the picture at the right (from left to right) Color Guard members Cade McCool, Don Wolfe, Ray Cassell, Chip Pharr, Randal Jennings, Randy Brown, Lawrence Hillis and Bob Anderson participated in the ceremony. Cade and Randy came up from the Black Warrior River Chapter.



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