



The Valley Patriot

Tennessee Valley Chapter, Alabama Society
Sons of the American Revolution
November/December 2025



President's Report

Compatriots,

It has been another good two months for the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the SAR. We started off on September 5th with a well-attended Farewell Luncheon at the Valley Hill Country Club for our long-time Compatriot Dr. David Billings. He was recent Vice President General of the SAR Southern District and past holder of many prominent positions at SAR Chapter, State, and National levels. He and Nancy have moved to Colorado to be near their daughter.

We had our September meeting at our usual Madison Library with good attendance. Ms. Jacque Reeves had our program that was a very interesting presentation about the Marquis de Lafayette. She followed his life from living with a wealthy French family after his father died fighting the British, to making his way to the colonies to help their noble cause and being made a Major General at the age of 19, to being wounded at Brandywine, to returning to France to lobby for support, to back with the American Army helping during the siege of Yorktown. Following this meeting many went to lunch at the City Café Diner where we were served from a very good and varied menu.

Our monthly meeting in October was also held at the Valley Hill Country Club with about 50 members and guests in attendance. Alabama Senator Arthur Orr was our presenter and provided valuable information about what Alabama is doing in preparation for the upcoming Semi-Quincentennial (250th anniversary) of the founding of the United States of America next July 4th. Twenty-five of those attending stayed for a delicious lunch at the club.

Our November meeting will be at the Madison City Library (NOT our usual location at the library in Huntsville) on Monday, the 10th, due to Veterans' Day being on the 11th. Many of us will be appearing with our float in the parade on Tuesday. If you have a period costume, please come join us.

Hope to see you at our future gatherings.

Don Wolfe
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President



State President Benny Hannah and Chapter President Don Wolfe present Ken Carpenter with his 50 year certificate and pin. Ken joined the SAR and the Tennessee Valley Chapter on October 22, 1975.
Congratulations Ken!

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Meeting Schedule

10 November 2025

**NOTE: CHANGE IN
LOCATION AND DAY**

11:00am Regular Meeting
Madison Library - Aud 1

9 December 2025

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

Revolutionary Questions on King George III

1. What exact date was George III born at Norfolk House in London?

- A) May 24, 1738 (Old Style only)
- B) June 4, 1738 (New Style; May 24, Old Style)
- C) July 15, 1740
- D) April 12, 1737

2. What specific German principality was George III's family tied to through the House of Hanover?

- A) Duchy of Bavaria
- B) Kingdom of Prussia
- C) Electorate of Brunswick-Lüneburg (Hanover)
- D) Grand Duchy of Baden

3. What was the name of George III's father, who died before he ascended the throne?

- A) George II
- B) Frederick, Prince of Wales
- C) William Augustus
- D) Edward, Duke of York

4. What specific number of children did George III and Queen Charlotte have who survived infancy?

- A) 13
- B) 15
- C) 9
- D) 11

5. What specific tax act did George III reluctantly approve in 1765, sparking colonial unrest?

- A) The Townshend Acts
- B) The Stamp Act
- C) The Tea Act
- D) The Sugar Act

6. What British prime minister advised George III during the Stamp Act crisis?

- A) William Pitt the Elder
- B) George Grenville
- C) Lord North
- D) Charles Townshend

7. What specific event on March 5, 1770, did George III lament as a failure of colonial governance?

- A) The Gaspee Affair
- B) The Boston Massacre
- C) The Boston Tea Party
- D) The Battle of Alamance

8. What specific Coercive Act did George III personally endorse to punish Boston in 1774?

- A) The Quebec Act
- B) The Boston Port Act
- C) The Administration of Justice Act
- D) The Massachusetts Government Act

Answers from the Sep/Oct Newsletter

1. Which Native American confederacy allied with the British in the Ohio Valley?

a) Iroquois Confederacy

2. What was the primary goal of the 1778 Carlisle Peace Commission?

c) Restore colonial loyalty to Britain

3. Which American general was court-martialed after the Battle of Monmouth?

a) Charles Lee

4. What was the outcome of the 1779 Sullivan Expedition?

b) Destroyed Iroquois villages

5. Which Spanish governor aided the Patriots by capturing British forts?

a) Bernardo de Gálvez

6. What was the primary financial issue for the Continental Congress?

d) Inflation of Continental currency

7. Which 1780 battle was a disastrous Patriot defeat in South Carolina?

c) Battle of Camden

Welcome New Members!

Below left Donis R. Wolfe, Jr.

Below right Jim Flinn



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Our September speaker was Jacque Reeves. Jacque gave a very interesting presentation on Lafayette. Vice-President Lawrence Hillis presents Jacque with a framed sheet of Lafayette stamps and First Day Cover from the Bicentennial.

Our October speaker was State Senator Arthur Orr. Senator Orr gave us an update on what the State is doing for celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declarations of Independence. Vice-President Lawrence presents Senator Orr with a sheet of stamps and first day cover from the celebration of the Bicentennial on July 4, 1976.



Upcoming Events

Monday 10 November 2025 - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Madison Library Auditorium 1: **NOTE: CHANGE IN LOCATION TO MADISON AND CHANGE TO MONDAY DUE TO VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY**

Tuesday, 9 December 2025 - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Downtown Huntsville Public Library Main Meeting Room
NOTE: WE ARE BACK TO THE DOWNTOWN HUNTSVILLE LIBRARY

Tuesday, 13 January 2026 - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Downtown Huntsville Public Library Main Meeting Room.

Tuesday, 10 February 2026 - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Downtown Huntsville Public Library Main Meeting Room.

Friday, 13-14 March, Alabama Society Annual Meeting and Banquet

Friday, 20 March 2026, 6:00 pm - Annual Chapter Banquet - Valley Hill Country Club