



# The Valley Patriot

Tennessee Valley Chapter, Alabama Society

Sons of the American Revolution

October/November 2023



## President's Report

October is finally bringing cooler weather. Of course, here in Alabama we were fooled by a "False Autumn" in mid September, just before "Second Summer" set in to remind us of our latitude!

October is also significant to many of us who have Southern colonial roots. October 7th is the anniversary of the Battle of King's Mountain. There, Maj Patrick Ferguson and his small army of Loyalist Militia met their match in the Tennessee Over Mountain men and Patriot militia from the Carolinas and Virginia. As the screaming Patriots came up the mountain, Loyalist Captain Abraham de Peyster turned to Major Ferguson and said, "*These things are ominous – these are the damned yelling boys!*"

Ferguson was slain, his men killed or captured. King's Mountain was a turning point for the War on the Southern frontier. Loyalists and the British would never again have any power in the western Carolina Mountains.

One thing we should remember is that Ferguson was the only British Soldier at King's Mountain. All the rest, Loyalist and Patriot were Americans. I pray that we will never again see a time where Americans must fight other Americans to maintain our great nation that was created by the men and women of the Revolution.

I grew up in Arkansas, but my Mom and Dad's family have very early roots in Tennessee. My aunt and uncle William Bean and Lydia Russell Bean were the first white settlers in what is now Tennessee. They were soon followed by my 5th Great grandparents George Russell and Elizabeth Bean Russell. Both George and William, along with all of their sons crossed over the mountains to defeat Patrick Ferguson.

William McElwee lived adjacent to King's Mountain. His farm was plundered by Ferguson's men. When the Patriot forces assembled near his place, he and two of his sons, James and John, kicked in and joined the fight, even though they belonged to no organized militia company. William's daughter Jane is my 5th Great Grandmother.

Did you have Patriot ancestors who were at King's Mountain or served in the Southern theater? The larger battles fought in the East get all the glory and press. The more vicious colonial civil war that raged on the southern frontier is often forgotten in the history books. That is why we should always remember King's Mountain.

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### Meeting Schedule

#### 9 October 2023

11:00am Regular Meeting  
Huntsville Public Library  
2nd Floor Meeting Room

#### 13 November 2023

11:00am Regular Meeting  
Huntsville Public Library  
Second Floor Meeting Room

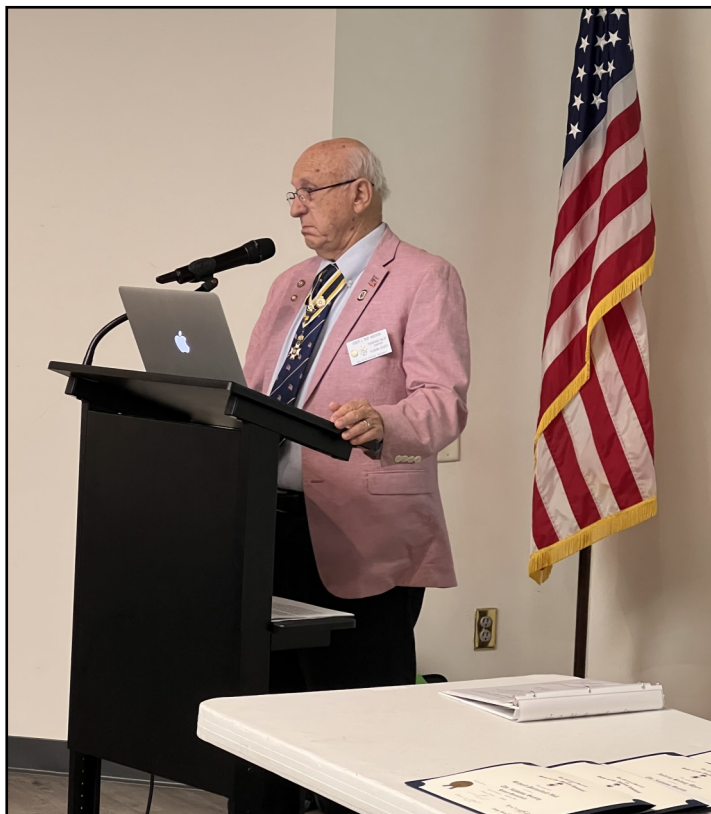
***Revolutionary Questions by Jim Griffith***

1. What was the name of the treaty that officially ended the American Revolution?
2. Four American Representatives signed the Treaty of Paris. Name anyone of them.
3. The first Postmaster General was a Founding Father. Do you know his name?
4. What Founding Father was the first President of what is now known as the University of Pennsylvania?
5. The British hired mercenaries to help fight the American Revolution. These mercenaries were from what is now Germany. What was the name associated with these individuals.
6. How many American Colonists were killed on the Lexington Green on April 19, 1775?
7. What was the name of the Church where the lanterns were hung to notify Paul Revere that “the British were coming”?
8. After the Battles of Lexington and Concord, Boston was under siege by the Colonists who blocked entry and exit from Boston by land. The area that was blocked by the Colonists was known as?
9. George Washington wrote to the Second Continental Congress to ask for permission to burn down this city before the British could take total control. What was the name of this city and what was the Continental Congresses response.
10. The first naval battle of the American Revolution happened in this location. Name the city.
11. There was only one person who signed the 4 original founding documents of the United States (Articles of Association, Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution of the United States). Who was that?
12. Who was the oldest Founding Father?

***Answers from the August Newsletter***

1. On what date were the battles of Lexington and Concord fought?  
**April 19, 1775**
2. What American Officer was responsible for transporting the cannons of Fort Ticonderoga back to Boston?  
**Henry Knox**
3. The United States Marine Corps’ first major land action occurred in which battle?  
**The Battle of Princeton**
4. What successful battle for the Americans finally convinced the French to enter the American Revolution?  
**Saratoga**
5. What was the name of the German officer who trained the Continental Army at Valley Forge?  
**Baron von Steuben**
6. What was the nickname of Francis Marion?  
**The Swamp Fox**
7. What is the name of the act which was part of the Intolerable Acts that required colonists to house British officers?  
**Quartering Act**
8. Who wrote the pamphlet “Common Sense” which heavily influenced many American Colonists opinions on the idea of Independence  
**Thomas Paine**
9. Who said “I regret that I have only one life to give for my country”?  
**Nathan Hale**
10. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote a poem about this American Revolution hero. Can you name him?  
**Paul Revere**
11. What American hero said “I have not yet begun to fight”?  
**John Paul Jones**
12. Who created the Culper Spy Ring?  
**Benjamin Tallmadge**





### *Upcoming Events*

**11 October 2023** - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Downtown Huntsville Public Library Main Meeting Room  
**NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE FROM OUR NORMAL MEETING DATE**

**22 October 2023** - 2:00 pm - John Peyton Powell Grave Marking by the Alabama Brigade Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge and unveiling of the Pomeroy Foundation historical marker

**13 November 2023** - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Downtown Huntsville Public Library Second Floor Meeting Room



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Above, Jacque Reeves was the speaker at our August meeting. Jacque's topic was "Taverns of the American Revolution."

At the top left, Bob Anderson was our September speaker. Bob's topic was "William 'Bloody Bill' Cunningham and the Bloody Scout."



## Welcome New Members!



John Glidewell  
Garland Chapman



Andrew Myers  
Dr. Richard Hull  
Brian Lampkin

Brian Evans Lampkin (8/11/23)  
Walter Rand  
Jason Hodges (8/18/23)  
John Loving  
Andrew Rodney Myers (8/18/23)  
Jettan Sumner  
Richard Porterfield Hull (8/25/23)  
Robert Porterfield



At the left, the Color Guard at the Constitution Day celebration at Athens State University.

Above, Randal Jennings cuts the cake with his sword at the local DAR Chapters' Bells Across America to celebrate the 236th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution





In 1939, Twickenham Town Chapter, NSDAR, dedicated a large stone monument carrying the names of the eighty-four Patriots thought to be buried in Madison County at the time. That monument now resides in Huntsville Madison County Veterans Memorial Park. Since 1939, many more Patriots who died in Madison County have been identified. On August 12th two additional monuments bearing the names of twenty-two additional Patriots was dedicated. President Hubbs is shown at the top left presenting a wreath. The remainder of the pictures are the Color Guard participation in the event.





State President Jim Griffith presents President Hubbs with the President General's Chapter Activities Award and the President General's Cup Award for a Chapter with over 200 members. The President General's Cup Award is for the Chapter with the most complete program of activities in the entire SAR. The Chapter also won this award in 2021.

Below, we celebrated the President General's Cup with a cake at the August meeting.



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