



# The Valley Patriot

Tennessee Valley Chapter, Alabama Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
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## Meeting Schedule

### 9 September 2025

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

### 14 October 2025

**NOTE: CHANGE IN  
LOCATION**

11:00am Regular Meeting  
Valley Hill Country Club

## President's Report

Compatriots,

It has been a busy summer for the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the SAR. We restarted our summer Membership Appreciation gatherings on August 23rd with a delicious spread of Bar-B-Que and all the fixings, and an attendance of about 60. Thanks to the many ladies who brought desserts.

On September 5th, we expect to have a well-attended Farewell Luncheon for our long-time Compatriot Dr. David Billings, 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 are moving to Colorado to be near their daughter.

We as a chapter are looking for ways to participate in activities leading up to the Semi Quincentennial (250th Anniversary) of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th next year. We have our own 250 Committee chairman and also a member on the Huntsville 250 Commission. We are actively attempting to get more participation and recognition for our local SAR, DAR, and CAR societies, and to spur more interest in Huntsville officials to do more for this important 250th celebration.

As I reported earlier, several of our chapter documents had not been updated since before we were sidelined by Covid 19. Our TVCSAR "Constitution and Bylaws" as well as our "Standard Operating Procedures" have been reviewed, brought up to date, and approved by our Board of Officers. They will be available on the members portion of our website. I hope to be able to put out a TVCSAR Yearbook again this year, also.

Our after-meeting lunch gatherings have been much enjoyed by those attending and we invite you to join us after future meetings. We have sampled several restaurants, and all have provided delicious meals for us. After our September meeting, we will be going to the City Café Diner on Drake Ave. Hope to see you at our future gatherings.

*Don Wolfe*  
Don Wolfe

President

At the July meeting Tom Sandner gave  
Part 2 of his presentation on the  
Battles of Lexington and Concord



***Revolutionary Questions***

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

- a) Iroquois Confederacy
- b) Cherokee Nation
- c) Shawnee Confederacy
- d) Creek Nation

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

- a) Offer colonial independence
- b) Negotiate a ceasefire
- c) Restore colonial loyalty to Britain
- d) Ally with France

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

- a) Charles Lee
- b) Horatio Gates
- c) Nathanael Greene
- d) Anthony Wayne

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

- a) Defeated British forces in New York
- b) Destroyed Iroquois villages
- c) Captured Quebec
- d) Secured the frontier from Spanish attacks

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

- a) Bernardo de Gálvez
- b) Esteban Miró
- c) Luis de Unzaga
- d) Alejandro O'Reilly

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

- a) British blockades
- b) Lack of gold reserves
- c) French loans b) Inflation of Continental currency
- d) Inflation of Continental currency

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

- a) Battle of Cowpens
- b) Battle of Guilford Courthouse
- c) Battle of Camden
- d) Battle of King's Mountain

***Answers from the May/June Newsletter***

**1. What was the significance of the 1776 Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge?**

- a) It secured New England for Patriots
- b) It crushed Loyalist forces in North Carolina**
- c) It marked France's entry into the war
- d) It ended British control of Virginia

**2. What was the primary role of the Committees of Correspondence?**

- a) Raise funds for the Continental Army
- b) Coordinate colonial resistance**
- c) Draft the Constitution
- d) Negotiate with Native Americans

**3. Who was the American diplomat who secured the 1778 French alliance?**

- a) John Adams
- b) Benjamin Franklin**
- c) Silas Deane
- d) Arthur Lee

**4. Which battle in 1776 saw Washington's army retreat across the Delaware River?**

- a) Battle of Long Island**
- b) Battle of White Plains
- c) Battle of Harlem Heights
- d) Battle of Fort Mifflin

**5. Who was the Hessian commander captured at the Battle of Trenton?**

- a) Johann Rall**
- b) Wilhelm von Knyphausen
- c) Carl von Donop
- d) Friedrich von Steuben

**6. Who trained the Continental Army at Valley Forge?**

- a) Marquis de Lafayette**
- b) Baron von Steuben**
- c) Tadeusz Kościuszko
- d) Casimir Pulaski

**7. Which 1778 battle ended in a stalemate but showed American resilience?**

- a) Battle of Monmouth**
- b) Battle of Rhode Island
- c) Battle of Savannah
- d) Battle of Camden

**8. What was the significance of the 1779 Battle of Stony Point?**

- a) It secured the Hudson River
- b) It ended British control of Georgia
- c) It was a major naval victory
- d) It captured a key British fort**



At the left, Ava Hill was a first place winner in the America 250 nation wide essay contest. Ava read her winning essay at our July meeting.

Below, George French was our August speaker and gave a very interesting talk on the The Marechaussee: George Washington's Military Police



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**President Don Wolfe presents State President Benny with the Gold Roger Sherman Medal Certificate that he received at the recent Congress in Connecticut**

**State President Benny Hannah presents President Don Wolfe with the President General's Activities Award the the Tennessee Valley Chapter received at the recent Congress in Connecticut.**



## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 9 September 2025 - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Downtown Huntsville Public Library Main Meeting Room.

Tuesday, 14 October 2025 - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Valley Hill Country Club: **NOTE: CHANGE IN LOCATION TO VALLEY HILL COUNTRY CLUB**

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.