



# The Valley Patriot

Tennessee Valley Chapter, Alabama Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
January/February 2025



## President's Report

Compatriots,

I hope you all had a joyous Christmas and that the New Year will be both happy and prosperous for each of you and your families. I want to thank all of you who paid your dues on time and urge those of you who have not paid to do so.

As 2025 opens several things are happening. We will need volunteers this month to support our youth awards programs. Contact Bob Anderson for the times and places. After judging' the winners will be recognized at our Wednesday 12 February meeting. That meeting will run a little long as we must hold elections that day also. Don Wolfe will, of course, become your new president but I have not heard from the nominating committee and other offices. In any case, I urge each of you to become active either by volunteering to become an officer or joining one of our committees.

Ray Cassell, our registrar, has issued a challenge to the chapter to reach a membership of 300 in time for the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration in 2026.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 14 January at the main Huntsville/Madison County Library.

*Owen "Chip" Pharr*  
*President*

**At the November meeting Vice-President General of the Southern District Dave Billings presented a program entitled "Follow Lafayette through Natchez" The Return Tour of Lafayette March 27 - 30, 2025. This event is hosted by the Mississippi Society, SAR.**



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### Meeting Schedule

#### 14 January 2025

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

#### 12 February 2025

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

### *Revolutionary Questions*

1. What was the primary purpose of the Coercive Acts?
2. Who was the British commander during the Boston Massacre?
3. What were the Sons of Liberty known for?
4. Which battle is known for the famous quote, "Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes"?
5. What was the Treaty of Paris (1783) that ended the war?
6. Who was the American general at the Battle of Camden, a significant defeat?
7. What was the Quebec Act, and why did it anger the colonies?
8. Who led the Green Mountain Boys during the capture of Fort Ticonderoga?
9. What was the Proclamation of 1763 meant to achieve?
10. How did Lord Dunmore's Proclamation affect the dynamics of the war?

### *Answers from the November/December Newsletter*

1. How many members were there in the Second Continental Congress at any given time?  
**Sixty. Many people would answer this question as 56 which is the number of members of the Second Continental Congress who signed the Declaration of Independence. But, all members of the Second Continental Congress did not sign the Declaration of Independence.**
2. Did anyone go to jail for participating in the Boston Tea Party?  
**No one admitted to being a part of the Boston Tea Party because of the ramifications of this admission. However, there was ultimately one individual who went to prison for his actions as part of the Boston Tea Party and his name was Francis Akeley.**
3. What happened to much of the tea the next day after being dumped into the harbor?  
**Much of the tea floated up to the surface. For**

**several days, members of the Sons of the Liberty floated out on boats and hit the tea with ores in order to render the tea completely useless.**

4. What was the name of the individual who built George Washington's War Tent and built it so well that it still exists today?

**His name was Plunkett Fleeson and he was an upholsterer who resided in Philadelphia.**

5. What was the name of the group that delayed the British at the Battle of Brooklyn (aka Battle of Long Island) long enough so that the Americans were not fully surrounded and destroyed?

**The Maryland 400**

6. Why is Maryland known as the "Old Line State"?

**The Old Line State is named that in honor of the Maryland 400 who delayed the British advancement long enough to make sure that the Americans were never fully surrounded during the Battle of Brooklyn.**

7. Who owned the ships carrying the tea that was ultimately dumped into the Boston Harbor?

**All ships were American ships, but were hired by the British East India Company to carry the Tea from London to Boston. Two of the ships (Beaver and Dartmouth) were owned by the Rotch family and the Eleanor was owned by John Rowe.**

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### *Upcoming Events*

14 January 2025 - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Downtown Huntsville Public Library Main Meeting Room.

12 February 2025 - Regular Meeting, 11:00am, Downtown Huntsville Public Library Main Meeting Room. **NOTE TEMPORARY CHANGE IN MEETING DAY TO WEDNESDAY**

21-22 February 2025 - Alabama Society State Business Meeting and Convention - Hoover Embassy Suites. Registration form at the end of the newsletter.

14 March 2025 - Annual Chapter Banquet, 6:00pm Valley Hill Country Club. See the registration form at the end of the newsletter or go to [tvcsar.org](http://tvcsar.org) for a registration form.



Welcome New Members  
Curtis Williams and  
David Canupp!



Curtis Williams

David Canupp



At the left Compatriot Dan Coberly was presented the Robert E. Burt award for outstanding service to the Boy Scouts. This award is presented by the Alabama State Society and was approved by the National Society, SAR.

At the right Compatriots  
Lawrence Hillis and Daniel  
Spiegelberg were presented Life  
Saving Medals and Certificates  
for saving the life of Compatriot  
Benny Hannah in August of  
2024



Lawrence Hillis

Daniel Spiegelberg





Click on the link below for the latest episode entitled:  
"Hydrate or Die"

<https://youtu.be/bMA7EIZBRig>



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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.



Veterans Day Parade - 2024  
Huntsville, AL







Color Guard for the grave markings for Francis Epps Harris and Peter Efford Bentley

On Sunday, November 17th grave markings were held for Peter Efford Bentley and Francis Epps Harris at the Harris Hill Cemetery and for Fleming Jordan at the Jordan Cemetery. Also, Pomeroy Foundation Marker was unveiled at the Jordan Cemetery.



Color Guard at the unveiling of the Pomeroy Foundation marker and the grave marking for Fleming Jordan at the Jordan Cemetery



TVC members attending the grave markings for Francis Epps Harris and Peter Efford Bentley





Our annual First Responder awards were held at our December meeting. Starting at the top, Officer Jason Toney was awarded the Heroism Medal, Deputy Tristen Williams was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, Officer Logan Arnold was awarded the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal, and Driver Luke Hall was awarded the Fire Safety Medal.

# Sons of the American Revolution

## Tennessee Valley Chapter

### Annual Installation Banquet

FRIDAY, MARCH 14<sup>th</sup> At 6:00 pm

Social - 6:00 pm Dinner - 6:45 pm

Cash Bar prior to Dinner

Valley Hill Country Club

8300 Valley Hill Drive SE, Huntsville, AL 35802

Cost of the buffet is \$45.00 per person with spouses and guest welcome

*Garden Salad and Rolls, Chicken Piccata, Herb Roasted Pork Loin*

*Southern Green Beans, Buttery Steamed Broccoli, Roasted New Potatoes*

*Ultimate Chocolate Cake, Cheesecake with choice of sauce*

*Coffee, Tea, and Water*

Contact Don Wolfe (doniswolfe@aol.com or 256-508-0640) if you have special dietary requirements

Dress is coat and tie for men and appropriate dress for ladies

**Deadline to register is Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Meals are \$45.00 per person. Make check payable to

**Tennessee Valley Chapter SAR and mail to:**

Don Wolfe

1007 Mira Vista Drive

Huntsville, AL 35802

<u>Meal Selection</u>	<u>Number</u>	NAME _____
Buffet	_____	NAME of Guest _____
Special Dietary	_____	NAME of Guest _____

Total Number of Meals \_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ + \$\_\_\_\_\_ contribution for Youth Programs

Sorry, I cannot attend but would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Chapter's Youth Programs

**Alabama Society  
Sons of the American Revolution  
Annual Business Meeting and Convention Registration  
February 21 - 22, 2025 - Hoover, Alabama**



**Hotel Reservation Information**

**Hoover Embassy Suites  
2960 John Hawkins Parkway  
Birmingham, AL 35244  
Phone Number: 205-985-9994**



**SPECIAL ROOM RATE**

<u>Room Type</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Standard King	\$159.00
Standard 2-Queen	\$179.00

**PER NIGHT RATE PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES  
(Use "Sons of the American Revolution" to get the special rate.)**

**ATTENDEES MUST MAKE THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS (cutoff date is con REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE AT ALL FUNCTIONS)**

If you wish to reserve your hotel room online, you can go to <https://links.alssar.org/con25hotel>

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Guest(s):</b>			
<b>Chapter:</b>		<b>Office Held:</b>			
<b>REGISTRATION FEES:</b>		<b>SAR Members:</b>	#		x \$35.00=
		<b>Guests:</b>	#		x \$20.00=
<b><u>FRIDAY - 21 February 2025</u></b>					
<b>Tools for the Family Detective - 1:00 - 2:00 pm - NO COST</b> <i>Find that elusive pre-1850 relative and fire up your search with the latest technology tools.</i> <i>Presented by Aimee Cross, Ancestry Consulting By Aimee -</i> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@AncestryAimee">https://www.youtube.com/@AncestryAimee</a>					# attending=
<b>SAR Scavenger Hunt - 2:00 - 3:00 pm - NO COST</b> <i>Leadership training, membership data, and lots more await you on the SAR website.</i> <i>Presented by ALSSAR Secretary, Ron Dains -and- ALSSAR Past President, Jim Griffith</i>					# attending=
<b>Tips &amp; Tools for SAR Application Success - 3:00 - 5:00 pm- NO COST</b> <i>Ensure your new or supplemental application succeeds with these latest tips and tools.</i> <i>Presented by ALSSAR Registrar, Ron Bearden</i>					# attending=
<b>RECEPTION (Business Casual - Jacket Preferred)</b> Friday 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (Cash Bar)			#		x \$25.00 =
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>					


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<b><i>SUBTOTAL FROM PREVIOUS PAGE =</i></b>				
<b><u>SATURDAY - 22 February 2025</u></b>				
<b>SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING (Coat and Tie) - 8:00 am - NO COST</b> <b>ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (Coat and Tie) - 9:00 am - NO COST</b> <b>ORATIONS CONTEST (Coat and Tie) - 11:00 am - NO COST</b> <i>Select your meal choice below...</i>				
<b>YOUTH AWARDS LUNCHEON (Coat and Tie)- 12:00 - 2:00 pm</b>				
● Option 1 - CHARDONNAY CHICKEN	#		x \$35.00 =	
● Option 2 - FETTUCCINE PASTA with SHRIMP SCALLOPS	#		x \$35.00 =	
● Option 3 - EGGPLANT PARMESAN	#		x \$35.00 =	
<b>MOVIE MATINEE - Mike Rowe presents <i>SOMETHING TO STAND FOR</i> - NO COST</b> Saturday - 2:30 - 4:00 pm				
<b>SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET (with special historical guest)</b> Social / Cash Bar - 5:30 - 6:30 pm / Dinner - 6:30 pm - til) <i>Men - Black Tie for head table and new officers; Others, Black Tie, Uniform, or Coat and Tie</i> <i>Ladies - Dress as appropriate.</i> <i>Select your meal choice below...</i>				
● Option 1 - CHICKEN PICATTA	#		x \$55.00 =	
● Option 2 - GRILLED ATLANTIC SALMON	#		x \$55.00 =	
● Option 3 - ROASTED EGGPLANT	#		x \$55.00 =	
<b><i>OVERALL TOTAL TO PAY =</i></b>				

Please advise of any food allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

**A HEADCOUNT FOR MEALS AND THE RECEPTION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE HOTEL BY NOON ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 - REGISTRATION WILL BE CLOSED AFTER THAT TIME.**

<p><b><u>SEND YOUR REGISTRATION</u></b></p> <p><b>Option 1</b> - By email your to Scott Martin, ALSSAR Treasurer at <a href="mailto:bevel67@aol.com">bevel67@aol.com</a></p> <p><b>Option 2</b> - By mail this form to...  <b>ALSSAR 2024 Convention</b>          Attn: Scott Martin, ALSSAR Treasurer          108 Tanglewood Drive          Alabaster, AL 35007</p>	<p><b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b></p> <p><b>Option 1</b> - Use this QR Code or the link below...</p>  <p><a href="https://links.alssar.org/con25reg">https://links.alssar.org/con25reg</a></p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> You DO NOT have to pay the default donation processing fee at checkout!.</p> <p><b>Option 2</b> - Mail check payable to <i>ALSSAR Convention</i> at the address to the left.</p>
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