



The Valley Patriot

Tennessee Valley Chapter, Alabama Society
Sons of the American Revolution
November/December 2024



President's Report

Compatriots,

Our chapter has been busy recently and will be more so in the next week. We purchased a new trailer for use in parades. Kudos to Bob Anderson for conducting the research and handling the details for us. Bob Anderson, Bob Cheney, Scott Owen, Steve Brouse, and I initiated construction on Saturday, October 26 and then the first three with help from Dudley Burwell finished the job last week.

We're looking for members and their ladies with period uniforms or clothing to walk (2.1 miles) or ride the float. Some male civilian attire is available for those who are without such. Contact Bob Anderson at rldad1@yahoo.com if you wish to or intend to join us on the 11th.

As we come to the end of the year we need support for our Youth Programs. Judges are required for all of our contests. Contact Bob Anderson to volunteer or get your questions answered.

Chapter elections for 2025-2026 officers are not that far away and I'll be appointing a nominating committee shortly. Don't wait to be asked. If you would consider a leadership position see me and I'll pass your name to the committee. As a minimum we'll need a new Vice President.

Finally, if you haven't paid your dues please do so. Instructions follow:

Pay \$105 for members over 18 with a check made out to TVCSAR to:

TVCSAR
P. O. Box 18832
Huntsville, AL 35804-5532

Junior members are those under the age of 18. Their dues are \$10 per year by check or \$10.70 online.

Pay \$107.63 online with Google:

<https://sites.google.com/alssar.org/onlinepayment/dues?authuser=0>

Be sure to select Tennessee Valley Chapter on the drop down menu

You will need to put in your Name and National #

There are several options if you are a life member at any of the three levels (Chapter, State, or National) and there is an option if you are a primary member with another State and dual with Alabama.

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Meeting Schedule

12 November 2024

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

10 December 2024

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Revolutionary Questions from Jim Griffith

1. How many members were there in the Second Continental Congress at any given time?
2. Did anyone go to jail for participating in the Boston Tea Party?
3. What happened to much of the tea the next day after being dumped into the harbor?
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?
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?
6. Why is Maryland known as the "Old Line State"?
7. Who owned the ships carrying the tea that was ultimately dumped into the Boston Harbor?

Answers from the September/October Newsletter

1. The building of what University could be witnessed by Thomas Jefferson from his home, "Monticello"?
The University of Virginia
2. What was the name of the Group that wrote the Declaration of Independence for presentation to the Second Continental Congress?
The Committee of Five
3. What two United States Presidents and Founding Fathers died within minutes of each other on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence?
John Adams and Thomas Jefferson
4. Who was the last signer of the Declaration of Independence to die?
Charles Carroll
5. How many Catholics signed the Declaration of Independence?
One. His name was Charles Carroll

6. Alexander Hamilton is widely credited with creating the financial system within the United States. What was Alexander Hamilton worth upon his death?

He was worth vitually nothing upon his death. A collection had to be taken in order to pay for his funeral.

7. Who was the wealthiest signer of the Declaration of Independence?

Charles Carroll. He was worth roughly \$375 million in today's money.

8. What Founding Father lived to the oldest age?

Charles Carroll. He died at 95 years old.

9. What Founding Father's Brother created invisible ink?

John Jay's brother, Dr. James Jay created invisible ink.

10. British Soldier's were frequently also referred to as "Red Coats". But what was used to create the Red Dye required for all British uniforms?

The Conchineal bug

11. What were the names of the boats that held the tea ultimately dumped into the Boston Harbor?

Beaver, Dartmouth, and Eleanor



At the October meeting TVCSAR member and Alabama State Senator Arthur Orr gave a very interesting presentation on what Alabama is doing for the 250th anniversary of our country.

Welcome New Members!



Upcoming Events

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Starting in the upper left and going clockwise, President Chip Pharr presents new member certificates to Andy Whitt, Grant Whitt, James Lomax, and Dale Gillmore.



Click on the link below for the latest episode entitled: "Halloween Special – Frightening Medical Devices of the American Revolution"

<https://youtu.be/RcCVPezHYx0>



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On Friday, October 4, 2024, Melvina P. Phillips, KDS DAR School Board of Trustees Chair, accepted the gift of a James Madison Legacy Tree from the SAR Tennessee Valley Chapter during the school's dedication ceremony of the Centennial Campus Commons. This terraced greenspace in the heart of the historic campus will serve as a gathering place for the school and the community well into the future and we look forward to watching this special tree grow and flourish.

From left to right TVC members Jason Hodges (Director of Development at KDS), Bob Anderson, Chip Pharr, Don Wolfe, Randal Jennings, Lawrence Hillis, and Daniel Wrenn.