

South Atlantic District
National Society Sons of the American Revolution
Florida – Georgia – North Carolina – South Carolina

South Atlantic District Meeting
6 October 2009
Super 8 Motel
Gaffney, SC

Meeting called to order by Vice President General Sam Powell (NC) at 4:02pm
Invocation by Rev Clark Wiser, NSSAR Chaplain General (NC)
Pledge of Allegiance by Bob Yankle (NC)
SAR Pledge by Lindsey Brock (FL)

VPG states that there is no formal agenda and the meeting will run with introductions, state president reports and recognition of national officer candidates

Tim Berly (NC) and Dan Jutson (current NC Color Guard Commander) are recognized to present Silver Color Guard Medals to Clark Wiser, Sam Powell and Dick Bishop.

George Thurmond (GA) states that National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee has designated any event that the President General (PG) attends as a National Event which today's and tomorrow's events will count.

Dick Bishop (NC) and Mike Tomme (GA) discuss new national color guard handbook being written and will strictly define color guard medal requirements. There will be a new board of former Color Guardsmen of the Year who will hear nominations for that award going forward

Introduction of Guests

- Secretary General David Sympton (KY), who is running for PG, speaks to the camaraderie of SAR and expectations for next year
- PG Larry McClanahan, 2001-02 (TN) is recognized
- Historian General Lindsey Brock (FL), who is running for Secretary General, speaks about number of events being done this year and the excitement within the SAR. Also mentions pending move to new library.
- Chaplain General Clark Wiser (NC), who is running for a second term, is recognized. VPG mentions looking forward to serving while congress is held in NC. Chaplain General Wiser speaks to outstanding leadership within the district and that during recent illness he received twice as many cards and wishes from the SAR than from congregation. He is working on a letter to be sent to leadership from chaplaincy.

Approval of Minutes

- VPG recognizes Bob Yankle for efforts for running District, NC CAR and NC websites as well as efforts with photographing events. Assembly responds with a round of applause.
- VPG states that the minutes of the Annual District meeting have been posted on the website.
- Motion to approve by Frank Horton (NC) with a second by Mike Tomme (GA)
- Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

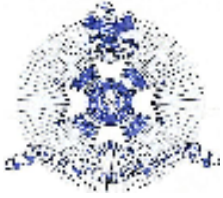
None

State Society Reports (report by State President unless otherwise noted)

VPG references a letter for the district.

- Membership growth in face of dues increase as of November 1st and application fees that will increase as of January 1st
- Increased support for Center for Advancing America's Heritage (CAAH) within the district

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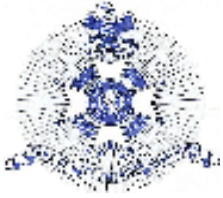
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- NC Society (Frank Horton, President) is trying to eliminate number of drops. Bob Yankle has the biggest problem since he is the president of the Old North State Chapter (at large membership) which has the traditional largest number of drops. Board of Managers (BOM) meeting is on October 10th. More emphasis on Veteran's Service with presentation at BOM and Wreaths across America. Expectation is for between 60-80 wreaths at Kings Mountain tomorrow.
- SC Society (Doug Doster) commends the Mecklenburg Chapter (NC Society) for the grave dedication service earlier today. Board of Governors meeting is on October 10th. There will be a new chapter chartering this weekend with charter to be presented by PG. The state has had many grave markings lately with special notice of the Colonel William Bratton chapter for holding a grave dedication for an ancestor of a Colorado Society Member. This chapter had been recently dormant but is coming back. SC has had growth of 12% or 80 members since January 1st. Colonial Ball will be Dec 19th this year in Charleston. Mark Anthony adds about Rutledge and Pinckney dedications on Dec 20th. Also mentions deadline and info on website. 2014 Congress will be in Greenville.
- GA Society (Terry Manning) states that the BOM this past Saturday saw approval of new charter in Washington, GA and revocation of charter of chapter in Albany. Color Guard is extremely active with Color Guardsmen of the Year from GA (Charlie Newcomer). Jack Ferguson has exceeded 1000 events. There will be a State Color Guard banquet on January 9th. Congress was in Atlanta this year with state getting many compliments. State Revolutionary War Trail is in development with over 300,000 pamphlets distributed this year. Trying to get state recognition of Patriots Day with emphasis on counties named for patriots and chapters named for patriots. Revising bylaws and chapter reports which have led to greater identification of data for Combined Federal Campaign. Electronic newsletter is not getting downloaded – only 10% of membership is downloading it thus leading to two printed editions each year. State has instituted a “traveling trunk” with artifacts for use in schools by various chapters. Secretary General Sympon asks for clarification in terms of how many looked at it instead of downloading. Manning states the 10% is the hits not the downloads. VPG mentions that the CAR is successful in this format and suggests a poll of membership. Charlie Newcomer states that state went to the electronic format to save \$5000 for other projects and ability to use color photos. Issue related to usage of email and computer literacy as well as progress of having current addresses. State has distributed pamphlets to schools, state archives and welcome centers using grant from state.
- FL Society (Lindsey Brock, representing President Bill Stevenson) states that through September membership is 1732 including all levels of membership and working closely with CAR for aides and pages. This will be adopted by the NSSAR. Society has produced the Keyhole to History CD and looking to develop a DVD equivalent for distribution to television. Color guard is very active with a flag presentation speaking to each flag that has flown to represent the US. Has membership category called Associate Fellows for those interested in membership but who have not completed application papers. To date, about 20 have become full members. These men are put to work immediately. A number of these are possibly the nucleus of new chapters and rejuvenation of an old one. Next BOM is October 23-24. Annual meeting will be May 7-9. Have 2 historic sites celebrations each year. Pensacola this year had over 2000 people in attendance. Plan to present Battle of Pensacola Medal to King Juan Carlos during 2010 trip.

Other Business

- VPG Powell recognizes PG Ed Butler and recaps growth in district and other goal of support of CAAH.
- Recognizes PG McClanahan to update group on new construction related to the CAAH. VPG states annual membership donations of \$300M which will mean 5 years before 2nd phase can begin. Cornerstone service for library was during last leadership meeting. Has a bar graph that monitors progress versus money on hand. Has contingency fund with \$14M already expended. Have removed a wall and cut access point between buildings and access for elevator. Floor in basement has been removed and no surprises found. Supports for upper floors have been installed. David Sympon mentions that there is a volunteer effort to document the progress weekly through photographs that can be viewed on the website.

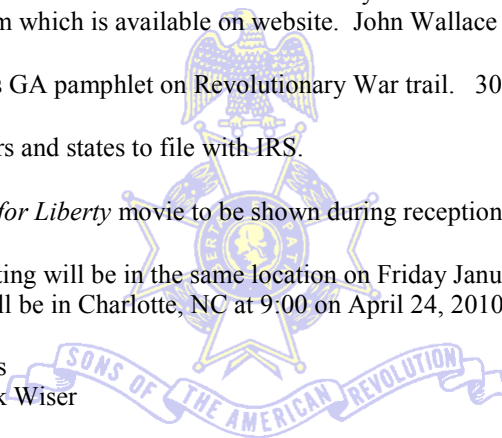
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- VPG recognizes George Thurmond and Lindsay Brock to explain state streamer program. Streamers are given to chapters that present \$500 and states that give \$1000 per year. Thurmond asks that presidents take this back to their meetings this month. Restates the \$250 per member goal and asks for promotion of this. Lindsey Brock states that the time frame is during the term of the PG with the streamers to be awarded at the Congress. Mark Anthony states that the SC Society will be addressing this on the 10th.
- VPG recognizes PG Butler for comments. PG appreciates the turnout for Hambright grave marking and asks for those in town to attend the McClanahan grave dedication. PG mentions agreement with Frazier Museum whereby SAR gives them 800 lineal feet of library space and SAR gets 24 hour security. SAR is working with McConnell Center to secure a grant to fund kiosks that can be used in schools – one to be made for each chapter to be placed in high schools. They will have posters about the founders with George Washington being featured. Larry McKinley, a docent at Smithsonian, has presented a proposal to have the SAR Museum to be a regional museum on the American Revolution. Larry McClanahan will be heading this up. This will occur after move of library and will occupy that space at HQ. PG Speaks to Wounded Warrior Project partnership and first visit in Honolulu. Reemphasizes themes of Modernize, Publicize, Socialize.
- VPG recognizes Registrar General Steve Leishman who thanks everyone for his warm welcome. This year will be first for standardized annual report form which is available on website. John Wallace is new secretary for Alabama.
- Charlie Newcomer (GA) mentions GA pamphlet on Revolutionary War trail. 300,000 have been distributed.
- VPG mentions need for all chapters and states to file with IRS.
- Mark Anthony (SC) mentions *All for Liberty* movie to be shown during reception.
- VPG announces that the next meeting will be in the same location on Friday January 15 at 4:00pm in connection with Cowpens. The annual meeting will be in Charlotte, NC at 9:00 on April 24, 2010.

Recessional by the assembled members
Benediction by Chaplain General Clark Wiser
Meeting adjourned at 5:07pm



Minutes Prepared by: Mark C Anthony on 15 October 2009

Minutes Approved: _____

Signed: _____
Secretary, South Atlantic District

Attendees

Virginia: Wayne Rouse, Asst Treasurer

North Carolina: Sam C Powell, VPG; Bob Yankle; Kurt Van Tassel; A Clark Wiser; Tim Berly; Dick Bishop; Dan Jutson;
Frank Horton, President; G Steven Pittard

South Carolina: Mark C Anthony, Secretary; Douglas B Doster, President

Georgia: Charlie Newcomer, Alt National Trustee; George Thurmond; Mike Tomme, Sr Vice President; Ed Rigel Sr; Terry Manning, President

Florida: Lindsey C Brock

Kentucky: J David Simpson

Tennessee: Larry D McClanahan

Late Arrivals: Ed Butler, PG (TX); Steve Leishman (DE)

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