



South Atlantic District
National Society Sons of the American Revolution
Florida – Georgia – North Carolina – South Carolina
Redding I. Corbett III – Vice President General

South Atlantic District Meeting
Super 8 Motel, Gaffney, SC
6 October 2010

Attendance:

North Carolina: Chaplain General Clark Wisner, Executive Director Joe Harris, President John Thornhill, Senior Vice President Steve Pittard, Bob Yankle, Sam Powell, Jim Wood, Jim Cook, James Brewer, Glenn Sappie,

South Carolina: Vice President General Rick Corbett, President Ted Morton, Senior Vice President Mark Anthony, State Secretary Dan Woodruff, Dr. Lynwood Jordan

Georgia: President Mike Tomme, Senior Vice President Bob Sapp, Ed Rigel, Larry Guzy, Bobby Townes, Paul Prescott, Charlie Newcomer, Hall Martin, George Thurmond

Florida: Registration General Lindsey Brock, Senior Vice President David Ramsaur

Other: President General David Sympson (KY), Secretary General Larry Magerkurth (CA), Treasurer General Steve Leishman (DE), Genealogist General Joseph Dooley (VA), Bob Bowen (VA), Wayne Rouse (VA), Larry Cornwell (AL), Paul Hays (DC), Timothy Bennett (DC)

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM by Vice President General Rick Corbett (SC)
2. Invocation & forgiveness by Chaplain General Clark Wisner and brings greetings from Compatriot Frank Horton (NC).
3. Pledges as listed in agenda with Senior Vice President Steve Pittard (NC) substituting for President John Thornhill (NC)
4. Introductions of General Officers, Staff, Foundation, and State Society Presidents present by VPG Corbett
5. Remarks by President General David Sympson
 - a. Presentation of National Meritorious Service Medal to Dr. Lynwood Jordan “in recognition of his notable and long time service on the National Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee and in the South Carolina Society on behalf of our American Principles.”– body provides standing ovation
 - b. Announces opening of new SAR Genealogy Library and books are being moved in as we meet
 - c. Mentions initiative to recognize WWII veterans and Compatriot Frank Buckles (WV) as only living WWI veteran
 - d. Asks each state to appoint a person to work on Wreaths Across America
6. Remarks by Executive Director Joe Harris
 - a. Books have been moved and furniture will be delivered tomorrow and discusses moving schedule
 - b. Expresses that last visit was Fall 2006 and being present today is like coming home.
 - c. Met with host hotel today for site visit of 2014 hotel facility
7. Approval of 24 April 2010 Annual Meeting minutes
 - a. Anthony presents and mentions correction to cited date in minutes
 - b. Motion to approve by President Tomme (GA) with second by President Morton (SC)
 - c. Approved by Unanimous voice vote
8. Candidates Forum
 - a. Remarks by candidates for National Office:
 - i. David Sympson for SAR Foundation
 - ii. Larry Magerkurth for President General
 - iii. Steve Leishman for Secretary General

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- iv. Joe Dooley for Treasurer General
- v. Lindsey Brock for Registrar General
- vi. Sam Powell for SAR Foundation Board
- vii. Tim Bennett for Treasurer General
- viii. Paul Hays for Genealogist General
- ix. Larry Cornwell for Genealogist General

9. Reports from the State Societies

- a. South Carolina by President Ted Morton. Mentions need to continue recruiting membership and cites growth of 62 members for the year and prospects for new chapters while working with chapters having issues. Working on donations to the CAAH. Welcomes everyone to state. Trying to reach out by increasing attendance at out of state events. Mentions plans to rent multiplicity of battle sites out to western sites.
- b. Georgia Society by President Mike Tomme. Mentions goal to raise membership from 1,466 to between 1,500 and 1,600 including efforts to recharter oldest chapter in state. Mentions Siege of Savannah event this coming weekend and upcoming grave markings. Second annual debutante ball in Milledgeville in December which has 15 debutantes to date. Next state meeting is February 4-5, 2011. Announces that Compatriot Charlie Newcomer has been selected by state for Vice President General of the District. Announces Georgia's intention to surpass the number of chapters donating to CAAH in response to the Virginia Society challenge.
- c. North Carolina Society by President John Thornhill. Apologizes for late arrival due to problems with tire. Announces formation of new chapters in Rutherfordton and Lumberton. Rutherfordton chapter started with 15 men with no dual members and has since submitted another 20 applications. Rapid growth of society this year has dropped state from 20% donation level and state is working on this. State is also working on meeting the Virginia Society challenge. Society will turn 100 in 2011 and is proud to be hosting Congress during that year.
- d. Florida Society by Senior Vice President David Ramsaur. Membership is at 1,700 members and is growing. State pushes attendance at Board of Governors meeting with theory that becoming active on state level will help chapters and state. Very active color guard is gathering a lot of public attention. Compatriot Lindsey Brock is recognized to speak on battle sites in Florida which are relatively new and challenges California Society to work at identifying something. Announces upcoming event where Florida Society and President General Sympson will induct husband of National DAR Regent on January 20 in Jacksonville which will include National Commander of the American Legion speaking.
- e. Compatriot Larry Magerkurth offers rebuttal for California Society mentioning lone Revolutionary War veteran who is buried there. Also mentions four Spanish Presidios that were present and ready to fight but the British did not have the decency to show up and fight.

10. Educational Program Roundtable

- a. VPG Corbett mentions desire to conduct this but will cut it short due to time. Asks each state president to briefly mention efforts and plan to speak to this at the January meeting
- b. North Carolina Society: Contact local school district principals and specific debate teachers requesting names of local home school contact points. Find better success with home schools. Focus on publicity on winners to generate further interest.
- c. Florida Society: Focus on poster contest and strive to get people interested in the theme. Society members make presentations on the theme in schools. Also make numerous flag presentations.
- d. Georgia Society: Have 8 chapters that conduct Colonial Living History presentations and specific themes of interest in specific areas. Found textbooks contain 11 pages on Revolution of which 5 were pictures. Working to meet with

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State School Superintendent to get programs in schools. Working to increase chapter participation by overcoming fear of members to present in schools.

- e. South Carolina Society: Need to remind people of what they already know. Emphasizes that SAR will get a good welcome from schools. Getting SAR CDs to the schools in addition to promoting established programs. References power point program for presentation for school administration that has been developed.
 - f. VPG Corbett references SC Society Scholarship and need to get communication out about what SAR does.
11. Report on CAAH by Compatriot Sam Powell
- a. Emphasizes educational purpose of CAAH
 - b. References established goals and need to find a single large donor to move up the \$250 goal
 - c. Need to increase percentage of members donating
 - d. Also recognizing states and chapters for donations
 - e. Pledge forms and Executive Director Harris' hat is passed around the room for donations (\$400 collected)
12. Announcements
- a. Compatriot Bob Yankle (NC) states that SAR should reach out to the CAR to promote education programs
 - b. Compatriot George Thurmond (GA) announces Cowpens Anniversary event in January 2011
 - c. Compatriot Mark Anthony (SC) announces dinner arrangements
 - d. Compatriot Jim Cook (NC) announces that the National Park Service does not allow firearms in visitors centers and asks that this be communicated to members
 - e. Compatriot Tim Bennett (DC) announces Potomack Debutante Ball this December in Washington DC
13. South Atlantic District General Officer Endorsements
- a. Non members are excused from the meeting
 - b. Motion by Executive Director Harris with second by Compatriot Larry Guzy (GA) for the South Atlantic District to endorse all unopposed General Officer candidates
 - c. Secret ballot election for contested elections
 - i. Treasurer General: Compatriot Tim Bennett (DC) – 9, Compatriot Joseph Dooley (VA) – 8
 - ii. Genealogist General: Compatriot Paul Hayes (DC) - 10, Compatriot Larry Cornwell (AL) - 8
14. Benediction by Compatriot Ted Morton (SC) and Recessional by Compatriot David Ramsaur (FL)
15. Motion to adjourn by the body

Minutes Prepared by: Mark C. Anthony on 8 October 2010

Minutes Approved: _____

Signed: _____
Secretary, South Atlantic District

Attachments:

1. Fall Reports Package

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