

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

South Atlantic District Meeting
Super 8 Motel
Gaffney, SC
6 October 2008

- Called to Order at 4:02pm by VPG Lindsey Brock (FL)
- VPG Brock appoints Cmpt Mark Anthony (SC) as Secretary of the South Atlantic District
- Roll Call sign-in sheet was passed around (see below)
- Pledge to the United States Flag was led by Cmpt Charlie Newcomer (GA)
- Pledge to the SAR was led by Cmpt Sam Powell (NC)
- VPG Brock recognized the National Officers in attendance – Secretary General Ed Butler (TX), Registrar General J David Sympson (KY), Historian General Steve Leishman (DE)
- The Agenda was distributed (see attached)

Center for Advancing American Heritage

- VPG Brock discussed the challenge issued to each state and the goals established by the NSSAR noting slight increases since the 6/30/08 report distributed at Congress
- Cmpt Paul Grier (SC) updates the SC figures as \$11,200 total gifts, 11.1% participation from 78 donors for \$15.89 per SCSSAR member (705 total) as of 10/1/2008
- Cmpt Powell mentions an upcoming update will be forthcoming and pledge forms will be sent to each member. National committee recognizes that large gifts will come from very few members
- Cmpt George Thurmond (GA) notes that the committee will use membership as of 12/31 of each year for calculations
- Cmpt Powell states that with 27,000 NSSAR members, a 20% participation rate at an average of \$250 per member will raise \$1,350,000 over and above the \$2,100,000 that is already in hand
- VPG Brock mentions that he will be presenting an award at the District Meeting in Florida on April 25, 2009 to each state society that meets the 20% goal
- Cmpt Powell discusses recognition of donors via a plaque at the CAAH. Plaque will recognize all 20% / \$250 state societies. For participation above 20%, a star will be added for each 5%. Additional plaques will recognize high and individual donor levels.
- VPG Brock asks about the sale of bricks
- Cmpt Powell states that this is being investigated. Plans for naming opportunities will be finalized when the final plans for the CAAH are made. All commitments from Phase I will continue through Phase II.

Membership Retention & Involvement

- VPG Brock states that the way to retain members is to get them involved. Jacksonville Chapter has an Associate Member program where prospective members can serve on committees and pay annual dues to the chapter. Approximately 30 individual have been Associate Members with 20 of them becoming full members.

District & State Website

- VPG Brock references the new layout of the District & State webpage on the national website

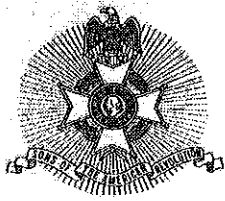
Youth Exchange Program

- VPG Brock references the recently approved Youth Exchange Program with the French Society. Details can be found on the National website

Wreaths Across America

- Cmpt Andy Johnson (DC) is recognized to speak about this program. This has been an annual event for the past 15 years with a company in Maine providing wreaths to place at National Cemeteries – the owner of the company was presented

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the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal at Sacramento National Congress. The goal is to have one SAR individual present at each cemetery this year to read the PG's Proclamation at the ceremony on 13 December at Noon.

- Cmpt Johnson asks for the closest SAR chapter to name a contact person and inform him of the name so that he can facilitate contact with the local wreath committee
- Cmpt Bobby Towns (GA) asks for specific details so that proper contact can be made
- Cmpt Johnson states that the wreaths are furnished for this event

Membership Issue

- VPG Brock states that he is available as a resource for issues with specific members instead of calling the National Office

State Society Reports

- VPG Brock asks for written reports to be provided to him covering activities from September to January by February 15th so that he can prepare his report for the 2009 Spring Leadership Meeting

District Bylaws

- VPG Brock asks if the District needs a set of written bylaws
- Registrar General Sympton states that he can provide copies of other District's bylaws if necessary
- No decision was made relating to the bylaws, rather it was held in abeyance

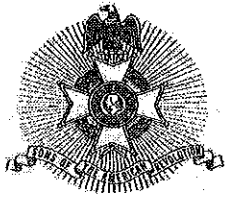
Endorsement of General Officer Candidates

- VPG Brock asks if the District should endorse specific candidates for general officer positions. Hearing no objections the following motions were made:
- Cmpt Ron Toops (FL) moves to endorse Ed Butler for President General with letter to be written by Cmpt Anthony
 - o Seconded by Cmpt Powell
 - o Approved with no negative votes and one abstention
- Cmpt Toops moves to endorse Lindsey Brock for Historian General with letter written by Cmpt Anthony
 - o Seconded by Cmpt Newcomer
 - o Approved with no negative votes and one abstention
- Cmpt Powell moves to endorse Steve Leishman for Registrar General with letter written by Cmpt Anthony
 - o Seconded by Cmpt Frank Horton (NC)
 - o Approved with no negative votes and one abstention
- VPG Brock discusses the pros and cons of endorsing J David Sympton for Treasurer General
 - o Cmpt Thurmond states that this would be inappropriate given that this is a contested position and the other compatriots are not present. The district should have all candidates come to speak and then leave the matter of endorsements to the individual states within the South Atlantic District
 - o Cmpt Sympton states that the endorsement should not be consider this as a matter of fairness and VPG Brock concurs with the decision.

Comments from the General Officers

- Secretary General Butler thanks the District for the invitation to attend and looks forward to the Kings Mountain Celebration. He states that PG Nathan White reported at the Fall Leadership Meeting that all former military personnel have the option of rendering a hand salute or placing their hand over their hearts when pledging to the United States Flag even if they are not in uniform. State Presidents should disseminate this through their state newsletters. He also states that Cmpt Chuck Bragg (IN) has resigned as Treasurer General and that Cmpt Jack London (VA) had been appointed as the Acting Treasurer General until he can be approved at the Spring Leadership Meeting. Cmpt London will be resigning from the SAR Foundation Board.
- Historian General Steve Leishman states that he is glad to be back in SC after many years since being stationed at Shaw AFB. He also notes that Cmpt Joe Dooley's (VA) mother had passed away this week.
- Registrar General David Sympton mentions the new Task Force on Registration Education that is reviewing the registration process and possible development of a new system that will flow easily from the chapter level to the state

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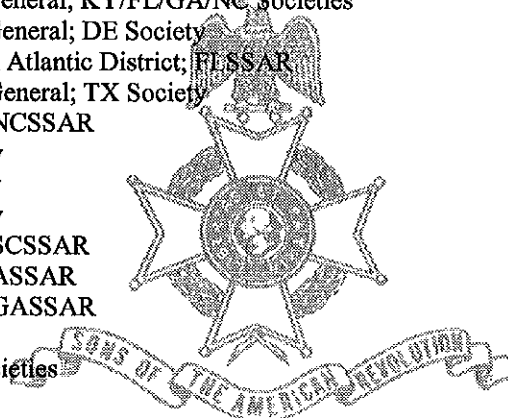
level, then to the national level. Also this system should make the preparation of annual reports easier. He notes that Cmpt Anthony is a very active member of this task force. For example, the Virginia Society has had problems in the past and Cmpt Anthony has volunteered to help them resolve these problems. There are also requests from the California and Pennsylvania Societies.

Announcements

- VPG Brock references the 3rd Annual Celebration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution at Cape Canaveral, FL on 28 February 2009. The speaker will be the current Commander of the USS Barry.
- Cmpt Larry McKinley (VA) speaks on the CAR link that is now located on the Youth Programs webpage on the National website. The Orations contest is looking to get professional educators who are SAR members to be judges. Information on possible judges should be sent to Cmpt McKinley or Cmpt Jonathan Goebels (Empire State).
- Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm

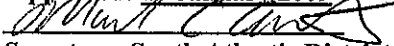
Attendance

Mark C Anthony	Secretary, SCSSAR
Ron Toops	President, FLSSAR
Andrew M Johnson	DC/VA Societies; Task Force for Wreaths Across America
J David Sympson	Registrar General; KY/FL/GA/NC Societies
Stephen A Leishman	Historian General; DE Society
Lindsey Brock	VPG South Atlantic District; FLSSAR
Ed Butler	Secretary General; TX Society
Sam Powell	President, NCSSAR
Larry McKinley	VA Society
Frank Horton	NC Society
George Thurmond	GA Society
Paul L Grier	President, SCSSAR
Charlie Newcomer	Trustee, GASSAR
Bobby Towns	President, GASSAR
Ted Morton	SC Society
Jim Cook	SC/NC Societies



Minutes Prepared by: Mark C Anthony

Minutes Approved: 26 January 2009

Signed: 
Secretary, South Atlantic District

Attachments

Sign-In Sheet
Agenda

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SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA
October 16, 2008, Gaffney, SC

1. CAAH is the number one goal for the South Atlantic District for 2008-2009. Listed below are the giving records of FL, GA, NC, & SC as listed in Sam Powell's memo of July 4, 2008:

	<u>No. of Members</u>	<u>No. of Donors</u>	<u>% of Individual Member Donors</u>	<u>Avg. Per Total Member</u>
FL	1627	135	8%	\$49
GA	1465	128	9%	\$71
NC	741	84	11 %	\$106
SC	687	63	9%	\$14

2. An award will be presented to each state that attains 20% of its individual members that donate to the CAAH at the South Atlantic District meeting in Kissimmee, FL on April 24-25, 2009. The district will begin at 8AM Saturday, April 25th.

3. Sam Powell and George Thurmond will explain the NSSAR awards to all state societies that reach the 20% goal.

4. Our number 2 goal is Membership growth, Retention and Involvement =MRI

5. The pull down tab (Membership) on our National website has been changed to: District & State Websites.

6. The Youth Exchange Program between France and the U.S. was approved by the Executive Committee and the Trustees at our Fall/September Leadership meeting and is posted on the National website.

7. Wreaths Across America – National Cemeteries – December 13, 2008.

8. Verbal reports from the South Atlantic District Presidents or their designee.

9. Endorsement by the South Atlantic District for SG Ed Butler as President General to the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee. Other endorsements?

10. Comments from National Officers beginning with SG Ed Butler.

11. Our next South Atlantic District meeting will be held Friday, January 16, 2009 at the Battle of Cowpens from 4-5PM.

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SC Society Secretary

Ron Toop

FL Society President

Andrew McJohnson

DC/VA TAB Force, wealthy
across America

J. Paul Long

Stephen A. Leishman

FL/GA/DC Society

~~Stephen A. Leishman~~

DE Historian General

~~John Battle~~

VPG South Atlantic Dist

Sam Powell

Secretary General TASSA

NC Society Pres.

Larry McKimley

VA Society

FRANK Horton

NC Society

Reese Thurmond

RA Society

Paul J. Davis

S.R. Society (Pres.)

Charlie A. Newcomer

GA Trustee

ROBERT F TOWNS

GA PRESIDENT

Ted Morton

SC Society

Jim Cook

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