

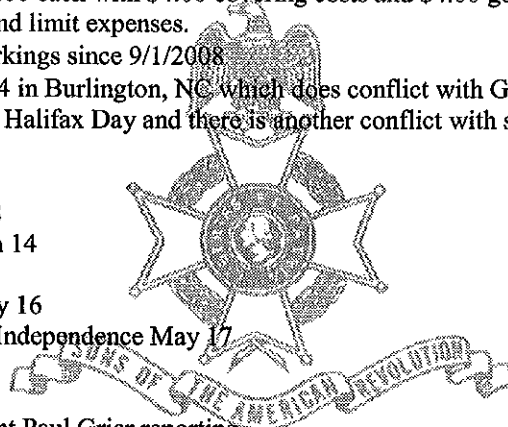
South Atlantic District
National Society Sons of the American Revolution
Florida – Georgia – North Carolina – South Carolina

South Atlantic District Meeting
Super 8 Motel
Gaffney, SC
16 January 2009

Meeting Called to Order at 4:01pm by VPG Lindsey Brock (FL)
Attendees introduce themselves as Secretary Mark Anthony (SC) distributes sign in sheet
Agenda is distributed
Senior Vice President William Stevenson (FL) gives Toast to Flag
President Bobby Towns (GA) leads Pledge of Allegiance
President Paul Grier (SC) leads SAR Pledge

North Carolina State Report – President Sam Powell reporting

- CAAH Results: 94 donors for 12% with average of \$150 per member and total of \$100,000 given
- Historical membership level of 650 - now at 767. Most growth is from 6 new chapters.
- Planning for 2011 Congress – first since 1931 and coincides with state society's centennial
- Currently writing a centennial state history – updating previously published edition from 1996
- Continuing to sell calendars at \$8.00 each with \$4.00 covering costs and \$4.00 going to Congress fund. Printing on desktop so can print on demand and limit expenses.
- State has had 10 patriot grave markings since 9/1/2008
- Annual State Meeting on April 3-4 in Burlington, NC which does conflict with GA due to charter saying state must hold its meeting on weekend closest to Halifax Day and there is another conflict with state DAR
- Upcoming events:
 - Cowan's Ford – January 31
 - Moore's Creek – February 28
 - Guilford Courthouse – March 14
 - Halifax Resolves – April 11
 - Alamance Patriots Day – May 16
 - Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence May 17
 - Ramsaur's Mill June 13



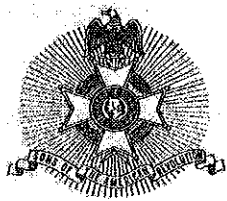
South Carolina State Report – President Paul Grier reporting

- CAAH Results: 83 donors for 12% - have \$600 yet to send from donations with dues notices. Publicizing efforts in quarterly newsletter
- Began year with 605 members ended with 736. Have 667 to start year after drops and resignations are counted.
- Had one new chapter in 2008. Currently working on one in Lexington, SC (outside of Columbia)
- Looking for some ideas for fundraising in state – particularly with respect to possible 2014 Congress
- Annual meeting is set for April 17-18 in Santee, SC
- Upcoming events:
 - Buford's Massacre – May 23
 - Carolina Day (Charleston) – June 23
- Compatriot George Thurmond (GA) suggests sending copies of paper to all other state presidents

Georgia State Report – President Bobby Towns reporting

- Have 1,504 members at end of year after starting with 1,314 before any drops taken into consideration
- Attended Battle of Savannah celebration after Kings Mountain in October
- Spoke at four chapters since last meeting and installed officers as recently as January 15th
- Annual meeting set for April 3-4 in Athens, GA

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- Just finished next copy of *Hornets Nest* – front page picture is of 13 debutantes presented at December 27th ball in Milledgeville – funds will be donated to CAAH and GA Society and announced at Annual Meeting
- Compatriot Jay Guest gave \$10,000 donation to CAAH – thanks expressed by the group. Guest mentions also giving to Boy Scouts. CAAH gift was in honor of sister in law who died with family in the plane strike on Pentagon (Leslie Whittington) before she could join DAR. Rooftop gardens will be named in her honor.
- Compatriot Larry Guzy speaks on 2009 Congress – in next 6 years, Congress will be in this district 3 times. Guzy recognizes Anthony who speaks on grave marking at SC Welcome Center on July 3rd. Guzy mentions his two vice-chairmen – Mike Tomme & Doug Stansbury. This will be the last July 4th Congress. Rooms at \$95/night selling well. Already sold out Concierge level at \$115/night.
- Compatriot Guzy also speaks on CAAH Task Force – recent email discussion to develop Mission Statement which has been approved by National Executive Committee. Next level of discussion will be about structure and logistical running of CAAH. District has 3 members on Task Force and the 3 members leading the fundraising effort.
- Next Monday is 3rd meeting of new chapter in Washington, GA where Battle of Kettle Creek was fought
- Compatriot Charlie Newcomer states that charitable contributions from required IRA distributions will not count toward income for taxes for those who have to take distributions
- The DVD of debutante ball will be shown during the Cowpens reception that follows this meeting

Florida State Report – Senior Vice President William K Stevenson reporting

- President Ron Toops has set CAAH participation requirement to 30% for Florida to allow for smaller chapters without resources
- Also pushing for 30% for growth. Stevenson states that "each one to recruit one"
- New Pensacola chapter chartered in September. One other chartered in 2008. Have two more in the wings.
- Raises issue of DAR center check mark issue and how it impacts new applicants.

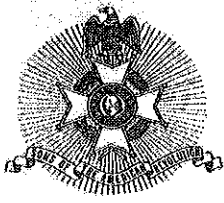
Agenda Items

- VPG Brock speaks on CAAH results that show positive growth since last meeting – South Carolina has had the highest average growth results

State	Members	October			December 31		
		Donors	Percent	Average	Donors	Percent	Average
FL	1,504	135	8%	\$49	152	10%	\$61
GA	1,314	128	9%	\$71	135	11%	\$105
NC	650	84	11%	\$106	94	14%	\$156
SC	606	63	9%	\$14	77	13%	\$20

- Compatriot Thurmond speaks on National CAAH Recognition Program. December 31st figures are in and have been sent out in email with thoughts and suggestions. Major focus should be on new members donating – could raise \$250,000 if each new member gives \$100 over next 5 years. National has prepared a one-page form to be sent out to all members to reach 70% of members we do not see and cannot reach via email. Updated numbers will be sent out after January 1st membership numbers are generated. Dollars will not appear from pledges on these reports until they are paid.
- Compatriot Powell speaks on CAAH and thanks Compatriot Guzy for the Mission Statement. It really tells what we are about which answers a continual question we are getting from outside people. CAAH dream began in 2001 even though donated dollars began in 1999.
 - Began as enhancement to current location but changed to new building which was purchased on March 27th for \$1.45MM. Floor plans and renderings are available for review. Distributes donor form. Building will be 45M SF in size not including 4M SF terrace space.
 - Renovation cost estimated at \$8MM depending on when renovations begin. Potential inflation could raise costs to \$10-15MM.
 - \$4MM has been raised - \$100M from City of Louisville, \$300M from Brown Forman Foundation, \$2.1MM from SAR, \$1.25MM from Bequests/Trusts, and \$120M from other foundations. Current cash position is \$2.6MM.

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- Question is when we will start – potential source of low interest grant which could get \$5MM if we win it which means starting this year. Question becomes tolerance of debt. Hope to get \$2MM from members, plus \$2MM from capital campaign over next 5 yrs and have \$1.8MM in tax credits when construction begins.
- Capital campaign to begin in July when goal will be announced and will run through December. Talk up campaign and be enthusiastic. Ask each person to give \$50 per member per year over next 5 years. The only way to get individual credit is to fill out donor form and send check directly to National - not when collected by state.
- Compatriot Anthony speaks on South Carolina dues notice and billing process with 90.5% success rate and only dropping 56 out of 737 members after 4 distinct mailings.
- Registrar General David Sympson announces 30th anniversary of SAR in Louisville on February 3 which involves community and getting very good response. SAR will potentially participate in Kentucky Derby parade this year. There is a March 5th presentation at Frasier Museum on Abigail Adams and SAR will possibly extend to Ladies Auxiliary at Trustees Meeting. Pennsylvania Society is giving an 8-foot copy of Minuteman Statue to HQ which will then be moved to CAAH. Currently working with Registrar Aaron Adams daily in filing so that he can process new approvals.
- VPG Brock speaks to updating state specific data on district website
- VPG Brock speaks to USA /France exchange program – applications need to be in by April 1st
- Georgia President Towns announces April 13th Infantryman Monument dedication at Ft Benning, GA

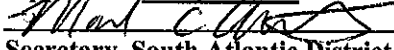
Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm

Attendance

Sam Powell	President, NC Society SAR
Charlie Newcomer	National Trustee, GA Society SAR
Paul Prescott	GASSAR Color Guard Commander
Jay Guest	Elijah Clarke Militia Commander, GA Society SAR
Kurt Van Tassel	NC Society
George Thurmond	GA Society / National Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee Chairman
Bobby Towns	President, GA Society SAR
J David Sympson	Registrar General; KY/FL/GA/NC Societies
William K Stevenson	Sr Vice President, FL Society SAR
Paul L Grier	President, SC Society SAR
Larry T Guzy	GA Society / National Congress Planning Committee Chairman
Billy Templeton	GA Society
Lindsey Brock	South Atlantic District VPG / FL Society SAR
Mark C Anthony	Secretary, South Atlantic District / Secretary, SC Society SAR

Minutes Prepared by: Mark C Anthony

Minutes Approved: 25 April 2009

Signed: 
Secretary, South Atlantic District

Attachments

Sign-In Sheet

Agenda

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SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT MEETING AGENDA
January 16, 2009, Gaffney, SC

Call to order and welcome – VPG Lindsey Brock, Florida Society

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA – President Bobby Towns, Georgia Society.

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

SAR Pledge – President Paul Grier, South Carolina Society.

“We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America , reaffirm our faith in principles of liberty and our constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.”

1. Reports from each South Atlantic District Society President. NC, SC, GA, FL

2. CAAH State Recognition Program for the South Atlantic District through December 31, 2008.

	<u>No. of Members</u>	<u>No. of Donors</u>	<u>% of Individual Member Donors</u>	<u>Avg. Per Total Member</u>
FL	1504	152	10%	\$ 61
GA	1314	135	11%	\$105
NC	650	94	14 %	\$156
SC	606	77	13%	\$ 20

3. Remember, an award will be presented to the state that attains the highest percentage increase within the South Atlantic District. Our target goal is 20%. The award will be presented at the South Atlantic District meeting in Kissimmee, FL on April 24-25, 2009. The district meeting will begin at 8AM Saturday, April 25th.

4. George Thurmond – update on the NSSAR State Recognition Program.

5. Membership growth, Retention and Involvement =MRI Take a look at the Annual Dues Notice sent out by the SC Society - Mark Anthony.

6. The Youth Exchange Program between France and the U.S – Any quires?

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

8. Any comments from our National Officers and National Chairmen?

9. Upcoming events: February 3, 2009 30th Anniversary of the move to Louisville, KY Battle of Kettle Creek, February 14, 2009, Washington, GA, Last Naval Battle, February 28, 2009.

10. Send updates/changes for the South Atlantic District’s web site relating to your society.

Friday January 16, 2009

South Atlantic District Meeting

Name

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Chandice Newcomer GA TAUSSEE

Paul Prescott GA Color Guard

Jay Guest

Keith J. VanTassel

ELIJAH CLARK DISTRICT

NC GEN FRANCIS NASH

George Thurmond

Redmont Chapter

Bobby Towns PRES GASSAR

J. David Simpson

Registrar General

William R. STEVENSON SVY FLN

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Larry T. Heagy

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Billy Templeton

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Jimmy Brad FL

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