

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

South Atlantic District – NSSAR
15 January 2009
Super 8 Motel – Gaffney, SC

Meeting called to order by Vice President General Sam Powell (NC) at 4:01pm with a general welcome and invitation to the District's Annual Meeting in Charlotte

Invocation by Chaplain General Rev. Clark Wiser (NC)

Pledge of Allegiance by Charlie Newcomer (GA)

Pledge to the SAR by Secretary General David Sympson (KY)

A motion to approve the Minutes of the 6 October Meeting was made by Compatriot Wiser (NC) with a second by Compatriot Frank Horton (NC).

- Motion approved by unanimous voice vote

VPG Powell (NC) played a video message from President General Ed Butler.

- VPG Powell elaborates on need for modernization of communication within the district. Besides email addresses, states should consider formatting of websites or establishing complimentary sites that can be accessed by Blackberries or iPhones.

Secretary General Sympson (KY) is recognized to make comments to the group.

- These are exciting times in Louisville. Attends staff meetings on Wednesdays and visits HQ many times a week.
- Considering a local Advisory Council made up of citizens of Louisville to build bridges to donors.
- Videos of construction are available on YouTube. Expecting ribbon cutting on library in May/June – just ahead of Congress. Next phase is fundraising of \$5MM for CAAH.

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- Welcomes group to Cowpens.
- Shares letter concerning personal experiences over holidays and need for all to be thankful for good times. Hope that all have kept the spirit of Christmas alive as well as the needs to support the SAR.
- Mentions marriage of VPG Powell's son since last meeting.
- Much is happening in the SAR and hope that all are involved.

Reports of the State Presidents (report by State President unless otherwise noted)

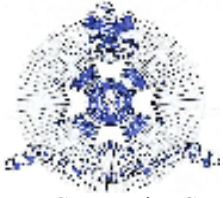
NC Society: Need to correct dates in provided report to reflect correct year. Society has been active since last meeting participating in a couple of parades, presented 37 flag certificates and completed the Eagle Scout program. Knight Essay is progressing. The Society has organized a NC Ladies Auxiliary with Mrs Jo Thronhill being introduced to the group as the new president. She states that 15 members are in place with new bylaws. Compatriot John Thornhill is the nominee for State President for next year.

- VPG Powell comments that GA and FL also have Ladies Auxiliaries that serve to support the SAR.
- VPG Powell comments that NSSAR Congress in 2011 is in NC and the 2014 Congress is in SC.

SC Society: Thanks are given to whoever brought the pleasant weather. SC Society had a strong year with support of strong officer corp. Highlights are positive growth in membership and chartering of new chapter. Colonial Ball was held in Charleston in December where state president presented his daughter. State meeting will be 17 April in Columbia which will be a 1-day meeting. Mentions copy of newspaper article on Canebrake event with copy present for review.

GA Society (Sr Vice President Mike Tomme): Chartered new chapter in Washington GA where Kettle Creek is located. Expect major bylaw changes to be considered at next meeting to address operations and endowment fund. Kettle Creek Celebration is upcoming on Feb 13-15 with social event. Compatriot Kline Pugh, long time secretary, is stepping down with elections in April. His wife should be elected as president of Ladies Auxiliary.

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- Compatriot George Thurmond comments on Kettle Creek and planned honoring of Compatriot Bob Galer at the event. There will be a grave marking for Austin Dabney, a soldier who fought at Kettle Creek, in Pike County the last week of January. Society obtained 6 proclamations from cities and county. Austin Dabney is the first black soldier to be honored by SAR in GA.
- Compatriot Charlie Newcomer comments on Compatriot Jack Ferguson being roasted at 1st annual Color Guard banquet in January for his participating in over 1000 events in his color guard career. Also mentions “Traveling Trunk” for presentation at various public presentations. Funded through state endowment. Also mentions DVD available on progress on Library and use to generate donations.

Compatriot Dick Bishop (NC) is recognized to comment on the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States of which he is an associate. Comments on Wreaths across America report he will be filing with MOUS. Compatriot Mark Anthony (SC) comments that SC did have one participation at the Beaufort National Cemetery.

FL Society (VPG Powell): Reports that no representation present due to a conflict with FL Society Board of Managers meeting. VPG Powell summarizes provided written report. The Society had Flag Certificate presentation and Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to compatriot who collected items for shipment to deployed troops. Report also mentions death of Compatriot Dick Fowler who will be greatly missed in SAR and in Florida where he produced the state newsletter.

- Secretary General Sympson comments that the Florida Society president is admirable in that after WWII he adopted 5 Germans due to situation there.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

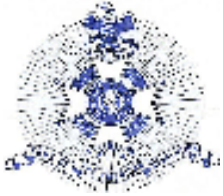
Comments on CAAH

- VPG Powell comments that construction on the Library building being ahead of schedule and most likely on budget at this time. Ribbon cutting is scheduled for 22 June 2010.
- SAR has made great progress this year which is important to its future. The new building will allow SAR to have more visibility and to get our message out more effectively. New facility is a better location and better showplace to raise funds to support programs. This is the time in history to make a difference.
- Virginia Society has challenged all chapters to raise \$500 this year. Compatriot Wayne Rouse (VA) mentions that Society has had 12 of 26 chapters to date to meet this goal. The VA Society has challenged other state societies to meet the same challenge. This is part of the previously announced streamer program from the National Society.
- As of 4 December 2009, donations from all SAR members are \$3,714,301. This does not include corporate gifts which raise that figure to over \$5,000,000. Currently, 14% of all SAR membership has donated against the stated goal of 20%.
- End of year appeal to members over 40 has generated 900 checks compared to a need of 1050 more donors to reach the 20% goal.
- NC is at \$273 per member with 15% donors. Only 32 new donors are needed to reach 20%.
- SC is at \$20 per member with 12% donors. Only 50 new donors are needed to reach 20%.
- GA is at \$105 per member with 11% donors. Only 109 new donors are needed to reach 20%.
- FL is at \$65 per member with 11% donors. There is no data provided on the number of additional donors needed.

Other Comments

- VPG Powell comments on *Leader Express* that is distributed quarterly by the National Office.
- Membership statistics are provided in each copy. Noted positive growth in national membership with current national membership at 28,777 as of 1 December for a 1.13% growth rate.
- District has grown by 25 members to 4,700 members in same timeframe.
 - NC Society had some shrinkage
 - SC Society had very good growth to the point where it is the same size as the NC Society.

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- GA is down slightly
- Florida has good growth.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm with no recessional or benediction.

Minutes Prepared by: Mark C Anthony on 19 January 2010

Minutes Approved: _____

Signed: _____
Secretary, South Atlantic District

Attendance

North Carolina: A Clark Wisner – Chaplain General, Sam Powell – Vice President General, Frank Horton – President, General, Steve Avent, Dick Bishop, Steve Pittard, John O Thornbill, Bob Yankle

South Carolina: Douglas B Doster – President, Mark C Anthony, Redding I Corbett III, Ted R Morton Jr

Georgia: Mike Tomme – Sr Vice President, Larry Guzy, Roscoe McMillan, Charlie Newcomer, Paul Prescott, Ed Rigel Sr, Bob Sapp, George Thurmond

Florida: none

Kentucky: J David Sympson – Secretary General

Virginia: Wayne Rouse

Attachments

Agenda

Minutes of 6 October 2009 Meeting

Letter from Chaplain General Clark Wisner

North Carolina State Report

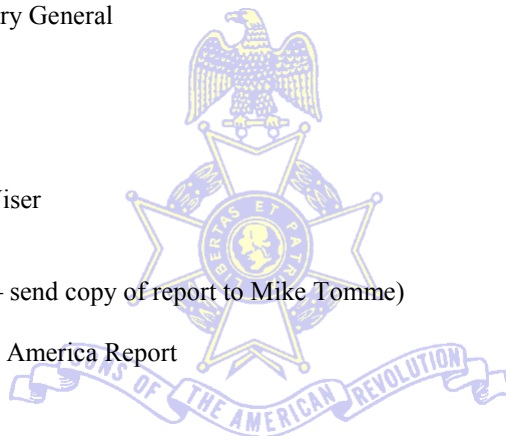
South Carolina State Report

Georgia State Report (*erasable note – send copy of report to Mike Tomme)

Florida State Report

South Atlantic District Wreaths across America Report

Sign In Sheet



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