



## **History of the South Atlantic District Updated April 2009**

At the South Atlantic District meeting in Charlotte, NC in 2002, it was proposed and approved that the VPG provide, on an annual basis, an updated **History of the South Atlantic District**. The State Societies within the South Atlantic District are: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The purpose of the annual update is to inform the State Societies of our common goals and history, our schedule of events, and to act as a forum for our Vice President General in communicating with the four State Society Presidents and the National Society.

This History of the South Atlantic District is an ongoing effort. Hopefully, it will serve as another tool to improve communication to the four State Presidents and the chapters in their respective states. It is only as good as the input we receive. Therefore, additions or corrections are welcomed.

It is our job to assist in the implementation of the goals established each year by the President General. The South Atlantic District has been and will continue to be a leader in achieving and implementing the goals of our President General.

The request for a visit by the President General begins at the Annual National Congress. It is **highly recommended** that each State President have a request available at Congress so that it may be presented to him upon his election. The President General's Travel Coordinator should be notified as early as possible of all requests for a visit to your state society. A concise summary to make the President General's visit a great one is included in this update. Also included, along with other data, is the proper protocol for conducting SAR meetings as published in our NSSAR Official Handbook. The South Atlantic District VPG welcomes the opportunity to assist your Society in coordinating a visit from the President General or his designee.

Any additions, corrections, or comments should be addressed to the incumbent VPG and/or the Secretary of the South Atlantic District.

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South Atlantic District, 2008-2009  
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Compiled April 2009**

**Binder copies to: South Atlantic District State Society Presidents, State Senior Vice President's, Secretary, South Atlantic District, former South Atlantic District VPG, Executive Director, and current General Officers.**

## South Atlantic District Overview

By gentleman's agreement, the position of South Atlantic District Vice President General rotates through the four State Societies. The State Society, next in rotation, usually selects their nominee for VPG at its Annual State Meeting and announces the nominee at the Annual Meeting of South Atlantic District. The election and installation of the South Atlantic District Vice President General takes place at the Annual National Congress.

The incumbent VPG usually conducts the Annual South Atlantic District meeting in conjunction with his State Society's Annual Meeting. The four State Society Presidents and National Trustees of the various State Societies, along with all past South Atlantic District VPsG should be invited to attend the Annual South Atlantic District Meeting. Additionally, NSSAR officers should also be invited to the annual meeting and any other District meeting.

State Society Presidents should submit a report summary of their State's activities, which provides important accomplishments, membership status, new chapters, and any other item of interest. These reports are submitted to the VPG as specified by him, so that he may include them in his Reports which are submitted to the NSSAR (through the Executive Director) and are published in the Semi-Annual Committee and General Officer Reports for publication in the Leadership/Trustees Meetings and the Annual Congress. The due date will be announced by the VPG to allow sufficient time for preparation of the Reports. Reporting by email is the best method of transmittal.

In 1983 Virginia was transferred to the Mid Atlantic District leaving the South Atlantic District with its current four states. In 1983, the Foreign District was renamed the European District, and in 1985 the Western Hemisphere District was formed to give the NSSAR its total of 15 Districts. The Western Hemisphere District was later renamed the International District.

## Membership

As illustrated below the South Atlantic District's total membership is approximately 4,477:

**North Carolina** = 730 members in 21 chapters (as of December 31, 2008)

**South Carolina** = 702 members in 16 chapters (as of April 1, 2009)

**Georgia** = 1,407 members in 30 chapters (as of December 31, 2008)

**Florida** = 1,638 members in 31 chapters (as of April 1, 2009)

## Revolutionary War National Events in the South Atlantic District

The South Atlantic District Society recognizes their States' contribution to the final success of the American Revolution and their historical importance to our Nation. Three of the original 13 States, and 10 of the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence came from this District. The South Atlantic District is particularly well situated to lead the way in recognition of historical events as illustrated by the Revolutionary War Battles enumerated on the next page.

**The North Carolina Society** annually commemorates the following **National Events**:

- **The Battle of Guilford Courthouse** which is observed the Saturday nearest the March 15 anniversary of the battle. This battle is hosted by the Nathanael Green Chapter.
- **The Halifax Resolves** is celebrated on the second Saturday each April and is hosted by the Halifax Resolves Chapter.
- **The Battle of Ramsour's Mill** is celebrated the second weekend each June and is hosted by the Catawba Valley Chapter.
- **The Battle of Kings Mountain** is celebrated on October 7 and is hosted by the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter.

The North Carolina Society was organized 31 March 1911. It hosted the 42<sup>nd</sup> National Congress in Charlotte in 1931 and will host the 121<sup>st</sup> National Congress in Winston Salem. The society has raised nearly \$40,000 for the upcoming 2011 National Congress.

**The South Carolina Society's** annual **National Event** is:

- **The Battle of Cowpens** which is celebrated the second Saturday in January and is hosted by the Daniel Morgan Chapter.

South Carolina's Revolutionary War Battle sites **outnumber those of any other state in the nation**. The South Carolina Society was organized on 18 April 1889, which makes it the oldest society in the district.

**The Georgia Society** annually commemorates the following **National Events**:

- **The Battle of Kettle Creek** which was fought on February 14, 1779 is celebrated on the second Saturday of February and is hosted by the Samuel Elbert and Athens Chapters. The 225<sup>th</sup> celebration of this battle occurred in 2004. The Battle of Kettle Creek commemorates the major defeat of the British in Georgia.
- **The Battle of Savannah** which commemorates the death of Casimir Pulaski in Savannah. The 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this battle was also commemorated in 2004. It is celebrated on October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and is hosted by the Edward Telfair Chapter.
- The Georgia Society was organized 15 March 1921. It hosted the 93rd National Congress in 1983 in Atlanta and has been selected to host the National Congress in 2009 at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel at I-75 and I-285, which is located in the NW metro area of Atlanta. The settled area, of Georgia, in colonial times was approximately the 16 counties along the Savannah River and the Atlantic Ocean. Therefore, most of current day Georgia was Indian Territory during the American Revolution.

**The Florida Society** annual commemorates the following **National Event**:

- **The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution**. This battle occurred off the coast of Florida, just south of Cape Canaveral, on 10 March 1783. The battle was first celebrated on 10 March 2007, which was the actual date (10 March 1783) of the battle. The 225<sup>th</sup> was celebrated on 8 March 2008. The Brevard Chapter is the host chapter and the battle is usually celebrated on the date nearest to March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**The Battle of Pensacola:** This battle commemorates the 1781 Revolutionary War battle that resulted in the British surrender of Florida. The **first commemoration** of this battle will held on Friday and Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. It is anticipated that this year's celebration will have **several thousand in attendance**. Maria Davis, the Vice Counsel of Spain will be in attendance and will be one of the guest speakers. It has not been determined the dates of future celebrations.

Florida is home to the largest SAR population in the District. Its accomplishments continue to set an example for the rest of the District. Past State President Joseph A. Rumbaugh established a \$100,000 Trust Fund in 1992 to establish the Oration Contest that bears his name. It is one of the highlights of every National Congress, and a showcase for young orators.

The Florida Society hosted both the 96<sup>th</sup> National Congress in Tampa in 1986 and the 108<sup>th</sup> National Congress in Orlando in 1998. It is the second oldest Society in the District behind South Carolina, having been organized on 14 March 1896.

### **The Council of Vice Presidents General NSSAR History Vol. III, 1983-2000, page 373.**

Since 1949, Vice President's General have been identified as representing and charged with oversight of the several geographic Districts of the Society. Their roll has been to support and mentor the officers of the State Societies in their District; and to promote the implementation of State goals and programs, and the goals and programs of the National Society.

The VPSG met informally until 1999. In July 1999, President General Howard Horne instituted The Council of Vice Presidents General. It was charged with being:

1. Responsible for providing advice and counsel to the President General.
2. Assisting the President General's VPG coordinator in arranging visits to the District and State Societies.
3. Helping with arrangements for the Incoming State and Chapter President's Seminar at the Spring National Leadership Meeting.

### **Revised Responsibilities**

President General Larry McClanahan submitted a Long Range Plan 2001 to 2021 at the 2001 Congress that reorganized the structure of the National Committees. The Council of Vice Presidents General was placed under the responsibility of the **Secretary General**. All General Officers are included in the "Council of General Officers", and have expanded roles to assist in Society activities and committee operations.

#### **Goals for the Council**

**By Dr. Ralph D. Nelson, Jr. P.E., as related in:  
"The History of the NSSAR Vol. III" page 373**

We plan to continue to see that our district meetings are well planned and effective and that state officers who need some senior guidance receive it from their Vice President General or some other trusted and experienced source. We have a major responsibility for setting the tone of the

Society and for guiding the efforts of the officers of the state societies toward the most constructive and effective paths. Our vigor and dedication to SAR goals and programs should be an example and a catalyst for trustees, national committee chairmen and members, and all who meet us within and outside the Society. We have a special responsibility to reach outside the SAR to attend or meet with high-ranking officials in other societies to promote cooperation that is consistent with SAR goals. Whenever a new role is assumed in the SAR, there are few notes available as to how to actually do the job being assumed. Input from past VPsg will be solicited to enable future VPsg an insight as to what is expected

**For a more complete history and events of each South Atlantic District Society, please refer to “NSSAR History Vol. III, 1983-2000” or the web site of each Society or the District’s website at: [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)**

### **Roll of Honor of Vice Presidents General South Atlantic District**

1889		The South Carolina Society organized
1896		The Florida Society organized
1911		The North Carolina Society organized
1921		The Georgia Society organized
1926		<u>Districts increased from 7 to 11 and for the first time one of the current States provided the VPG.</u>
1926	SC	John F. Jones
1927	SC	John F. Jones
1928	VA	David Edwin French
1929	VA	David E. French
1930	SC	Park Mathewson
1931	NC	Dr. Daniel T. Smithwick
1932	NC	Col. E.L. Baxter Davidson
1933	VA	Walter B. Livesay
1934	VA	Walter B. Livesay
1935	NC	William A. Graham
1936	NC	William A. Graham
1937	VA	Tom Moore
1938	VA	Tom Moore
1939	GA	Jas. D. Watson
1940	FL	Burton Barrs
1941	FL	Burton Barrs
1942	VA	A. Herbert Foreman
1943	VA	William T. Old
1944	VA	William T. Old
1945		<u>No Congress held</u>
1946	NC	J. Edward Allen
1947	NC	J. Edward Allen
1948	FL	Benjamin I. Powell
1949		<u>First year the South Atlantic District name was listed in NSSAR History Vol. I</u>
1949	FL	Ray O. Edwards
1950		Reuben A. Garland

1951		Carson D. Baucom
1952		Carson D. Baucom
1953		Crawford S. Rogers
1954		Crawford S. Rogers
1955		Folks Huxford
1956		Folks Huxford
1957		Frank W. Hannum
1958		Carson D. Baucom
1959		Dr. Boyce McGrier
1960		<u>Intermountain &amp; Foreign Districts added for 13 total</u>
1960		Laurens Hamilton
1961		Hon. Folks Huxford
1962		<u>Western District added for a total of 14 Districts</u>
		<u>NSSAR History, Vol. II</u>
1962-63		Austin R. Drew
1963-64		Carson D. Baucom
1964-65		Col. Francis Murray Mace
1965-66		Col. Robert P. Waters
1966-67		Hugh D. Howell, Jr.
1967-68	FL	Jack Coleman
1968-69		Robert Bruce Cooke
1969-1970	SC	Wilton S. Murphy
1970-71		Donald W. Baldwin
1971-72		T.G. Linthicum
1972-73	FL	Marshall E. Barton
1973-74	NC	Phillip R. Carlton
1974-75	SC	Harold M. McLeod
1975-76	GA	Joseph H. Brown
1976-77	FL	Richard A. Thompson, Jr.
1977-78	NC	Richard F. Boddie
1978-79	SC	Samuel S. Wood
1979-80	GA	A. Mims Wilkinson, Jr.
1980-81	FL	John D. Williams
1981-82	NC	Richard F. Boddie, Jr.
1982-83	SC	D. Homer E. Wright
1983		The Foreign District changed to European & the Western Hemisphere District added for total of 15 Districts.
1983-1984	GA	Dr. Homer E. Wright
1984-1985	FL	J. Alan Cross, Sr.
1985-1986	FL	Cecil L. Bothwell, Jr.
1986-1987	SC	Lee W. Dererr DVM
1987-1988	GA	John W. Loud
1988-1989	FL	Richard E. Friberg
1989-1990	NC	Col. William A. Smith
1990-1991	SC	Judge Alex M. Geiger
1991-1992	GA	Hardwick S. Johnson
1992-1993	FL	Harry L. Young, Jr.
1993-1994	NC	William A. Smith, Jr.

1994-1995	SC	William T. Allgood
1995-1996	GA	Robert F. Galer
1996-1997	FL	Stanley A. Evans
1997-1998	NC	Thomas N. Clark
1998-1999	SC	Ronald J. Horton
1999-2000	GA	Dr. T. Fisher Craft, PhD
2000-2001	FL	Phillip B. Carr
2001-2002	NC	Dr. Charles E. Page, MD
2002-2003	SC	Dr. S. Perry Davis, MD
2003-2004	GA	Larry T. Guzy
2004-2005	FL	Renaldo E. Hamilton
2005-2006	NC	C. D. Williams
2006-2007	SC	Gregory H. Ohanesian
2007-2008	GA	George Edward Thurmond
2008-2009	FL	Lindsey Cook Brock

**Please note that some of the data, such as the state the VPG represented, has not been confirmed for some time periods listed above.**

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**\* The position of Secretary of the South Atlantic District was first implemented at the 6 October 2008 District meeting in Gaffney, SC.**

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Immediate Past President	President	Possible Successor
<b>North Carolina</b>		
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	<b>2010 Annual Meeting</b>	
	<i>Charlotte, NC-April 23-25, 2010</i>	
<b>South Carolina</b>		
Paul L. Grier 43 Hearthwood Drive Hilton Head, SC 29928-2906 843-363-6490 <a href="mailto:grier384@roadrunner.com">grier384@roadrunner.com</a>	Douglas B. Doster 480 Winding Brook Drive Cameron, SC 29030 803-823-2824 <a href="mailto:dosterdb@hotmail.com">dosterdb@hotmail.com</a> Term: One Year	Theodore R. Morton, Jr. 167 Rutledge Road Greenwood, SC 29649 864-223-7374 <a href="mailto:trmortonjr@embarqmail.com">trmortonjr@embarqmail.com</a>
	<b>2010 Annual Meeting</b>	
	<i>City TBD - April 17, 2010</i>	
<b>Georgia</b>		
Robert F. Towns 1261 Tanglebrook Drive Athens, GA 30606-5773 706-548-7291 <a href="mailto:rftowns@aol.com">rftowns@aol.com</a>	Terry E. Manning 1201 Timber Glen Court Liburn, GA 30047 770-564-8822 <a href="mailto:temanning@aol.com">temanning@aol.com</a> Term: One Year	John Michael Tomme, Sr. 1008 Landmark Drive Mc Donough, GA 30252 678-432-1161 <a href="mailto:mtomme@bellsouth.net">mtomme@bellsouth.net</a>
	<b>2010 Annual Meeting</b>	
	<i>City TBD April 2-3, 2010</i>	
<b>Florida</b>		
Ronald E. Toops 754 Manning Place The Villages, FL 32162-7447 352-259-8066 <a href="mailto:rtoops2001@yahoo.com">rtoops2001@yahoo.com</a>	William R. Stevenson 3220 Twelfth Street Vero Beach, FL 32960-3802 772-569-0309 <a href="mailto:panspot@juno.com">panspot@juno.com</a> Term: One Year	Gerald Eldridge Meeks 200 Andrews Avenue, #3A Delray Beach, FL 33483 561-272-1051 <a href="mailto:gerrym44@comcast.net">gerrym44@comcast.net</a>
	<b>2010 Annual Meeting</b>	
	<i>Kissimmee, FL May 7-9, 2010</i>	

\* The **Term of Office** for the North Carolina Society was changed to one year during 2009.

**PROTOCOL**  
**NSSAR Handbook, 2008 Revised Edition, Vol. II, page 41**

Observance of established rules of protocol will increase the prestige and dignity at SAR functions. The basic principles of protocol are to: 1. Observe the rules of ranking of office. 2. Practice courtesy. 3. Use good judgment.

**President General:** The President General is the ranking officer of the National Society and should be regarded as the honor guest at all SAR functions. The State Society President is the highest-ranking officer in his State Society and should be accorded such recognition. **In his State** he outranks a Vice President General. The Chapter President is the ranking officer, in his Chapter.

**President General Title:** All former presidents general retain their title for life, and will be addressed as President General. They should identify their years of office when writing or signing. It is proper when writing about them to identify them as (for example) former President General Jones (1994-95) using small “f” with former.

**Sequence of Seniority:** The sequence of seniority is National Society, State Society and Chapter.

**Ranking of National Society Officers:** The following may be used as a guide for state societies and chapters: President General, Vice President General, Secretary General, Treasurer General, Chancellor General, Genealogist General, Registrar General, Historian General, Librarian General, Surgeon General, and Chaplain General.

**Ranking of State and Chapter Officers:** The ranking of State and Chapter officers is the responsibility of the State and Chapter.

**Ranking at SAR Functions:** When National Society officers and State Presidents and/or officers of other organizations are present at SAR functions, their ranking may be determined by the office held and the organizational date of the respective society. The following may be used as a guide of precedence for a possible State Society function: State Society President, President General, Governor of State, or his Representative, United States Senator, United States Congressman, Mayor of City, former Presidents General, National SAR Officers in order of seniority, visiting State Society Presidents, active Host State Society Officers, Former National Society Officers, National Presidents of other organizations, State Presidents of other societies.

**Seating at National Society functions:** the President General, as presiding officer, occupies the place at the center. The order of precedence is as follows: The place on the right of the President General is the next highest seat. The place on the left is the next highest seat, and on down the line alternating right to left.

**Seating at State Society functions:** The State Society President, as presiding officer, occupies the center place. The highest, ranking officer present is on the right. The next officer is on the left, following the precedence. At luncheons and banquets, the number of people attending should determine the size of the head table in a reasonable ratio to the assemblage. If ladies are included at the head table, the ladies and gentlemen should be alternated in seating. If possible a lady should not be seated in the last chair at either end of the table. A reserved front table can serve for a minister, musician, and lower ranking officers.

**Greetings and Recognition:** The highest-ranking guest should be introduced for any greeting, with others greeted in order of precedence. It is wise to limit the number of greetings. It is unfair to the speaker and to the audience to have lengthy and many greetings. In most cases a quick recognition will suffice. When introducing the head table, or other special reserved tables, announcement should be made to withhold applause until all are introduced.

## President General's Travel Itinerary

Return to President General's Travel Coordinator

Today's Date:

Date of Event:

Information provided by:

Phone/Email/Fax:

Cell Phone:

**(Please complete this form, with any additional comments and return to the PG's Travel Coordinator.)**

Name of Event:

City and State of Event:

Host District, State or Chapter:

District VPG:

Local Host's Name:

Phone/Email, Fax & Cell Phone:

U..S. Mail address:

Local Aide to First Lady:

Phone Email, Fax or Cell Phone :

City to fly into:

Carrier and Flight Number & expected arrival time & date:

(The President General will make reservations and provide this information.)

Who will meet the President General and his lady?

Where and how to recognize?

Hotel arrangements:

Hotel's phone number and address:

City to fly in/out:

Carrier and Flight Number:

(The President General will make reservations and provide this information)

Date and time of departure for the PG:

Who will accompany PG from/to airport?

Schedule of major events:

Example:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attire</u>	<u>First Lady</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Friday					PG 10-15 min. talk on NSSAR following meal.
Dec. 3,	7:00 p.m.	Black Tie	Formal	Steak	