

Minutes of the South Atlantic District Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 20, 2017, Orlando, FL

**Attendance** – Sign-in Roster attached as a part of these Minutes

SAD Vice President General Dr. Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr., presided. SAD Societies represented: Florida – President Raymond Wess; Georgia – Former Vice President General Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr.; North Carolina – President George Strunk; South Carolina – President Edd Richburg. A quorum was present.

### **Call to Order and Opening Ceremonies**

Vice President General Fehrenbaker called the meeting to order at 10:00AM. Colors posted by FLSSAR Color Guard. Invocation delivered by Past Chaplain General Rev. Dr. Randy Moody. Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag led by President General J. Michael Tomme, Sr. SAR Pledge led by Secretary General Larry Guzy.

**Approval of Minutes** – The Minutes of the 13 January 2017 SAD meeting held in Spartanburg, SC, were posted to the SAD website. PG Tomme moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **Introduction of Dignitaries and Guests**

FLSSAR President Raymond Wess

GASSAR Past President and Former Vice President General Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr.

NCSSAR President SMS George Strunk, USAF (Ret.)

SCSSAR President Edd Richburg

SAD Secretary Ed Rigel, Jr.

SAD Webmaster Chuck Sweeney

President General J. Michael Tomme, Sr.

Secretary General Larry T. Guzy

Parliamentarian Rev. Dr. Randy Moody

President Generals Lindsay Brock and Carl Hoffmann

Former SAD VPGs Mark Anthony and Ed Rigel, Sr.

Former VPG International District Ralph Nelson

VPG Fehrenbaker appointed Rev. Dr. Randy Moody to serve as Parliamentarian.

**Remarks by President General Mike Tomme:**

-PG Tomme thanked the members of the District for their hard work and welcomed Philip Theiler, the newest member of the Naples Chapter. He encouraged all members to continue their work to make the District the best in the nation.

**Remarks by Secretary General Larry Guzy:**

-SG Guzy offered congratulations on building the largest District in the country.

**State President Reports Updates** – All State Presidents presented highlights of their reports which are attached as part of these Minutes.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business:**

-Election of District's nominee for Vice-President General for the 2017-2018 term. President Strunk announced James H. Wood as the nominee from the North Carolina Society. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved that Compatriot Wood be elected by acclamation as the District's nominee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Compatriot Wood thanked the District for the opportunity to serve.

-The proposed amendment to the District's by-laws was tabled by VPG Fehrenbaker until a future meeting.

**VPG Report** – VPG Fehrenbaker gave highlights of his report, which is attached as part of these Minutes.

**Announcements** – SG Guzy mentioned that the National Parks Service has partnered with SAR to spread information on the Southern Campaign of the American Revolution battles to school systems.

**Adjournment**

SAR Recessional – Led by VPG Fehrenbaker.

Benediction – Delivered by Rev. Dr. Moody.

**Meeting Adjourned** – 9:44 AM

Ed Rigel, Jr.

Secretary, South Atlantic District

**Vice President General, South Atlantic District**

**Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr.** lgfnsar@comcast.net

The South Atlantic District (SAD) continues to be the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution's largest district with almost 6,000 members...in actuality on May 6, 2017, our National Registrar, Johnathon Toon, stated in correspondence to me that the Florida Society had 2,182 members, Georgia 1,785 members, North Carolina 1,076 members and South Carolina with 854 members. Excluding dual and Youth members, the SAD has a total of 5,897 members. With new members being added daily, we should be over 6,000 members by our next reconciliation date. Our district states have implemented or are in the process of starting active mentoring programs for new members which will undoubtedly improve our retention of new members.

We were one of the earliest districts to attain the goal of reaching PG Tomme's challenge of contributing a minimum of \$1,000 per state towards his initiative to Youth Awards Challenge. During my tenure as Vice President General of the South Atlantic District, it has been a very gratifying and pleasurable experience to visit SAD events and commemorative celebrations, chartering of new chapters and state meetings. Georgia, North and South Carolina with their rich history in defending what has been called Washington's 14th Colony, have many historic and celebratory events throughout the year. These fulfill our District charge in our bylaws, "to perpetuate the memory of our patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; and to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers." Each of our District's states support our National Youth Programs and frequently have youth who compete at the National level. Our district has a very extensive and varied range of programs that are presented to our youth in their schools, ranging from historical traveling trunk programs to presentations on the history of our flags. Battle reenactments, such as that held at Kettle Creek in Washington, Georgia this year are most effective in reinforcing our historical heritage to our youth and the general public. Many of our district compatriots travel great distances to participate in these events. I sincerely thank them for their commitment to our Society and the District.

My wife Jeanne and I also sincerely thank all in the District for their hospitality shown to us in our travels within the district. We have enjoyed meeting many local members at the events and in making new friendships.

I especially would like to thank Immediate Past Vice President General Dr. Edward Rigel, Sr. and his Lady Joan for their availability in representing the South Atlantic District in my absence and with meeting conflicts, such as the North Carolina and South Carolina Society Annual Meetings being held on the same weekend. They are tireless ambassadors for the South Atlantic District.

Since my last report, I have attended the following events;

- 1.) Accompanied PG Tomme and First Lady Cilla to Caloosa and Naples Chapter Meetings on Feb. 8 and 9, 2017.
- 2.) Attend the NSSAR Spring Leadership Meetings in Louisville, KY; March 2-5, 2017.
- 3.) Participated in the April 11-12, 2017 Halifax Resolves Commemoration; Halifax, NC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lawrence G. Fehrenbaker, Sr.  
Vice President General  
South Atlantic District, 2016-2017

## **FLORIDA SOCIETY, SAR, REPORT TO SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT**

**26 April 2017**

**The Florida Society, (FLSSAR) continues to grow. Data gleaned from a recently commissioned Florida Society Strategic Plan showed a steady growth of the society over the last ten years. The society had a census of 1507 members in calendar year 2007 (excluding dual and junior members). The census for calendar year 2016 was 2126 (excluding dual and junior members). These figures show a net growth to the society of 42% (including drops, deaths and transfers).**

**The commissioned Strategic Plan and Study identified the strengths and weaknesses of the society and is allowing us to formulate a short, intermediate and long term plan for complying with the many programs sponsored by the National Society. With projected estimated numbers of manpower and financial revenue, the Florida Society will be able to increase involvement as well as increased spending promoting these programs. The study also identifies areas of improvement in the cyber domain.**

**We continue to employ the concept of conducting Regional Meetings throughout the State of Florida. We started this concept under Past FLSSAR President Steve Williams' leadership with consultation and recommendation from Past VPG Randy Moody. South Atlantic District VPG Larry Fehrenbacher expanded the concept when he was State President and it has been carried over under my term as President. It has been very successful as it affords the opportunity of many members to attend a Regional Meetings locally, conducted by the State leadership, without the need to travel to a Board of Management or Annual Meeting. The meetings have been well attended and many issues have been resolved with positive affect. They have been tremendous in dispelling negative rumors regarding the State and National societies.**

**The Florida Society, for the second year in a row, will have entrants in all six SAR Youth Programs. At last year's National Congress, the Florida Society received recognition from PG Lawrence for having entrants in all six programs. The Florida Society works very hard in promoting these contests and through the newly commissioned Strategic Plan, we hope to identify future sources in financial income to increase prize/scholarship money to entice more participation.**

**The Florida Society had adopted PG Tomme's Youth Education Outreach Program and implemented phase I, the Youth Protection Program. We have appointed a statewide coordinator as well as a statewide training officer. The training officer has begun chapter implementation and will also begin group training at our May 2017 Annual Meeting. We have set a goal of training 75% of our members in the next twelve months. We are in the early stages of implementing Phase II.**

**We have also implemented PG Tomme's SAR Mentoring Program. The Florida Society recognizes an immediate need for implementation of this program to help stem the continued problem of short term member drops. We support the concept that a mentoring program initiated at the chapter level will create a welcome atmosphere to new members and help the society to meet their initial expectations. We believe that the first step in keeping a member is making them feel welcome.**

The Florida Society recently created its very first Ethics Committee. The charter mirrors the national charter and will deal with violations of SAR ethics within the society. The committee will move from an ad hoc to standing committee at our May Board of Management meeting in May 2017.

One of my Presidential initiatives was to recognize and welcome home Vietnam Era Veterans in conjunction with the U.S. Presidential Proclamation dealing with such. We conducted a very meaningful welcome ceremony for Vietnam Era Veterans of the Florida Society during our October Board of Management meeting. PG Tomme assisted in this ceremony and 42 members were recognized. We have been conducting additional welcome home ceremonies around the state at chapter meetings and our goal is to identify every Vietnam Veteran in our state society and give a dignified and proper welcome home.

Another goal of the Florida Society was to recognize the magnificent contributions that our President General First Ladies have made during the terms of their husbands. We are fortunate to have four living First Ladies in the Florida Society. We started the "First Lady's Tea Luncheon" a year ago where all the living First Ladies in the Florida Society are invited to a complimentary luncheon during the Board of Management Meeting. The luncheon transitions to the Florida Society Ladies Auxiliary meeting after the luncheon. This has become a very successful program for the ladies and has garnered additional interest in the auxiliary. A goal was set a year ago to increase the auxiliary membership by 10%. Currently there are 112 members of the auxiliary, a one year increase of 12 members or 12% exceeding the established goal. The ladies have been extremely helpful in supplementing our cash prizes and scholarships for our SAR Youth Programs.

Since my last report, I have attended and represented the Florida Society at the South Atlantic District meeting in South Carolina and the commemoration of the Battle at the Cowpens, the Georgia Society Annual meeting in Atlanta and the SAR Spring Leadership meeting in Louisville.

As my term as Florida Society President ends on 20 May, 2017, it has been my extreme pleasure to be a member of the South Atlantic District under the leadership of VPG Fehrenbacher. He has been a mentor and offered valuable guidance in my growth as an SAR Officer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raymond F. Wess

Florida society President 2016-2017

Dr. Lawrence Fehrenbaker  
Vice President General  
South Atlantic District  
National Society SAR

24 April 2017

Sir:

Please find below the Georgia SAR 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report to the South Atlantic District.

**Membership:**

Number of Georgia SAR Members -- 1 Jan 2017 ----- 1,671

New Member since 1 Jan 2017 -----	66
Reinstatements-Transfers since 1 Jan 2017 ----	19
Total Additions since 1 Jan 2017 -----	85
Deceased since 1 Jan 2017 -----	08
Transfers out since 1 Jan 2017 -----	00
Total Losses since 1 Jan 2017 -----	08

Active Membership as of 01 April 2017

*Reported to National Society SAR* ----- 1,749

Plus Dual Members ----- 27

Active Membership as of 01 April 2017 **1,776**

**Color Guard Events:**

The Georgia SAR Color Guard has participated in 7 National events, and 11 State events during the 1st quarter of 2017. The breakdown is as follows:

January

13 - Daniel Morgan Ceremony  
14 - Cowpens (National)  
27 - GASSAR Annual Conference (National)  
Banquet  
28 - Cowen's Ford (National)  
  
(National)

February

10 - Elijah Clarke Remembrance  
10 - War Hill Skirmish  
10 - Kettle Creek Battlefield Association  
  
11 - Kettle Creek Parade  
11 - Battle of Kettle Creek Commemoration  
  
12 - Colonial Worship Service  
  
22 - Washington's Birthday

25 - Moore's Creek Bridge N.C. (National)

### March

2-4 NSSAR Spring Leadership (National)

10 - GSSDAR Annual Meeting

11 - Commemoration Battle of Brier Creek

18 - Guilford Courthouse (National)

25 - Compatriot David Dukes Grave Marking

27 - Col. William Few Chapter 40th Anniversary

To date, 16 National events, and 37 State Events are on the 2017 Color Guard Schedule.

### **Education Outreach:**

Presentations by the Georgia SAR to elementary school students, middle school students and adults are continuing to enhance the education of the American Revolution and Colonial life to those in attendance. The State is working on PG Tomme's initiative and will be working with the chapters to advance these programs.

The following Education Outreach Awards were presented during the Georgia SAR Annual Conference on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Best Chapter Education Outreach Award**

*Contest Description:* This award goes to the chapter with best overall youth & adult education outreach program in a calendar year.

Winner: Piedmont Chapter

#### **Chapter Education Outreach Streamer Award**

*Contest Description:* This certificate and streamer is presented at the Georgia SAR Annual Conference to any chapter that has sponsored education outreach programs to a total of 1,000 or more students and/or adults during the calendar year. The following Chapters received this award.

Casimir Pulaski Chapter -- 70 presentation to 4009 students and adults.  
Piedmont Chapter -- 49 programs to 3044 students and adults  
Button Gwinnett Chapter -- 21 programs to 3023 students and adults  
Col. William Few Chapter -- 89 programs to 2244 students and adults  
Joseph Habersham Chapter -- 20 programs to 1843 students and adults  
Lyman Hall Chapter -- 19 programs to 1373 students and adults  
Coweta Falls Chapter -- 42 programs to 3009 students and adults

#### **Dr. Lyman Hall Most Improved Education Outreach**

*Contest Description:* This award goes to the chapter that has shown the most improvement in their Education Outreach program during the current year compared to the previous year. The award is given at the state level.

Winner: Col. William Few Chapter  
2016 = 89 programs to 2244 attendees  
2015 = 22 programs to 470 attendees

### **John Dooly Education Outreach Award**

*Contest Description:* This award goes to a Georgia SAR member who has significantly contributed their time and efforts in an outstanding manner to our youth and adult education outreach program. The period of activity for consideration is not limited to a specific time frame but must cover at least a 1-year period.

Winner: Compatriot Don Ray Thomas, Sr. - of the Col. William Few Chapter

### **Nancy Hart Education Outreach Award**

*Contest Description:* This award goes to a female who has significantly contributed their time and efforts in an outstanding manner to youth and adult education outreach programs. The award is given at the state level. The period of activity for consideration is not limited to a specific time frame but must cover at least a 1-year period

Winner: Patricia Thomas - Regent of the Stephen Heard Chapter DAR

### **Georgia SAR 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Donations:**

- \$125 to "Shoes for School" project.
- \$200 to sponsor Georgia Society C.A.R.
- \$250 to the Georgia Society DAR for State Regent's Project.
- \$250 to Georgia Society DAR for Meadow Garden Project.
- \$1,000 to NSSAR for Council of Youth.

### **Registrar's Report:**

Status of applications received during 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017:  
Applications received for review were 71 of which all but two have been reviewed. As of 3 April 2017, 57 applications were sent to NSSAR and 18 applications were pended by the Registrar. One of which was returned to applicant. None of the 2017 applications have been reviewed by NSSAR.

The first quarter 2017 statistics are as follows:

97.2 % applications reviewed

80 % applications sent to NSSAR

25 % applications pending by State Registrar

Two contributing factors result in the long processing time at NSSAR. The Genealogist General has noted that the staff has been reduced over the past year by effectively one person. The genealogical staff has indicated that the quality of application packages also contribute to the long processing time. The quality deals with source documentation and application package content. Some examples are half page source documents and multiple source data dealing with the same event. Further communication dealing with these issues will be forthcoming from the State Registrar to all state society members.

### **First Quarter Special Events and State Initiatives:**

- January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> - Georgia SAR held its Annual Conference in Duluth, GA.
- February 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> - Georgia SAR's signature event, the 238<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Kettle Creek.
- March 10<sup>th</sup> – The Georgia State Society DAR Conference held at the Evergreen Marriott Conference Center in Stone Mountain Park.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> - The 238<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Brier Creek which was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year as a Georgia SAR event.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> - Spring Leadership in Louisville, KY.
- March 27<sup>th</sup> - The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Col. William Few Chapter in Augusta.
- The Executive Committee meeting was held on April 12<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the Spring BOM meeting and a proposal was approved to re-align the Georgia SAR Regions and increase the number of regions by two. With this increase, Georgia SAR will have ten regions and ten Regional Vice-Presidents.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne L. Brown, President  
Georgia SAR

MEMO for South Atlantic District  
FROM: Gary O. Green  
SUBJECT: Society President's Report

21 April 2017

Membership as of 1 Jan 2017: 1033  
Membership as of 31 March 2017: 1059  
Chapters: 27 (BOM approved 28<sup>th</sup> Chapter to be chartered in the early summer.)  
Budget: \$20,095

Color Guard Activities: Our Color Guard has been present in National Celebrations at Cowpens, Cowan's Ford, Crossing of the Dan, Kettle Creek, Moore's Creek, Guilford Courthouse and Halifax Resolves. We also participated at the National Leadership meeting in Louisville as well as the Opening of the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, VA.

Veterans salute: As one of my primary goals, I have tried to recognize as many SAR compatriot veterans as possible. We started the year having recognized 31 and have expanded the recognition 92 by February 2017.

We have had four of the five state District meetings during this fall including one using an electronic "GoToMeeting" program.

I have also attended gatherings of more individual chapters. In each visit, I have emphasized my goals for my term in office. We also have compatriots involved with the update/validation of the casualties at King's Mountain initiated by the Tennessee Society SAR. This project was proposed as an SAR project at the Trustees meeting but did not gain approval from the Trustees.

The NC SAR Board of Managers voted to send \$1,000 to the NSSAR Youth Awards Fund and it was delivered during the Spring Leadership meeting.

I have continued my emphasis upon retention, communication and Veterans recognition by use of a monthly "President's Piece" e-mail distribution chronicling the activities of the state SAR. We have been hampered by health issues in preparing a printed copy of "***The Old North State***" this year and many members have expressed concern about the missing document.

During our annual convention, George K. Strunk was elected and inducted as the 64<sup>th</sup> President of the North Carolina effective 22 April 2017.



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

08 May 2017

SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE S.A.D.

SCSSAR Membership of: 19 May 2017: 862

ACTIVE CHAPTERS: 21

EVENTS 01 APR - Present



1-Apr-2017	Star Fort	Ninety Six, SC
21-22 Apr 2017	SCSSAR Annual Meeting	Beauford, SC
29-Apr-2017	Battle of Fort Watson	Summerton, SC
13-May-2017	Marked Dedication: Moses Hendricks	Pickens, SC
27 May 2017	Buford's Massacre	Waxhaw, SC

- The SCSSAR is working with the Catawba Indian Nation and other lineage groups to establish a monument recognizing the participation of the Catawbas as Scouts and Riflemen in support of South Carolina during the Revolutionary War. We currently have identified approximately 55 Catawba males were participatory.
- The SCSSAR is working with a Summerville group to establish a new Chapter in that area. Mount Pleasant and Walterboro are under consideration as well.
- The MG William Moultrie Chapter is working with the oldest Jewish Synagogue in the US to establish a plaque recognizing a number of Jewish Patriots interred there.
- Following a two (2) year hiatus, the SCSSAR and its Moultrie Chapter hold permanent Director seats on the reformed Palmetto Society of Charleston, founded 28 June 1777, to remember the Battle of Sullivan's Island on 28 Jun 1776 in which the Patriots defeated the English.

Fraternally,

South Atlantic District Meeting

20-May-17

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1 Ed Rigel Jr	GA	Vist secre Forp
2 <del>LARRY BICEG, FORREST PARK</del>	FL	VPG
3 Edd Richburg	SC	Pres.
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5 Charles Day	FL	Color commander FL
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20 Steve Fields	FL	PRES SARASOTA
21 Carl Hoffmiller	F	FPG
22 William J. Ziegenfuss	FL	Pres. Jay Chapter
23 Ed Rigel Sr	GA	Past President
24 Randy Moody	FL	Multiple
25 Kay WESS	FL	President
26 John Strunk	NC	Multiple
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30 Lee Matson	FL	AVP
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32 Chuck Sweeney	FL	WEBMASTER
33 Larry Grezy	GA	Sec. Gen.
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