

Vice President General, South Atlantic District
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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,
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