

# South Atlantic District Meeting – 12 Jan 2018

3:54 PM Call to Order – VPG James Wood

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance – Former SAD VPG Dr. Ed Rigel Sr

Pledge to the SAR – Former SAD VPG Mark C. Anthony

Welcome Remarks

PG Larry Guzy brought greetings and introduce AL SAR President Bobby Joe Seals who presented PG Guzy with the newest version of the GWEF pin

Host Chapter President (Representative) - Daniel Morgan Chapter

Recognized former South Atlantic District VPGs present: PG Larry Guzy, George E. Thurmond, PG Lindsey Brock, Dr. Sam Powell, Mark C. Anthony, Dr. Ed Rigel, Sr.

Former PGs Mike Tomme and Lindsey Brock, SG Warren Alter and HG John Thornhill were recognized and brought greetings

Unfinished Business

Web Site – Need Pictures of State Events that involve others in the district

33 Patriot Event-Postponed due to corporate sponsor difficulties

Patriot Records Biography Inputs

FL-254

GA-243

NC-760

SC-20

Americanism points will be awarded for Biography inputs this year; biographies should be up to 1000 words but should include footnotes and references.

New Business

Posting state/national events on district and national web sites

Patriot Index is being moved from a program that was having difficulties maintaining stability to a new program beginning 18 January 2018. There are over 160,000 patriots that are recognized in the system. This new program should align with the Genealogical Records System as that system is built.

President Reports (Each president has been asked to present ideas from their state on how to recruit new members and retain current members in 2018.)

South Carolina – W. Edd Richburg, Sr (See attached report)

Georgia – Wayne L. Brown (See attached report)

North Carolina – George K. Strunk (See attached report)

Florida – Robert J. Folk, Sr (See attached report)

Former District VPG Dr. Sam Powell updated the district about the financial well-being of the SAR Foundation; due to the generous support of SAR compatriots, the Lanny Patten Challenge Pledge of \$100,000 to the SAR Foundation was met with gifts of over \$302,000. The Stock Market gains over the past year has yielded about an \$800,000 income.

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Former District VPG Mark Anthony and Daniel Morgan Chapter President, John Hoyle, updated the members about the plans for the commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens on 13 January 2018.

### Coming Events:

Kettle Creek, GA – 10 Feb 18

Moore's Creek, NC – 24 Feb 18

Last Naval Battle, Cape Canaveral, FL – 10 Mar 18

Guilford Courthouse, NC – 17 Mar 18

South Atlantic District Meeting, Hickory, NC - 6 Apr 18

Thomas Creek, FL - 7 Apr 18

SAR Recessional – Former SAD VPG Dr. Sam Powell

Benediction

Meeting Adjourned 4:48

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## Florida SAR – Bob Folk, President

There are currently 34 chapters totaling 2385 members. The largest chapter has 189 members and the smallest has 14.

First. recruiting, there are a number of ways for this, Response to National web site, one of the best I have seen to date is the NSSAR site where any leads are sent directly to the state Secretary, I have seen 100's of these and almost all have been processed by local registrars, I am not sure how many actually have made membership but I seem to remember some of the names as they come through the process, a second place where leads come from are our DAR sister Chapters, the St. Lucie River Chapter has seen a number of these leads come through this year the Okeechobee Chapter ladies have recruited over six members and I know of another two, they are working on establishing a Okeechobee chapter for the SAR, third what we see through our Chapter website and what just comes from our color guard, members with family members and people to which we talk anywhere in line at the store, sitting in the mall etc.

1. Second Retaining members, this is a real sore spot with the State secretary, I find that you will lose a few every year from death, people who realize they didn't want to be members, and family members where the person stops paying the dues for the ones he got into the SAR. But the one I truly get irritated with are the drops that come through because no one bothered to contact them. In my own chapter we send out a notice in every newsletter starting in September, the middle of October every no pay is sent an email, again the first week of November another email is sent. Close to the end of November a personal letter is sent out for every no pay then finally after the first of Dec a personal phone call. Then again towards the last week another phone call. With all of the effort the result is 90 to 95 % but if you don't do that the results are 65 to 75% or worse.

As Secretary he see all the results for each Florida Chapter and it is obvious when a chapters leadership fluffs off the annual dues collection process, when a chapter of 50 members has 15 drops, who is kidding who, there are major problems, no leadership and not many who care whether or not the Chapter survives. I have been known to get on the phone to the chapter and tell them that he will not accept their annual report, and it will be necessary for them to do better. It usually works

I have a narrowly focused roll in FLSSAR Recruitment which is application review, processing and submission to NSSAR. I have no roll or responsibility relating to FLSSAR Retention. I am attaching an outline of the current FLSSAR application review, processing and submission procedures. The following is a list of best practices relating to FLSSAR application submission process which have contributed directly to our success we have enjoyed for the more than nine past years:

1. · Streamlined and shortened application submission process with no authorized deviations which is: Applicant > Chapter Registrar > FLSSAR Registrar > NSSAR.

· Utilize a reliable, cost efficient and traceable application submission method to submit applications to the NSSAR which is: USPS Priority Mail, Delivery Confirmation, No Signature Required.

· Enforced single point of contact Chapter Registrar to FLSSAR Registrar and FLSSAR Registrar to NSSAR regarding all matters relating to all FLSSAR application submissions.

· Maintain two way communication between Chapter Registrars and FLSSAR Registrar and provide timely distribution of application process requirement information.

During the last district meeting I indicated we were in the process of finishing a complaint and disciplinary

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action. The action taken was a verbal reprimand that was read at the last Florida BOM. The compatriot that received this action was unable to attend the meeting and agreed that it would also be read at the chapter meeting where he was able to attend.

This situation was a very difficult problem for me to accept. I believe all this could have been avoided had either of the parties involved swallowed their pride and apologized, but this did not occur. As a result, the compatriot has transferred to another state society.

### Georgia SAR – Wayne Brown, President

Please find below the Georgia SAR 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report to the South Atlantic District.

#### Membership:

Active Membership as of 01 Jan 2017.....1,672

Plus: New Members.....228

Plus: Memorial Member.....1

Plus: Transfers In.....7

Plus: Reinstatements .....49

Plus: Reinstatement-Transfers...5

**Total Additions.....290**

Less: Deceased.....29

Less: Memorial Member.....1

Less: Resignations.....0

Less: Transfers Out.....14

**Total Losses.....44**

Active Membership as of 31 Dec 2017...1,918

#### **Reported to National**

Plus: Dual Members (Out of State) ...29

Active Membership as of 31 Dec 2017....1,947

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## Color Guard:

Color Guard Commander: Bill Palmer

Color Guard Staff: Allen Greenly (Deputy Commander – Northern Division), Jimmy Boatright (Deputy Commander – Southern Division), Sid Turner (Commander, Elijah Clarke Militia Northern Division), Steve Burke (Commander, Elijah Clarke Militia Southern Division), Ed Rigel, Jr. (Adjutant), Ed Rigel, Sr. (Immediate Past Commander and Advisor)

### STATISTICS – PAST SEVEN YEARS

Year	Members Participating	State and National Events	Total Color Guard Participation
2011	64 (12 Rookies)	82	782
2012	62 (15 Rookies)	72	663
2013	60 (3 Rookies)	60	578
2014	80 (17 Rookies)	68	761
2015	81 (13 Rookies)	66	786
2016	93 (20 Rookies)	77	814
2017	113 (8 Rookies)	66	692

### Year to Date

**Membership:** The Color Guard has added 8 members to the Color Guard/Militia, as first time participants to its roll in 2017. We now have a source for Continental uniforms. It is GG Godwin.

**Participation:** The number of members participating was awesome! Militia turnout has been outstanding. A highlight of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter was the participation of the Elijah Clarke Militia in a movie for the National Guard about Elijah Clarke and the Battle of Kettle Creek. We also had good participation at Kings Mountain, and various Veterans Day Events. The Award Winning Color Guard/Elijah Clarke Militia was presented a proclamation from the City of Snellville.

## Application Status:

The Georgia SAR Registrar received 270 membership and supplemental applications for review and approval during the calendar year 2017. This is significantly less than previous years. The review status as of 31 December is as follows:

Applications received for review	270
Applications reviewed and sent to NSSAR	246
Applications approved by NSSAR	171

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Applications pended at NSSAR	2
Applications pended by Georgia Registrar	51
Applications returned by Georgia Registrar	2

It is noted that of none of pended by State Registrar were pended by NSSAR.

The statistics are as follows:

All of applications were reviewed

69.57% of applications reviewed and sent to NSSAR were approved

0.8% of applications were pended by NSSAR

18.9% of applications were pended or returned by State Registrar

### Education Outreach:

#### Year End Education Committee Awards for 2017

#### Chapter Education Outreach Streamer Award

**Contest Description:** This certificate and streamer is presented at the GASSAR 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 are qualified for the award:

- Button Gwinnett Chapter - 24 programs to 2725 students, teachers, and parents
- Col Wm. Few Chapter – 27 programs to 2009 students and teachers.
- Coweta Falls Chapter – 20 programs to 1245 students and teachers
- Marshes of Glynn Chapter – 38 programs to 2781 students and teachers
- Athens Chapter – 2 programs to 1057 students and teachers
- Lyman Hall Chapter - 17 programs to 1994 students and teachers

#### Best Chapter Education Outreach Award

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

**Winner: Marshes of Glynn Chapter**

**Awards:** A certificate and a \$200 cash prize to the chapter for use in improvements in its outreach program will be awarded at the GASSAR annual conference to the winner, except that a chapter will not be awarded the cash prize if they also won the cash prize for the Dr. Lyman Hall Award (most improved chapter).

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## Dr. Lyman Hall Most Improved Education Outreach

**Contest Description:** This award goes to the chapter that has shown the most improvement in their GASSAR Education Outreach program during the current year from the previous year. The award is given at the state level. No standard format for submitting a recommendation at the state level is required, but a submission should provide sufficient information to convince judges of the level of improvement from the previous year. Thus, a description of the prior year activity as well as the current year is necessary. The period of activity for consideration in the current calendar year is January through November.

**Winner: Button Gwinnett Chapter**

**Awards:** A certificate and a \$200 cash prize to the chapter for use in improvements in its outreach program will be awarded at the GASSAR annual conference to the winner. Only **ONE (1)** Chapter will be recognized as the Most Improved.

## John Dooly Education Outreach Award

**Contest Description:** This award goes to a GASSAR member who has significantly contributed their time and efforts in an outstanding manner to our youth and adult education outreach program as a member of the SAR. The award is given at the state level. No standard format for submitting a member at the state level is required, but a submission should provide sufficient information to convince judges of the outstanding nature of program participation and activity by the nominee. The period of activity for consideration is not limited to a specific time frame but must cover at least a 1-year period.

**Winner: Bob Sapp – Piedmont Chapter**

**Awards:** A certificate, \$200 gasoline credit card, and plaque will be awarded at the GASSAR annual conference to the winner and the winner will be a guest of the Education Committee at the award presentation. Each chapter's entrants will receive a certificate of recognition.

## 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. No standard format for submitting a recommendation at the state level is required, but a submission should provide sufficient information to convince judges of the outstanding nature of program participation and activity. The period of activity for consideration is not limited to a specific time frame but must cover at least a 1-year period

**Winner: Leslie Strickland Watkins – submitted by the Button Gwinnett Chapter**

**Awards:** A certificate, \$200 gasoline credit card, and plaque will be awarded at the GASSAR annual conference to the winner and they will be a guest of the Education Committee at the award presentation. Each chapter's entrants will receive a certificate of recognition.

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## Youth Protection Training

It is important to note that a growing number of school systems have instituted a “Youth Protection Training” program for individuals such as us who make presentations to school age children. We continue to have additional GASSAR chapter members take this online training offered by the Boy Scouts of American.

## Georgia SAR 4th Quarter Donations:

- \$300 – Wreaths Across America

## Fourth Quarter Special Events and State Initiatives:

- During Fall Leadership the Trustees approved the recommendation from the Congress Planning Committee and selected Georgia to host the 2022 Congress. The Georgia SAR Board of Managers approved the creation of a Congress Committee during its October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and the President’s leadership selection of:  
Co-Chairman – J. Michael Tomme, Sr.  
Co-Chairman – William Allen Greenly  
Vice Chairman – Terry Gibbs
- The Georgia SAR Board of Managers at its October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting also approved the creation of a Centennial Medal/Congress Medal Committee for the purpose creating a Centennial Medal to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Georgia SAR in 2021 and to create a Congress Medal for the 2022 Congress. The composition of the committee was also approved.  
Ed Rigel, Sr.  
Bill Palmer  
David Ludley  
Wayne Brown
- In addition, the BOM approved an increase of \$5 in State Dues to assist in covering the 2022 Congress expenses.
- Continuation of the two Initiatives supporting membership recruitment and retention in Georgia are:
  1. Mentoring Program: Although not fully implemented throughout the state, this program is working where employed and data indicates a positive impact on member retention.  
The D.A.R. Form Finder Program (DAR Referral Program): This program yielded 104 new Georgia members during 2016 and the Georgia D.A.R received a National Award of \$175 at Congress in Knoxville. This program has provided a great tool for recruiting new members and the Georgia Regent Joyce Patton has been very supportive.

## **North Carolina – George K. Strunk, President**

Membership as of 1 Jan 2018: 1190 (Note: Reconciliation is proceeding slowly and the current indications are that we may drop up to 10%.)

Chapters: 27 (28<sup>th</sup> Chapter to be chartered on 21 January in Wallace, NC.)

Budget: \$21,259



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Color Guard Activities: Our Color Guard has been present in National Celebrations at Kings Mountain, Veteran's Day, and Wreaths Across America.

## GOALS:

**Veterans salute:** The death of Compatriot Chuck Sweeny earlier in the year has impacted our ability recognize Veterans. I continue to emphasize the importance of this recognition and any other methods that can be used at every opportunity. Wreaths Across America is the most poignant recognition that we can provide to our deceased Veterans. Thanking them for the freedom that they worked to maintain for us and giving them one last gift for Christmas - till next year.

**Retention:** I have attended functions and gatherings of individual chapters. In each visit, I have emphasized my goals for my term in office and encouraged members and guests to find ways to make them integral to their Chapter activities.

**Communication:** I have written and emailed a monthly "President's Piece" telling the highlights of my monthly activity and detailing the upcoming events of the SAR. We are still working on revitalizing "The Old North State" and how we should distribute it.

Retention continues to be a challenge and the early indications of this reconciliation are that smaller Chapters tend to have a better organizational structure than the larger chapters. They are the quickest in completing collection of dues and have a much better idea of who their members are. I think a part of this is because we elect new officers not long before the process starts, and the handoff of necessary knowledge is not always as good as it could be. We also need to find a way to encourage participation at events by members, other than color guard members. We will continue to discern the best techniques.

## South Carolina SAR – Edd Richburg, President

SCSSAR Membership of: 06 Oct 2017: 900  
06 Jan 2018: 918

ACTIVE CHAPTERS: 21

EVENTS 01 JUN – 07 SEP 2017

Date	Event	Location
25 Nov 2017	Blackstone Battle, S.C.S.C.A.R.	Enoree, SC
01 Dec 2017	Great Cane Break, SCSSAR	Simpsonville, SC
07 Dec 2017	Annual Mbshp Mtg, Gov. Hamilton Chap	Beaufort, SC

- The SCSSAR continues to work with the Catawba Indian Nation to establish a monument recognizing the participation of the Catawbans as Scouts and Riflemen in support of South Carolina during the Revolutionary War.
- Next SCSSAR Board of Governors Meeting, 20 Jan 2018, 10 AM in Columbia, SC