

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING: IRVING, TX, AUGUST 22-23, 2014

FRIDAY EVENING OVERVIEW:

A candidate forum was held at 5:00 -6:00 pm. This was followed by a reception at 6:00 pm and a banquet at 7:30 pm. George Thompson (OK), VPG SCD, convened the meeting. The presentation of colors was led by SCD Color Guard Commander Bob Capps (KS). The invocation was given by Reverend James Taylor (TX), the Pledge of Allegiance by Darrell Hefley (OK) followed by the Pledge to the SAR. The ceremony for the Change in the Command in the SCD Color Guard was held with Frank Rohrbough installed as the new commander. PG Lindsey Brock presented Darlene Neuhaus with the Martha Washington Medal. Bob Cohen, TXSSAR President welcomed the attendees. After dinner, Frank Appl (OK) discussed the George Washington Foundation and becoming a George Washington Fellow. President General Lindsey Brock (FL) provided the keynote address on "Battle of Blue Licks Kentucky." The benediction was given by Reverend James Taylor (TX).

The NSSAR officers in attendance were:

President General – Lindsey Brock (FL)

Secretary General – Thomas Lawrence (TX)

Treasurer General – J. Michael Tomme (GA)

Registrar General – Larry Guzy (GA)

Librarian General – Bruce Pickette (AL)

SATURDAY:

A breakfast was held at 7:30 am and completed by 8:45 am.

The South Central District (SCD) meeting was reconvened and called to order at 9:00 am by SCD VPG George Thompson (OK). This was followed by the invocation by Reverend James Taylor (TX), pledge of allegiance to the flag by Bob Cohen (TX) and pledge to the SAR by Bob Capps (KS).

Old Business: None

New Business:

VPG George Thompson discussed the rules for nominating and endorsing candidates by the SCD.

M/2 Frank Appl (OK)/Bob Capps (KS): That the SCD endorse all announced candidates for General Officer who are not opposed by another announced candidate for the 2015-2016 term as follows:

President General: Thomas Lawrence (TX)

Secretary General: J. Michael Tomme, Sr. (GA)

Chancellor General: David Wright (DE)

Genealogist General: John Sinks (DC)

Librarian General: Bruce Pickette (AL)

Surgeon General: Dr. Larry Leslie (KY)

Chaplain General: Rev. Dr. James Taylor (TX)

And that the SCD endorse all announced candidates for the SAR Foundation Board of Directors who are not opposed by another announced candidate for a three-year term 2015-2018:

PG Lindsey Brock (FL)

Michael Elson (VA)

Passed

VPG George Thompson asked for nominations for:

Treasurer General:

M/2 Bob Cohen (TX)/Steve Baldwin (MO): Larry Guzy (GA)

M/2 Peter Grassl (KS)/James Jones (TX): Randall Ellis (TX)

Registrar General:

M/2 No nomination but name remains on ballot for Robert Towns (VA)

M/2 Steve Baldwin (MO)/James Jones (TX): Russ DiVenney (MO)

Historian General:

M/2 Russ DiVenney (MO)/Mike Radcliff (TX): Jack Manning (NH)

M/2 No nomination but name remains on ballot for John Thornhill (NC)

VPG Thompson appointed three tellers to distribute, collect and tally ballots: Steve Baldwin (MO), Darrell Hefley (OK) and James Jones (TX).

Roll call of States:

TX: President Bob Cohen reported and submitted in writing

KS: President Bob Capps reported

MO: Past VPG Steve Baldwin reported

AR: No report

OK: President Darrell Hefley reported and submitted in writing

Head of Tellers committee reported the following endorsements as a result of the balloting:

Treasurer General: Randall Ellis (TX)

Registrar General: Russ DiVenney (MO)

Historian General: Jack Manning (NH)

M/2 Steve Baldwin (MO)/Peter Grassl (KS): Ballots be destroyed. Passed.

M/2 Robert Cohen (TX)/Frank Rohrbough (TX): Texas Society presents Stephen Rohrbough, who was selected by the TXSSAR Congress on March 29, 2014 to be the Texas Compatriot to be nominated by the SCD as its candidate for VPG for the term 2015-2016. Passed

Peter Grassl (KS) announced that Arkansas would hold the next SCD meeting in Little Rock, AR on 28-29 August 2015.

The following awards were presented by VPG George Thompson:

David Temple (TX) received the Silver Roger Sherman medal for the SCD registration

Stephen Rohrbough (TX) received the Silver Roger Sherman medal for SCD meeting

Tom Whitelock (TX) received the Silver Roger Sherman medal for organizing color guard at the SCD meeting

Dennis Nelson (KS) received the Silver Roger Sherman medal for SCD Secretary

Bob Capps (KS) received Certificate of Appreciation for SCD Color Guard Commander

Bob Cohen (TX) received the Meritorious Service Medal for hosting SCD meeting

Stephen Baldwin (MO) received the Certificate of Appreciation for prior VPG

The Colors were retired by SCD Color Guard Commander Frank Rohrbough (TX), the SAR Recessional by Darrell Hefley (OK), and the Benediction by Rev. James Taylor (TX).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am by VPG George Thompson (OK).

Submitted by SCD Secretary Dennis Nelson (KS).