



Events and Minutes // Draft

South Central District Conference

Vice President General Dan McMurray (Missouri)

Hosted by Ozark Mountain Chapter

University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, MO

24 - 25 August 2018

On 24 and 25 August, 2018, the Ozark Mountain Chapter of the Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution hosted the South Central District (SCD), Sons of the American Revolution meeting.

Sequence of Events and Activities

Day 1: August 24, 2018 Events:

1. Registration began at 12:00 Post Meridiem (p.m.) and was open until 7:00 p.m. CST. Vice President General (VPG) Dan McMurray (MO), MOSSAR Vice President (VP) Howard Fisk (MO), Compatriot John McAlear (MO) and Compatriot Mel McNeal (MO) manned the registration table at the opening and were engaging to all arriving attendees. Compatriot McAlear (MO) was responsible for in processing the attendees. Pre-printed name badges were ready for all guests who pre-registered for the event, which included a ticket for the banquet meal (with meal choice) and a ballot for the contested National Society, Sons of the American Revolution Registrar General position for voting members. Pre-registered attendees who were at the event are listed below in alphabetical order.

| <u>Last</u> | <u>First</u> | <u>State</u> | <u>Guest</u> | <u>Office</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| Addington | Darryl | Tennessee | | Past State President; Surgeon General |
| Addington | Mary | Tennessee | Guest | |
| Alter | Nancy | Arizona | Guest | |
| Alter | Warren | Arizona | | President General, NSSAR |
| Appleby | David | Missouri | | Past President General |
| Appleby | Raylene | Missouri | Guest | |
| Baldwin | Stephen | Missouri | | Honorary MOSSAR VP |
| Bryant | Richard T. | Missouri | | MO - Honorary VP; Nat - Chancellor General |
| Burns | Ashley | Arkansas | Guest | |
| Burns | Corey D. | Arkansas | | SCD Color Guard Commander; National Trustee |
| Capps | Robert | Kansas | | |
| Comer | Barbara | Kansas | Guest | |
| Comer | David L. | Kansas | | Assistant Treasurer |
| Conrad | Stu | Kansas | | Kansas Chancellor; Knight Essay Chair |
| Davenport | Peter M. | Virginia | | 1st VP, Virginia Society |
| DeVenney | Laura H. | Virginia | Guest | |
| DeVenney | Russell F., Jr. | Missouri | | MO Hon. VP; Nat. Chair GWEF Distribution |
| Fisk | Howard | Missouri | | MO- VP; Nat. - Committee Chairman |
| Fisk | Jan | Missouri | Guest | Springfield, MO Mayor Pro Tem |
| Grover | Carolyn | Missouri | Guest | |
| Grover | Robert L. | Missouri | | 2009 SCD VPG |
| Hamill | Joe Ray | Oklahoma | | Okla. 1st. VP |
| Hefley | Darrell | Oklahoma | | Alternate National Trustee |
| Holden | Terry L. | Texas | | TXSSAR District 11 VP |
| Hulse | Bobbie | Kansas | | VP |

| <u>Last</u> | <u>First</u> | <u>State</u> | <u>Guest</u> | <u>Office</u> |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| Hulse | Debra | Kansas | Guest | |
| Hutchinson | Kathy | Missouri | Guest | |
| Hutchinson | Roy | Missouri | | |
| Jackson | Thomas I. | Texas | | President, Texas Society |
| Kerr | Harold H. | Missouri | | President MGC Chapter |
| Lawrence | Ken | Missouri | | Chairman Medals/Awards MOSSAR |
| Lee | Charles | Missouri | | VP - MGC Chapter |
| Lyles | Brooks | Kansas | | Kansas Trustee; Nat - Color Guard Adjutant |
| Ungvarsky | Diane | | Guest | Past VPG Lyles Spouse |
| McAlear | John | Missouri | | |
| McCoy | Gerald | Missouri | | MOSSAR Past President; Past VPG |
| McMillan | Charles G. | Missouri | | MOSSAR Sergeant at Arms |
| McMurray | Daniel | Missouri | | South Central VPG |
| McNeal | Melvin | Missouri | | |
| Nelson | Dennis | Kansas | | President Kansas Society |
| Osborn | Becky | Missouri | Guest | |
| Osborn | James E. | Missouri | | MOSSAR Executive VP |
| Painter | Ronald | Oklahoma | | Oklahoma State President |
| Peddie | Drake | Texas | | Secretary Texas Society |
| Perkins | Steven | Missouri | | Nat Chair Risk & Management Committee |
| Philbrick | Dr. Anita | Missouri | Guest | |
| Philbrick | H. Dan | Missouri | | MOSSAR Chaplain |
| Reinbold | Philip A. | Missouri | | |
| Reynolds | Martin | Oklahoma | | National - Trustee |
| Scott | James L. | Missouri | | Missouri Flag Chairman |
| Scott | Sandra | Missouri | Guest | |
| Sentman | Harold | Missouri | | Americanism Award Chair; Yohe Yearbook Chair |
| Sullins | Stephen | Missouri | | Independence Patriots President |
| Thompson | George | Oklahoma | | |
| Thompson | Nona | Oklahoma | Guest | |
| Turner | Donald G. | Missouri | | |
| Vets | Tony L. | Louisiana | | Past State President; Past VPG Southern District |
| Wampler | Bryan | Kansas | | Secretary, South Central District |
| Williamson | Michael J. | Missouri | | |
| Wright | Davis Lee | Delaware | | Treasurer General |

2. The Candidates Forum for National Society, Sons of the American Revolution was hosted by VPG McMurray (MO) and held in the Arkansas Room from 4:00 p.m. to approximately 5:10 p.m. CST. Each candidate seeking a contested position was allowed 5 minutes to speak and non-contested positions 3 minutes. Candidates not present were allowed to have a member speak on their behalf. The contested position candidates presented first followed by the non-contested positions. Question and answer periods were provided as part of each candidates' time to present.

e. Contested Candidates:

- 1) Candidate for Registrar General: Douglas T. Collins (KY). Past VPG International District Brooks Lyles (KS) spoke on behalf of Candidate Collins (KY).
- 2) Candidate for Registrar General: John Thornhill (NC). Honorary VP Stephen Baldwin (MO) spoke on behalf of Candidate Thornhill (NC).
- 3) Uncontested Candidates who were present and spoke concerning their candidacy:
- 4) Candidate for Secretary General: Davis L. Wright (DE) – (Present).
- 5) Candidate for Chancellor General: Peter Davenport (VA) – (Present).
- 6) Candidate for Librarian General: Tony L. Vets (LA) – (Present).
- 7) Candidate for Surgeon General: Darryl Addington (TN) – (Present).
- 8) Candidate for Foundation Board Warren Alter (AZ) – (Present).

b. Uncontested Candidates who were not present:

- 1) Candidate for President General: John "Jack" T. Manning (NH) – (Not Present due to weather concerns). Honorary VP Russ DeVenney (MO) spoke on behalf of Candidate Manning.
- 2) Candidate for Genealogist General: Jim Faulkinbury (CA) – (Not Present).
- 3) Candidate for Historian General: Bill Stone (AL) – (Not Present). Honorary VP DeVenney (MO) spoke on his behalf.
- 4) Candidate for Chaplain General: Rev. David J. Felts (PA) – (Not Present).
- 5) Candidate for Treasurer General: C. Bruce Pickette (AL) – (Not Present).
- 6) Candidate for Foundation Board John L. Dodd – (Not Present).

c. VPG MCMURRAY (MO) announced that there will be a massing of the Color Guard at 5:20 pm CST near the North entrance of the hotel in preparation for the Flag Ceremony.

d. The Candidates Forum was closed by the VPG McMurray (MO).

3. The Flag Ceremony was conducted at the north side of the Hotel's banquet center beginning at 5:30 p.m. A flag certificate was presented by VPG McMurray (MO) and accepted on behalf of the hotel by General Manager Brent Parker. Leigh Anne Garren (Sales) and Lani Cook (Catering Manager), both employees of the University Plaza, were not present, but provided great support in preparation for the SCD Meeting. Members of the Color Guard included:

| <u>Last</u> | <u>First</u> | <u>State</u> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Burns | Corey | Arkansas, SCD Color Guard Commander |
| Fisk | Howard | Missouri |
| Grover | Robert | Missouri |
| Hulse | Bobbie | Kansas |
| Hutchinson | Roy | Missouri |
| Lawrence | Ken | Missouri |
| Lyles | Brooks | Kansas |
| McMillon | Charles | Missouri |
| Nelson | Dennis | Kansas |
| Perkins | Steve | Missouri |
| Scott | James | Missouri |
| Sanders | Barnie | Vermont |
| Sullins | Stephen | Missouri |
| Turner | Don | Missouri |

4. The reception and seating occurred in the Kansas Room at 6:30 p.m. CST. The head table consisted of the following dignitaries and guests:

- a. PG Warren and Nancy Alter.
- b. Past PG David and Raylene Appleby.
- c. VPG McMurray (MO).
- d. MOSSAR Chaplin Dan and Dr. Anita Scott-Philbrick
- e. MOSSAR VP Howard and Mayor Pro Tem Jan Fisk

5. The banquet was held in the Kansas Room and began at approximately 7:00 p.m. CST.

a. VPG McMurray (MO) directed Color Guard Commander Burns (MO) to present the colors. The Color Guard consisting of members of all SCD States presented the colors. The Color Guard “grounded” their hats immediately following the presentation of colors to the side of the room where Color Guard Commander Burns (MO) had a table positioned.

b. The invocation was provided by Chaplain Dan Philbrick (MO).

c. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by MOSSAR Honorary VP and past Registrar General Russ DeVenney (MO).

d. The Pledge to the Sons of the American Revolution was led by President Painter (OK).

e. VPG McMurray (MO) welcomed all in attendance to Springfield, Missouri.

f. VPG McMurray (MO) introduced key leaders beginning with the National Officers and guests:

- 1) President General (PG) Warren Alter (AZ) and his wife Nancy Alter.
- 2) Past PG (2008-2009) David Appleby (MO) and his wife Raylene Appleby.
- 3) Past SCD VPGs were asked to stand.
- 4) Other VPGs were asked to stand.
- 5) Treasurer General – Davis Lee Wright (DE).
- 6) Chancellor General – Richard Bryant (MO).
- 7) Surgeon General-Darryl Addington (TN) and his wife Mary Addington.

g. State Presidents:

- 1) President J. Wayne Merrill (MO) and his wife Pat were not able to attend due to a last minute emergency.
- 2) President Ron Painter (OK).
- 3) President Dennis Nelson (KS) and his wife Susan Nelson.
- 4) President Thomas Jackson (TX).

h. SCD Officers:

- 1) Bryan Wampler (KS), SCD Secretary.
- 2) Corey Burns (AK), Color Guard Commander and his wife Ashley Burns.
- 3) Robert L. Grover (MO), Historian and his wife Carolyn Grover.

i. Springfield Mayor Pro Tem Jan Fisk welcomed the group to Springfield, MO and presented her proclamation to the South Central District.

j. VPG McMurray (MO) thanked Becky Osborne and the Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary for the table center pieces consisting of flags from each SCD State.

k. Dinner and table conversation was enjoyed by all.

l. Executive Vice President (EVP) James Osborne (MO) provided welcoming comments as the host State Society.

m. VPG McMurray (MO) introduced Past PG Appleby (2008-2009) and asked him to say a few words and introduce PG Alter who is the keynote speaker.

n. PG Alter (AZ) began his presentation by presenting Past PG Appleby the Aide-de-camp pin and said the hospitality provide by the Appleby's has been extraordinary. PG Alter (AZ) also stated that this is probably the first time a Past PG has received the Aide-de-camp pin.

1) PG Alter (AZ) stated that the First Lady of the SAR, Nancy, had a few words she would like to share. First Lady Alter asked Raylene Appleby to step forward. First Lady Alter commented how much she appreciated the hospitality of the Appleby's and enjoyed visiting Springfield, MO, to include shopping. First Lady Alter presented Mrs. Appleby with the "Ladies Hospitality Pin," although she accidently left it in the Appleby's guest bedroom.

2) Both PG and Nancy Alter stated how much they enjoyed the Appleby's two dogs.

3) PG Alter (AZ) said he brought Challenge Coins and wanted to be sure he had the chance to present one to every member in attendance.

4) PG Alter (AZ) commented that he is now five weeks into his Presidency. He thanked VPG McMurray (MO) for his great support.

5) PG Alter's primary message for the evening was on Communicating. He said it is important that we remember that this is a volunteer organization. He stated that he wants to improve the openness and transparency of the society. He asked all the VPGs to ensure the State Societies keep their Websites up to date since potential members will think a chapter is inactive if the information is outdated. PG Alter (AZ) said he knows the National Website needs work and it will be updated.

6) PG Alter (AZ) asked that members ensure their address and email addresses are updated on the National Society's website. Presently, only 65% of members have an email registered...and many are incorrect. Many members are not receiving their monthly magazines due to no address on file, or an incorrect or incomplete address.

7) We were asked to please read the magazine and see the great "things" that are being accomplished by other chapters. PG Alter (AZ) also mentioned that his Inauguration Speech will be in the next issue.

8) PG Alter (AZ) stated that he served in Law Enforcement for over 39 years and asks that we focus on recognizing our public safety personnel. He stated that he become interested in the SAR after receiving an inquiry from the SAR chapter he eventually joined when they asked him via a letter if he had any officers that he would like to recognize through the SAR. Some states are going above and beyond, and he thanks them for that. He continued by saying there are 5 public safety/heroism medals. States that award and report 4 medals will received a Streamer from National. Those states that award all 5 and report will also receive \$50.00 from PG Alter (AZ).

9) We were asked to visit the recently updated Foundation website.

10) PG Alter (AZ) said he has discussed with the National staff the need to focus on Customer service. We were asked not to be impolite to the full-time staff. If we have problems, we are asked to work through our leadership and allow the National General Officers to handle the issues.

11) We were also asked to be sure to present Memorial Certificates to the family members of deceased Compatriots. We need to ensure the families know we are thinking of them.

12) PG Alter (AZ) said it is important to retain our members...and by retaining members it will help grow our membership.

13) Please report deaths to National. Life membership for older members is cheaper than dues. PG Alter (AZ) mentioned that a 95 year old pays \$15.00 for a Life Membership versus \$35.00 a year for dues.

14) PG Alter (AZ) stated that he is a member of 4 of the 5 States within the SCD. (Kansas members immediately identified that they were the State PG Alter (AZ) was not a member). PG Alter (AZ) thanks Texas for having more than 3,000 members.

15) PG Alter (AZ) concluded his comments.

o. VPG McMurray (MO) presented a Cookbook by the owner of the Bass Pro Shop to First Lady Alter and a book to PG Alter (AZ) on Nathanael Greene and mentioned that Greene County, MO, the County Seat for Springfield, MO is named after Patriot Greene. Both First Lady and PG Alter (AZ) thanked the members for the gifts. First Lady Alter mentioned that she is a Gourmet Chef and will use the book, and PG Alter (AZ) said he is an avid reader and has plenty of time in airports to read this book.

p. Special announcements were made by VPG McMurray (MO) to include:

1) Breakfast: 7:00 Ante Meridiem (a.m.) in the Kansas Room.

2) The Business meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. in the Arkansas Room.

q. Missouri Society Chaplain Dan Philbrick (MO) offered the benediction.

Day 2: August 25, 2018

6. Compatriot McAlear (MO) work the registration table beginning at 7:00 a.m. CST.

7. Breakfast was served in the Kansas Room from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.. VPG McMurray (MO) called the breakfast to order at 7:00 a.m. CST and welcomed all in attendance.

a. The invocation was provided by MOSSAR Chaplain Philbrick (MO).

b. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by MOSSAR VP Fisk (MO).

c. The Pledge to the Sons of the American Revolution was led by President Jackson (TX).

d. Member proceeded to the buffet line, which was located in the Texas Room.

e. VPG McMurray (MO) thanked Becky Osborne and the Missouri Society, Sons of the American Revolution Ladies Auxiliary for the table center pieces consisting of a circular piece with three cutouts of the SCD regions and flags from each SCD State in the center.

f. VPG McMurray (MO) adjourned breakfast at approximately 7:40 a.m. CST and announced that the SCD Business Meeting will convene as soon as PG Alter (AZ) arrives or no later than 9:00 a.m. CST in the Arkansas Room.

8. The Business Meeting was held in the Arkansas Room from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 11:40 a.m. CST.

a. The Business Session was called to order by VPG McMurray (MO) at 9:00 a.m. CST.

b. Seated at the head table were:

- 1) PG Alter (AZ)
- 2) Past PG Appleby (MO) (2008-2009)
- 3) VPG McMurray (MO)
- 4) SCD Secretary Wampler (KS)

c. The State Rollcall was conducted by Secretary Wampler (KS) with all States represented:

- 1) Missouri: EVP Osborne present representing President Merrill (MO).
- 2) Oklahoma: President Painter (OK) present.
- 3) Kansas: President Nelson (KS) present.
- 4) Arkansas: Color Guard Commander Burns (AK) present representing President Magee (AR).
- 5) Texas: President Jackson (TX) present.

d. Secretary Wampler (KS) reported that all States are represented and a quorum is present per the SCD Bylaws.

e. Last year's Meeting Minutes were available at the back of the room. A request was made for any discussion. A motion was made to accept the 2017 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve. M/2 Sullins (MO)/Jackson (TX). Changes were requested during the discussion period and a voice vote was then taken to accept the 2017 Meeting Minutes with changes. Secretary Wampler (KS) to update and submit the approved 2017 Meeting Minutes to Stephen Rohrbough at srohrbough@sbcglobal.net for posting on the SCD Website.

f. VPG McMurray (MO) called for State Society Reports.

- 1) EVP James Osbourn (MO) presented the Missouri's report:

MISSOURI SOCIETY SAR (2018-2019) REPORT

From the end of April 2017 to the end of April 2018 the Missouri Society SAR was under the leadership of President Dennis J. Hahn and from the end of April 2018 to the present the Society has been under the leadership of President J. Wayne Merrill. At its board meeting in July 2018 it was reported that the Missouri membership stood at 769 with 13 dual members. The Society's Annual Convention was held in St. Charles, Missouri, and was hosted by the Fernando de Leyba Chapter. There were 99 in attendance plus guests which included President General Larry Guzy and Vice President General Robert Capps.

Thirteen Missouri Society SAR members attended the NSSAR National Congress in Houston, Texas. The Missouri Society was recognized with a large number of participation certificates and streamers. Nine Missouri members received the Liberty Medal or oak leaves. Missouri had the Eagle Scout candidate who won the Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Award and he delivered his oration on General Henry Knox at the Awards Banquet. Missouri also had the winner of the Sargent Moses Adams Award for Americanism for his entry in the Brochure Contest. SAR men from Missouri who were sworn into office for the 2018-2019 year were: Richard T. Bryant, Chancellor General; Daniel R. McMurray, Vice President General of the South-Central District; and Clifford C. Olsen II as our National Trustee.

The Missouri Color Guard is the face of the Missouri Society SAR in our state. They were under the leadership of William L. (Bill) Groth, Jr. for the first half of the year and Douglas (Doug) Neff for the last half. At the time of the Convention in April there were 36 members in the Color Guard and they had participated in 61 events. They also work closely with the DAR in Missouri and help open a number of their events as well. Among the events they participated in were grave markings, parades, wreath laying, veterans' events, and Wreaths Across America in several places. Perhaps the most outstanding event of the year came with the unveiling of the plaque marking the anniversary of Winston S. Churchill's Iron Curtain Speech at the National Churchill Memorial at Fulton, Missouri, on March 10, 2018. It was noted that Winston Spencer Churchill and Harry S. Truman were both members of the SAR. A large number Missouri Color Guardsmen and some from other states added to the impressive occasion. Another impressive event during the year was the Grave Marking of President Dwight David Eisenhower in Abilene, Kansas, on June 2, 2018. President Merrill and Missouri Society's Sergeant-at-Arms, Charles McMillan laid wreaths during the ceremony and participated in the Color Guard. Charles had also laid a wreath during the commemoration at the George Rogers Clark Memorial at Vincennes, Indiana. Another national SAR event that a number of the Missouri Color Guard participate in is the Commemoration of the Battle of Fort San Carlos in St. Louis, Missouri. Our Color Guard reporter, Dennis J. Hahn, has worked tirelessly to see that the Missouri Color Guard are represented in each of the issues of The Color Guardsman issued quarterly by the National Society."

2) President Ron Painter (OK) presented Oklahoma's report:

*Oklahoma Society of the Sons of the American Revolution
South Central District Report
August 24, 2018*

The Oklahoma SAR is comprised of five chapters located in Ardmore, Bartlesville, Norman, Oklahoma City and Tulsa with a current membership of 342. Since January 1, 2018, there have been 24 new members approved, 10 reinstatements, 4 reinstatement transfers and 3 deaths.

The chapters of the Oklahoma Society are continually involved in events and programs to carry out the missions of the national society.

This past year, members of the Oklahoma SAR have assisted, supported and honored the state's veterans by furnishing hospitals and nursing facilities with nonmedical needs such as clothing, shoes and toiletries. Oklahoma SAR members have attended meetings of the Tulsa Mayor's Veteran Advisory Council, Send-off and Welcome Home Ceremonies at Oklahoma-Arkansas Honor Flight events and have attended various veteran organization meetings such as the All Veterans Association and the Vietnam Veterans Association. Oklahoma SAR members participated in the annual Wreaths Across America, the annual Tulsa Medal of Honor

Ceremony and along with the local DAR chapters, have sponsored a float in the annual Tulsa Veterans Day Parade.

The Tulsa Chapter SAR is a registered partner in the U.S. Department of Defense Vietnam Veteran Commemoration and has conducted seven honor ceremonies to date. The most recent ceremony was held on June 9, 2018 in Claremore, Oklahoma at the traveling Vietnam Wall, entitled "The Wall That Heals." Oklahoma SAR State President Ron Painter presented eight Certificates of Honor from the Commemoration, in the memory of their loved one, to two sisters, two brothers, two widows, a son and a daughter of four different Oklahoma men who were killed in action in the Vietnam War and whose names appear on the Vietnam Wall.

Members of the Oklahoma SAR have assisted, supported and educated our youth by providing contributed financial support to JROTC units in need of funds for training events and equipment, by giving annual financial donations to the National and Oklahoma C.A.R., by distributing history books to elementary school students, by providing contributed funds for financial awards to elementary historical essay contest winners and by supporting educational events such as the annual Revolutionary Day for fifth graders held in northeastern Oklahoma.

Additionally, the Tulsa Chapter SAR conducted its 92nd annual Outstanding Citizenship Award Ceremony on February 24, 2018 at which 18 outstanding junior class young men from 18 area high schools were presented SAR pins and certificates for their achievements in community service.

The Oklahoma SAR Color Guard is active in all of our missions with veterans, youth and historical events under the direction of State Commander Henry Baer. Since last year's meeting of the South Central District, the Oklahoma Color Guard has presented at numerous patriotic events statewide on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day and at the annual Wreaths Across America. The Oklahoma SAR Color Guard has presented colors at many Oklahoma DAR functions and also at other organization events as requested throughout the year.

The Oklahoma SAR has recognized and thanked the Oklahoma DAR with medals, certificates and monetary awards for their support and referral of new members through the State DAR Referral Award Program.

Oklahoma SAR members and leadership continue to carry out the missions of our national society to the best of its resources and ability. Our achievements were honored at the 128th Annual National Society Congress in Houston as follows:

- The Admiral Furlong Award Certificate of Participation for Flag Certificate presentations*
- The Admiral Furlong Award Certificate of 100% Chapter Participation*
- 3rd Place Outstanding JROTC Cadet Contest Certificate of Participation and streamer*
- Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Contest Certificate of Participation and streamer*
- George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Certificate of Participation and streamer*
- C.A.R. Activities Award Certificate and streamer*
- Officers Attendance Award Certificate for State President and National Trustee attendance*
- Oklahoma Society DAR 3rd Place Award Certificate and check/Percentage Referrals*
- Partners in Patriotism Certificates:*
- Oklahoma Society, Bartlesville Chapter, Norman Chapter, Oklahoma City Chapter, Tulsa Chapter*
- Certificate of Appreciation to Martin Reynolds for serving as Vice Chairman of the Magazine Committee*
- 2017-2018 Certificate of Appreciation to George Thompson for serving as Vice Chairman of the Ladies' Auxiliary Liaison Committee*
- 2017-2018 Liberty Medal - Oak Leaf Cluster - Fred Morris - Bartlesville Chapter*
- 2017-2018 Liberty Medal - Oak Leaf Cluster - Frank Appl - Norman Chapter*
- 2017-2018 Liberty Medal - Oak Leaf Cluster - Robert Thomas - Oklahoma City Chapter*
- 2017-2018 Liberty Medal - Oak Leaf Cluster - James Reib - Tulsa Chapter*

3) President Dennis Nelson (KS):

*Kansas Society of Sons of American Revolution
South Central District Report for August 25th, 2018 Meeting
By Dennis Nelson, Kansas Society President*

Kansas membership as of 6-30-18 is 848 compared to 752 as of 6-30-17 or a net increase of 96.

There are 12 chapters, 2 that have become active again (Bennington in Salina with 45 members and fort hays in hays with 9 members).

Youth contestants at Houston congress – orations 2nd, JROTC and essay and eagle scout top 10, poster and brochure.

Kansas finished first again in the Allene Groves award for Americanism, receiving honorable mention.

Our newsletter the "liberty bell" won the Smallwood award for best news publication for more than 10 pages. Received cash award of \$250. Brook Lyles editor.

Kansas DAR society was third in total number of referrals and first for highest percentage of referrals compared to state SAR society membership. \$400 in cash award for the KS DAR.

Highlight of our year was the Eisenhower compatriot grave marking ceremony at the Eisenhower Museum and library in Abilene, KS.

Two western regional meeting banquets were held in Ellinwood and great bend, KS. New members from three chapters were installed at this joint meeting from sons of the plains, Bennington and fort hays. Over 20 new members were inducted at these joint meetings.

Notable personal achievements –

- Brooks Lyles received gold medal for distinguished service for chairing education committee from Larry Guzy, President General.

- Bob Capps completed his term as south central district vice president general and brooks Lyles completed his term as international Vice President General.

- John Schatzel, Kansas genealogist received 6 liberty bell oak leaf clusters for sponsoring 60 new members.

- Kansas society will continue to grow and increase chapter participation in youth contests.

4) SCD Color Guard Commander Burns (AK) presented Arkansas' report. The numbers of members in Arkansas continues to increase. Arkansas reached 300 for the first time in many years. A focus has been to work with the CAR with a focus to bring in young members.

5) President Thomas Jackson (TX):

Report of Texas Society, Tom Jackson, President

The Texas Society has had a robust year since our last SCD meeting. Our membership currently stands at 3,072 which includes 237 new members during 2018.

Our membership goal is to have a 5% year over year sustained growth. We plan to achieve this in part by continuing to encourage participation with the DAR, last year we led the nation with 162 referral finder forms. Our District VPs are encouraged to hold a genealogy event in cooperation with the DAR. We have a medal policy to award a medal to a DAR for every 3 new members.

On the Education front we are pushing knowledge of State educational requirements for formative American History by grade level. This permits our presenters to demonstrate our academic relevance. Public ED teachers have to document how our presentations tie into state mandated curriculum. This information will be posted on our state website.

On Grave markings we are proceeding with recognizing Presidents of the Texas SAR. This past month we recognized two of these men. These men were Titans. This included a former Lt. Governor, whose son and SAR Compatriot became a Governor, and also a man who was a co-founder of one of our universities and cofounder of the Dallas symphony orchestra. We are compiling information on each of our Presidents and have a spot on our website dedicated to this initiative. We hope to erect a centopah in the state cemetery for our first President, a medal of honor winner who was a white officer leading an all African-American unit who went on the found a university to serve Americans of African descent and the youngest speaker of the house. There are also a handful of Patriots, including two Hispanic ancestors of mine, who have not had their graves marked.

In support of the PG's initiative we plan to have our district VP's encourage individual chapters to not only recognize public service, but also to report this activity!

And then there was Congress. On the Volunteer Texain front we had 139 compatriots from 22 different chapters augmented by 39 spouses or DAR friends to work all facets of the event. We had four tables of CAR at the luncheon.

We received Best in Class accolades from National attendees for Signage, Registration organization, food served at Host Events, the Volunteer Reception, the Bush 41 tour, worker identification, centerpiece decorations, spending of national dollars on flowers/hospitality and the lady's hospitality room itself.

We treated 430 to our Host Reception at the George Ranch, a covered rodeo arena air cooled by Big Ass Fans and replete with longhorns, a working chuck wagon, a branding pit, green screen photo booth, a step and repeat logo banner, serving Texas Barbecue, Texas Wine & Texas Beer at no cost to our attendees, a snarkly wine banner, the raffle of a Texas ranch which made our new PG a Texas Rancher and induction of a sitting judge.

The volunteer reception with 125 attendees was held at the Czech museum in downtown Houston with a nod to our Moravians who served George Washington, the Czechs Astronaut, and the Czechs who fought for Texas Independence. We featured Tex Mex food from a nationally recognized restaurant and served Texas Wine and Beer at no cost to our attendees.

Our Saturday tour had 100 going to NASA and 100 going to Bush 41 while our Wednesday tour had 100 going to San Jacinto and 60 to the Museum District.

Our Board of Managers authorized \$38,000 for the event and we will have spent \$35,000. Our best estimate is that we had \$15,000 of donations in the form of services, beverages, and the like.

g. Compatriot John McAlear (MO) provide the 2018 SCD Attendance Report.

- Members in Attendance: 45
- Guest: 15
- Missouri: 24
- Kansas: 7

- Oklahoma: 5
- Texas: 3
- Arkansas: 1
- Tennessee: 1
- Louisiana: 1
- Virginia: 1
- Delaware: 1
- Arizona: 1

h. Old and Unfinished Business: None

i. New Business:

1) Chancellor General Bryant (MO) stated that our State Societies are Not for Profit organizations that have special State Secretary of State annual reporting requirements. Due to transitions that take place “things” can slip through the cracks. If this happens, your charter might be revoked requiring resubmission resulting in a new start date. Please make sure your Secretary of State knows who your Registered Agent is. Please keep your organizations in good standing.

2) MOSSAR Honorary VP Baldwin (MO) brought up Library fund contributions and asked all chapters to make donations to the Friends of the Library. He suggested changing Bylaws to include making annual donations to support the fund. He also asked that individuals donating books donate digital versions.

3) VPG McMurray (MO) asked the State Presidents to work as a committee to revise the SCD Bylaws and present them at next year’s annual meeting. Compatriot Thompson (OK) asked from the floor if a vote needs to be taken to have the Bylaws revised. VPG McMurray (MO) stated to have the committees submit revisions was within his purview as the VPG. Acceptance of the revised Bylaws will require a vote to accept.

4) Invitation to the 2019 National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution 2019 Congress to be held in Orange County, CA July 3, 2019 through July 12, 2019 was discussed. EVP Osborne (MO) stated that registration is open for hotel reservations. PG Alter (AZ) stated that the California Society is working hard to have a great Congress. Please get your reservations made soon if you think you are going. John Dodd (CA) is the chair for the California Congress.

5) VPG McMurray (MO) mentioned the importance to update websites as mentioned by PG Alter (AZ).

6) Honorary VP DeVenney (MO) presented information concerning the George Washington Fund. He outlined the program and mentioned that EVP Osborne (MO) became a George Washington Fund member today. Chapter President Kerr (MO) asked why these funds cannot be used to support Operations Ancestor Search at the Veterans Hospitals. Honorary VP DeVenney (MO) stated a formal request needs to be submitted.

7) Candidate Endorsement: VPG McMurray (MO) announced that a significant duty of this meeting is to endorse candidates for National Offices.

8) VPG McMurray (MO) asked Secretary Wampler (KS) to read Article 5 – Delegates to the District.

Article 5 – Delegates to the District Meetings

5.1 The following shall be members of the District meetings and shall be entitled to vote therein:

5.11 All past and incumbent National Officers of this District.

5.12 One delegate-at-large from each State Society and the President or a Vice President of each State Society.

5.13 One delegate for every fifty members of such State Society and one for each fraction of twenty-five or over, such delegates to be elected and accredited by the State Society in such a manner as its Constitution and By-Laws provide.

5.14 No delegate shall be entitled to cast more than one vote. If entitled to vote under more than one of the foregoing subparagraphs, he shall elect under which category he wishes to cast his vote(s).

j. VPG McMurray (MO) read the candidates for each office separately for the declared candidates who are running unopposed and then asked three times if there are any nominations from the floor. There were none and VPG McMurray (MO) closed the nominations for that office. VPG McMurray (MO) started by reading the uncontested candidates. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor three times before closing nominations for each position.

1) Uncontested Candidates:

- Candidate for President General: John "Jack" T. Manning (NH) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Secretary General: Davis L. Wright (DE) – (Present)
- Candidate for Treasurer General: C. Bruce Pickette (AL) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Chancellor General: Peter Davenport (VA) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Genealogist General: Jim Faulkinbury (CA) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Historian General: Bill Stone (AL) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Librarian General: Tony L. Vets (LA) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Chaplain General: Rev. David J. Felts (PA) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Surgeon General: Darryl Addington (TN) – (Present)
- Candidate for Foundation Board John L. Dodd (CA) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Foundation Board Warren Alter (AZ) – (Present)

2) VPG McMurray (MO) asked for a motion to nominate all uncontested positions by acclamation. M/2 Holden (TX)/Fisk (MO). Voice vote resulted in the unanimous endorsement of the uncontested candidates.

3) Contested Candidates:

- Candidate for Register General: Douglas T. Collins (KY). VPG Lyles (KS)/President Nelson spoke on behalf of Candidate Collins (KY).
- Candidate for Register General: John Thornhill (NC). Honorary VP Baldwin (MO) spoke on behalf of Candidate Thornhill.

4) VPG MCMURRAY (MO) asked for an endorsement for contested positions by secret ballot.

9. Nominations Process

a. Contested office (Register General) (Compatriot James Osbourn (MO) Time-Keeper):
Nominating speech 3 minutes and seconding speech 1 minutes.

- 1) Candidate for Register General: Douglas T. Collins (KY)
- 2) Candidate for Register General: John Thornhill (NC)

b. VPG appointed Chapter VP Charles Lee (MO) and Compatriot George Thompson (OK) as "Tellers" with Past VPG Capps (MO) as Supervisor to oversee the casting of ballots and counting the ballots.

c. Each SCD member received a ballot with their name tag. The Arkansas Room was vacated so members could vote. The Missouri Society was limited to 21 votes based upon the bylaws.

d. The ballot box and "Teller" was located in the Arkansas Room and Compatriots filed past the ballot box and deposited their ballot.

e. Candidates were allowed 1 observer to oversee the voting process. No observers were requested.

f. The meeting was continued after the casting of ballots.

1) Past VPG Capps (KS) reported the endorsement of Douglas T. Collins (KY) for Candidate for Register General. A motion to accept the endorsement was made. M/2 Fisk (MO)/Lawrence (MO). The endorsement was confirmed by unanimous voice vote.

g. Candidates Endorsed:

- 1) Candidate for President General: John "Jack" T. Manning (NH) – (Endorsed)
- 2) Candidate for Secretary General: Davis L. Wright (DE) – (Endorsed)
- 3) Candidate for Treasurer General: C. Bruce Pickette (AL) – (Endorsed)
- 4) Candidate for Chancellor General: Peter Davenport (VA) – (Endorsed)
- 5) Candidate for Genealogist General: Jim Faulkinbury (CA) – (Endorsed)
- 6) Candidate for Register General: Douglas T. Collins (KY) – (Endorsed)
- 7) Candidate for Historian General: Bill Stone (AL) – (Endorsed)
- 8) Candidate for Librarian General: Tony L. Vets (LA) – (Endorsed)
- 9) Candidate for Chaplain General: Rev. David J. Felts (PA) – (Endorsed)
- 10) Candidate for Surgeon General: Darryl Addington (TN) – (Endorsed)
- 11) Candidate for Foundation Board John L. Dodd – (Endorsed)
- 12) Candidate for Foundation Board Warren Alter (AZ) – (Endorsed)

h. A motion was made to destroy ballots. M/2 Bryant (MO)/Sullins (MO).

i. VPG McMurray (MO) instructed SCD Secretary Wampler (KS) to convey the endorsements to the Chairman of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution Nominations Committee by 31 December 2018. Secretary Wampler (KS) acknowledge the task.

j. VPG McMurray (MO) stated that the nomination of the SCD VPG for 2019 through 2020 will be elected and seated at the 2019 National Society, Sons of the American Revolution Congress in Orange County, CA. Oklahoma President Painter nominated Darrell B. Hefley (OK) to be the 2019-2020 VPG SCD. The motion was seconded by Oklahoma National Trustee Martin Reynolds.

“The Oklahoma Society presents Darrell Brent Hefley #166920, of the Oklahoma Society, who was selected during its Congress, April 14, 2018, to be presented as the Oklahoma Compatriot to be nominated by the South Central District as its candidate for Vice President General, South Central District, for the one-year term 2019-2020.”

k. VP Fisk provided an update on Missouri’s History and Explorers Program, which have been extremely successful. This is a program that members of the Missouri Society are taking to different locations and organizations to present history vignettes.

l. Past VPG International Division Lyles (KS) briefed the group on the use of the American Revolution Patriot Chest Digital Video Disk, which has presentations, techniques and methods that can be used in teaching environments, which was produced by the Colorado Society.

“The Patriot Chest Program is an interactive presentation, intended to compliment Elementary and Middle School lesson plans on the Revolutionary War and Colonial Period of American History.

SAR Outreach Education will be serving as the source for State Societies and their chapters to obtain a Patriot Chest DVD and receive reimbursement up to \$375 for identified contents purchased to develop their own Patriot Chest. The contents include period clothing, toys, household, hunting and military items. The average cost of a complete Patriot Chest is about \$500. Reimbursements will be made according to the following guidelines.

- One \$375.00 reimbursement per State Society
- Maximum of \$375 for the life of the program
- Reimbursements will be at 75% of total receipts up to \$500.
- Only identified items pertaining to the presentation of the Patriot Chest Program will be reimbursed. No exceptions.
- Reimbursement requests must include itemized list of objects that reflect the submitted receipts will qualify to be reimbursed.
- Receipts and itemized list must accompany the submitted request for reimbursement.
- Please mark all submitted material “Patriot Chest Reimbursement.”
- Send all documented receipts at one time for one payment
- All reimbursements will be made payable to the State Society
- State Societies needs to provide current mailing address of the Treasurer or designated State Society officer who will be receiving the reimbursement.
- Reimbursement requests should be sent to:
- SAR

*Attn: Finance Director Mary Butts
809 W. Main St.
Louisville, KY 40202-2619*

Payment will be made to the State Society within 45 days of being received at National Headquarters.”

Patriot Chest Contents:

Clothing: Continental uniform jacket, waist coat, long dress, bonnet, mop cap, apron, tricorn hats, buckskin jacket, clothing/partial uniforms.

Toys: Doll, Spinning Top, Shut the Box game, Toy Flintlock Pistol, Ball and Stick, Spy Coins, Quilt Flags- Betsy Ross and Gadsden,

Currency: English Coin Set, Spanish Pieces of Eight

Hunting/Military: Powder horn, Charleville Musket, Pennsylvania Rifle, Hatchet, shoulder wallet, fife, enlistment papers, compass / sun dial, continental line and militia uniforms and equipment

Household Items: Candle Stick and Holder, Candle Lantern, Teapot, Pressed Brick Tea Fire Making Tools (flint, steel, jute), Sugar Cones and Nipper Tin Pan, Wire Fork, Wooden Spoon, Bees Wax, Clay Pipe, Playing Cards, Medicine Bottles w/cork, Basket, Writing Quills and Ink

Documents: Declaration of Independence, Constitution, Bill of Rights Booklets

Content Sources include: Jas. Townsend & Sons, Inc.; G. Gedney Godwin, Inc.; Military National Parks Museum Stores; SAR Chapter Compatriots personal collections, and the Chests or Trunks can be purchased at a Hobby Lobby Store.”

Helpful websites:

www.historylives.com/toysandgames.htm www.pencaderheritage.org/main/teachtool/games.pdf

m. President Jackson (TX): On August 18, 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued new rules for nonprofits: “Accounting Standards Update 2016-14 “Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958), This is the first major set of changes to nonprofit financial statement presentation standards since 1993. The new rules take effect for fiscal years starting after December 2017.

1) What are the goals of the new rules? The FASB’s goals for the new rules are to provide better information to donors, grant makers, creditors, and others who read nonprofit financial statements.

2) What organizations are affected by the new guidance? The new rules affect substantially all nonprofit organizations, including charities, foundations, private colleges and universities, health care providers, cultural institutions, religious organizations, and trade associations, among others.

3) What do the new rules do? (Simplify and clarify): The new rules simplify the treatment of net assets in financial statements by focusing on the existence or absence of donor imposed restrictions, as opposed to the types of restrictions (i.e., temporarily restricted vs. permanently restricted). The classification of temporarily restricted versus unrestricted assets has long been an area of confusion. Under the new rules the Statement of Financial Position will only have two classes of “Net Assets” – net assets with donor restrictions, and net assets without donor restrictions. The footnotes will also be changed to explain these classifications.

4) The new rules also replace the current three required classes of net assets (unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted) with two new classes (those with donor restrictions and those without donor restrictions).

5) Clarify cash on hand/available assets: The new rules require quantitative and qualitative information to explain how an organization manages its liquid resources available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year of the balance sheet date. The requirement for qualitative information will be satisfied by “classified” presentation on the

statement of financial position. The requirement for quantitative information will be satisfied by disclosure of whether or not a financial asset's availability is limited by a.) its nature, b.) external limits imposed by donors, grantors, laws or contracts, or c.) internal limits imposed by governing boards.

6) Ensure consistency in the reporting of investment expenses and investment returns: The new rules require investment income to be reported net of related internal and external investment expenses (this is currently optional).

n. Chancellor Stu Conrad (KS) stated that he wanted to share some information and challenge members. He stated that he has worked with the Boy Scouts of American for 60 years. All First Class Scouts must hear about their rights. Chancellor Conrad (KS) said when he meets with these Scouts he will ask them where their rights come from. Most often they respond by saying the Government, which concerns Chancellor Conrad (KS). His challenge is for members to look for opportunities to engage with youth and share American History with them since they are not getting as much as we would like in their school setting.

o. Invitation to the 2019 SCD Meeting to be held in Oklahoma City, OK on 23 through 24 August 2019 was presented by VPG Elect Painter (OK).

"The Oklahoma Society cordially invites members and guests to reserve Friday, August 23 and Saturday, August 24, 2019, and join us in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for the next Annual Meeting of the South Central District SAR. Complete details will be publicized when finalized."

p. VPG McMurray (MO) asked Past PG Appleby (2008-2009) if he had any closing remarks. He stated no which resulted in an overwhelming applause.

q. VPG McMurray (MO) asked PG Alter (AZ) if he had any closing remarks. PG Alter (AZ) thanks everyone on behalf of himself and the First Lady for a great event. He once again, as he had throughout his stay, offered a challenge coin to anyone who had not received one.

r. Benediction was provided by Chaplain Philbrick (MO).

s. The Sons of the American Recessional was led by President Jackson (TX).

The Color Guard consisting of Compatriots Robert Grover (MO), Steve Sullins (MO), and Donald Turner (MO) retired the colors.

t. There was a motion to adjourn. M/2. DeVenney (MO)/Fisk (MO)

10. The SCD Conference was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m. CST.

11. The primary SCD Meeting coordinators include Compatriots:

- a. Howard Fisk (MO) Event Manager, jhoward@fisk.limo
- b. John McAlear (Missouri) Attendance, johnmcalear@missouristate.edu
- c. Corey Burns (Missouri) Color Guard Commander, cdburns183@gmail.com.

12. VPG McMurray (MO) will present awards to individuals responsible for key successes of the SCD and others for their contributions at their home States so they can be recognized by their local Compatriots versus awarding them at the end of this meeting, which was lauded by many.

13. These meeting minutes will be accepted during the 2019 SCD Meeting.

14. Please send all requested modifications to the Secretary, South Central District at bwampler.sar@gmail.com.

Dan McMurray (Missouri)
Vice President General

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