



Events and Minutes // Draft

South Central District Conference

Vice President General Darrell Hefley (Oklahoma)

Hosted by Oklahoma City Chapter

Hilton Embassy Suites, Will Rogers Airport, Oklahoma City, OK

23rd – 24th August 2019

On August 23rd- 24th of 2019, The Oklahoma City Chapter of the Oklahoma Society, Sons of the American Revolution hosted the South Central District (SCD), Sons of the American Revolution annual conference.

Sequence of Events and Activities

Day 1: Friday, August 23, 2019 Events:

1. Registration began at 12:00 Post Meridiem (p.m.) and was open until 7:00 p.m. CST. Oklahoma Society Alternate Trustee Martin Reynolds (OK), Oklahoma City Chapter Registrar Craig Crow (OK), Oklahoma Society Eagle Scout Chairman Gary Jensen (OK) and Oklahoma City Chapter Color Guard Commander Terry Handley manned the registration table at the opening and greeted every arriving attendee with a big Oklahoma welcome. Compatriot Crow (OK) 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 map of the hotel 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.

Last	First	State	Guest	Position
Alter	Warren	AZ		PG 2018-2019, SAR FOU 2019-2022
Alter	Nancy	AZ	Guest	
Appl	Franklin	OK		Minuteman
Baer	Henry	OK		Oklahoma Color Guard Commander
Baldwin	Stephen	MO		Past VPG South Central District
Bayles	Christian	OK		Oklahoma Society Chaplain
Burns	Corey	AR		Arkansas State Registrar
Capps	Robert			
Capps	Bob	KS		Past SCD VPG
Clements	Jim	TX		State Secretary Texas Society
Comer	David	KS		Assistant Treasurer Kansas Society
Comer	Barbara	KS	Guest	
Coonrod	James Dale	MO		Harry S Truman MOSSAR Vice President and Historian
DeVenney	Russell	MO		VPG International District / GWEF Distribution Committee Chairman
Dodd	John	CA		Foundation Board
Dorrough	David	AR		Arkansas State President
Dorrough	Jo Lynn	AR	Guest	
Grover	Robert	MO		
Grover	Carolyn		Guest	
Hamill	Joe	OK		Oklahoma Society President

Handley	Terry	OK		Oklahoma City Chapter Color Guard Commander
Hefley	Darrell	OK		Vice President General SCD
Hefley	Cindy	OK	Guest	
Holden	Terry	TX		
Hulse	Bobbie	KS		Kansas State President
Hulse	Debbie	KS	Guest	
Hunt	Philip	OK		Secretary SCD/ Oklahoma Society Second VP/ Oklahoma Society Secretary
Jackson	Thomas	TX		Past President Texas Society
Jensen	Gary	OK		Oklahoma Eagle Scout Chairman
Kinsley	David	TX		President McKinney Chapter
Lee	Charles	MO		President M. Graham Clark Chapter
Lyles	Brooks	KS		
Lyngar	Lance	VA		Assistant Secretary Virginia Society
McMillan	Charles	MO		Missouri Society Sergeant at Arms
McMurray	Daniel	MO		
Merrill	Wayne	MO		Missouri Trustee
Merrill	Pat		Guest	
Osbourn	James	MO		MO Society President
Osbourn	Becky	MO		MO Auxiliary President
Painter	Ron	OK		Oklahoma Society Past President
Peddie	Drake	TX		Texas Society President Elect
Peterman	Timothy	KS		Kansas State Membership Secretary & Registrar
Pickette	C. Bruce	AL		Treasurer General
Pool	George	OK		
Reynolds	Martin	OK		Oklahoma Alternate Trustee
Reynolds	Kyle	OK		Oklahoma City Chapter Past President
Robertson	Michael	MO		2nd Vice President Missouri Society
Robertson	Jerre	MO	Guest	
Samwel	Peter	OK		Oklahoma Society Color Guard
Stevens	Larry	TX		Past Texas State President & Trustee
Stevens	Barbara		Guest	
Sullins	Stephen	MO		Independence Patriots Chapter President
Temple	David	TX		Texas State President
Thomas	Robert	OK		
Ungvarsky	Diane	KS	Guest	
Wampler	Bryan	KS		Monticello Chapter President
Wilson	Ted	TX		Texas State Society District 2 VP
Wright	Davis			
Young	Ken	OK		OKC Chapter President / Oklahoma Society First VP

2. The Candidates Forum for National Society, Sons of the American Revolution was hosted by VPG Hefley (OK) and held in Ballroom D from 4:09 p.m. to approximately 4:35 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.

A. Contested Candidates:

- 1) Candidate for Chaplain General: Dwight D. Elam (FL). (Not Present, no one to speak on his behalf)
- 2) Candidate for Chaplain General: Kenneth Doster Roberts (WA). (Not Present, no one to speak on his behalf)

B. Uncontested Candidates who were present and spoke concerning their candidacy:

- 3) Candidate for President General: Davis Lee Wright (DE) – (Present).
- 4) Candidate for Secretary General: C. Bruce Pickette (AL) – (Present).
- 5) Candidate for Treasurer General: John Linson Dodd (CA) – (Present, just arrived from the airport due to flight being late and apologized for his shorts & Hawaiian shirt attire).

C. Uncontested Candidates who were not present:

- 6) Candidate for Chancellor General: Michael James Elston (VA) – (Not Present due to moving his daughter into college).
- 7) Candidate for Genealogist General: Robert Benham Fish Jr (WV) – (Not Present, unable to attend and sends his regrets).
- 8) Candidate for Registrar General: Douglas Thomas Collins (KY) – (Not Present).
- 9) Candidate for Historian General: William Oliver Stone (AL) – (Not Present).
- 10) Candidate for Librarian General: Tony Lee Vets (LA) – (Not Present).
- 11) Candidate for Surgeon General: Ernest Loran Sutton (VA) – (Not Present). Honorary VPG International District Russ DeVenney (MO) spoke on behalf of Candidate Sutton.
- 12) Candidate for SAR Foundation: PG Joseph William Dooley (VA) – (Not Present)
- 13) Candidate for SAR Foundation, At Large Position: Darryl Stephen Addington (TN) – (Not Present). Honorary VPG International District Russ DeVenney (MO) spoke on behalf of Candidate Addington.

D. VPG Hefley (OK) announced that there will be a massing of the Color Guard at 5:30 pm

CST near the entrance of the hotel in preparation for the Flag Ceremony. VPG Hefley (OK) quipped this should give John (Candidate Dodd) enough time to “shave his legs and throw on a change of clothes for dinner”.

E. As there were no other questions or topics for the candidates present, the Candidates Forum was closed by the VPG Hefley (OK).

3. The Flag Ceremony was conducted at the main (east) entrance of the Embassy Suites Hotel beginning at 5:30 p.m. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented by VPG Hefley (OK) and acting Color Guard Commander Corey Burns (AR) and it was accepted on behalf of the hotel by General Manager Chris DeAngeli. Flag Ceremony concluded at 5:45 p.m. Members of the Color Guard included:

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>State</u>
Alter	Warren	Arizona
Burns	Corey	Arkansas,
Grover	Robert	Missouri
Handley	Terry	Oklahoma
Hulse	Bobbie	Kansas
Jensen	Gary	Oklahoma
Lyles	Brooks	Kansas
McMillan	Charles	Missouri
Painter	Ron	Oklahoma
Sullins	Stephen	Missouri



4. The Conference Reception took place in the hotel lobby from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and provided a nice open forum for all members to reacquaint themselves with old friends and the opportunity to meet new ones.

5. The banquet was held in Ballroom C and began at approximately 7:00 p.m. CST. The head table consisted of the following dignitaries and guests:

Denise Neil, PhD – Executive Director 45th Infantry Division Museum
Ken Young (OK) – Oklahoma City Chapter President, Oklahoma Society First VP
Cindy Hefley (OK) – Guest & wife of VPG SCD Hefley
Darrell Hefley (OK) – Vice President General, South Central District
Davis L. Wright (DE) – National Society Secretary General
Joe Hamill M.D. (OK) – Oklahoma Society President
Christian Bayles (OK) – Oklahoma Society Chaplain
Drake Peddie (TX) – South Central District Parliamentarian

1) VPG Hefley (OK) directed acting Color Guard Commander Burns (AR) to present the colors. The Color Guard consisting of members of all SCD States presented the colors.

2) The invocation was offered by Oklahoma Society Chaplain Christian Bayles (OK).

Blessed are You O God, O King of the Universe. You bring forth food from the earth, and by Your loving grace, You sustain all your creation with goodness, mercy and kindness. We cherish and defend the honorable and good heritage You bountifully gave to our forefathers. You, O Lord, have blessed us as Patriots, with a just and honorable cause for liberty and justice for all.

Now with thankful hearts, we ask Your blessing upon us as Sons of the American Revolution and our fellowship around each table, and this food and drink, as well as those who prepared and serve it. As we begin this meal, bestow upon us Patriots, and our families, abounding grace upon our Conference with wisdom, fidelity, honor and loving rectitude. In Your Holy Name we pray. Amen!

3) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Oklahoma City Chapter President and Oklahoma Society First VP Ken Young (OK).

4) Acting Color Guard Commander Burns (AR) dismissed the Color Guard.

5) The Pledge to the Sons of the American Revolution was led by President Hulse (KS).

6) VPG Hefley (OK) welcomed all in attendance to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

7) VPG Hefley (OK) introduced key leaders beginning with the National Officers and guests:

1) Secretary General Davis Wright (DE).

2) Past PG (2018-2019) Warren Alter (AZ) and his wife Nancy Alter.

3) Past South Central District VPGs were asked to stand.

4) Other VPGs were asked to stand.

- 5) Treasurer General – C. Bruce Pickette (AL).
- 8) State Presidents:
 - 1) President Joe Hamill M.D. (OK).
 - 2) President James Osbourne (MO) and his wife Becky Osbourne.
 - 3) President Bobbie Hulse (KS) and his wife Debbie Hulse.
 - 4) President David Dorrough (AR) and his wife Jo Lynn Dorrough.
 - 5) President David Temple (TX).
- 9) SCD Officers:
 - 1) Dan McMurray (MO), SCD Past VPG.
 - 2) Phil Hunt (OK), SCD Secretary.
 - 3) Henry Baer (OK), Color Guard Commander, (not present due to family emergency).
 - 4) Robert L. Grover (MO), Historian and his wife Carolyn Grover.
 - 5) Drake Peddie (TX), SCD Parliamentarian.
6. VPG Hefley (OK) invited the attendees to take part in dinner and stated, “if you hear the tornado alarm go off, run outside and take a picture as all Oklahoman’s do”. The buffet processing began with the head table. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and comradery during dinner.
7. Oklahoma Society President Joe Hamill M.D. (OK) provided welcoming comments as the host Society. “I cannot guarantee that you will experience the excitement of the ‘fire’ in Springfield or the ‘earthquakes’ of Costa Mesa, but please take some time to meet your fellow compatriots.” Special thank you to Martin Reynolds (OK) and his staff for taking care of the arrangements for the District Conference. “We hope you enjoy your time here, reconnecting with old friends and making some new friends too.”
8. Secretary General Davis Wright (DE) brought greetings from National Society due to PG John “Jack” T. Manning (NH) having to attend the Indiana District meeting. SG Wright promised to pronounce his “r’s” correctly and wishes the SCD to have a great meeting.
9. VPG Hefley (OK) mentioned that Oklahoma is known for several revolutionary battlefields. The Chickasaw Nation was involved in the revolutionary war and the Chickasaw leader Piominko was an advisor to George Washington. The relationship was pivotal in America reaching independence and the Cherokee Nation maintaining their sovereignty. VPG Hefley (OK) presented Secretary General Wright (DE) a book about Piominko in thanks for bringing greetings.
10. VPG Hefley (OK) asked that all members of the Daughters of the American Revolution that were in attendance to please stand and be recognized.

11. VPG Hefley (OK) asked that all military veterans that were in attendance to please stand, be recognized and thanked for their service & sacrifice.

12. VPG Hefley (OK) introduced the Guest Speaker for the evening, Dr. Denise Neil PhD at 8:15pm. Ms. Neil is the Executive Director of the 45th Infantry Division Museum located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The 45th Infantry Museum is the nation's largest state operated military history museum depicting the military history of Oklahoma and the 45th Infantry Division.

1. The theme of the night's presentation was Bill Mauldin's life work as a military cartoonist. He created over 1500 cartoons most of which were drawn depicting his experiences as a member of the 45th Infantry Division. From 1940-1945 Bill Mauldin showed the daily routines of war in an amusing way in an attempt to relieve the misery many soldiers experienced during World War II. He used two "dogfaces" of the war, Joe and Willie to tell his story. Mauldin won two Pulitzer prizes for his works; one while writing for the 45th Infantry Division news and the second for his writings in the Stars and Stripes. His writings were commonly referred to as 'Star Spangled Banter'. As it turns out, General George Patton did not appreciate his sense of humor that brought laughter to foxholes and battlefields. Ms. Neil used Mauldin's life work as the source of her Master's thesis which turned into a published book titled; Bill Mauldin's Army.

2. The following Mauldin cartoons give a sample of his humor. The one with the Sargent shooting the jeep was his favorite.



Fresh, spiced American troops, flushed with victory, are bringing in thousands of hens, eggs, arbitrary presents. [News item]

3. Bill Mauldin later wrote a book called "Mud & Guts" that portrayed cartoons showing the trials and tribulations of the common soldier of the American Revolution.



13. VPG Hefley (OK) presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Denise Neil PhD for her presentation. Dr. Neil encouraged the audience to take some time to visit the 45th Infantry Division Museum while they were in town.
14. VPG Hefley (OK) asked Oklahoma Society Alternate Trustee Martin Reynolds (OK) to review the events for Saturday (8/24) morning.
 - a. Breakfast: 7:00-8:30 Ante Meridiem (a.m.) in Ballroom C. Remember to use the meal sticker in your name tag to get breakfast.
 - b. Ladies program will be held in Meeting Room 1 at 9:00 a.m.
 - c. The Business meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. in Ballroom D.
 - d. Colors are to remain in Ballroom C overnight, there will be no retirement this evening.
 - e. Attendance today: 10 ladies and 48 men.
15. Oklahoma Society Chaplain Christian Bayles (OK) offered the benediction.

May God's strength sustain us; may God's power preserve us; may God's mighty presence protect us; may God's grace and love go with us this day and forever more. May the spirit of liberty and the pursuit of happiness be born out in our lives with a Patriots love of God and Country. Now, may the Lord bless us and keep us, and be gracious to us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, this day and forever more. Amen!

16. VPG Hefley (OK) dismissed the membership for the evening at 8:51 p.m.

Day 2: Saturday, August 24, 2019

1. Oklahoma City Chapter Registrar Craig Crow (OK) and Oklahoma Society Eagle Scout Chairman Gary Jensen (OK) work the registration table beginning at 7:00 a.m. CST.
2. Breakfast was served in Ballroom C from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. VPG Hefley (OK) called the breakfast to order at 7:02 a.m. CST and welcomed all in attendance.

3. The morning prayer was provided by Oklahoma Society Chaplain Christian Bayles (OK).

May we take a moment before breakfast to reflect through prayer, the many blessings from God, which He has so lavishly bestowed upon this Great nation of ours, and to pass it on to our posterity.

Almighty and most merciful God, Lord of Hosts, the Armies of Heaven, we gather this morning as The Sons of the American Revolution, family and friends, to break bread together. To You Lord, we give heartfelt thanks for all Your accounting grace and love in bestowing upon us: One Nation under God, our Constitutional Republic, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All.

Thank You O God, for Your grace in establishing a Nation for the pursuit of a "More perfect union, established in justice, to insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity" To You Lord, and You alone, we give thanks and praise this morning for these Heavenly blessings, and so much more.

May You in Your Sovereign, merciful love and bountiful grace, send Your graceful favor, Divine wisdom, discernment, direction and most Holy Presence upon us Patriots, Regional Conference, SAR, DAR, that in all we do, we might fulfill Your will and glory in You in thought, word and deed. May we never forget the words from Holy Scripture, "Blessed is the Nation whose God is the LORD."

Now, we pray that you would bless these gifts of food and drink, as we break bread together. In Your Majestic Holy Name, we do pray and implore Your Heavenly Blessings to Your Glory and Praise! Amen!

4. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kansas Society President Bobbie Hulse (KS).
5. The Pledge to the Sons of the American Revolution was led by Texas Society President David Temple (TX).
6. Past SCD VPG McMurry (MO) presented the Meritorious Service medal to past SCD VPG Bob Capps for his help in getting Dan up to speed as VPG for the 2018-2019 term. Past SCD VPG Capps commented that "with 10 ladies and 48 men in attendance this year, this is the largest attendance in some time."
7. Membership was dismissed to participate in the buffet line for breakfast at 7:09 a.m.
8. VPG Hefley (OK) reminded everyone that the ladies' program will be held in Meeting Room 1 and that the Business Meeting will be held in Ballroom D. VPG Hefley (OK) remarked that the OKSSAR Oklahoma State license plates are quite nice, "mine is real pretty". Past PG Alter (AZ) quipped, "aren't those called vanity plates?!?!"



9. VPG Hefley (OK) adjourned breakfast at approximately 8:45 a.m. CST and announced that the SCD Business Meeting will convene at 9:00 a.m. CST in Ballroom D.
10. The Business Meeting was held in Ballroom D from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 11:10 a.m. CST.
 - a. The invocation was given by Oklahoma Society Chaplain Christian Bayles (OK)

Almighty God, with humble hearts, and a sense of our sacred responsibilities, as Sons of the American Revolution; yet, proud of the confidence placed in us by our fellow Patriots. We come together with hearts grateful for the rich heritage bequeathed to us by our forefathers, but also determined to be ever vigilant to preserve it.

We pray Your Divine blessing upon this business meeting. May it be executed honorably, fruitful in its accomplishments and lasting in its good effects. Be with us, guide us, O God, in all our deliberations. Inspire us with Your wisdom; direct us in our thinking. Guide us as we work for Your holy cause, the betterment of the goals of the Sons of the American Revolution, our Great Nation, and our fellow Compatriots. For as Sacred Scripture says: "Make Your ways known to me LORD; teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; I wait for You all day long. Remember, LORD, Your compassion and Your faithful lover, for they have existed from antiquity." Psalm 25:4-6. This, O LORD God, we pray to Your Glory and Praise! Amen!

- b. The Business Session was called to order by VPG Hefley (OK) at 9:02 a.m. CST.
- c. Seated at the head table were:
 - 1) Secretary General Davis L. Wright (DE)
 - 2) SCD Vice President General Darrell Hefley (OK)
 - 3) SCD Secretary Phil Hunt (OK)
 - 4) SCD Parliamentarian Drake Peddie (TX)
- d. The State Rollcall was conducted by Secretary Hunt (OK) with all States represented:
 - 1) Missouri: President James Osbourn (MO) present.
 - 2) Oklahoma: President Joe Hamill (OK) present.
 - 3) Kansas: President Bobbie Hulse (KS) present.
 - 4) Arkansas: President David Dorrrough (AR) present.
 - 5) Texas: President David Temple (TX) present.
- e. Secretary Hunt (OK) reported that all States are represented, and a quorum is present per the SCD Bylaws.

- f. Last year's Meeting Minutes were made available on-line in sharefile prior to the meeting and at the back of the room. A request was made for any discussion. A motion was made to accept the 2018 Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve. M/2 Lyles (KS)/Sullins (MO). Changes were requested during the discussion period and a voice vote was then taken to accept the 2018 Meeting Minutes as amended. Secretary Hunt (OK) to update and submit the approved 2018 Meeting Minutes to Stephen Rohrbough at srohrbough@sbcglobal.net for posting on the SCD Website.
- g. VPG Hefley (OK) called for State Society Reports.

- 1) President James Osbourn (MO) presented the Missouri's report. The Missouri Society is enjoying their 130th anniversary year since being organized on April 23rd, 1889. The Missouri Society has been a part of the Sons of the American Revolution since the beginning when the Honorable Gaius Paddock elected delegate made representation at Fraunce's Tavern in New York. The Society's focus has been on the proprieties of local and national history in which they intend to roll out various scheduled events leading up to the 250th anniversary celebration. VPG Hefley (OK) was presented with a special challenge coin in recognition of his outstanding service.
- 2) President Joe Hamill (OK) presented Oklahoma's report. The Oklahoma Society was organized in February 1905 before Oklahoma achieved statehood in 1907. There were 5 members and 14 applicants that comprised that first Society 113 years ago and Oklahoma was divided by Indian Territory on the East & Oklahoma Territory on the West. The Oklahoma Society now consists of 5 Chapters and 345 active Compatriots. As mentioned earlier, the Oklahoma Society has created a special Oklahoma State license plate commemorating the Sons of the American Revolution. The Society is very proud to have provided a National JROTC place winner for the past 5 years. Oklahoma Society President Hamill instituted a \$10,000.00 challenge grant to raise money for the Educational Museum in Louisville, contributions can be made on-line at SAR.org.

Our achievements were honored at the 129th Annual National Society Congress in Houston as follows:

- The Admiral Furlong Award Certificate of Participation for Flag Certificate presentations
 - 2nd 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
 - Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Martin Reynolds for being Chairman of the SAR Magazine Committee.
 - Certificates of Appreciation to George D. Thompson for serving as Vice Chairman of the Handbook Committee and Ladies' Auxiliary Liaison Committee
 - 2018-2019 Liberty Medal – C. William Lee & Robert J. Thompson
 - 2018-2019 Liberty Medal - Oak Leaf Cluster – Robert R. Thomas
- 3) President Bobbie Hulse (KS) presented Kansas' report.
MOKAT Compatriots,

Since our last gathering we have, as a district, done ourselves proud. At congress in July we of the SCD spent most of the evening racing back and forth to the front to collect awards and streamers. Our district is by far one of the finest examples of doing our part to advance the agenda of our Society so we can all be proud of those accomplishments. Kansas had a first in that our State Genealogist received a Florence Kendall Medal. Only three men each year receive this award and it is given to the top three men for recruiting new members in our Society. We had two new Liberty Medal recipients and a total of eleven Liberty Medal oak leaf clusters awarded thus with good retention we should for the first time be getting close to 1000 members in the near future; our Kansas #'s stand at 894 as of last Thursday. The Kansas poster contest entry placed 2nd at congress and the poster will be on display at Louisville for the coming year. Kansas Society received a great deal of streamers at the congress and we are proud of the entire group and the persons who did all of the reporting especially Bryan Wampler and Justin Engleman. We hope to Charter several new chapters in the coming year. One in Ellsworth is nearly ready to go and another in Emporia well on the way. Justin Engleman is also determined to get one re-established in Great Bend and the way he is filling out applications I am sure that will become a reality as well. Our chapter in Ft. Scott is growing like never before and the future is bright out in the western part of the state with the Col. John Seward Chapter installing a new president and we are looking forward to big things from them as well.

We marked our first Patriot Grave in Kansas when the grave of Sarah Ruddell Davis was marked on May 11 of this year. Thanks to Historian John Forbes for getting that done as he had been years' in getting that approved and now accomplished. Last March Sons of the Plains Chapter hosted the State Conference in McPherson and we were blessed to have now PG Manning in attendance. Feedback from the event was very positive and we are well into planning for the upcoming one in March 2020. It will be hosted by the newly reinstated Bennington Chapter in Salina. If all goes as planned at this time, we will be utilizing a brand new High rise hotel in down town Salina and having our luncheon in the Masonic Temple that has been now deeded over to the city and a part of the convention facilities in development. This will be a real treat for those who have many times wondered what all was in this building that is so grandeur but not previously open to everyone. The many hand painted backdrops on stage were originally painted in France and installed here in OKC prior to being moved by train to Salina to the Temple. I was told they had to build a special Boxcar to be tall enough to move them without bending them. The story will be told on site at the conference. Coming up in conjunction with our November BOG we will be marking the grave of James R. Mead a compatriot and charter member of the Washington Chapter as well as one of the founders of Wichita and many other achievements. We have had a great interest in the SAR since marking of President Eisenhower's grave last year and the fact that he was a compatriot seems to have given rising awareness of the value of an SAR membership. The fact that Mr. Mead was such an important person in the settling of Kansas, the establishment of the city of Wichita, and a charter member of an SAR Chapter gives us relevance. We should honor those compatriots who have contributed greatly to our society as well as our patriot ancestors. It is important to develop our base to include high profile individuals in today's society for the future of our cause. Lastly and maybe the most important is mentoring. Mentoring takes place in many forms. It starts in the application process and continues through the rest of the life cycle of a member. Teaching, sharing, asking, planning, traveling, promoting and basically everything we do as members is a reflection of who we are and what we want to accomplish. We all like to see new members installed and introduced to the group. This is nice but it is only the first step, each of us should feel obligated to take part in the growth of new members as active parts of our society. When a person makes the decision to step down from a position, he has held he should make a commitment to the compatriot who takes his place and assure their success and feeling of assurance that they can transition into the position. We should all be grooming our replacement to be a viable man for the job and if necessary, offer to assist when necessary. Assisting may not be necessary but it is the offer and willingness to do so that is most important. Whether we are the first line sponsor of a new member, the co-

sponsor or another SAR member, making sure that the new member feels welcome and can see himself as a productive member of the chapter and the State Society is very important. This is the responsibility of every chapter member. Ride share, phone or even text reminders of the upcoming events, having coffee, just doing something to let them know that they are valued. It is important if not essential to retention, growth, and long term success of the SAR. Granted we each have different skill sets as do our newest members who are not here in attendance, but we all have taken our oath. "We the People", is us and all of our membership. Mentoring is one of the most important parts of our obligation to our forefathers, our Society and for the health of The Sons of the American Revolution and our nation.

- 4) President David Dorrough (AR) presented Arkansas' report. The Arkansas Society currently has 265 members and 11 active chapters today. President Dorrough is "new to the business" and is looking for mentoring when it comes to running a State Society. He views the Arkansas Society as a comatose patient in need of a revival and is looking for a spark. The Society is working on cleaning up the National Database at the Chapter level. In an attempt to communicate more effectively the Arkansas Society has a new website with a new creative web master and they have adopted the Oklahoma process for reporting to initiate communication from the Chapters. Chapter Operations has to render one Chapter inactive since the real mover passed away but were able to resuscitate another Chapter in South Central Arkansas. Power in the many, "mini" not m-a-n-y, complete one "mini" task by 25% of the membership the improvement is 10 fold from where the society was before. Arkansas not producing any output which leads one to believe no participation. Philosophy - improve the perspective by leveraging the national standard practices to create a better society. Handbooks for every position that outlines the SOP to create a legacy. Used to hold Mid-Year conferences but will have a leadership conference instead. Americanism award will be used as the basis of operations to compete nationally. A lot to do in 2 years and may be a bridge too far. Wants to institute a line of succession for the key positions that run the Society. March 2020 annual conference in NW Arkansas. Follow SAR standard protocol with an abbreviated business meeting and then fill in with interesting speakers. Asked VPG Hefley to attend and Brooks Lyle will provide a history presentation at that meeting. Then host a battlefield tour or museum review. Get away from stodgy old business meetings.
 - 5) President David Temple (TX) presented the Texas report. The Texas Society has 32 new members to bring membership up to 3,118 members. Texas Society Registrars encourages the Daughters of the American Revolution to help and we had 279 DAR finder forms at National (1st). Focus on recruitment and retainment. Need to do a better job to encourage members to come and participate. Succession is a challenge. 47 active chapters/11 districts and added one new chapter. Provide a forum to discuss chapter issues. Host one genealogy seminar a year. Texas state fair, DAR has a house there that was built in the 1930's and has the SAR color guard sit in the house and sell bottles of water for \$1. Sold \$44,000 bottles of water. Use that to drive membership. Approaching 125th anniversary and visit patriot graves and biographies of all past presidents. Awards - 405 most new members, most new members under 40, most dropped members (reinstatement is a full time job), etc. Being big is good and bad. Mentoring and succession is the key to a successful state society.
- h. Oklahoma Society Alternate Trustee Martin Reynolds (OK) provided the 2019 SCD Attendance Report.

- Members in Attendance: 48
- Guest: 10
- Missouri: 12
- Kansas: 6
- Oklahoma: 15
- Texas: 8
- Arkansas: 2
- Alabama: 1
- California: 1
- Virginia: 1
- Delaware: 1
- Arizona: 1

1) Old and Unfinished Business: New South Central District Constitution and Bylaws.

- 1) Draft revision of SCD Constitution and Bylaws has been provided for approval by the Committee chartered by Past VPG McMurray (MO) last year. The SCD Constitution and Bylaws have not been updated since 1999. Past Texas President Tom Jackson (Tx) asked if the revision complied with the memorialized Section 8.2 for compliance. Past VPG McMurray (MO) indicated yes all state presidents were notified 30 days prior to the meeting of the vote to approve changes.
- 2) VPG Hefley (OK) asked for a motion to adopt the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws as submitted. M/2 Hunt (OK)/McMillan (MO).
- 3) VPG Hefley (OK) asked for any discussion on the revised SCD Constitution and Bylaws.
 - a. Motion: Secretary General Davis L. Wright (DE) move that proposed Parliamentary Section 4.3.2 be amended to say "current version of..." Roberts rules of Order edition. Compatriot Holden (TX) Second the motion. No further discussion. Voice vote resulted in the unanimous endorsement of the motion.
 - b. Motion: Kansas Assistant Treasurer David Comer (KS) move that Section 6.1 should state the annual South Central District meeting shall be held on the 4th Saturday of August. Independence Patriots Chapter President Sullins (TX) Second the motion. No further discussion. Voice vote resulted in the unanimous endorsement of the motion.
 - c. Motion: Secretary General Davis L. Wright (DE) move to amend Section 5.1.1 to say, "all past and incumbent National officers who are current members of a State Society within the South Central District...". Past Oklahoma Society President George Thompson (OK) Second the motion. No further discussion. Voice vote resulted in the unanimous endorsement of the motion.
 - d. Motion: Secretary General Davis L. Wright (DE) move to amend Section 6.1.8 to say, "The SAR Pledge". Past Oklahoma Society President George Thompson (OK) Second the motion. No further discussion. Voice vote resulted in the unanimous endorsement of the motion.

- e. Past Oklahoma Society President Thompson (OK) asked in section 5.1.3 do the members count against the delegate count per state? VPG Hefley (OK) stated no, it is up to the interpretation of the VPG. The articles are separate entities within the bylaws. 5.1.4 addresses this already as well. A member can be picked as a State or Officer delegate, but you only get one vote.
- f. Past Oklahoma Society President Thompson (OK) asked do the delegate counts for the states diminish by one? Minuteman Frank Appl (OK) indicated that sections 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3 are separate and distinct entities. A voting member can choose how they want to vote but they only get one vote.
- g. VPG Hefley (OK) asked if there was any additional discussion. No additional discussion was provided. Voice vote resulted in the passing of the motion to accept the new SCD Constitution and Bylaws as amended.

2) New Business:

1) Two National Officers were inducted into the National SAR since they missed the National Congress in California. Sworn into office by Secretary General David L. Wright (DE)
National Trustee Texas Society Tom Jackson (TX)
Alternate National Trustee Oklahoma Society Martin Reynolds (OK)

2) Invitation to the 2020 National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution 2020 Congress to be held in Richmond, VA July 10, 2020 through July 15, 2020 was discussed. Past VPG McMurray (MO) stated that registration is open for hotel reservations and that Compatriot Callanan (MI) sent out the hotel information. Past PG Alter (AZ) stated that the Virginia Society is working hard to have a great Congress. Please get your reservations made soon if you think you are going.

3) NSSAR Candidate Endorsement from SCD. VPG Hefley (OK) 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 Hefley (OK) closed the nominations for that office.

Uncontested Candidates:

- Candidate for President General: Davis Lee Wright (DE) – (Present)
- Candidate for Secretary General: C. Bruce Pickette (AL) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Treasurer General: John Linson Dodd (CA) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Chancellor General: Michael James Elston (VA) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Genealogist General: Robert Benham Fish Jr (WV) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Registrar General: Douglas Thomas Collins (KY) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Historian General: William Oliver Stone (AL) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Librarian General: Tony Lee Vets (LA) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Chaplain General:
- Candidate for Surgeon General: Earnest Loran Sutton (VA) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Foundation Board, At Large: Darryl Stephen Addington (TN) – (Not Present)

- Candidate for Foundation Board, Former PG: PG Joseph William Dooley (VA) – (Present)

VPG Hefley (OK) asked for a motion to nominate all uncontested positions by acclamation. Compatriot Brooks Lyles (KS) motioned to nominate all uncontested positions, Oklahoma Society President Joe Hamill (OK) seconded the motion. Voice vote resulted in the unanimous endorsement of the uncontested candidates.

Contested Candidates:

- Candidate for Chaplain General: Dwight Donald Elam (FL) & Kenneth Doster Roberts (WA) – (Both Not Present)

Compatriot Brooks Lyles (KS) asked if the candidates for the office of Chaplain General had been endorsed by the Chaplain Committee? VPG Hefley (OK) and Past PG Alter (AZ) both explained that at the time of the National Offices Candidates notification it was determined that the Chaplain Committee had not yet endorsed any candidate.

Missouri Society President James E. Osbourn (MO) made motion to postpone SCD endorsement for any candidate until Fall Leadership meeting & a candidate had been endorsed by the Chaplain Committee. Compatriot Michael Robertson seconded the motion.

Discussion – How would the SCD decide whom to endorse at Fall Leadership if not all members were present? VPG Hefley (OK) stated that the SCD did not have to endorse anyone if SCD membership did not wish to do so. Consensus indicated the SCD preference would be to have the opportunity to endorse a candidate after more information was provided on the candidates and an official endorsement from the Chaplain Committee.

VPG Hefley (OK) called for a mandatory hand vote on the motion to not provide an endorsement for the contested position until more information was provided and the Chaplain Committee had made an official endorsement.

Favor – 25

Opposed – 10

Motion Passes

4) Candidate Endorsed:

- Candidate for President General: Davis Lee Wright (DE) – (Present)
- Candidate for Secretary General: C. Bruce Pickette (AL) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Treasurer General: John Linson Dodd (CA) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Chancellor General: Michael James Elston (VA) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Genealogist General: Robert Benham Fish Jr (WV) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Registrar General: Douglas Thomas Collins (KY) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Historian General: William Oliver Stone (AL) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Librarian General: Tony Lee Vets (LA) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Chaplain General:
- Candidate for Surgeon General: Earnest Loran Sutton (VA) – (Not Present)
- Candidate for Foundation Board, At Large: Darryl Stephen Addington (TN) – (Not Present)

- Candidate for Foundation Board, Former PG: PG Joseph William Dooley (VA) – (Present)
 - Candidate for Chaplain General: none provided
 - Contested position without direction from the Chaplain Committee. SCD elected to not provide an endorsement at the time of the SCD Annual Meeting.
- 5) VPG Hefley (OK) instructed SCD Secretary Hunt (OK) to convey the endorsements to the Chairman of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution Nominations Committee by 31 December 2019. Secretary Hunt (OK) indicated he would send the nominations in on or before the deadline.
 - 6) VPG Hefley (OK) stated that the nomination of the SCD VPG for 2020 through 2021 will be elected and seated at the 2020 National Society, Sons of the American Revolution Congress in Richmond VA. Texas President David Temple (TX) nominated Larry Gene Stevens (TX) to be the 2020-2021 VPG SCD. The motion was seconded by Texas President-Elect Drake Peddie (TX).
 - 7) Texas Society President Temple (TX) offered up an invitation to all the SCD membership present to attend the 2020 SCD meeting in North Central Dallas on the 4th Friday/5th Saturday of August (28th & 29th). Accommodations have been set aside at the Hyatt Regency hotel in North Dallas, Richardson Texas.

"The Texas Society cordially invites members and guests to reserve Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29, 2020, and join us in Richmond, Texas for the next Annual Meeting of the South Central District SAR. Complete details will be publicized when finalized."

- 8) VPG Hefley (OK) reminded the membership that the SAR South Central District has their own Facebook web page, and all should subscribe to it in order to stay up to date with all information pertaining to the SCD. Secretary Hunt (OK) also stated that all SCD documents can be found on the South Central District sharefile site for reference.
- 9) VPG Hefley (OK) asked if there was any way that the entire SCD could achieve 100% flag participation? "Sure, would be an impressive display at National Congress." VPG Hefley (OK) challenged the MOKAT Societies to achieve 100% flag participation for 2020.
- 10) GWEF Committee Chairman DeVenney (MO) and Minuteman Appl (OK) spoke about the importance of the George Washington Endowment Fund, distributed flyers about the program and encouraged the SCD membership to become "Fellows". The contribution of \$1,000.00 donation can be split into a yearly or monthly allotment until the donation amount is met and refer to the National SAR website for more information.
New George Washington Fellows pinned on this day were:
M. Graham Clark Chapter President Charles Lee (MO)
Compatriot Michael J. Hahn (MO)
- 11) Education Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the History Committee Brooks Lyles (MO) presented "kudos" to the Missouri Society for the success of their History and Education outreach program (Howard Fisk-History Explorers). Chairman Lyles (MO) pointed out that PG Mike Tommie recognized for their use of new programs in their

outreach program. Also, the SAR Education and Museum in Louisville is making good progress. The Artist Preservation Group is selling raffle tickets to restore the Fowler Musket for the museum for anyone interested in participating.

- 12) Secretary General Davis Wright (DE) made an announcement for the Color Guard and encouraged members who have not yet had the opportunity to serve should take part in the Chapters that provide the honor. SG Wright (DE) made mention that there are new requirements for earning medals and that PG Manning made it possible for the SCD meeting to count towards the Color Guard point collection for the award.
- 13) Oklahoma Society President Joe Hamill (OK) opened up the Oklahoma \$10K grant for participation to all of MOKAT Societies. Just remember to note the donation provided via the National SAR website that it is to apply towards the OK Challenge Grant.
- 14) VPG Hefley (OK) asked Past PG Alter (AZ) if he had any closing remarks. Past PG Alter (AZ) stated he was happy to be back in the South Central District and he is a dual member in all 5 states.
- 15) VPG Hefley (OK) reminded all of the Fall Leadership taking place in September. It is only a 14 hr. drive and anyone who would like to accompany him on the road trip is welcome. Late fees apply soon.
- 16) Benediction was provided by Chaplain Bayles (OK)

O God of people and nations, we pause at the close of our SAR District Conference, to acknowledge again, Your loving Sovereignty over our lives and our Great Nation. We remember before You, our Compatriots now departed this earthly life. We honor them for their sacrifice, bravery and loyalty to God and Country, for their just and good deeds, for bequeathing to us, in this gift from You Lord, a Great Nation and Constitutional Republic. May they rest in peace and may the good works You began in them, be brought to perfection, that citizens of the United States of America may be a strong and moral people, secure and faithful to the morals and values that our forefathers honorably established to further Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Through this conference, enliven in us, the SAR and DAR, an undying love for You Lord God and this Constitutional Republic, the United States of America.

*We humbly pray this with thankful hearts in the Name of our Awesome and Mighty God!
Amen!*

- 17) The Sons of the American Revolution Reunion was led by Oklahoma President Hamill.
- 18) Acting Color Guard Commander Corey Burns (AR) along with the attending Color Guard retired the colors at 11:09 a.m. CST
- 19) Compatriot Thomas Jackson (TX) made motion to adjourn the 2019 SCD meeting. Past PG Alter (AZ) seconded the motion.

20) The 2019 Annual SCD Conference was adjourned at approximately 11:10 a.m. CST.

21) VPG Hefley (OK) will present awards to individual 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.

22) These meeting minutes will be accepted during the 2020 SCD Meeting.

23) Please send all requested minutes modifications to the Secretary, South Central District at philhuntsar@gmail.com

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