



South Central District
Sons of American Revolution
Holiday Inn, Joplin, MO.
August 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by VPG for the SCD James Osbourn. The invocation was given by District Chaplain Dan Philbrick (MO).

Presentation and Posting of the Colors: Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins (MO)

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag of The United States of America:

SAR Pledge:

Welcome was given by VPG Osbourn, with an introduction of guests.

PG Darryl Addington and VPG Pacific District Perry Von Taylor. The following candidates were present: William Allen Greenly, T. Brooks Lyles, Edmon H. McKinley, Esq., Greg Ohanesian, Keith A. Weissinger, M.D., Jeff Thomas, James E. Osbourn, and Joe R. Hamill, M.D.

PG Darryl Addington presented Tim Peterman (KS) with the Gold Roger Sherman Medal and Chaplain General Vern Welkner (KS) with the Gold Henry Knox Medal. The following Compatriots were presented the Aid-De-Camp: VPG James Osbourn (MO), Howard Fisk (MO), and Ken Lawrence (MO).

PG Addington went on to discuss the society's communication problem.

Information for the National level is not reaching the State and Chapter levels. He stressed that the National Trustees need to get the information to the State Board of Managers/Directors, and the Managers/Directors need to get it to the chapter presidents. Also, every state president needs to visit every chapter in his state.

VPG Osbourn called for the State Presidents' reports: State reports were received by the secretary and are filed in the appendix.

Oklahoma - President Phillip Hunt

Texas – President-Elect Mel Ollier

Arkansas – Vice President Darrell Over
Kansas – President Bryan Wampler
Missouri – President Gene Henry

VPG Osbourn introduced the SCD Officers for the year 2024-2025
District Secretary J. Michael Robertson (MO)
District Color Guard Commander Steve Perkins (MO)
District Parliamentarian Dr. Joe Hamill (OK)
District Chaplin Dan Philbrick (MO)
District Registrar Brent Hillsman (MO)
VPG Aid-De-Camp Gary Phillips (MO)

VPG Osbourn asked the District Registrar Hillsman the number of registered members, and he reported 63.
VPG Osbourn declared a quorum.
All voting will be conducted by ballot cards.

Minutes from the previous meeting in 2023 were presented by past District Secretary Brent Hillsman (KS). There were no corrections, and a motion was made by Larry Stevens (TX) and 2nd by Charles McLemore (AR)—a motion was passed by voter card 48 in favor, zero against.

Old Business:

Tom Jackson (TX) discussed the outstanding JROTC instructor and outstanding retired JROTC instructor programs. He also read the SAR Mission Statement and recommended that it be read at every meeting at the state and chapter levels.

New Business:

The Oklahoma Society will host next year's SCD meeting in Tulsa and has nominated Phill Hunt (OK) to be the SCD's VPG for 2025-2026.
Bryan Wampler (KS) made a motion to elect Phill Hunt (OK) to the office of Vice President General of the South-Central District for the period 2025-2026. Gene Henry (MO) seconded the motion.
Motion passed by voter card 49 in favor, zero against.

VPG Osbourn declared at 10:22 a 20-minute break.
10:45 VPG Osbourn called. The meeting is back to order.

VPG Osbourn turned the meeting over to SCD Secretary Robertson, who will conduct the nomination process for the uncontested candidates for the National Office. Each candidate or their representative was allowed three minutes to speak. VPG James Osbourn spoke for Michael Elston, who is running for President General.

Past VPG Bobby Hulse spoke for Gary Neal, who is running for Genealogist General.

Chaplin General Vern Welkner spoke for Christopher Grimes, who is running for Chaplin General.

VPG James Osbourn spoke for PG John Dodd and Daniel McKelvey, who are running for the two open seats on the Foundation Board.

The following candidates were present and made their presentations.

William Greenly is running for Secretary General.

Keith Weissinger is running for Registrar General.

Jeff Thomas is running for Historian General.

James Osbourn is running for Librarian General.

Joe Hammill is running for Surgeon General.

A motion was made to endorse all uncontested candidates for National Office by past VPG Larry Stevens (TX) and 2nd by Darrell Oliver (AR).

Motion passed 49 in favor, zero against.

SCD Secretary Robertson then returned the meeting to VPG Osbourn to conduct the contested nominations. Each nominee or their representative was allowed 5 minutes to speak.

Edmon McKinley and Brooks Lyles are the two candidates for Treasurer General. Both were present and made their presentations.

Greg Ohanesian and Pete Davenport are the two candidates for Chancellor General. Greg Ohanesian was present and made his presentation, while Tom Jackson (TX) spoke for Peter Davenport.

VPG Osbourn asked the three candidates, and one representative was asked to leave the room.

Treasurer General Edmon McKinley won the endorsement, and Chancellor General Peter Davenport won the endorsement.

New Business:

A custom-designed SAR hat made by Ivan Stull (MO) was raffled off. The proceeds went to the SAR Liberty Tree Program. Sam Massey (TX) won.

Librarian General Keith Weissinger took a few minutes to inform the members about the SAR Friends of the Library program.

Steve Biggs (MO) discussed the Patriot Grave Dedication for the Battle of Fort San Carlos, which will take place on May 25, 2025, at St. Genevieve, MO. This is a National Event, and he would like to see members from each state in the South-Central District there.

Past VPG Larry Stevens (TX) made a motion from Texas stating, "In order to pursue reducing the overall cost of processing applications at Headquarter, I move that all applications should be sent from state registrar to a special group of SAR Member Genealogist/Registrar to review all applications for prof documents establishing the lineage from the prospective member to a Patriot of the American Revolution. After reviewing an application, minor corrections can be made amending and correcting entries before signing and forwarding to Headquarters Register and the National Fee.

All applications failing to prove lineage or service are to be returned to the state registrars with a letter notifying the registrar of deficiencies in documented proofs provided. A work copy of the application returned to the state registrar will have deficiencies marked by the special registrar reviewer along with suggestions to correct the application.

Application reviews will follow current Genealogy Policies."

PG Darryl Addington asked if the Texas BOM approved this motion.

Past VPG Larry Stevens said no, and he withdrew the motion.

VPG James Osbourn stated that he has no objection to the idea or process but needs to get the SAR Genealogist Committee to define it.

PG Darryl Addington stated that online applications will be done in 12-13 months.

Past VPG Charles McLemore (AR) stated that they had five Patriot Grave Marking Ceremonies last year and will have four more this fall. The next one will be on the first Saturday in November.

Henry Baer (OK) stated that the next SCD meeting will be in Tulsa.

A motion was made by Gene Henry (MO) and 2nd by Steve Perkins (M) to end the meeting.

Motion passed.

SAR Recessional was led by SCD VPG James Osbourn
Benediction was given by District Chaplain Dan Philbrick (MO).

The meeting was adjured at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michael Robertson
SCD Secretary