



South Central District 2020 ZOOM Meeting

September 19th, 2020

Minutes

South Central District VPG Larry G. Stevens began the meeting at 2:25 p.m. after changing the Zoom Link address. He welcomed all and recognized NSSAR President General John “Jack” Manning and other officers present.

VPG Stevens said the **Opening Prayer**, one written by George Washington during the early days of the United States.

“Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large. And, finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen”.

South Central District and Texas Color Guard Commander Blair Rudy was asked to Present the Colors. All on the Zoom Conference were asked to stand and they watched the US Flag and SAR Flag posted via Zoom from Austin Texas, by Commander Jim Clement, Wayne Courreges, Stu Hoyt and . Texas President Drake Peddie led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. Minuteman, Past VPG International District, and Texas Society President James T. Jones Jr. led the SAR Pledge.

After the pledges, VPG Stevens announced that we would begin the **SAR SCD Candidate Forum**. He stated this was an especially important part of the nomination process for those seeking National Offices and one of the reasons this Zoom Meeting was called. He stated the list of candidates endorsed by the SCD in 2019 had changed a little and SCD should review and endorse again.

CPG Jack Manning was asked to discuss NSSAR Nominations of 2020. After which Stevens read the list of Candidates for NSSAR offices provided to him by Past PG Warren Alter, Chairman of the NSSAR Nomination Committee. He stated that candidate not opposed would be introduced and asked to speak to first; and after the Candidates for the contested Registrar General position

for 2021-2022 would be asked to speak for up to 5 minutes each; William Allen Greenly of Georgia and Tony Lee Vets of Louisiana.

List of Announced Candidates for National Offices 2021-22 and Foundation Offices beginning 2021 as Published by Warren M Alter, Chairman Nominating Committee.

Date of Publication 8/6/2020 PG Warren Alter Chairman NSSAR Nominating Committee (Please note, these are the candidates who have announced and notified me as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. There could be further nominations coming and will be added as they are received). These are listed in order of National Offices:

Candidate for President General

Davis Lee Wright, Esq. (DE)

Candidate for Secretary General

C. Bruce Pickette (AL)

Candidate for Treasurer General

John Linson Dodd, Esq. (CA)

Candidate for Chancellor General

Michael James Elston, Esq. (VA)

Candidate for Genealogist General

Robert Benham Fish, Jr (WV)

Candidates for Registrar General (2 Candidates)

William Allen Greenly (GA)

Tony Lee Vets (LA)

Candidate for Historian General

James Morris Lindley (WA)

Candidate for Librarian General

J. Fred Olive III, EdD (AL)

Candidate for Surgeon General

Col. Ernest Loran Sutton, MC (PA)

Candidate for Chaplain General

Pastor Dwight Donald Elam (FL)

Candidates for SAR Foundation

Terms of Two years:

PG Joseph W. Dooley (VA)

Dr. Dwight Stephen Addington (TN)

Terms of Three Years:

Douglas Thomas Collins (KY)

William Lee Popham (FL)

VPG Stevens introduced SAR Secretary Davis Wright who is the candidate for President General 2021-2022; Then Bruce Pickette, NSSAR Treasurer who is running for NSSAR Secretary General. All other candidates in the meeting also spoke.

He then introduced the two men seeking the office of Registrar General. William Allen Greenly talked about his candidacy first for 5 minutes. Then, Tony Lee Vets discussed why he wanted to be Registrar General.

Stevens noted that all candidates were present except Bob Fish for Genealogist General, Mike Elston for Chancellor General, and PG Joseph W. Dooley for the Foundation who could not attend due to the Virginia Society State Meeting. Stevens thanked all the men for attending especially with all the Zoom Committee meeting taking place. He said that Candidates were welcome to remain or if they needed to leave to feel free to do so. He asked that the two men running for Registrar General not to stay in the meeting due to the endorsement balloting process on Zoom. He thanked both for taking the time to speak to us. VPG Stevens stated the endorsement of candidates would take place in the SCD Business Session which would begin in a couple of minutes. (SCD Constitution Article 6)

He then asked CG Commander Blair Rudy to speak on the color guard presentation. Rudy thanked all the men that were in uniform, on camera, and that each should send him their name and chapter so he would not miss anyone. He said this is a NSSAR Color Guard event and all those who participated earned points toward SAR Color Guard Medals

After a short break, VPG Stevens begin the business meeting. First, he asked PG Manning to address the SCD Members.

After which, there was a “Roll Call” where VPG Stevens reviewed the list of those on the call.

ATTENDEES: 58.

Officers and Guests. 13. PG John “Jack” Manning, C Davis Wright, Bruce Pickette, John L. Dodd, William Allen Greenly, Toney Lee Vets, James M. Lindley, J. Fred Olive, Ernest L. Sutton, Dwight Elam, Darryl Addington, Douglas Collins, William Lee Popham,

Arkansas: 2. Charles McLemore, ?

Kansas: 4. Bob Capps, Justin Engleman, Bryan Wampler, Vern Welkner

Missouri: 2. Russell Devenney, John Wayne Merrill

Oklahoma. 4. Darrell Hefley, Joe Hamill, Phil Hunt, Ron Painter,

Texas: 33. Larry Stevens David Temple, Ray Cox, Sam Massey, James T. James Jr., Tom Jackson, T. L. Holden, Ed Sellards, David Kinsey, Mel Oller, R. A. Borg, Bob Kubin, John K. Thompson, Blair Rudy, Jim Clements, Stu Hoyt, Drake Peddie, Jim Kuykendall, Jerry Brown, John Anderson, Wayne Courreges, Shidon Hawley, Robert Hites, Tom Jones, Tom Milson, Louie Juarez, Peter McLellan, Nick Gilliam, Paul Ridenour, David Underwood, Tom Van Fossen, Nathan White, Dustin Wittenburg,

VPG Stevens asked Parliamentarian Bryan Wampler to review the qualifications of those who could vote in a SCD Meeting. Bryan read out of the SCD Constitution Article 5. Then States reviewed the attendees by state, beginning with Arkansas, asking those that were present and if there were others on the call. After reviewing Stevens asked if there was a Quorum, Parliamentarian Wampler said there was.

Stevens then stated that this was a called meeting and not the Annual SCD Annual meeting because the Annual Meeting can only be held on the 4th Saturday of August of the calendar year according to Article 6 of the SCD Constitution.

“6.1 The South-Central District Annual Meeting, Sons of the American Revolution will

be held prior to the National Congress of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The South-Central District Annual Meeting shall be held the fourth Saturday of August of each calendar year, separate and apart from any other meetings held within the South-Central District. The annual South Central District Annual Meeting will consist of the following items:”

Also, he stated Article 6 states the minutes of the previous SCD Annual Meeting must be presented in the Annual Meeting and not in a called meeting like today. The minutes can be edited but still presented in the Annual Meeting.

“6.1.11 Presentation of the minutes of the last South Central District Annual Meeting.”

Therefore, the minutes of the 2019 SCD Meeting in Oklahoma City will be presented in the Annual South Central District Annual Meeting in August 2021.

Stevens said in the August 29th, 2020 Zoom SCD meeting, the State Presidents voted to cancel the Annual August meeting. Another meeting was scheduled for October 24th, 2020. Stevens said this meeting cannot be the Annual South Central District Annual meeting due to the Constitution. He asked if there was any discussion. Drake Peddie talked about the cancellation and suggested the Texas host the 2021 SCD Annual meeting in North Texas. He was asked if this was a motion, He said it was and that he would write out his motion. There was a second and Stevens asked three times if there was any discussion. Parliamentarian Bryan Wampler asked if Oklahoma was good with this and President Joe Hamill said yes especially if there is any chance of not being penalized by the Hyatt for cancelling the SCD. The motion passed with no “No” votes.

Larry Stevens then stated that there could be no election of SCD Officers until the next scheduled August Meeting, on the 4th Saturday in 2021, as stated in Article 6 of the SCD Constitution.

“6.1.16 New Business, including nominations of the Vice President General and election of other officers of the South-Central District.”

A motion was made that Stevens finish Darrel Hefley’s term and then he be inducted as the VPG SCD in Seattle for the term 2021 2022. There was a second, and Stevens asked three times if there was any discussion; hearing none, he asked the delegates to vote. There were no “no” votes. The motion passed.

Stevens asked if there was a motion to endorse all unopposed Candidates for National Office by acclamation. There was a motion made and a second. Stevens asked three times if there were any nominations. There were none. The candidates were endorsed.

Stevens said there were two men running for Registrar General: William Allen Greenly and Tony Lee Vets. Both spoke in the Candidate Forum. After a discussion on how to vote electronically, a vote was taken by checking either Greenly or Vets. There were three delegates who could not vote electronically. Stevens asked them to raise their hands; first for Greenly, and then for Vets. Vets received 3 votes. Cox was asked to report how many votes each candidate received. He reported Vets 24 and Greenly 16. Stevens stated Vets had won. However, Stevens asked the delegates if the vote should be approved. A motion was made to approve the election results, second, and any discussion, hearing none, Stevens asked if there were any votes not to accept and there were none. Motion passed.

Stevens thanked the Color Guard for their outstanding presentation of the Colors. He thanked all

Delegates and Officers for attending and that all are invited to attend the next Annual SCD Annual Meeting.

Stevens asked if there were any other items for discussion.

There were none so he asked Jim Jones for a closing prayer. And the meeting was adjourned after the SAR Closing was recited. 4:40 PM.

Secretary JK

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