



Constitution of the South Central District

Sons of the American Revolution

Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Kansas

Ratified by all States on: August 24, 2019

Adopted by the South Central District on: August 24, 2019

ARTICLE 1 – SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT NAME AND STATUS

1.1 The name of this organization shall be the "South Central District." The South Central District is a part of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. The South Central District shall consist of Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Kansas.

ARTICLE 2 - SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MISSION & GOALS

2.1 The Mission & Goals of the South Central District are the same as the stated Mission & Goals of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE 3 – SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Any member in good standing in one of the State Societies listed in Article 1 shall be a member of the South Central District, National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE 4 - SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICERS

4.1 Vice President General: The Office of Vice President General shall be rotated through the constituent States in the following order: Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Kansas. A member of the State to host the following year South Central District Annual Meeting shall be nominated by that State Society for the position of Vice President General for a one year tenure. The State Society President, endorsed by the State Society Secretary, shall provide a nominating letter to the South Central District Secretary. That candidate, once voted upon and approved during the South Central District Annual Meeting, shall be nominated at the next National Society Congress where the new Vice President General will assume the position. His duties shall consist of the following:

4.1.1 The Vice President General will preside at the South Central District Annual Meeting in his State.

4.1.2 Promote the interest and the activities of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

4.1.3 Assist and represent the State Societies of the South Central District at the National Trustees' Meetings.

4.1.4 Visit State and Chapter meetings throughout the South Central District.

4.1.5 Support the President General's initiatives.

4.1.6 Promote the formations of new Chapters, the recruiting of new members and the retention of current members within the South Central District.

4.1.7 Establish annual Vice President General initiatives.

4.1.8 Perform additional duties within the South Central District as may be delegated or assigned to him by the President General, the Executive Committee or the Board of National Trustees.

4.1.9 He shall submit all required reports to the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution 10 business days before the Spring and Fall Leadership/Trustee Meetings and the National Congress.

4.1.9 Call a meeting of the State Presidents by telephone or online methods concerning matters of great urgency.

4.2 South Central District Secretary: He shall be appointed by the Vice President General, South Central District. His duties shall be as follows:

4.2.1 He shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of the South Central District Annual Meeting.

4.2.2 He shall be responsible for notification of the time and place of the South Central District Annual Meeting to the State Society Presidents and Secretaries.

4.2.3 He shall prepare the endorsement letter to the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution nomination committee based upon the results of the South Central District election.

4.2.4 He shall ensure the minutes and endorsement letter are signed by Vice President General.

4.2.5 He shall endorse all South Central District Awards approved by the Vice President General.

4.2.6 He shall send the endorsement letter to the Immediate Past President General, Nominating Committee, National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, 809 W. Main Street, Louisville, KY 40202 no later than December 31 of that year.

4.2.7 He shall ensure the South Central District Annual Meeting Minutes are distributed to the Vice President General, National Officers of the South Central District, South Central District Parliamentarian, Immediate Past Vice President General, State Society Presidents, State Society Secretaries, South Central District Officers and ensure the minutes are posted to the South Central District Website no later than 90 days after the South Central District Annual Meeting.

4.2.8 He shall ensure that the South Central District website is accurate and updated.

4.3 South Central District Parliamentarian: He shall be appointed by the Vice President General at the South Central District Annual Meeting.

4.3.1 The Parliamentarian shall be well versed in parliamentary procedures, experienced and well respected.

4.3.2 The Parliamentarian will use the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution Constitution and Bylaws, the South Central District Constitution, and the most current version of Robert's Rules of Order in rendering opinions and advice when points of order arise. Each beforementioned document must be on hand for immediate reference during the South Central District Annual Meeting.

4.4 South Central District Color Guard Commander: He shall be the State Society Color Guard Commander of the Vice President General's State. His duties shall consist of the following:

4.4.1 He will serve as the South Central District's Sergeant-at-Arms, ensuring a quorum is present and maintained during all South Central District Annual Meeting business sessions.

4.4.2 He shall take charge of, and responsibility for all flags, banners, and associated equipment.

4.4.3 He will be responsible to see that all flags, banners, and associated equipment be properly displayed, assembled, and ready for use by members of the South Central District Color Guard, or other Compatriots of the South Central District, as directed by the Vice President General.

4.4.4 He shall take charge of the South Central District Color Guard in all official South Central District activities.

4.4.5 He shall appoint a Deputy Color Guard Commander if he is unable to attend a South Central District function to act in his stead.

4.4.6 He shall work with the Vice President General and South Central District Secretary in tracking events of service by members of the District Color Guard, and duly log participation by each member.

4.5 South Central District Historian. He shall be appointed by the Vice President General, South Central District. His duties shall be as follows:

4.5.1 The South Central District Historian shall be in charge of securing and interpreting the records required to document the history of the South Central District.

4.5.2 He shall keep a record of the South Central District accomplishments and activities for the year.

4.5.3 He shall collect items such as photos and news articles about the South Central District and its members.

4.5.4 He shall organize all South Central District social media postings to tell the story for the year.

4.5.5 He shall compile a presentation consisting of digital photos from each State of key events, which shall be presented during the South Central District Meeting Banquet.

ARTICLE 5 - DELEGATES TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

5.1 The following shall be members of the South Central District Annual Meetings and shall be entitled to vote therein:

5.1.1 All past and incumbent National Officers who are current members of a State Society within the South Central District.

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

5.1.3 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 Bylaws provide.

5.1.4 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.

5.1.5 Voting delegates can only be certified as such by the State Society, which receives and forwards to the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution the National dues of the Compatriot.

ARTICLE 6 - ANNUAL SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

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:

6.1.1 A registration table each day of the South Central District Annual Meeting.

6.1.2 Host a Candidates Forums for National Society, Sons of the American Revolution positions. Each candidate seeking a contested position shall have five minutes to speak and non-contested positions three minutes. Candidates not present shall be allowed to have a member in good standing speak on their behalf.

6.1.3 A Flag Ceremony shall be conducted when appropriate as determined by the South Central District Vice President General and Color Guard Commander.

6.1.4 Shall conduct a banquet the first evening of the South Central District Annual Meeting.

6.1.5 Conduct a Business Session to be called to order by the Vice President General.

6.1.6 Opening Prayer by the host State Society Chaplain.

6.1.7 Pledge of Allegiance.

6.1.8 The SAR Pledge.

6.1.9 The South Central District Secretary shall conduct a rollcall of all State Societies in attendance.

6.1.10 The South Central District Secretary shall provide a report of the South Central District Annual Meeting attendance by State to include guests.

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

6.1.12 Vice President General's report and State Societies reports shall be presented to the South Central District delegates, and a written report provided to the South Central District Secretary.

6.1.13 Reports of Standing Committees.

6.1.14 Reading of any changes, alterations or amendments to this Constitution.

6.1.15 Old Business and Unfinished Business.

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

6.1.17 An election process shall be held to nominate candidates for National Society, Sons of the American Revolution positions. The Vice President General, South Central District shall 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.

6.1.18 The Vice President General, South Central District shall read the uncontested candidates and ask if there are any nominations from the floor three times before closing nominations for each position.

6.1.19 The Vice President General, South Central District can ask for a motion from the floor to nominate all uncontested positions by acclamation.

6.1.20 The Vice President General, South Central District shall appoint at least two "Tellers" and one Supervisor to oversee the casting of ballots and counting of ballots for contested positions.

6.1.21 Candidates shall be allowed one observer to oversee the voting process.

6.1.22 An invitation for the next South Central District Annual Meetings shall be announced.

6.1.23 The Closing Prayer.

6.1.24 The Sons of the American Revolution Recessional and adjournment.

ARTICLE 7 – SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING QUORUM

7.1 A quorum shall consist of not less than eleven delegates.

ARTICLE 8 - AMENDMENTS

8.1 This Constitution may be changed, altered or substituted in whole or in part by a two-thirds vote at the Annual South Central District Meeting by accredited delegates of the South Central District.

8.2 Any proposed change to this Constitution must be published a minimum of 30 days

before the Annual Meeting by the South Central District Secretary. The proposed changes will be emailed to the South Central District Vice President General, State Society Presidents, the Secretary of each State Society and presented to the South Central District Secretary to be made part of the Minutes of the South Central District Annual meeting minutes.