



Events and Minutes

## South Central District Conference

Hosted by the State Society of Kansas

25 - 26 August 2017

Sheraton Overland Park Hotel at the Convention Center

6100 College Blvd, Overland Park, Kansas, 66211

Friday, 25 August 2017

1. Registration: 3:00 — 7:00 pm: The “checking-in” of guests was well planned and executed. Pre-printed name badges were ready for all guest who pre-registered for the event. Walk-ins were welcomed and promptly registered for the events they wished to attend. Registered attendees included:

- Larry Guzy NSSAR President General
- Karin Guzy NSSAR First Lady
- Mary Frisch NSDAR Registrar General
- Kathryn West Kansas DAR Regent
- Ollie West Kansas
- Andi Gamblin Bagpiper
- Trent Gamblin
- Jane Riddell Hurt President - Society of Mayflower Descendants Kansas
- Robert Capps Kansas Vice President General
- Stephen Baldwin Missouri former Vice President General
- Jack Manning NSSAR Treasurer General
- Sheila Manning Ladies Auxiliary
- Corey Burns Arkansas SCD Color Guard Commander
- John Beard Texas, Texas SAR President
- George Thompson OK former Vice President General
- Dennis Hahn Missouri, Missouri SAR President
- Sam Powell NSSAR SAR Foundation Candidate
- Walter Schley Kansas Henry Leavenworth Secretary
- Martin Reynolds Oklahoma, Oklahoma SAR Trustee
- Dick Nelson Kansas, Kansas SAR C.A.R. Liaison
- Ron Painter Oklahoma, Oklahoma SAR President
- Russ DeVenney Missouri GWEF Distribution Chairman
- Dennis Nelson Kansas, Kansas SAR President
- Frank Appl OK former Vice President General
- Harry Wilklow Kansas Henry Leavenworth President
- Dewey Fry Kansas, Kansas SAR Color Guard Commander
- Courtney Sloan Missouri, Missouri SAR Treasurer
- Warren Alter Candidate for President General
- Nancy Alter Ladies Auxiliary
- Davis Wright NSSAR Chancellor General
- Alan Martin Kansas Monticello Chapter Secretary
- Robert Grover Missouri SCD Historian
- James Osbourn Missouri, Missouri SAR Vice President
- Brooks Lyles Kansas VPG International District

- Diane Ungvasky Ladies Auxiliary Kansas SAR Ladies Auxiliary President
- Stan Jantz Kansas, Kansas SAR Regional VP
- Steve Crawford Kansas Monticello Chapter President
- Tim Peterman Kansas, Kansas SAR Membership Secretary
- John Forbes Kansas, Kansas SAR Historian
- Bryan Wampler KANSAS Monticello SAR Vice President/SCD Secretary
- Bobbie Hulse Kansas, Kansas SAR Vice President
- Stuart Conrad Kansas Delaware Crossing Chapter President
- Peter Grassl Kansas former Vice President General
- Larry Tatum Kansas Monticello Chapter Treasurer
- Vern Welkner Kansas, Kansas SAR Chaplain
- John Thornhill NSSAR Historian General
- Les Magee Arkansas former Vice President General
- Robert (Bob) Fish NSSAR Genealogist General candidate
- Steve Perkins Missouri Color Guard
- Dave Comer Kansas Past State President

2. Candidates' Forum: 4:30 — 5:30 pm: Maple Room (lower level): Each candidate present was allowed 5 minutes (not strictly enforced) to speak to the audience. This event was well attended. Candidates not present were allowed to have a member speak on their behalf. The following is the presentation order for this event:

- Warren M. Alter, Candidate for President General
- Larry Guzy, Candidate for President General (Second Term)
- John T. "Jack" Manning, Candidate for Secretary General
- Davis L. Wright, Candidate for Treasurer General
- Richard T. Bryant, Esq., Candidate for Chancellor General
- Robert B. Fish (Bob), Candidate for Genealogist General
- Jim L.W. Faulkinbury, Candidate for Genealogist General
- Bruce Picket, Candidate for Register General
- John Thornhill, Candidate for Historian General
- Doug Collins, Candidate for Librarian General (Not Present due to family issues; Compatriot DeVenney Missouri spoke on his behalf)
- Samuel C. Powell North Carolina, Candidate for SAR Foundation Board
- Mike Elson Virginia
- Darryl S. Addington, MD, Candidate for Surgeon General (Not Present; Frank Appl spoke on his behalf)
- A Question and Answer period was provided to the audience
- The event was closed by the Vice President General Bob Capps

3. Flag Ceremony: 5:30 — 5:45 pm: Hotel Front: The Flag Raising Ceremony was held in front of the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel at the Convention Center. A flag certificate was presented by Vice President General Bob Capps and accepted on behalf of the hotel by Rochelle McPhee, an employee of the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel at the Convention Center and the primary individual who helped with the planning and

execution of the event. Ms. McPhee currently has a sister serving in the United States Navy on Active Duty. Members of the Color Guard included:

- Corey Burns Arkansas, SCD Color Guard Commander
- Richard Cox Kansas
- Craig Dillavou Kansas
- John Forbes Kansas
- Dewey Fry Kansas
- Bobbie Hulse Kansas
- Stan Jantz Kansas
- Brooks Lyles Kansas
- Alan Martin Kansas
- Mike Meisinger Kansas
- Lyman Miller Kansas
- Dennis Nelson Kansas
- Kirk Rush Kansas
- Harry Wilklow Kansas
- Stephen Baldwin Missouri
- Russ De Venney Missouri
- Robert Grover Missouri
- Roy Hutchinson Missouri
- Charles McMillan Missouri
- J. Wayne Merrill Missouri
- Steve Perkins Missouri
- Peter Reynolds Missouri
- James Scott Missouri
- Dirk Stapleton Missouri
- Steve Sullin Missouri
- Ron Painter Oklahoma
- Martin Reynolds Oklahoma
- Terry (TL) Holden Texas
- Drake Peddie Texas

4. Social Hour: 5:45 — 7:00 pm: Cottonwood Pre-Function Area: The Social Hour was a great opportunity for Compatriots and their guest to socialize and spend informal time with each other. The only negative comment concerning the Social Hour was the cost of the cash bar.

5. Color Guard Inspection: 6:45 pm: The Color Guard Inspection was conducted by the President General Larry Guzy, who said he was extremely impressed with the members of the Color Guard. The inspection was conducted outside of the Cottonwood 2 meeting room as members and guest were being seated for the Banquet.

6. Banquet: 7—9 pm: Cottonwood 2

- VPG Robert N. Capps, Jr., Presided over the banquet and called the event to order.
- The Invocation was conducted by the State Society of Kansas Chaplain, Rev. Vern Elkner.
- Presentation of Colors: The Presentation of Colors was performed under the leadership of the Color Guard Commander, Compatriot Burns, Arkansas.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Pledge to the SAR.
- Introductions were made by VPG Capps.
- Dinner was served.
- Welcome to Kansas was presented by Dennis Nelson, President, Kansas Society.
- The Guest Speaker. PG Larry Guzy was the Banquet's Guest Speaker and discussed the State of Our National Society and his goals and objectives for his Presidency.
- VPG Capps presented PG Guzy a check, which PG Guzy presented to the National SG as a gift to National SAR fundraising fund.
- Retiring of the Colors: The Color Guard retired the Colors.
- The Banquet culminated.

7. Breakfast: 7:30 am, Maple Room (Lower Level): VPG Capps called the breakfast to order and provided brief comments before breakfast was served. As members finished their breakfast, VPG Capps presented the South Central District ComCompatriot Grave Marking Standard Operating Procedure manual. The manual was well received and the members in attendance provided positive comments on the work that was done.

8. Ladies Auxiliary Program: 9:15 am, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Johnson County Community College, 12345 College Blvd, Overland Park, Kansas 66210

9. Business Meeting: 8:45—11:30 am, Leatherwood 3 (Lower Level)

- a. The Business Session was called to order by VPG Capps.
  - The Invocation was conducted by the State Society of Kansas Chaplain, Rev. Vern Welkner.
  - The State Rollcall was conducted with all States Represented (Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Texas Present).
  - Last year Minutes were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes without change. M/2 by Peter Grassl (Kansas) and Steven Sullin (Missouri).
  - VPG Capps offered SCD pens for a donation to the SCD fund.
  - State Reports were provided by each State Society President or Representative:

- Kansas: Dennis Nelson provided a well-articulated verbal report in addition to several written documents to include: The Liberty Bell, The 2017 SCD Meeting Selected Highlights, and Kansas Society Helping Chapters Achieve Success. President Nelson requested assistance in gaining support in adding an additional voting State Trustee for each state. VPG Capps asked that the Kansas request be sent out to all SCD State Presidents.
  - Texas: State Secretary Drake Petty provided the oral presentation on behalf of the State President who was unable to attend the event due to Hurricane Harvey, which was impacting the Texas coastal line.
  - Oklahoma: Ron Painter started his presentation by offering prayer to the Texas members affected by the hurricane and storms. President Painter provided a written report and presented in to the group.
  - Missouri: Dennis Hahn provided two documents: 1) The Missouri Society Report to the South Central District... and 2) An update on activities the Missouri Society is doing well.
  - Arkansas: Les Magee, the immediate past VPG, provide an oral report to the group.
- VPG Capps made a motion to nominate Bryan Wampler (Kansas) as the next Secretary to the VPG. M/2 by Dennis Nelson (Kansas) and Bob Grover (Missouri). Motion carried.
  - VPG Capps transitions the Business Session to the National Officer Selection portion of the meeting. Peter Grassl (Kansas) reviewed the process. A motion was proffered that non-contested candidates be endorsed by the SCD. M/2: Stu Conrad (Kansas)/James Osborn (Missouri). The motion unanimously carried.
  - Peter Grassl (Kansas) presented Larry Guzy (Georgia) as a Candidate for a second term as President General and Bryan Wampler (Kansas) seconded.
  - Les Magee (Arkansas) presented Warren Alter as a Candidate for President General and Darrell Hefley (Oklahoma) seconded.
  - Russ DeVenney (Missouri) nominated Bob Fish to be Genealogist General and Tim Peterman (Kansas) seconded.
  - There was no first or second presentations for Jim Faulkinburg, a candidate for the Genealogist General.
  - The meeting was adjourned to conduct a Secret Ballet was conducted immediately following the presentations. Kansas was allowed 21 votes and all members from the other States were allowed to vote based upon the attendance numbers.
  - The meeting was called back to order by VPG Capps. The votes for the President General were equal (Tied) denoting a “draw.” Bob Fish was selected to be recommended as the Genealogist General. A motion was made to forward both PG candidates. W/2: Steve Baldwin (Missouri)/Vern Welkner (Kansas). None Opposed.

- VPG Capps directed the Secretary to the VPG to send both PG the results to National Headquarters, Sons of the American Revolution. The response was to include the following ballet results:
  - o President General: Support Warren Alter (AZ) & Larry Guzy (GA)
  - o Secretary General: John T. "Jack" Manning (NH)
  - o Treasurer General: Davis L. Wright (DE)
  - o Chancellor General: Richard T. Bryant, Esq. (MO)
  - o Genealogist General: Bob Fish (WV)
  - o Registrar General: Bruce Pickette (AL)
  - o Historian General: John Thornhill (NC)
  - o Librarian General: Doug Collins (KY)
  - o SCD VPG: Daniel R. McMurray (MO)
  - o SAR Foundation: Samuel C. Powell
  - o SAR Foundation: Mike Elston
  - o Surgeon General: Darryl S. Addington, MD
  - o Chaplain General: No Candidate
  
- A motion was made to destroy the ballets. M/2: Steve Baldwin (Missouri)/Brooks Lyles (Kansas).
- The VPG for 2018-2019 nomination was opened by VPG Bob Capps. Dennis Hahn (Missouri) nominated Daniel R. McMurray (Missouri) to be the next VPG. Russ DeVenney (Missouri) seconded the nomination, which carried without exception.
- Presentations:
  - o Dewey Fry (Kansas), the Kansas Color Guard Commander, presented PG Guzy a Kansas Cockade.
  - o PG Guzy presented Frank Appl (Oklahoma) a Certificate of Appreciation for 12 years as the George Washington Endowment Fund Chair.
  - o Frank Appl presented the State of the George Washington Endowment Fund with \$1,855,051.06 in the bank. Eighty percent of the net earnings (\$28,742.05) go to unfunded, underfunded and special projects. He informed to body that Bill Stone (Alabama) is the new Chair of the Fund. Russ De Venny (Missouri) is the new Chair of the Distribution Committee.
  
- Presentation of Awards by VPG Capps to:
  - o Less McGee (Arkansas) awarded the Silver Rodger Sherman Medal
  - o Dennis Nelson (Kansas) awarded the Bronze Rodger Sherman Medal
  - o Corey Burns (Arkansas) awarded the Bronze Rodger Sherman Medal
  - o Peter Grassl (Kansas) awarded the Bronze Rodger Sherman Medal

a. New Business:

- PG Guzy presented VPG Capps the Aide-de-camp pin.
- PG Guzy announced that the leadership meeting dates will be announced soon and the theme will be a play on Octoberfest. The leadership believes the event will be rewarding and enjoyable with seminars that will allow participants to take back valuable information to their State Societies and local chapters.

b. Closing Activities:

- Benediction was provided by the State Society of Kansas Chaplain, Rev. Vern Elkner.
- SAR Recessional was provided Peter Grassl, Kansas.
- Retirement of the Colors conducted under the command of Compatriot Corey Burns.
- Motion to Adjourn: M/2 Russ De Venney (Missouri)/Eugene Smith (Arkansas)

10. The South Central District Conference was adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.

Bob Capps  
Vice President General

Prepared by:  
Bryan Wampler (Kansas)  
South Central District Secretary