

THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S REPORT

Filing Date: 7 June 2016DISTRICT: South AtlanticVPG NAME: Edward P. Rigel, Sr.ADDRESS: 1504 Berkeley Court Gainesville, GA 30501-1260NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED: 36 -- Chapter, State, District and National

State Societies	President	Chapters	Annual Meeting	City
1. FL SAR	Larry Fehrenbaker/Ray Wess	33	13-15 May 2016	Orlando
2. GA SAR	Tom Owen/Allen Greenly	31	22-23 Jan 2016	Duluth
3. NC SAR	Tim Berly/Gary Green	26	29-30 Apr 2016	Charlotte
4. SC SAR	Greg Greenawalt/Wayne Couser	20	2-3 Apr 2016	Colombia

South Atlantic District Meetings6 Oct 2015 Spartanburg The District hosted a Candidates Forum15 Jan 2016 Spartanburg The District held its Annual Meeting; PG Lawrence was in attendance12 Jul 2016 Boston Annual South Atlantic District Breakfast**REPORT & RECOMENDATIONS:**

The State Presidents of the South Atlantic District have enthusiastically supported President General Lawrence's initiatives to enhance their various Society's Youth Contest participation. Regarding the Eagle Scout, JROTC, Knight Essay, Rumbaugh, Poster and Pamphlet contests: GA SAR had entrants in all the contests; FL SAR and SC SAR had entrants in all but the Pamphlet contest; and NC SAR had entrants in all but the Rumbaugh contest. I am proud to note that youth from the GA SAR won the JROTC and Eagle Scout competitions, and a youth from the FL SAR won the Knight Essay contest with the GA SAR representative placing 2nd. The District remains optimistic about the Rumbaugh, Poster and Pamphlet contests to be judged at Congress.

Important from another aspect is the emphasis on growth in membership and addition of new Chapters. Each state ended the year with significant growth in membership. Both the NC and FL SARs have already chartered new Chapters. NC SAR will hold a new Chapter Chartering Ceremony in September as will the GA SAR. GA SAR will also charter another new Chapter probably before the end of the year.

Two of our widespread states, NC and FL, initiated regional meetings in an attempt to include the participation by members who have trouble traveling to the central state-wide leadership activities. These initiatives proved to be very successful.

Regarding my activities as VPG, in addition to several state's BOG/BOM meetings, I attended The Annual Meetings of all four State Societies, the GA SAR and FL SAR with PG Lawrence and the First Lady. The business sessions associated with these meetings were, shall we say lively, and very productive. The leadership of all four State Societies are fully engaged in promoting not just the goals of the SAR, but the goals of PG Lawrence.

I also attended the following National Color Guard and/or Historic Sites Events: The Last Naval Battle in Cocoa, FL (and spent a delightful evening with Former PG Brock and SG Tomme and spouses); Guilford Courthouse with PG Lawrence in Greensboro, NC; Halifax Resolves in Halifax, NC; the inaugural National Event Commemorating Buford's Massacre in Lancaster, SC. I will attend the Commemoration of the Battle of Ramseur's Mill on June 11th and the SC SAR BOG meeting on June 18th.

I have to say, and totally without bias, the best weekend of the Spring was the weekend on Saint Simons Island, GA and the Frederica Days Commemoration. The fellowship on Friday; the ceremony on Saturday morning that included singers and chorales from local schools, a huge turnout of Color Guardsmen and Militia members of the GA and FL SARs; the parade following with large numbers of C.A.R., DAR and SAR members, Boy and Girl Scouts and numerous JROTC units; and then the Colonial Worship Service on Sunday conducted by the local Chapter Chaplain made it just an outstanding event. A long way to travel for many but it would be well worth the effort in the future.

To be honest, I hate to see my term as VPG come to a close. It has been an honor to represent the South Atlantic District and a true pleasure to travel throughout the District reconnecting with old friends and making many new ones. I hope the District membership appreciates my service as much as I appreciated being able to serve!