

Vice President General Report
NSSAR South Atlantic District
January 6, 2017

The South Atlantic District has donated or pledged over \$6,000 towards PG J. Michael Tomme's funding Initiative of the Council of Youth Awards to date. I am confident that by 1 June 2017, the challenge issued to the State Societies will be met. I am certain that PG Tomme will provide to us an update.

We, in the South Atlantic District, have been among the Society's leaders in the promotion and implementation of our Youth Educational Outreach programs. A review of some of these programs have been described in the SAD Presidents' reports. A review of our calendar events listing shows the extent of the SAD involvement in Commemorative ceremonies at our Historical Revolutionary sites. A review of the SAD President reports shows that new Patriot graves continue to be identified and honorably marked. Our Color Guards continue to be among the Society's most active. All of these events support the long-range Initiative of PG Tomme's goal in promoting our patriots and their sacrifices during the Revolutionary war for independence and freedom to our youth and the public in general.

Our District States and Chapters have embraced PG Tomme's Initiative of creating Mentoring programs for new members to stabilize compatriot growth and participation in society programs. Membership retention is equally important in stabilization and growth and several District State reports have indicated the steps taken to increase retention. I mentioned and suggested steps for membership retention in my inaugural talk and a brief notice that appears on our web-site.

The next meeting of the SAD will be our Annual Meeting on May 20, 2017, which will be held in conjunction with the Florida Society's Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida on May 19 – 21, 2017. Hotel information and registration should be available during the second week of February. Hotel links and meeting registration will be available at FLSSAR.org and accessing the BOM button on the home-page. Our SAD Breakfast Meeting and VPG Induction will be held during the 127th NSSAR Congress in Knoxville, TN (Tuesday, July 11, 2017). Watch sar.org for registration information when available.

Since my last report, I have attended the following events:

1. Oct. 14-15, Florida BOM, Orlando, FL.
2. Oct. 22, Georgia BOM
3. Nov. 19 Fort Morris-Sunbury Memorial Ceremony, Midway GA. (Morning)
4. Nov 19 Brier Creek Chapter Chartering, Sylvania GA (Evening)
5. Nov 28 Ft. Myers, FL. Liberty Tree Dedication at Four Freedoms Park
6. Several DAR and local Naples Chapter meetings

My tentative travel schedule for the remainder of the term is posted on the SAD web-calendar. If there are specific events that chapters would like me to visit, please contact me at your earliest convenience, and I will try to accommodate the request if scheduling permits.

During this interval, I have updated the South Atlantic District's history which is found on the District web-site.

Respectfully submitted,
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