



The South Atlantic District *North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida*

History of the South Atlantic District

In 1983 Virginia was transferred to the Mid Atlantic District giving us the 4 State composition. Also in 1983, the Foreign District was renamed to The European District, and in 1985 the Western Hemisphere District was formed to give the NSSAR its total of 15 Districts. This District was later renamed The International District

Roll of Honor of Vice Presidents General South Atlantic District

1889 The South Carolina Society organized
1911 The North Carolina Society organized
1926 Districts increased from 7 to 11 and for the first time one of the current States provided the VPG.

1896 The Florida Society organized	1962 ***
1921 The Georgia Society organized	1962-63 Austin R. Drew *****
	1963-64 Carson D. Baucom
	1964-65 Col. Francis Murray Mace
	1965-66 Col. Robert P. Waters
	1966-67 Hugh D. Howell, Jr.
	1967-68 Jack Coleman
	1968-69 Robert Bruce Cooke
	1969-1970 Wilton S. Murphy
	1970-71 Donald W. Baldwin
	1971-72 T.G. Linthicum
	1972-73 Marshall E. Barton
	1973-74 Phillip R. Carlton
	1974-75 Harold M. McLeod
	1975-76 Joseph H. Brown
	1976-77 Richard A. Thompson, Jr.
	1977-78 Richard F. Boddie
	1978-79 Samuel S. Wood
	1979-80 A. Mims Wilkinson, Jr.
	1980-81 John D. Williams
	1981-82 Richard F. Boddie, Jr.
	1982-83 Should be from South Carolina
	1982-83#
	1983 ##
	1983-84 GA Dr. Homer E. Wright
	1984-85 FL J. Alan Cross, Sr.
	1985-86 FL Cecil L. Bothwell, Jr.
	1986-87 SC Lee W. Dererr DVM
	1987-88 GA John W. Loud
	1988-89 FL Richard E. Friberg
	1989-90 NC Col. William A. Smith
	1990-91 SC Judge Alex M. Geiger
	1991-92 GA Hardwick S. Johnson
	1992-93 FL Harry L. Young, Jr.
1926 SC John F. Jones	
1927 SC John F. Jones	
1928 VA David Edwin French	
1929 VA David E. French	
1930 SC Park Mathewson	
1931 NC Dr. Daniel T. Smithwick	
1932 NC Col. E.L. Baxter Davidson	
1933 VA Walter B. Livesay	
1934 VA Walter B. Livesay	
1935 NC William A. Graham	
1936 NC William A. Graham	
1937 VA Tom Moore	
1938 VA Tom Moore	
1939 GA Jas. D. Watson	
1940 FL Burton Barrs	
1941 FL Burton Barrs	
1942 VA A. Herbert Foreman	
1943 VA William T. Old	
1944 VA William T. Old	
1945 <u>No Congress held</u>	
1946 NC J. Edward Allen	
1947 NC J. Edward Allen	
1948 FL Benj. I. Powell	
1949 *	
1949 Ray O. Edwards	
1950 Reuben A. Garland	
1951 Carson D. Baucom	
1952 Carson D. Baucom	
1953 Crawford S. Rogers	
1954 Crawford S. Rogers	
1955 Folks Huxford	
1956 Folks Huxford	
1957 Frank W. Hannum	
1958 Carson D. Baucom	
1959 Dr. Boyce McL. Grier	
1960 **	

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1993-94 NC William A. Smith, Jr.
1994-95 SC William T. Allgood
1995-96 GA Robert F. Galer
1996-97 FL Stanley A. Evans
1997-98 NC Thomas N. Clark
1998-99 SC Ronald J. Horton
1960 Laurens Hamilton
1961 Folks Huxford

1999-00 GA Dr. T. Fisher Craft, PhD
2000-01 FL Phillip B. Carr
2001-02 NC Dr. Charles E. Page, MD
2002-03 SC Dr. S. Perry Davis, MD
2003-04 GA Larry T. Guzy
2004-05 FL Renaldo (Ron) E. Hamilton
2005-06 NC C. D. Williams
2006-07 SC Greg Ohanesian

*First year District name listed in NSSAR History Vol. I instead of just the State

** Intermountain & Foreign Districts added for 13 total

*** Western District added for a total of 14 Districts

**** see NSSAR History V II

The NSSAR V.II ends with 1981-82 and V. III starts with 1983-84 missing the VPG 1982-83

1983 The Foreign District changed to European & the Western Hemisphere District added for total of 15 Districts.

By gentleman's agreement, the position of South Atlantic District Vice President General rotates through the various State Societies. The State Society that currently hosts the VPG, usually hosts the South Atlantic District meeting in the spring in conjunction with that State Society's Annual Meeting. Presidents and National Trustees of the various State Societies, along with all past South Atlantic District VPGs are usually invited to attend the South Atlantic District Meeting.

State Society Presidents usually submit a report summary of their State's activities, important accomplishments, membership status, and any other item of interest. These usually are submitted to the VPG as specified by him, so that he may include them in his Annual Report submitted to the NSSAR (through the Executive Director) and are published in the Annual Committee and General Officer Reports at the Annual Congress. The due date will generally be in early February to allow sufficient time for preparation of the Report. Please have your Society's report to me no later than February 15th 2008. Reporting by e-mail is requested.

The State Society that hosts the VPG the following year usually selects the following year's nominee, and will put forth their nomination for VPG at the current South Atlantic District Meeting. The election and installation of the VPG, South Atlantic District, takes place at the Annual Congress.

The Special Nature of the South Atlantic District

The District is composed of a total membership of 3930 as of Jan 2007 (-27 over 2006)

North Carolina has 629 members in 16 chapters as of Jan 2007 (-17 over 2006)

South Carolina has 595 members in 14 chapters as of Jan 2007 (+15 over 2006)

Georgia has 1194 members in 30 chapters as of Jan 2007 (-76 over 2006)

Florida has 1512 members in 30 chapters as of Jan 2007 (+51 over 2006)

The South Atlantic District Society recognizes their States' contribution to the final success of the

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American Revolution and their historical importance for our Nation. Three of the original 13 States, and 10 of the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence came from this District. The South Atlantic is particularly well situated to lead the way in recognition of historical events.

The North Carolina Society celebrates annually the national events of

- The Battle of Guilford Courthouse observed the Saturday nearest the March 15 anniversary of the battle (Hosted by the Nathanael Green Chapter)
- The Halifax Resolves on second Saturday each April. (Hosted by the Halifax Resolves Chapter)
- Ramsour's Mill the second weekend each June (Hosted by the Catawba Valley Chapter)
- Kings Mountain on October 7 (Hosted by the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter)

The North Carolina Society was organized 31 March 1911. It hosted the 42nd National Congress in Charlotte in 1931 and will host the 121st National Congress in Winston Salem.

South Carolina's National Events, Cowpens (hosted by the Daniel Morgan Chapter) the second Saturday in January, and The Land of Francis Marion, South Carolina's numerous battle sites outnumber those of any other state. South Carolina is the oldest Society in the District having organized 18 April 1889.

Georgia's Battle of Kettle Creek that took place on February 14, 1779, is celebrated on the second weekend (Saturday) each February (Hosted by the Georgia Society, Samuel Elbert and Athens Chapters). 2004 saw the 225th celebration. It commemorates the major defeat of the British in Georgia. Since the settled area in colonial times was approximately the 16 counties along the Savannah River and the Atlantic Ocean, most of current day Georgia was Indian Territory during the Revolution.

The death of Casimir Pulaski in Savannah (the 225th anniversary was commemorated in 2004) on October 8th and 9th. (Hosted by the Edward Telfair Chapter). The Georgia Society was organized 15 March 1921. It hosted the 93rd National Congress in 1983 in Atlanta and has been selected to host the National Congress in 2009 at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel at I-75 and I-285 in Marietta, the NW Atlanta area.

Florida is home to the largest SAR population in the District. Their accomplishments continue to set an example for the rest of the District. Past State President Joseph A. Rumbaugh established a \$100,000 Trust Fund in 1992 to found the Oration Contest that bears his name. It is one of the highlights of every National Congress, and a showcase for young orators. The Florida Society hosted both the 96th National Congress in Tampa in 1986 and the 108th National Congress in Orlando in 1998. It is the second oldest Society in the District behind South Carolina, having organized 14 March 1896. The Last Naval Engagement of the American Revolution was celebrated in April 2007 near Cape Canaveral with annual celebrations to be held.

The South Atlantic District has contributed its share of National Society General Officers in addition to the Vice Presidents General above. They include the following:

President General Ray O. Edwards	1962-1963	Florida
President General Matthew B. Sellers, III	1976-1977	Florida
President General Richard H. Thompson, Jr.	1981-1982	Florida
President General James R. Westlake	1989-1990	Georgia
President General Robert R. Vance	1993-1994	Georgia
President General Carl K. Hoffmann	1997-1998	Florida
Registrar General Richard E. Friberg	2001-2002	Florida
Chaplain General Leo S. La Fontaine	1983-1984	Florida

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Chaplain General Charles E. Page	1993-1994	North Carolina
Chaplain General George A. Burns	1996-1997	Florida
Chaplain General Leroy O. Stewart	2004-2005	South Carolina

For a more complete history of each Society, please refer to “NSSAR History Vol. III 1983-2000”.

2007-2008 State Society Presidents & Possible Successors
(see attachment)

2007-2008 South Atlantic District Events

- Sep 28-29 Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
- Oct. 7th 11:00 A.M. wreath laying and 3:00 P.M. traditional events. Kings Mountain near Kings Mountain, NC – observed since 1996. Held annually on October 7th in cooperation with National Park Services and the Over Mountain Victory Trail Association.
- Oct. 6 Siege of Savannah – Re-enactment Living History, Battlefield Park, Savannah, GA
- Oct. 9th Pulaski Jubilee, Savannah, GA
- 2008**
- Jan 19th Daniel Morgan Monument, 11 A.M. Daniel Morgan Square, Spartanburg, SC
- Jan 19th Battle Of Cowpens, 227th Anniversary. Cowpens National Battlefield (near Gaffney, SC). Wreath ceremony January 19th at 2:00 P.M.
- Feb. 8-9 Battle of Kettle Creek, 229th Anniversary. Wreath laying February 9th at 2:00 P.M.
- Feb 29-Mar 1 Leadership Meeting, Louisville, KY
- Mar. 15th 227th Anniversary Battle of Guilford Courthouse. National Battlefield (Greensboro, NC). Annual Memorial Service and wreath laying at 11:00 A.M.
- April 4-5 Georgia Society Annual Meeting & South Atlantic District Meeting (April 4), Athens, GA
- April 18 -19 North Carolina Society Annual Meeting, Hickory, NC
- April 25-26 South Carolina Society Annual Meeting,
- May 2-4 Florida Society Annual Meeting, Kissimmee, FL
- June 14-15 228th Anniversary Battle of Ramsour’s Mill (Lincolnton, NC).
- July 5-9 118th Annual Congress, Sacramento, CA

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The Council of Vice Presidents General

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Since 1949, Vice President's General have been identified as representing and charged with oversight of the several geographic Districts of the Society. Their roll has been to support and mentor the officers of the State Societies in their District, and to promote the implementation in State programs of the goals and programs of the National Society.

The VPsG met informally until 1999. In July 1999, President General Howard Horne instituted The Council of Vice Presidents General. It was charged with being:

1. Responsible for providing advice and counsel to the President General.
2. Assisting the President General's VPG coordinator in arranging visits to the District and State Societies.
3. Helping with arrangements for the Incoming State and Chapter President's Seminar at the Spring National Leadership Meeting.

Revised Responsibilities

President General Larry McClanahan submitted a Long Range Plan 2001 to 2021 at the 2001 Congress that reorganized the structure of the National Committees. The Council of Vice Presidents General was placed under the responsibility of the Secretary General. All General Officers are included in the "Council of General Officers", and have expanded roles to assist in Society activities and committee operations.

Goals for the Council

By Dr. Ralph D. Nelson, Jr. P.E., as related in:
"The History of the NSSAR Vol. III" page 373

We plan to continue to see that our district meetings are well planned and effective and that state officers who need some senior guidance receive it from their Vice President General or some other trusted and experienced source. We have a major responsibility for setting the tone of the Society and for guiding the efforts of the officers of the state societies toward the most constructive and effective paths. Our vigor and dedication to SAR goals and programs should be an example and a catalyst for trustees, national committee chairmen and members, and all who meet us within and outside the Society. We have a special responsibility to reach outside the SAR to attend or meet with high-ranking officials in other societies to

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promote cooperation that is consistent with SAR goals.

Whenever a new role is assumed in the SAR, there are few notes available as to how to actually do the job being assumed. Input from past VPsG will be solicited to enable future VPsG an insight as to what is expected

MAKING THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S VISIT GO SMOOTHLY!

The PG Travel Coordinators function is to help provide the President General with the information that will make his visit a success. The President General and his wife need to know and be prepared for:

- Their schedule during the visit to your event,
- The expectations for dress, activities, meals, and
- Critical contact phone numbers (in case of family emergencies and NSSAR emergencies.)

Travel Itinerary Form: An enclosed form provides space for information the President General needs for a visit. If we need further information we will ask for it as the event gets closer. You may add or delete on the form as needed to provide the information that suits your particular event.

General Information: The President General and the first lady request non-smoking accommodations. They have no special food allergies. By SAR protocol the District Vice President General is the official escort for the President General, but you may need to assign a local host to facilitate transportation, etc. In most cases the PG should be met at the airport and returned to the airport by the local host. Please assign a lady as an aide to the first lady so that she can be kept informed of all plans for her visit and insure that she is well cared for while at the event. The local host or another assigned person should be at the PG's side to introduce him to people at events.

PROTOCOL: (See the NSSAR Handbook, Vol II, page 30, 2005 version.) Remember that the host state's president has the highest position in protocol, followed by the PG, the VP(s)G, other General Officers, etc. Check over protocol well before the visit so as to avoid awkward moments during the event.

Dress Code: We generally consider that:

- "Black Tie" means a tuxedo,
- "Dress Business" means a full suit,
- "Business" means a jacket and tie, and
- "Casual" means neither jacket nor tie.

Expenses: The National Society and the President General generally pay for round trip ground and/or airfare to the city of the event. The host society (the Chapter, State or District which invited him) pays for local expenses (hotel, lodging, food, meeting registrations, etc.).

Background Information & Other helpful notes:

Helpful Hints: See attached from Page 31 of the July 2005 NSSAR handbook:

- Greetings and Recognition
- Requests for visits by the President General