



Sons of the American Revolution

# SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
Overland Park, KS  
26 - 27 August 2011

## Friday evening overview:

A candidate forum was held in the late afternoon. This was followed by a reception and a banquet. Dennis Boyer (AR), VPG SCD, conducted the meetings. The banquet was filled with activity. Following the presentation of colors, there was a Color Guard change of command from Glenn Fast (OK) to Robert Capps (KS). Also, there was a debut of promotional videos created by the Kansas Society through the efforts of new compatriot Scott Larson. After dinner, LTC Bernard Harris U.S. Army (ret) spoke about James "Armistead" Lafayette and President General Larry Magerkurth provided the keynote address.

## Saturday:

A breakfast was held at 7:30 am and completed by 8:30 am. Treasurer General Joe Dooley spoke about the relationship between Ancestry and the SAR which he established while serving as Genealogist General. This was followed by comments by VPG Dennis Boyer concerning the need to preserve documents.

The ladies retired to the Birch Room for their meeting and a presentation by Dr. Orriene Denslow.

The South Central District meeting was called to order at 8:50 am by SCD VPG Dennis Boyer.

**Roll Call of States:** Missouri (Rev. Dr. Denis Craft), Oklahoma (Stuart Denslow), Kansas (David Comer, Arkansas (James Johnson not present), and Texas (Bill Marrs). Written reports were submitted by Kansas and Oklahoma.

Attendees:

Missouri	10
Oklahoma	8
Kansas	34
Arkansas	2
Texas	4
Florida	1
Georgia	2
Virginia	2
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<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>



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**Previous Minutes:** M/2 George Thompson (OK) / David Comer (KS) to accept the 2010 meeting minutes. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Nothing reported as the checking account was closed per the 2009 SCD meeting. (Reminder: the host society pays for medals etc to be presented.)

**State Reports:**

Missouri – verbal report submitted by Rev. Dr. Denis Craft  
Oklahoma – written reported submitted by Stuart Denslow  
Kansas – written report submitted by David Comer  
Arkansas – verbal report by Dennis Boyer  
Texas – verbal report by Bill Marrs.

President General Magerkurth presented the Aide-de-Camp pin to David Comer (private ceremony).

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

M/2 Bob Clark (TX) / Steve Baldwin (MO) – for a South Central District breakfast on Tuesday at the 122<sup>nd</sup> Congress in Phoenix. PASSED

M/2 Bob Clark (TX) / David Comer (KS) to endorse Houston as a location for the Congress in 2016 or 2017. Larry Guzy offered comments. PASSED.

Chaplain General Rev Dr James Taylor (TX) introduced the new SAR Prayer Book.

**Endorsements:**

VPG Dennis Boyer outlined the positions and the candidates.

M/2 Bill Cox (AR) / Ron Nichols (OK) that all unopposed candidates be endorsed by acclamation. PASSED



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Contested positions:

<b>Registrar General</b>	<b>Historian General</b>
Bruce Pickett (GA)	Bob Bowen (VA)
Mike Tomme (GA)	Larry Guzy (GA)

Registrar General Candidates:

Bruce Pickett – nominated/seconded – Jim Jones (TX), Steve Baldwin (MO)  
Mike Tomme – nominated/seconded – George Thompson (OK), David Comer (KS)

Historian General Candidates:

Bob Bowen – nominated/seconded – Charles Britton (OK), Jim Jones (TX)  
Larry Guzy – nominated/seconded – Bob Capps (KS), Steve Baldwin (MO)

VPG Boyer appointed Kansans Barnett Ellis and Martin Klotzbach to conduct a secret vote.

Recessed to vote.

The SCD recommendation for 2011 – 2012:

- President General:** Steven A. Leishman (DE)
- Secretary General:** Joseph Dooley (VA)
- Treasurer General:** Lindsay Brock (FL)
- Chancellor General:** Thomas E. Lawrence (TX)
- Registrar General:** Michael Tomme (GA)
- Genealogist General:** Larry Cornwell (AL)
- Historian General:** Larry Guzy (GA)
- Librarian General:** Michael Wells (AL)
- Surgeon General:** Dr. Rudy Byrd (AZ)
- Chaplain General:** Rev. Randy Moody (FL)
- South Central District:** Peter O. Grassl (KS)
- SAR Foundation:** Larry J. Magerkurth (CA)

### “What’s Working in SCD”

VPG Boyer introduced this as, hopefully, a new annual program in the South Central District in which the host state society would describe something that is working well for them.

Bob Capps of Kansas described the new “Member Relationships” program using Constant Contact. This online emailing program enhances communication between the leadership and compatriots. It can be customized for defined recipient groups and there are hundreds of templates.



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Frank Appl (OK) spoke about fund raising programs, including the Washington Endowment Fund, CAAH fund, and Friends of the Library.

VPG Dennis Boyer reported the results of the elections.

M/2 Barnett Ellis (KS) / Bob Clark (TX) to destroy the ballots. PASSED

M/2 Barnett Ellis (KS) / Bob Mellotte (KS) that Peter O. Grassl (KS) be the 2012-2013 Vice President General nominee from the South Central District.

M/2 Peter Kelch (OK) / Barnett Ellis (KS) that Grassl be elected by acclamation. PASSED.

### Awards:

National Color Guard Commander Mike Tomme presented the Silver Color Guard medal to Stuart Denslow (OK) and Glenn Fast (OK).

VPG Dennis Boyer presented the following:

Frank Appl	SCD VPG Certificate
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Harry Fife	SCD VPG Certificate
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David Comer	Certificate of Appreciation for hosting SCD
Peter Grassl	Meritorious Service, oak leaf for SCD Secretary-Treasurer
Dennis Boyer	Patriot Plaque by David Comer to VPG

**2012 SCD Meeting** – an invitation was extended by Rev. Dr. Denis Craft of Missouri 24 – 25 August 2012 (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in August) and probably in Branson.

Benediction by Chaplain General Rev. Dr. James Taylor.

Colors retired.

M/2 Charles Britton (OK) / Stephen Baldwin (MO) to adjourn. PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

Submitted by Peter O. Grassl