

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

1896 The Florida Society organized

1911 The North Carolina Society organized

1921 The Georgia Society organized

1926 Districts increased from 7 to 11 and for the first time one of the current States provided the VPG.

1926 SC John F. Jones

1956 Folks Huxford

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1957 Frank W. Hannum

1928 VA David Edwin French

1958 Carson D. Baucom

1929 VA David E. French

1959 Dr. Boyce McL. Grier

1930 SC Park Mathewson

1960 **

1931 NC Dr. Daniel T. Smithwick

1962 ***

1932 NC Col. E.L. Baxter Davidson

1962-63 Austin R. Drew ****

1933 VA Walter B. Livesay

1963-64 Carson D. Baucom

1934 VA Walter B. Livesay

1964-65 Col. Francis Murray Mace

1935 NC William A. Graham

1965-66 Col. Robert P. Waters

1936 NC William A. Graham

1966-67 Hugh D. Howell, Jr.

1937 VA Tom Moore

1967-68 Jack Coleman

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1968-69 Robert Bruce Cooke

1939 GA Jas. D. Watson

1969-1970 Wilton S. Murphy

1940 FL Burton Barrs

1970-71 Donald W. Baldwin

1941 FL Burton Barrs

1971-72 T.G. Linthicum

1942 VA A. Herbert Foreman

1972-73 Marshall E. Barton

1943 VA William T. Old

1973-74 Phillip R. Carlton

1944 VA William T. Old

1974-75 Harold M. McLeod

1945 No Congress held

1975-76 Joseph H. Brown

1946 NC J. Edward Allen

1976-77 Richard A. Thompson, Jr.

1947 NC J. Edward Allen

1977-78 Richard F. Boddie

1948 FL Benj. I. Powell

1978-79 Samuel S. Wood

1949 *

1979-80 A. Mims Wilkinson, Jr.

1949 Ray O. Edwards

1980-81 John D. Williams

1950 Reuben A. Garland

1981-82 Richard F. Boddie, Jr.

1951 Carson D. Baucom

1982-83 Should be from South Carolina

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1953 Crawford S. Rogers

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1983-84 GA Dr. Homer E. Wright

1955 Folks Huxford

1984-85 FL J. Alan Cross, Sr.

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1985-86 FL Cecil L. Bothwell, Jr.	1998-99 SC Ronald J. Horton
1986-87 SC Lee W. Dererr DVM	1960 Laurens Hamilton
1987-88 GA John W. Loud	1961 Folks Huxford
1988-89 FL Richard E. Friberg	1999-00 GA Dr. T. Fisher Craft, PhD
1989-90 NC Col. William A. Smith	2000-01 FL Phillip B. Carr
1990-91 SC Judge Alex M. Geiger	2001-02 NC Dr. Charles E. Page, MD
1991-92 GA Hardwick S. Johnson	2002-03 SC Dr. S. Perry Davis, MD
1992-93 FL Harry L. Young, Jr.	2003-04 GA Larry T. Guzy
1993-94 NC William A. Smith, Jr.	2004-05 FL Renaldo (Ron) E. Hamilton
1994-95 SC William T. Allgood	2005-06 NC C. D. Williams
1995-96 GA Robert F. Galer	2006-07 SC Greg Ohanesian
1996-97 FL Stanley A. Evans	2007-08 GA George E. Thurmond
1997-98 NC Thomas N. Clark	

*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 VPsG 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 2009. 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.

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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 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

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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
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".