

# Alternate National Trustee Report

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## Highlights from the NSSAR Spring Leadership Conference

1. PG Warren M. Altar gave an update on his visit to the Princeton battleground national park. Noticing that the flag at the park was tattered and torn, he presented NJSSAR State President, Robert Meyer, with a new flag for him to give to the park service at Princeton to replace the current flag being flown.
2. SAR Foundation Board PG Dooley – discussed handouts on Kings College and funds raised for the build-out of the SAR Education Center and Museum since September 2018. Announced that the visiting professor at Kings College for 23019 will be David Armitage of the Department of History at Harvard University. He also spoke briefly of the SAR Conference on the American Revolution. Spoke on the publishing of the papers.
3. Color Guard – Mark Anthony reported on the selection of Compatriot Gary Green of the North Carolina SAR as the 2019 Color Guardsman of the Year. Bunker Hill approved as a National Color Guard Event starting in 2019.
4. Congress Chair Paul Callanan - Registration may be up by May 15th. 2019 Congress in California is July 5 to July 10 at the Hilton Costa Mesa. Hotel is 100% filled which is about 1660 nights so far. Trustees approved Florida to host 2023 Congress.
5. Genealogy Chair Robert Fish - reported that the Genealogy Committee has completed its recommendation for a new application form. It's our plan to review with ExCom, gain input from stakeholders, review those comments and submit the proposed form revision to the Trustees at the Fall Leadership Meeting.
6. Genealogy Research System Chair James Engler - The GRS Committee was releasing an early draft of the requirements for review by Compatriots. The sections up to and including the screens seen by the general public were where the committee would like Compatriots to focus their comments; although all comments are welcome, the sections following the public areas are still under review by the Committee. There would be a follow up for comments once all the requirements have been reviewed. Four PDF files will be made available on Sharefile: the current version of the requirements, the current version of the data structure for GRS, and two files providing a walkthrough of the public screens, one for the general public accessing the GRS outside of the SAR headquarters, and a version where the general user is at SAR Headquarters
7. History Chair Clifford Olson asked that the National Society Sons of the American Revolution endorse November as the National American History and Founders Month. Motion passed.
8. Insurance Chair Stephen Perkins – announced that the insurance committee established a subcommittee to prepare a set of recommendations with respect to how and why it would be in the interests of the entire society to secure a national coverage, insuring all societies and their chapters and same would be presented to the ExCom hopefully within 60 days.

As we approach the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, an exponential increase in color guard activities across the country will occur and given the fact the CG is the primary and most frequent public facing element of the Society, it is prudent ensure proper coverage for the scope of those activities. This is also happening concurrent with the national color guard's intention to establish consist safety protocols for which all color guard who fire replica muskets will follow.

9. Medals and Awards Chair Stephen Renouf - reported on changes for the Patriot medal and the State Distinguished Service medal that it should now be tracked by the states societies and to use 12/31/date for membership numbers for the awarding Patriot medals.

10. Minuteman for 2019 VC Nathan White – Michael Elston (VA), James Faulkinbury (CA), Larry Leslie (KY), James Lindley (WA), Thomas Showler (PA), and Bill Stone (AL).

11. Nominating Committee reported that committee met and nominated the following: President General John T. Manning, Secretary General Davis L. Wright, Treasurer General Bruce Pickette, Chancellor General Peter Davenport, Registrar General Douglas Collins, Genealogists General Jim Faulkinbury, Historian General William Stone, Librarian General Tony Vets, Surgeon General Darryl Addington, Chaplain General Rev. David Felts, and for the SAR Foundation Board – PG Warren Alter and John Dodd.

12. ROTC/JROTC & Service Academy Liaison Chair Dave Perkins - Motion made that the Board of Trustees approve the renaming of the Coast Guard Academy special purpose fund to the Service Academy Awards special purpose fund; task the newly renamed fund with supporting the annual awards at all five service academies as additional funds become available; and authorize the transfer of \$6,500 received back from the U.S. Air Force Academy and temporarily placed in the JROTC operating fund. Motion approved

13. Executive Committee recommended to the National Trustees that the design and cost out of the retail store be incorporated into Phase 2 Step 3 of the SAR Education Center and Museum project. Bill Stone spoke on the need to relocate the retail museum store footprint, so that visitors to the museum would be required to enter and exit the museum through the store, thereby increasing the revenue of the store. Motion approved.

14. Executive Committee referred to committee to investigate the issues with digitalization of our member records and support documentation to include possible solutions to move the program along, report out at Ex Com and Congress 2019. PG Warren Alter noted that this is the recreation of an ad hoc committee.

15. The Executive Committee recommends to the Trustees except for the Executive Committee, standing committees & special committees established by the bylaws, a quorum for meetings during Congress and Leadership Meetings shall be a majority of the committee members registered for the Congress or Leadership Meeting; a quorum for those committees meeting between Congress and Leadership Meetings shall be 1/3 of the appointed committee members. Motion approved.

16. The Executive Committee recommends to the Trustees that Mission Data be allowed to start with the Discovery Process, Template Building & Total Buildout for our new website. A separate group to work on this project separate from the Membership Database. Discovery – 48 hours =

\$6,000; Template – 450 hours = \$50,250; Buildout – 218 hours = \$27,250 for a Total Cost not to exceed \$85,000. Motion approved.

17. The Executive Committee recommends to the Trustees approval of the Registrar General Annual Award for Retention. It creates a streamer and award for member retention. Motion passed.

18. The Executive Committee recommends to the Trustees the proposal of the Branding and Engagement committee, see attached, as approved by the ExCom and recommended to the trustees. PG Warren M. Altar stated that the B&E committee is asking for up to \$7,000 from the Public Relations Marketing budget to conduct a nationwide contest to evaluate our current logo and potential new logos for the top three logos. Motion passed.

19. Accounting Update TG Davis Wright - The Executive Committee recommends to the Board of Trustees that it approve the expenditure of up to \$20,000 from the 2019 Alexander Hamilton fund distribution to purchase upgrades to the Sage 100 accounting system and additional training on the accounting software for the financial staff. Motion passed.

20. C.A.R. - PG Warren Alter will be presenting the C.A.R. Gold Medal of Appreciation to their outgoing National President David Graham at their National Convention in April. David Graham is now a member of the Georgia Society of the SAR.

21. PG Ed Butler – Presented a 3.5-minute video trailer on Bernardo de Galvez and the assistance of Spain during the American Revolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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