Vice President General - Western District Secretary Notes – 2020 Spring Leadership

**Council of Vice Presidents General:** Under **Old Business,** the Western District submitted its Bylaws to the Council. Under **New Business,** the Council voted to utilize Registrar Training at State Society Level, e.g. Texas Society. <https://www.txssar.org/RegTrainingII.htm>. The National Website also contains invaluable Genealogy Reference Materials, e.g. <https://www.sar.org/portable-digital-materials>. Under **Other Business,** Per PG Manning, all State and Chapter Societies should increase their efforts to maintain/and or increase their membership.

**Public Service and Heroism Committee**: A subcommittee will produce two short 2-3-minute videos (one each for Law Enforcement and Fire Services) that will describe our awards. We will send these videos to Watch Commanders, Operations Staff, Fire Captains, of agencies that we don’t already have an established relationship.

**Membership Committee**: The Ohio Society submitted their new Compatriot Workbook for review, which includes four deliverables and is not just a manual. Ohio State President Steve Hinson, stevhin@earthlink.net will email the workbook to Western District Secretary Smith, who will post it on the Western District website.

**Council of State Presidents (CoSP)**: Under Unfinished Business, Gary Green (NC) led a discussion on the importance of the Patriot Research System. Nevada has joined that effort with two Compatriots in the Signers Chapter and one Compatriot in the Battle Born Chapter engaged as input volunteers. The Signers Chapter has participated in the Flag Retirement program as well.

**Trustee Session**:

**Information Technology:** The “Yellow” Membership Data System will go away this summer and fold into the Blue System, where the Membership Status section will begin to work. Eventually, State Registrars will be able to send applications to National.

**Congress – 2020, Richmond, VA**: Registration will open mid-May. Tours will go to the Yorktown battlefield and museum and the James River plantations.

**Color Guard Handbook**: The Safety Policy has been published in the Color Guard handbook and is enforceable.

**SAR Education Center**: A video describing the Solid Light Plan will be placed on the SAR Foundation page in the near future.