**NSSAR WESTERN DISTRICT**

**DISTRICT MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 2023**

On Saturday November 4, 2023, a Western District Meeting was held at the conclusion of the 148th Annual Fall Board of Managers Meeting of the California Society aboard the RMS Queen Mary in Long Beach, California.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President General Rob Moore at 3:48 p.m.

**Vice President General Remarks:**

VPG Moore remarked on how much he enjoyed the teacher’s presentation at the Youth Awards Luncheon and his recent seven Northern California Chapter visits while he was in California.

He thanked Brian Stephens for helping him schedule these visits and Don Littlefield for arranging the special Sacramento Chapter area meetings for him to attend.

He stated that he enjoyed talking to the members during his visits and stressed the importance of providing the tools needed to our members and passing information and knowledge down.

VPG Moore was excited to take the 1776 Book Challenge to Hawaii and Nevada and he encouraged chapters to hold an America 250 minute at their meetings.

He echoed the President Generals encouragement to use Facebook, newsletters, and podcasts to promote the SAR.

His goal for the Western District is to get all three States (CA, HI, & NV) to pass legislation creating an America 250 Commission. He encouraged members to continue their 250 efforts without the state commissions.

VPG Moore explained his membership on three National Committees:

1. Veteran’s Committee – would like to make sure that every member receives their SAR service medals.
2. George Washington Endowment Fund - California is leading the way with the number of new members.
3. Museum Board – SAR Museum Video on YouTube.

He reminded everyone of the ability to make tax free IRS Required Minimum Distributions to the SAR on-line and that Megan Krebs at National is available to assist you with the direct transfer information.

**New Business:**

Motion to endorse national officer candidates.

Motion was made by Don Littlefield and second by Jim Faulkinbury for the Western District to endorse the same candidates as the California Society. Motion passed unanimously.

Those candidates endorsed by this motion are:

President General –Dr. Darryl Addington

Secretary General – Michael Elston, Esq.

Treasurer General – Lee Popham

Chancellor General – Edmond McKinley, Esq.

Registrar General – Derek Brown and Brooks Lyles

Historian General – Jeff Thomas

Librarian General – Dr. Keith Weissenger

Foundation Board At Large Member – Jim Klingler

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**VPG Nominations.**

VPG Moore explained there is a timeframe and process in place for selection of the Western District VPG nominee who is announced at the April Western District Meeting and elected in July at the Annual Congress. The presumptive nominee is Brian Stephens, other candidates may submit a nomination via e-mail to VPG Rob Moore at robmoore@hula.net. The candidate should include his CV along with his nomination and the name of the person who seconds the nomination.

**Future Meetings:**

Hawaii State Executive Board Meeting - November 18, 2023

11 a.m. Zoom Meeting

Western District Meeting - April 27, 2024

Hyatt Regency Hotel Burlingame, CA

NVSSAR AGM – April 2024 TBA

HISSAR AGM – April 2024 TBA

**Questions:**

No Questions from the membership were raised.

VPG Moore reminded everyone of the Western District website at wdsar.org and its link on the CASSSAR website. He also encouraged States and Chapters to update their websites.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion to Adjourn the meeting was made by Compatriot Kevin Bidencamp and second by Phil Mitchell. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

**Benediction:**

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Scott Elliott

**Recessional:**

The SAR Recessional was led by Compatriot Brian Stephens

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Stephens, Secretary, Western District NSSAR