



Annual GLD Meeting Minutes October 29, 2022

Wyndham City Center Hotel, Springfield, IL

- I. Meeting called to order 9:00 by Vice-President General -Toby Chamberlain
 - Invocation - ILSSAR Chaplain – Rev Dr Ray Owens
 - Pledge of Allegiance – Illinois State President Richard Ruedin
 - SAR Pledge - Wisconsin State President Sam Keith
 - Quorum Recording Secretary Drew Robinson quorum is met with 30 in attendance. Compatriots are in attendance from each of the three states (Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan)
- II. Introduction of Guests Vice-President General Great Lakes District
 - Illinois CAR State President Elle Hohmiter – Presentation “Her Story”: All female Honor Flight.
- III. Reading and Approval of 2021 GLD Meeting Minutes from Madison, WI–
Motion Passed
- IV. Report of the State Societies – Each state has similar challenges in recruiting and retaining members and increasing meeting attendance post COVID-19. Each shared current activities and strategies moving forward.
 - Illinois – Richard Ruedin, spoke of needing younger members and increased viability throughout the state.
 - Michigan State President – Mickey McGuire, Highlighted their strategic plan that includes training and membership retention.
 - Wisconsin State President – Sam Keith, Highlighted the Liberty Tree program.
- V. Remarks by President General C. Bruce Pickette,
 - a. new Executive Director is Todd Bele
 - b. He has experience working with non-profit groups.
 - c. The next Congress will be held in Orlando, Florida.
- VI. Remarks by SAR Foundation President Joe Dooley



- a. The SAR Foundation Museum/Education Center Project is projected to cost \$15 million with \$1.5 million in cash with another \$500,000 in pledges.
 - b. Also reported on work being done on the NSSAR databases to make compatible within the entire system.
- VII. Remarks from Edmon McKinley (AI) George Washington Fund—
- a. The endowment is \$55 million with only the interest being used by the GW Distribution Committee to fund underfunded state and chapter projects such as Cemetery Markings
 - b. Reported the 'Market' hasn't been very friendly of late!!
- VIII. Nomination for 2023-2024 VPG for the Great Lakes District David Van Hoof (Michigan nominee)
- IX. Nominations for Endorsement of National Officers
- 2023-2024 Nominations for Uncontested NSSAR Officers.
- X. Nominations for Contested NSSAR Officers
- For SAR Foundation Board :
 - Jeff Thomas (VA)
 - Samuel C. Powell (NC)
 - Paul Callanan (MI) spoke for Samuel Powell for 2m 41s
 - Vote results in favor of Samuel Powell 23-3
 - Motion passed to destroy Ballots
- XI. Illinois Society presented immediate past President Mike Campagnolo with a clock as a gift for his service.
- XII. Closing
- Benediction ILSSAR Chaplain – Rev Dr Ray Owens
SAR Recessional MISSAR David Van Hoff
Meeting adjourned 10:38 a.m.



Respectfully Submitted

Drew Robinson
Recording Secretary, Great Lakes District