



Great Lakes District
Vice President General's Report – October 19, 2019

I began the year by attending National Congress in Costa Mesa, California. It was my third National Congress and as the others, It was an enjoyable experience. Last month, I attended the Leadership meetings in Louisville. I'm serving on several committees. This year I'm continuing as the Vice Chairman of the Public Safety and Heroism committee and PG Manning appointed me as the Chairman of the Council of Vice Presidents General. One of the tasks has been to collect the current bylaws of the various Districts for a review to determine if they are in compliance with the National governing documents.

So far this year, I have visited meetings of the Nathaniel Ames Chapter (WI) and the Wisconsin Board of Managers. Last week, I attended the meeting of the Central Michigan Chapter and assisted with the induction of Madden Brady, a C.A.R. member who I sponsored for SAR membership. Madden has been held several offices in C.A.R., being active at the State and National levels. He will be a great asset to his Chapter and Society.

In addition to meeting visits, I attended a wreath laying ceremony in Hamburg Township at a display of the Moving Vietnam Wall along with several other SAR members. I also participated as part of the Color Guard at the grave dedication for Patriot Richard Jersey.

I am continuing to serve as the President of the Huron Valley Chapter. My two-year term as ends in January.

As we have noted and discussed for some time, membership retention is critical. It is now renewal time. I encourage you to work in your chapters to keep the members that we have. Remind them to pay their due. Get them involved in the chapter.

Thank you for attending the District meeting.

James Petres
Vice President General