



**SAR Western District Special Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2025 4:00 PM Pacific Time/1:00 PM Hawaii Time**

Call to Order – VPG Western District Jim Klingler

Invocation – Chaplain General Chris Grimes

Pledge of Allegiance – SAR Western District Secretary Jay Dickey

SAR Pledge – SAR Nevada Signers Chapter President David Bentley

SAR Mission Statement - SAR California State President John Ferris

Introduction of guests –VPG Jim Klingler

New Business

The General Officer Candidate Forum was moderated by VPG Jim Klingler, and was held to introduce the General Officer Candidates to the members of the Western District who were not able to attend national leadership meetings in Louisville. The following candidates were invited to present to the group:

- a. Uncontested Races
 - i. President General – Allen Greenly
 - ii. Secretary General – Brooks Lyles
 - iii. Registrar General – Keith Weissinger
 - iv. Chancellor General – Tracy Pounders
 - v. Historian General – Jeff Thomas
 - vi. Librarian General – James Osbourn
 - vii. Surgeon General – Matthew Bowdish
 - viii. Chaplain General – Chris Grimes
 - ix. SAR Foundation Board, PG Appointment – Bruce Pickette
- b. Contested Races
 - i. Treasurer General
 1. Scott Collins
 2. Gary Green
 - ii. Genealogist General
 1. Bobbie Hulse
 2. Derek Brown
 3. Wayne Eells
 4. Harry Rinker
 - iii. SAR Foundation Board, At-large position
 1. David Chaffin
 2. Scott Giltner

VPG Jim Klingler gave an overview of the SAR Strategic and Operational Plan. He noted it is available at [www.sar.org/Members/Forms and Manuals/Organizational Forms](http://www.sar.org/Members/Forms%20and%20Manuals/Organizational%20Forms). The Key Goals are in the latest issue of the SAR Magazine with operational Plan Priorities for State Societies and Chapters.



Western District Secretary Jay Dickey gave an overview of the Fall Leadership meeting in Louisville. Some of the key points are:

- 2026 Budget – Approved and available in Sharefile
- National General Liability Insurance (includes black powder firing liability)
 - o D & O excluded
 - o Youth Protection excluded
- Educational Center and Museum – In progress; event being planned for July, 2026
- Americanism Score-sheet – Complete re-write.
- Congress
 - o 136th Congress, July 10, 2026 Greensboro, NC.
 - o Revised Congress cancellation and reimbursement policy, effective 2026.
- Merchandise Department – New Staff and New Products
- Medals and Awards
 - o Caleb Gibbs Color Guard Medal
 - o Flag Certificate / Flag Retirement (Approving Authority)
 - o Bronze Good Citizenship Medal (Approving Authority)

State Society Updates and Upcoming Events were presented by the following members:

- California – President John Ferris
- Hawaii – No Attendees
- Nevada – Signers Chapter President David Bentley

SAR Recessional – SAR Western District Secretary Jay Dickey

Benediction – Chaplain General Chris Grimes

Meeting adjourned