

Arkansas SAR State Society
Board of Governors
Annual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 17th, 2025 @ 7 pm
Zoom Call

Board of Governors Roll-Call

(BOG Quorum = 40% of elected & constitutionally defined BOG positions → 8 positions)

(P) = Present, (A) = Absent

BOG Elected & Constitutionally Defined Positions

1. State President – Dr. Darrell Over MD (P)
2. State Vice President – Darrell Whitledge (P)
3. State Secretary – James Morrison (P)
4. State Treasurer – James Morrison (P)
5. State Registrar – James Morrison (P)
6. National Society Trustee – Greg Hogue (P)
7. Alternate National Society Trustee – Dr. Darrell Over MD (P)
8. Abraham Van Buren Chapter, President EuGene Smith (A)
9. Bayou Bartholomew Chapter, President Dr. Darrell Over MD (P)
10. Casimir Pulaski Chapter, President Darrell Whitledge (P)
11. Chickasawba Chapter, President Allen Bush (A)
12. Crowley Ridge Chapter, President Greg Hogue (P)
13. Desoto Trace Chapter, President Charles McLemore (P)
14. Ecore Fabre Chapter, President John Dawson (A)
15. Gen Lafayette Chapter, President Roger Rickard (P)
16. Jordan Milam Chapter, President Patrick Flenniken (A)
17. Southwest Trail Chapter, President Matthew Burks (A)
18. Immediate Past State President – Greg Hogue (P)

Appointed positions by the State President & approved by BOG:

1. State Chaplain – Open
2. State Chancellor – Tim Snively (A)
3. State Historian - Open
4. State Genealogist – Open
5. State USS Stark Committee & the Americanism Chairman - Stephen Sexton – (P)
6. Patriot Fund Chairman - Bob Shewmake (A)
7. Public Safety Committee Chairman – Open
8. Eagles Scout Committee Chairman – Charles Wright (A)

Guests

1. Gen Lafayette Chapter Vice President – Jim Partin (P)
2. Compatriot Wayne Shewmake – (P)
3. SAR/DAR Liaison Susan Over – (P)

Meeting started at 7 pm.

Meeting Called to Order – State President Dr. Darrell Over, MD

Pledge of Allegiance - State Vice President Darrell Whitledge

SAR Pledge - State President Dr Darrell Over MD

SAR Mission Statement - State President Dr Darrell Over MD

Roll Call - State Secretary James Morrison

Quorum present

Opening Remarks by State President Dr. Darrell Over MD

Topics of Discussion

State Fall Conference Meeting Date - BOG meeting members aligned to a Saturday, Sept 20, 2025 date for State fall conference in Conway, AR. Location is TBD.

Liberty Tree Planning – The ARSSAR 250th celebration project will be planting Liberty Trees. Trees have to be planted on public land. Compatriot Wayne Shewmake stated we have 100 trees to plant in 2-3 gallon pot, 2'-3' tall. Arkansas Forestry Division can assist to help plant the trees. State President Dr Darrell Over MD mentioned that he reached out to the DAR to see if they wanted to help us. There should be some type of signage, such as a 10" x 10" or 8" x 10" sign, to commemorate the occasion. Compatriot Wayne Shewmake will get with State President Dr Darrell Over MD on a plan to get signage. Would like to get trees in all 75 counties but at least get trees in the chapter counties or all of the counties named after a RevWar individual. Gen Lafayette Chapter President Roger Rickard said his chapter will get one into each county that his chapter covers.

Chapter & State Federal Tax Filing Update – State Treasurer James Morrison said he has been corresponding with National Director of Finance Megan Krebs about setting up a three-way conference call with the IRS to process our group exemption under National's tax ID to avoid having to pay an extra fee and allowing chapter representatives to file their Federal 990-N chapter tax returns. She has not been responsive despite having claimed she has faxed information to the IRS a number of times. There will be no late fees or

penalties assessed by the IRS as the chapters and state do not receive annual income > \$50K. State Treasurer Morrison said he will continue to follow-up with Ms. Krebs to schedule the conference call and keep the BOG abreast of his progress.

State Education Chairman – State Historian & Education Chairman for the New Jersey Society Roger Williams sent out an email on June 11, 2025 to other State Societies who have not identified a State Education Chairman. There will be a SAR Education Outreach Zoom meeting on July 9, 2025 at 7 pm CST. This information was sent out to all Chapter Presidents on June 11, 2025. No responses were received from the chapters. See State Secretary James Morrison if you are interested and he will send you the link.

National At Large Membership Bylaw Change – A National Bylaw changed was proposed by the Virginia Society to allow members to go into an At-Large membership status where they would only pay National dues and forgo paying State or Chapter dues. The BOG discussed this was not in the best interests of the organization and moved to vote it down through its delegate representation at the July Congress meeting. Motion was made to have State President Dr. Darrell Over MD represent the State to vote this change down. State Secretary James Morrison so moved the motion, seconded by Past State President Greg Hogue. **Motion passed.**

Change of Terms for State Officers – Compatriot Stephen Sexton proposed a change to the State constitution and bylaws where State Officers would only serve a one year term instead of two. There has not been a significant interest in having members fill state positions. As a reference, Arkansas DAR has 3 yr term vs. the ARSSAR 2 yr term. After much discussion, the proposal was withdrawn by Compatriot Stephen Sexton.

State Officer and Committee Chairmen Reports

State Registrar/Treasurer/Secretary Reports. State Officer James Morrison presented his Registrar, Treasurer, and Secretary Reports as outlined below:

State Registrar Report

Arkansas SAR State Registrar's Report - Apps

3/15/25

Date of oldest New Application awaiting approval: **30-Oct-2024** (19 weeks)
Date of oldest Supplemental awaiting approval: **21-Dec-2023** (64 weeks)

6/15/25

Date of oldest New Application awaiting approval: **24-Mar-2025** (11 weeks)
Date of oldest Supplemental awaiting approval: **28-Mar-2024** (63 weeks)



Count of Name Chapter	App Type	Current Status	Total
Bayou Bartholomew	Supplemental	Pended	2
		Received	4
	Supplemental Total		6
Bayou Bartholomew Total			6
Casimir Pulaski	Supplemental	Received	2
	Supplemental Total		2
Casimir Pulaski Total			2
Crowley Ridge	Supplemental	Received	2
	Supplemental Total		2
Crowley Ridge Total			2
Desoto Trace	New	Approved	2
		Pended	1
		Received	7
	New Total		10
	Supplemental	Pended	1
	Supplemental Total		1
Desoto Trace Total			11
Gen Lafayette	New	Approved	6
	New Total		6
	Supplemental	Received	9
	Supplemental Total		9
Gen Lafayette Total			15
Jordan Milam	Supplemental	Pended	1
	Supplemental Total		1
Jordan Milam Total			1
Grand Total			37

Source: SAR.org AR Society Application Status Report as of 6/15/25

State Treasurer's Report



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Account	2/28/25	6/15/25	Variance	Comments
Arvest Checking Acct	\$ 3,880.98	\$ 1,783.42	(\$2,097.56)	Driven by ES/ROTC awards, pins
CDs	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,200.22	\$ 200.22	Matures 7/2/25 (4.19%) & 7/29/25 (3.94%)
TOTAL	\$ 23,880.98	\$ 21,983.64	\$ (1,897.34)	
State Brokerage Account				
Invesco QQQ	\$ 17,277.78	\$ 17,916.64	\$ 638.86	
SPDR S&P500 EFT	\$ 15,448.68	\$ 15,522.00	\$ 73.32	
Cash	\$ 997.30	\$ 1,030.32	\$ 33.02	
TOTAL	\$ 33,723.76	\$ 34,468.96	\$ 745.20	
Patriot Fund				
Invesco QQQ	\$ 18,802.29	\$ 19,521.57	\$ 719.28	
SPDR S&P500 EFT	\$ 18,419.58	\$ 18,515.06	\$ 95.48	
Money Market - Taxable	\$ 5,205.54	\$ 5,271.46	\$ 65.92	
Cash	\$ 9,347.04	\$ 9,468.81	\$ 121.77	
TOTAL	\$ 51,774.45	\$ 52,776.90	\$ 1,002.45	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 109,379.19	\$ 109,229.50	\$ (149.69)	

CD (x7712) had a data breach on 4/24/25, corrected on 4/25/25 by Arvest. No impact to the account.

State Secretary's Report – State Secretary James Morrison asked if there were any changes or corrections to the 3/15/25 BOG Minutes sent out to the State Officers and Chapter Presidents on 3/16/25. He requested a motion to approve the 3/15/25 minutes. Motion made by Desoto Trace Chapter President Charles MeLemore, State Vice President Darrell Whitledge seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Patriot Fund Update – State President Dr. Darrell Over MD presented the Patriot Report (see below) as submitted by Compatriot Bob Shewmake on June 13, 2025. Desoto Trace Chapter President Charles McLemore suggested we move the cash into a CD or stocks. Tabled to Sept meeting once Compatriot Shewmake had a chance to review options. State President Dr. Darrell Over MD to send email to Compatriot Bob Shewmake on recommendation. Past Chapter President Greg Hogue made a motion to accept the Patriot Fund report, Gen Lafayette Chapter President Roger Rickard seconded the motion. **Motion passed.**

Patriot Report

as submitted by Compatriot Bob Shewmake on June 13, 2025

June 13, 2025

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Patriot Fund Performance 2025

- Balance December 31st 2024 \$51,324.79
- Balance June 13th 2025 \$52,808.74
- 6-month change is 2.9% increase \$1,483.95
- There were no outside deposits for the 12-month period

June 13th, 2025 the account balance was \$52,808.74 with:

- \$9,468.81 in cash
- \$5,271.46 in a CD
- \$19,521.57 in 37 shares of Invesco QQQ
- \$18,515.06 in 31 shares of SPDR 500 SPY

Chapter President Reports – no Chapter President reports were presented at the meeting.

Other Business

State and Chapter SAR Web Site Presence – State Treasurer James Morrison discussed the need for a ARSSAR web site to meet the needs of the State and Chapters. He presented the slide below:



Arkansas SAR Web Presence

- Create State web site with links to chapters: \$7,100
 - 10 weeks to complete
 - Will need head and shoulders photos of Chapter Presidents
- Annual hosting fee:
 - Year 1: \$221
 - Year 2 and on: \$276
- Cost for social media presence (e.g. Instagram, Facebook)
 - \$45/hour x 6 hours = \$270
- Use CD funding that matures on 7/2/25 to pay for this
- **TOTAL Year 1 cost: \$7,591**

State and Chapter Officers will need to provide head and shoulder pictures for the site. Web site development would be done by Ransom Marketing based in Fort Smith, AR. Motion made by Past State President Greg Hogue, second by State Vice President Darrell Whitledge, to redeem the maturing July \$10K CD and use it to pay for the ARSSAR web site and social media presence, putting the remaining amount back into a CD. **Motion passed.**

RevWar Grave Markings – Compatriot Wayne Shewmake requested that the state fund the purchase of granite stones for RevWar grave markings. He made a motion for this, State President Darrell Whitledge seconded. **Motion passed.**

State USS Stark Committee & the Americanism Committee – Committee Chairman Stephen Sexton mentioned he has not received any inputs for the Americanism award.

Benediction
SAR Recessional
Adjournment

BOG meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

James R. Morrison
Arkansas SAR State Secretary