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Hello Compatriots,

It is summer in Arkansas! Hot and more hot! It has now been just over 3 months since I assumed the Office of President. During that time the Arkansas State Society leaders have achieved much and have much still to do.

Achievements and activities

- New Website created. If you are reading this message, then you already know the site is magnificent. (Compatriot Richard Martin, website manager)
- Appointed Corey Burns as the State Registrar, Jeffrey Persons as the State Secretary and David Harris as the Assistant State Secretary.
- Closed COL Daniel McKissick Chapter and transferred all members to GEN Lafayette Chapter.
- Rejuvenated the Bayou Bartholomew Chapter and new officers elected. (Chapter President Darrell Over)
- Reinvigorating the State Color Guard.
- Working on new Arkansas By-Laws that will be reviewed at the September 2019 leadership conference and presented to the membership for approval in March 2020. (By-Laws Committee Greg Hogue and Richard O'Connell)
- Developed and deployed new monthly chapter reporting form. (Assistant State Secretary David Harris)
- Our first article was published in the NSSAR Magazine in years. BUT we have a great program started that should result in many future articles. (Assistant State Secretary David Harris)
- Revitalizing formal accounting and reporting and reviewing the IRS reporting requirements for all Chapters. (State Treasurer Greg Hogue)
- Analyzing the various State subcommittees to insure they are consistent with the By-Laws and that they are consistent with the direction that best meets the society needs.
- Developing a Leadership Council comprised of all Chapter presidents and lead by the State President. Will be a topic of discussion at the September Leader Conference.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events:

- 23-24 August 2019 - South Central District Conference in Oklahoma City, OK. There is a link on the AR-SSAR website for the registration form. It would be great to have strong representation at the conference.
- 19-21 September 2019 - NSSAR Semi-Annual Leadership Conference (Trustee EuGene Smith will attend)
- 28 September 2019 - AR-SSAR Leadership Conference (Hot Springs Village, AR) (Invitation Only). The leadership conference replaces the "Mid-Year" conference.

- March 2020 - Annual convention. The convention will include the normal pomp and circumstance and business meeting. There will however be more interesting presentations and tours. Stay tuned. (Convention committee: VP Joey Sehon and Chapter President Charles McLemore leading the effort)

The success so far have been based upon the efforts of a strong and committed few. We are grateful to those who continue to serve your society so well. However, there is more opportunity to make a contribution to a better State Society. If we can inspire Society members to take on one “Mini-Task” we can change and enhance the organization forever and have a bit of fun in the process. We endeavor to match your skills and interests to the needs of the Arkansas Society, please volunteer. We will be developing a volunteer form highlighting the areas we need energetic compatriots. In the interim, contact me via email at RVLIFE1215@gmail.com.