

The DAR is a national society founded by women for historical, educational and patriotic purposes. The NSDAR was founded on October 11, 1890 to honor those men and women whose sacrifices made our country free and independent, and to perpetuate the freedoms for which our ancestors fought. There are about 208,000 active members, making it the largest women's organization whose membership is based on lineal descent. You are eligible if you are able to prove your own blood line back to an ancestor who gave military service or helped the American cause in the Revolutionary War. If unable to do it herself, a prospective member can get help from the DAR in tracing her line back to a Revolutionary War ancestor.

The NSDAR is non-political. Each member is cautioned to refrain from any activity performed in the name of the DAR which might be construed as political. The DAR is interested in preserving and maintaining our Constitutional Republic, and urges its members, as good American citizens to be informed and vote. How one votes is up to the individual.

The National Headquarters of the Society is in Washington, D. C. The buildings fill a city block near the White House. MEMORIAL CONTINENTAL HALL was built in 1905. Major powers met here for a conference on the Limitation of Armaments, from November 12, 1921 to February 6, 1922. Because of this historic conference, the building has been designated as a Registered National Historic Landmark. CONSTITUTION HALL, completed in 1929 for the Society's annual Continental Congress every April, is also rented as a service to the public. It is the largest such facility in the Nation's capital. It seats 3,800 people. THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, built in 1920 to house the NSDAR offices was enlarged in 1950 and again in 1980, and connects the above two buildings. This building also contains the DAR Museum with its object collection of American arts before 1830, the Americana Collection of original documents and the Special Collection of NSDAR History. The DAR Library at National Headquarters is one of the finest genealogical libraries in the world. This collection covers genealogy and relevant local history; 65,000 books plus 40,000 in manuscript form. This is a reference, not a lending library. Users may browse among the stacks and select the books they wish. In addition to its Museum Gallery, the museum has 29 Period Rooms furnished authentically in various periods of this country. Guided tours are conducted for school children and adults. A "show and tell" project has been introduced, which allows the children to handle selected items.

The President General and eleven Executive Officers, elected for three-year terms, direct the business affairs of the National Society. These officers, together with twenty-one Vice Presidents General and State Regents from every state in the Union, make up the National Board of Management. The State Societies are made up of individual Chapters, headed by Chapter Regents. In 1981, some 4,000 delegates representing over 3,100 Chapters attended the Continental Congress.

DAR members assist immigrants in their local communities to become naturalized citizens. Almost 10,000,000 copies of a Manual for Citizenship has been distributed to newcomers since 1921.

The DAR has helped in Wars. The U. S. government asked them for help in the Spanish-American War by recruiting nurses to serve in army hospitals. These women became the nucleus for the Army Nurse Corps of today. During WW I, the Federal Government erected a temporary war office building on National Headquarters land, which the DAR loaned to the United States. The Society gave \$150,000 to Belgian Relief, restored the waterworks in the French village of Tilloloy, and gave \$200,000 for the purpose of sponsoring French War orphans. During WW II, the use of the DAR buildings was given to the American Red Cross.

Two schools in the Appalachian area, Tamassee, South Carolina and Kate Duncan Smith at Grant, Alabama are receiving an education through the efforts of the DAR. Contributions in cash to these schools are supplemented by boxes of clothing, books and miscellaneous items for resale. The DAR also helps in the education of Indian youth at St. Mary's Episcopal School for Indian Girls in Springfield South Dakota. Scholarships to Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma, are encouraged.

.....and much more.

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1983 FACT SHEET - NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Society Founded: October 11, 1890
Incorporated by Act of United States
Congress: 1896
Membership: 209,624
674,142 since 1890
Chapters: 3,150 in all 50 States,
District of Columbia, England,
France, Mexico, Venezuela, Canada.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS: 3 adjoining
structures: Memorial Continental
Hall (1905) Registered National
Historic Landmark; DAR Constitution
Hall (1929); Administration Building
(1920, 1950).

NATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT: 12 Exec-
utive Officers; 21 Vice Presidents
General; 54 State Regents. Regular
Meetings: April, October, February.
Special Meetings: June, December.

93rd CONTINENTAL CONGRESS: April 16-20,
1984 (week of Battle of Lexington).

DAR OBJECTIVES: Historic Preservation,
Promotion of Education, Patriotic
Endeavor. National Society goals are
achieved through Committee work.

AMERICANA ROOM (est. 1940)
Houses the Americana Collection, a
repository of 5,000 documents focus-
ing on Early America, as well as the
Special Collection of NSDAR History.

DAR LIBRARY (est. 1896)
Materials in genealogy and relevant
local history; 50,000 titles includ-
ing unpublished genealogy typescripts.
Public welcome, fee charged.

DAR MUSEUM (est. 1890)
30,000 object collection of 30 Period
Rooms and Museum Gallery; open to the
public, free admission; accredited by
AAM; 2,000 volumes American Decorative
Arts Reference Library.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH LIBRARY (est. 1967)
1,350 volumes, 150 pamphlets. Answers
queries on Revolutionary Era and NSDAR
History. Public welcome, free.

PROMOTION OF EDUCATION

- AMERICAN HERITAGE (est. 1963)
Chapters presented 6,320 programs on art,
crafts, drama, literature and music.
- AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH (est. 1956)
Sponsored each February; Governors/Mayors
issue proclamations designating February as
American History Month; students in grades
5, 6, 7 and 8 submit essays.
- AMERICAN INDIANS (est. 1936)
\$104,640 contributed to St. Mary's School
for Indian Girls, South Dakota and Bacone
College, Oklahoma. Scholarships awarded.
- CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (est. 1954)
Founded 1895; 10,548 members; provides train-
ing in patriotism and leadership.
- DAR GOOD CITIZENS (est. 1934)
Promotes Dependability, Service, Leadership
and Patriotism among high school seniors.
Awards: National - \$1,000 scholarship; State -
cash, pin and certificate. 9,719 sponsored.
- DAR MAGAZINE (est. 1892)
Official publication; 54,329 subscribers;
\$7.00 per year; commercial ads invited.
- DAR SCHOLARSHIP (est. 1923)
\$8,000 NSDAR American History scholarship.
Also Political Science, History, Government,
Economics, Nursing and Occupational Therapy.
- DAR SCHOOL (est. 1903)
\$621,471 sent through Treasurer General in
1982 to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, AL;
Tamassee DAR School, SC; Berry College, GA;
Crossnore, NC; Hillside, MA; Hindman, KY.
- JUNIOR AMERICAN CITIZENS (est. 1906)
Citizenship training program for boys and
girls, kindergarten through high school.
In 1982, 69,900 members in 2,141 clubs in
parochial, private or public schools, in
orphanages, community centers, etc.
- JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (est. 1937)
Ages 18-35. In 1982, 2,620 new Juniors.
Pages at State Conferences and Continental
Congress. \$44,333 to Helen Pouch Memorial
Fund for activities at Kate Duncan Smith
and Tamassee plus \$30,000 in gifts to
these two DAR Schools.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS (est. 1913)

In 1982, copied and bound 76,558 pages of unpublished source records for DAR Library.

LINEAGE RESEARCH (est. 1961)

8,781 prospective members assisted; completed lineage for 3,117 new members. Lineage Research Kits available, \$3.50.

SEIMES MICROFILM CENTER (est. 1970)

Depository for NSDAR applications and supplementals. Federal Census: 1850 to 1900. State, county, church and cemetery records. Non-member fee, \$3.00. Index and Supplement, \$3.75 each.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES FURTHERING

NSDAR GOALS

DAR PATRIOT INDEX	MUSEUM DOCENTS
DAR MEMBERSHIP COMMISSION	PROGRAM
DAR SPEAKERS STAFF	PROGRAM REVIEWING
FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM	TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY
HONOR ROLL	
MEMBERSHIP	UNITS OVERSEAS

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DAR PUBLICATIONS

A DAR Sampler (cookbook).....	\$11.00
Annual Proceedings of NSDAR.....	9.00
Historic & Memorial Buildings of DAR	
1 copy..	8.00
2 copies..	15.00
Is That Lineage Right?.....	1.50
Know the DAR.....3 for \$1.00, each	.35
Missal.....	2.00
National Bylaws & DAR Handbook.....	2.25
Official DAR Procedure & Protocol.....	.50
Patriot Index, vol. I, 1966.....	15.00
Patriot Index, vol. II, 1979.....	12.00
Patriot Index, 1982 Supplement.....	4.00
Ritual.....	2.00
Seal, Insignia & Banner of NSDAR.....	.50
10,000,000 DAR Manuals for Citizenship (story)..	1.00
The Wide Blue Ribbon.....	3.00
Washington Landmark (paperback).....	2.50

PATRIOTIC ENDEAVOR

AMERICANISM & DAR MANUAL FOR CITIZENSHIP

(est. 1919) 23 Americanism Medals awarded outstanding naturalized adult citizens; 45 Medals of Honor presented native-born adult citizens. Approximately 50,000 DAR Manuals for Citizenship distributed free yearly; 10,000,000 to 1983.

CONSERVATION (est. 1909)

76 Conservation Medals awarded. Emphasis on wildlife protection, endangered species, energy, etc.

CONSTITUTION WEEK (est. 1956)

September 17-23 observed each year. In 1982, President of United States issued a Proclamation, as did 46 Governors and 2,423 Mayors.

DAR SERVICE FOR VETERAN-PATIENTS (est. 1968)

NSDAR member of National VAVS Advisory Committee; DAR represented in VA Medical Centers. In 1982, DAR volunteers served 34,000 hours in VA hospitals: parties, programs, gifts, canteen books, etc. Cash \$330,868.

FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE

(est. 1909) 40,566 Flags, 591 in Braille, presented. 34,161 Flag Codes, over 3,000 Pledge of Allegiance for the Deaf in American Sign, distributed. 4,500 Children's Flag Codes purchased. 25,000 Flags distributed July 4, 1982 at World's Fair, Knoxville, TN.

MOTION PICTURE (est. 1923), RADIO (est. 1928

and 1979) & TELEVISION (est. 1975) Cooperates with groups to encourage better films, television and radio programs.

NATIONAL DEFENSE (est. 1926)

In 1982, awarded 3,414 Good Citizenship Medals to students; 550 gold and 1,055 bronze ROTC medals presented. Patriotic material available for students.

TREATY OF PARIS (est. 1983)

To commemorate the Bicentennial of the Treaty of Paris, which established the sovereignty of the United States.

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1983-1984 THEME: "Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less."

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING DAR APPLICATION PAPERS

Prepare two identical application papers typed with good BLACK ribbon, signatures on both with black ink. Both copies MUST have original signatures with the applicant's signature notarized. You may type one original paper, then make Xerox copy before signing. Do NOT type one copy and request a copy from National.

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1. Complete state, city, chapter, computer code number
 2. National Number is assigned by NSDAR when paper is verified
 - NEW Name - first, middle, maiden, last (documentation may show different names)
 4. Husband's full name, no initials. Residence with zip code
 5. Descendant of (in CAPS), without rank
 6. Signatures: Chapter Regent and Registrar (after she has checked the paper). Endorsers are certifying that they know the applicant personally and that she is acceptable to the chapter and the National Society. NSDAR Bylaws, Article III.
- NEW Endorser shall print her DAR National # above her hand written signature.

Page 2 (Lineage)

1. Full name, no initials
- NEW "I am the daughter by blood line of;" succeeding generations "was the child by blood line of." Order new papers or insert on old forms.
2. Male name first line and "his (first or ___) wife next, Mary Ann Smith (her maiden name) or if a widow, Mrs. Mary Ann (Smith) Jones
3. Dates are to be given day, month, year (20 Jan 1860). All names, dates, and places for applicant, her parents and her grandparents must be complete with proof that will clearly tie each generation to the preceding one. If a date or place cannot be secured, the applicant shall furnish a signed statement of that fact.
4. Complete all generations ONLY to include the Revolutionary ancestor.

Page 3 (References) (One copy of each piece of evidence. Do not staple or use tape)

1. Proof is required for ALL dates, places and relationships given on the lineage not previously accepted by the National Society. Be sure that the parentage of each person in the direct line is documented. Proof is many things - birth, death, marriage certificates, Bible records with title page and date of publication, wills, deeds, diaries, old letters, etc. Enough evidence to prove beyond question that the name, date, place, or service belongs to the correct person.
2. List DAR National Number from paper used as "Proof" with relationship to applicant.
3. List proof by generation. All data listed must be attached, or if a book, available in the NSDAR Library. On each item of proof submitted, give name of applicant, name of Revolutionary Ancestor, DAR Chapter, date, and generation number.
4. Unpublished material must be either a photocopy or a notarized copy of the original.
5. List author, title, date of publication, edition, and page(s) for published sources.
6. Papers from other organizations, group sheets and charts are not acceptable as proof.
7. List spouse(s) of Revolutionary Ancestor; list all children, birth dates, spouse(s).

Page 4 (Ancestor's Service) Please read Eligibility Clause

1. List highest rank attained by ancestor. Give complete service in space provided.
 2. If your references for Military Service are not in the NSDAR Library, attach copies.
 3. Type full name of Revolutionary Ancestor
 4. Applicant's notarized signature in black ink must be identical to page one.
- NEW Under the notarized signature, type or print applicant's name exactly as she wishes it to appear on her DAR Certificate.

SUPPLEMENTALS: Date, Registrar's signature and notarized signature of applicant. Do not send supporting proof previously furnished. Supplemental Fee: \$15.00.

SHORT FORM: Attach birth and marriage certificate, if applicable. If birth, marriage and death records were not submitted for the three generations which will appear on the short form, please use a long form with all supporting data.