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DAR Facts

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism.

Founded: October 11, 1890; incorporated in 1896 by an Act of Congress

Mission: To promote historic preservation, education and patriotism

Motto: God, Home and Country

Membership: - 185,000 members
- 3,000 chapters in all 50 states and Washington, D.C.
- International chapters in Australia, Austria, The Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, France, Germany, Guam, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain, United Kingdom
- Close to 1 million women have joined the DAR since it was founded.

Management: Policy for the Society is made by the National Board of Management composed of the President General, 11 Executive Officers, 21 Vice Presidents General and 53 State Regents. The National Board of Management meets six times a year at DAR Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Continental Congress: The DAR annual national meeting is named after the original Continental Congress that governed the American Colonies. DAR Continental Congress attracts more than 3,500 members to Washington, D.C., each summer.

Become a Member

Eligibility for Membership: Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible.

Ways to learn more about DAR membership: - Visit the DAR Website (www.dar.org) to read about steps to membership and to fill out a prospective membership form
- Talk to local DAR chapter members in your area
- E-mail inquiries to membership@dar.org
- Call a membership representative at National Headquarters at (202) 879-3224

National Headquarters

Buildings: The DAR Headquarters complex occupies an entire city block near the White House and includes three adjoining buildings, two of which are Registered National Historic Landmarks*:

- Memorial Continental Hall* (1905)
- Constitution Hall* (1929)
- Administration Building (1920, 1950)

Hours: Open to the public:
Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DAR Library: One of the largest genealogical research centers in the United States. A specialized collection of American genealogical and historical manuscripts and publications.

DAR Museum: 31 Period Rooms as well as permanent and changing exhibitions showcase American furnishings and decorative arts prior to 1830. Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums.

Americana Room: Collection of early American manuscripts and imprints, including signatures of all of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. The unique collection is available for viewing and research.

DAR Publications and Resources

For more information, pricing or to order these materials, call DAR Headquarters.

- America's Women in the Revolutionary Era, 1760-1790: A Bibliographic Guide
- American Treasurer: The Enduring Spirit of the DAR
- American Spirit magazine and Daughters newsletter
- DAR Members' Website (www.dar.org/members)
- DAR Public Website (www.dar.org)
- Forgotten Patriots: African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War
- Genealogical Research System (www.dar.org/grs)
- My Father Was a Soldier: The Real Daughters of the American Revolution
- Revolutionary War Source Guides
- The Wide Blue Sash

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DAR Committees

Most of the volunteer work of DAR is accomplished under a committee system comprised of national chairs appointed by the President General and locally appointed state and chapter chairs. The national chairs direct, supervise and promote the activities of their committees with the assistance of national vice chairs.

DAR committees promoting the mission of the Society include (but are not limited to):

Historic Preservation

- American Heritage:** Promotes the preservation of American cultural traditions, crafts and music.
- Genealogical Records:** More than 18,000 volumes of unpublished source records have been copied and bound for the DAR Library.
- Historic Preservation:** Oversees awarding of the Historic Preservation Medal and supervises the Historic Preservation Project Contest; documents historic site preservation and research.
- Lineage Research:** Those knowledgeable in genealogy assist prospective members and hold workshops.
- President General's Project:** "Service to America" is a project to restore and improve the NSDAR complex of historic buildings, to strengthen membership and to invest in our communities.
- DAR Library:** Repository for electronic genealogical resources and microforms of state records not found in other local research centers.

Education

- American History:** Sponsors American History essay contests for students in fifth through eighth grades, including homeschooled children.
- American Indians:** DAR has assisted American Indians with financial and scholarship aid since 1936.
- Community Classroom:** Seeks to encourage volunteers to provide additional support to children in classrooms and schools in their communities by providing time and financial support.
- DAR Good Citizens:** Promotes dependability, service, leadership and patriotism among high-school seniors by presenting national and state awards.
- DAR Scholarship:** Thousands of dollars are awarded through NSDAR American history, political science, history, government, historic preservation, economics, music, nursing, medical and occupational therapy scholarships annually.
- DAR School:** Support given to Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, AL; Tamassee DAR School, SC; Berry College, GA; Crossnore School, NC; Hillside School, MA; Hindman Settlement School, KY.
- Educational Resources:** Provides electronic lesson plans focusing on America, its history, government, heritage, genealogy, as well as other language and math topics.
- Junior American Citizens:** Citizenship training program for boys and girls, kindergarten through high school. JAC Clubs are available to parochial, private, public and homeschooled students.
- Literacy Promotion:** Promotes adult literacy and involvement in literacy programs.

Patriotism

- Service to America:** A challenge issued to all DAR members to invest a collective 19 million hours of community service for three years as a way to give back to our communities.
- Community Service Awards:** Medals given to recognize local citizens for outstanding achievements in cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic and citizenship work in their communities.
- Constitution Week:** DAR sponsors special programs during the week of September 17–23 to raise awareness about the United States Constitution. This official weeklong celebration of the Constitution was initiated by the DAR in 1955 and adopted by the U.S. Congress in 1956.
- DAR Service for Veterans:** As a member of the National Veterans Administration Voluntary Service Advisory Committee, DAR has representatives in Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Centers. DAR members volunteer in VA facilities and in state- and community-based programs, donating gifts, cash, personal care items, cancelled postage stamps and thousands of hours of time in service to America's veterans.
- The Flag of the United States of America:** Thousands of flags, flag codes, certificates and other patriotic materials are distributed annually.
- National Defense:** Youth Citizenship Awards are presented to elementary through high-school students. Gold and bronze ROTC medals are presented to outstanding high-school and college cadets.
- DAR Project Patriot:** Provides support to America's service personnel in current conflicts abroad.

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