

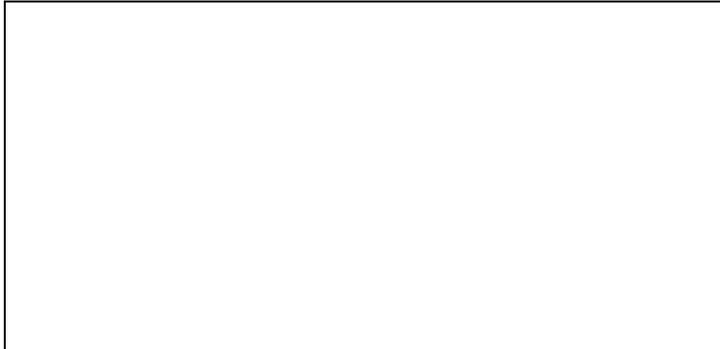
## HOW

### DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

Any male who is a lineal descendent of an ancestor who supported the war for American Independence is eligible for membership in the *Sons of the American Revolution*. These ancestors are referred to as Revolutionary War Patriots and include those persons who fought in the military or militia, who provided supplies to the American cause, who served on political bodies supporting the Revolution, or who signed oaths of support and similar acts. Junior Membership is available for those less than eighteen years of age, with "Family Plans" reducing the cost of membership.

Hundreds of thousands of men are eligible for membership and assistance is available to help you with your application. For additional information, ask the person that gave you this pamphlet or contact the person shown below. In the event you cannot locate SAR members in your area, look under "State Webpages" on our website ([www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)).

See the "Application Preparation Manual" and genealogy policies online at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) for more complete instructions and information.



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# Sons of the American Revolution

The Leading Heritage Organization for Men



The *Sons of the American Revolution* may be an unknown organization to you.

This pamphlet will briefly explain the history, activities and requirements for membership.

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# WHO

## ARE THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION?

The Sons of the American Revolution was incorporated on January 17, 1890, in Connecticut and later chartered by the United States Congress in June 9, 1906. Prior to this date a number of state societies were formed in the 1880s. The first Congress of the National Society was held in Louisville, Kentucky on April 30, 1890—the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of George Washington taking the oath of office as President of the United States.

The purposes of the Sons of the American Revolution are patriotic, historical and educational. This includes:

- \* Perpetuating the memory of Revolutionary War Patriots.
- \* Preserving the records of Revolutionary War Patriots.
- \* Marking the locations of the Revolution: its events and its soldiers.
- \* Promoting fellowship among their descendents.
- \* Celebrating anniversaries of the Revolution.
- \* Inspiring the community with a reverence for the principles of government founded by our forefathers.
- \* Maintaining and extending the institutions of American freedom.
- \* Encouraging historical research of the American Revolution.
- \* Carrying out the purposes of the Preamble of the Constitution.
- \* Following the injunctions of Washington's farewell address to the American people.

The National Headquarters is located in Louisville, Kentucky. There are 50 state societies including the District of Columbia. There are also societies in France, Spain, the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany and Switzerland. The current membership of the National Society is approximately 33,000 active members.

# WHAT

## ARE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAR?

- \* Honors Individuals for outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement at local, state and national levels.
- \* Honors persons for outstanding bravery and self sacrifice in the face of imminent danger.
- \* Honors outstanding high school students with the presentation of a Good Citizenship Award
- \* Honors outstanding Junior and Senior ROTC cadets with the presentation of an SAR ROTC Award.
- \* Honors Law Enforcement officials for outstanding service with a Law Enforcement Award.
- \* Honors Fire Safety Officials for outstanding service with a Commendation Award.
- \* Selects outstanding Eagle Scouts at local, state and national levels.
- \* Conducts a national historical oration contest.
- \* Sponsors Boy Scout troops and chapters of the Children of the American Revolution.
- \* Places SAR markers at the grave sites of Revolutionary War Patriots and SAR Members.
- \* Commemorates Revolutionary War Patriots with appropriate ceremonies.
- \* Participates in new citizenship swearing-in ceremonies.
- \* Observes patriotic anniversaries.
- \* Cooperates with the Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution and other hereditary organizations in the promotion of patriotism.
- \* Assists wounded warriors, soldiers and veterans in military and veterans hospitals and retirement homes across the country through Operation Ancestor Search and other veterans programs.