

# JOINING

To qualify for admission to the SAR, a man must be 18 years of age or older, and a citizen of good repute in his local community. *He must also be able to prove lineal descent from an ancestor living in the 18<sup>th</sup> century who was at all times loyal to and rendered active service in, the cause of American Independence.*

**APPLICATION:** A prospective member must apply through an active State Society using the prescribed application form, supported by documentation (verifiable records) of lineage and service; this documentation may include many or all of the following items:

- ❑ Birth or Baptismal Certificates, including the names of parents, the date of birth, and other relevant details.
- ❑ Marriage records, containing the names of the husband and wife, the date of the marriage, the names of their parents, and other relevant details.
- ❑ Death Certificates, obituary notices, or other comparable records.
- ❑ Land records, Court Records, or other comparable documentation in which the relationship of a parent and child is confirmed, or which serves to place an individual ancestor within the correct line of descent.
- ❑ Bible Records; these must include a copy of the title page of the Bible, as well as the family record.



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***A HELPFUL  
INTRODUCTION TO  
THE SONS OF THE  
AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION***

Presented with the Complements of  
**SARATOGA BATTLE CHAPTER**

**EMPIRE STATE SOCIETY**

Of The

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION**

# OUR HISTORY

The SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION was first incorporated in the State of Connecticut, on January 17, 1890. Rapidly earning national respect and attention, it was chartered by an act of the United States Congress on June 09, 1906.

- ❑ The first Congress of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) was held in Louisville, KY on April 30, 1890, exactly 100 years from the date George Washington took his Oath of Office as President of the United States.
- ❑ In regards to its purpose, the SAR is a patriotic, historical, and educational organization.
- ❑ The SAR Genealogical Library is located at our National Headquarters in Louisville, KY, where it maintains a collection of over 23,000 books and 1,200 manuscripts of various kinds. This extensive resource includes a substantial array of information on genealogy, the American Revolution, and various state and local histories.
- ❑ The SAR Museum is also located at our Louisville Headquarters. Continually undergoing expansion to house its newest acquisitions, the Museum features a collection of materials relating to the United States as an Emerging Nation, artifacts from the Revolutionary War, and early decorative arts.

# ACTIVITIES

In keeping with its official purposes, the SAR engages in a wide range of patriotic and educational activities at the National, State, and local level.

- ❑ We honor patriotic Americans for significant and unusual demonstrations of that patriotism.
- ❑ We honor courageous Americans for exceptional bravery and self sacrifice in the face of imminent danger.
- ❑ We honor outstanding High School students with the presentation of an annual Good Citizenship Award.
- ❑ We honor outstanding Junior and Senior ROTC Cadets with the presentation of an annual ROTC Award.
- ❑ We honor noteworthy Law Enforcement officers and Fire Safety Officials with awards for bravery or distinguished conduct in the line of duty.
- ❑ On an annual basis, we honor outstanding Eagle Scouts at the local, state and national level; the National Winner of the Eagle Scout Essay is awarded \$8,000.
- ❑ We conduct a National Patriotic Oration Contest and comparable local Essay Contests for High School students across America.
- ❑ Keeping faith with America's Proudest traditions, we regularly observe all patriotic national anniversaries, while actively participating in other significant U.S. Historical events, as well.

# MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Sons of the American Revolution come from all walks of life, but they share one unique characteristic; every member descends from a Patriot Ancestor who served America during its struggle for Independence in the years from 1774 to 1783.

Every Member of SAR receives the SAR MAGAZINE from the National Society, which includes state and local reports, as well as news about the national organization. Many of our State Societies and Local Chapters also publish newsletters of their own.

SAR Members become acquainted with other congenial men who share their interest in family history, genealogy, patriotic traditions, and educational service to the community.

SAR members assist in identifying and marking the graves of Patriots who served in the Revolutionary War, and in the preservation of important historic sites; they also participate in many celebrations and festivities of an historic or patriotic nature.

Through their local Chapter, SAR Members also assist in various activities of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), and Children of the American Revolution (CAR). Youths may complete an application for the Youth Registration Program which registers their lineage for future membership.