

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is a proud organization of about 25,000 active male descendants of those patriots who, during the American Revolution, rendered unwavering loyal service to the cause of winning our freedom from England.

Founded on April 30, 1889, the National Society was incorporated by an act of Congress June 9, 1906, as a **non-profit, non-secret, non-political** organization. It still is.

Today the SAR consists of 50 State Societies, with more than 500 local or regional SAR Chapters.

From inception, the SAR has been dedicated to **patriotic, historical and educational** objectives. These are reflected in every SAR activity - all designed and conducted to help perpetuate **understanding of, reverence for and preservation of** those institutions of American Freedom delineated in the Preamble of our Constitution and in the injunctions of George Washington in his farewell address to the citizens of the Republic he led in war and in peace.



An important part of membership includes receiving four issues a year of *The SAR Magazine*. Editorial content is designed to report activities at the local, state and national levels, as well as offer member-prepared feature articles on a wide variety of patriotic, historical and educational subjects. Subscriptions are paid for from dues.

## Why You Should Be a Member

You can become a member of an active organization of patriotic men brought together by their heritage and welded into an organization dedicated to the preservation of the Constitutional freedoms established by the founders of our Nation.

As a member of the SAR, you will be able to take an active part in assuring your children of the same freedoms you have enjoyed.

The local Chapters of the Society afford an opportunity to become acquainted with men in your own community with whom you have many common interests.

Joining the SAR will afford you opportunities to serve your community - to whatever degree your time permits - in furthering patriotic education and in generating and preserving understanding and appreciation of the principles of Government which our forefathers established.

SAR will guide you in researching your family lineage to establish your right to membership and once you become a member, will **record** and **preserve** this information, making it **forever available** to your descendants.

## Our Genealogical Research Library

The SAR Genealogical Library on the second floor of the Headquarters at Louisville, KY contains a reference (non-circulating) collection of more than 50,000 volumes concerning genealogy, the American Revolution, and local county, state and regional histories. This priceless collection, catalogued and classified by the Library of Congress classification system, is available for on-premises study at no cost to SAR, C.A.R., DAR, SR members, Friends of the SAR Library members and to the public at a nominal charge.

Our Library contains 9,000 family genealogies, and a like number of local, county and state histories; and over 3,000 volumes of published genealogical /



historical journals, 1,200 volumes about George Washington, and 250 indexes to U.S. Censuses for 1790 to 1880. The Library is adding books, manuscripts, etc., at the rate of many hundreds annually. To access the Libraries Card Catalog online, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.sar.org>

National Headquarters provides the permanent repository of the original applications and supporting documents proving Revolutionary War ancestry of the nearly 153,000 members of SAR who have proven eligibility since the Society's founding. This material will be available in perpetuity for future family research.

## Our Historical Museum

Under development over the years has been the SAR Historical Museum at Headquarters. A continuing program of acquisitions for display range from objects related to the history of the United States as it emerged as a new nation (1763-1815) to artifacts of the Revolutionary War and early American decorative arts.



## Qualifications for Membership

Any man shall be eligible for membership in this Society who, being of the age of eighteen years or over and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in loyalty to, and rendered active service in, the cause of American independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States; or as a Signer of the Declaration of Independence; or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain.

Application for membership is made on standard forms furnished by the State Societies. These forms call for the place and date of birth and death of the Patriot ancestor and the names and dates of birth, of marriage and of death of ancestors in intervening generations.

There are no "at-large" members of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Applicants become members of the Society only through affiliation with a State SAR Society or with a Society in the District of Columbia, or in Canada, France, Germany, Switzerland, the United Kingdom or other Societies which may be established outside of the United States.

If you believe that you may be eligible for SAR membership, ask the person from whom you received this pamphlet or officers of the SAR Chapter name below for a membership application. In addition to receiving guidance in completing your application, you will be informed of fees, dues, and other pertinent information.

In the event you cannot locate SAR members in your home area, call or write National SAR Headquarters or visit the SAR web page at <http://www.sar.org>

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## Patriotism in Action

The multifaceted activities of the SAR give practical meaning to the objectives expressed in the SAR Constitution - Patriotic, Historical, Educational.

Whatever your special interests, or your vocational or professional background, you are welcome to participate in an activity in which you will find opportunities to make meaningful contributions supportive of the purposes of the Society.

National Committees - which have their counterparts at State and at Chapter levels - are dedicated to acquiring and preserving service records of individual Patriots of the Revolutionary War era; to identifying landmarks, and marking the scenes of historical events with appropriate memorials; to celebrating anniversaries of significant events and battles; to distributing to schools and displaying in many public places facsimiles of the Declaration of Independence and other Documents of Democracy; to encouraging public and governmental observance of important dates - Flag Day, Constitution Week, July 4th, and others; to awarding of Good Citizenship, Senior and Junior ROTC, Law Enforcement and other medals or certificates of recognition, including recognition of civil servants for superior performance of duties; to locating and marking grave of Revolutionary Patriots; to conducting historical oration and essay contests providing substantial scholarship awards; to providing both leadership and awards to Scouting; and, to providing assistance of many types to patients in Veterans Administration hospitals. The foregoing is only a partial review of SAR activities.

## Our Organizational Structure

Elected at each National Annual Congress, by delegates representing each State Society on the basis of one for each fifty members, are: President General\*; Secretary General\*; Treasurer General\*; Registrar General; Historian General; Chancellor General\*; Surgeon General; Chaplain General; Genealogist General and Librarian General. (Those marked with asterisk are ex-officio members of the National Executive Committee, along with five members appointed by the incoming President General, constituting his advisory/consulting group)

Fifteen Vice-Presidents General are elected at each Congress to a one-year term to represent their respective Districts of from two to six states. Their leadership duties are within their District.

Each State Society every year sends a Trustee and an Alternate to the National Board of trustees, which meets four times a year. It receives reports of officers and committees; considers financial, operating and other Society business; reviews resolutions or proposals for changes in Bylaws or in Society conduct. It subsequently reports its judgments to the National Congress for acceptance or rejection.

The Society's organizational structure is a model of **representative** government - providing a pattern which is duplicated at State Society and Chapter levels.

# National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution



## To Help Preserve a Precious Heritage

*The objects of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people, to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom.*

## THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, SAR

Information about our Society is provided on our Web site at [www.sar.org/about.htm](http://www.sar.org/about.htm) and in Form 911 "To Help Preserve a Precious Heritage".

### CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in a State Society is mandatory, so all applications are made through State Societies. Many states require membership in a Chapter.

**Regular:** A member age 18 or older who pays annual dues. Only regular members may vote and hold office in the SAR and receive the *SAR Magazine* for free. Life membership dues may be prepaid.

**Junior:** A member under age 18 who pays annual dues. He will be jointly enrolled in the CAR (Children of the American Revolution). His CAR dues are paid from part of his SAR dues.

**Memorial:** A male who is a deceased close relative of an SAR member and whose application is based on (most of) the same lineage as that SAR member. There are no dues and a portion of the application fee goes to the Society's Permanent Fund.

**Youth Registrant:** A youth under the age of 18 for whom a fully documented application has been accepted and held in escrow. He is not a member and receives no member benefits but he can become a member (Junior or Regular) at any time before age 29, by activating his escrowed application through a State Society and paying annual dues.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

To be eligible for membership in the SAR you must be a citizen of good repute in the community and the **lineal descendant** of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in loyalty to the cause of American independence and rendered acceptable service (see list in the next column) **by overt acts** of resistance to the authority of Great Britain. The patriotic service and line of descent must be documented through acceptable references. **Family tradition in regard to the service of an ancestor or the line of descent are not acceptable as documentation.**

The applicant must also be personally acceptable to the Society. SAR members may provide informal assistance to the applicant, but the NSSAR will not give a preliminary decision on a line of descent, service, or the evidentiary value of proposed evidence. If the complete and documented application has been submitted and is found to be inadequate, the applicant may be advised of possible ways to secure better documentation.

## ACCEPTABLE SERVICE

Signer of Declaration of Independence.

Battle of Point Pleasant, October 10, 1774.

Ft. William and Mary, December 14 / 15, 1774

Military or naval service from April 19, 1775, to November 26, 1783

Civil service under the Colonies from April 19, 1775, to November 26, 1783, inclusive.

Patriotic service by men or women during the Revolutionary period, including --

Member of committees made necessary by the war; such as Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety; Committee to care for soldiers' families; including Committees from six months before the Battle of Point Pleasant which furthered the cause of the Colonies.

Any pledge to support the cause of the Colonies, such as signing the Oath of Fidelity and Support, the Oath of Allegiance, Articles of Association, or the Association Test.

Members of all Continental Congress.

Furnishing a substitute for military service.

Signers of Mecklenburg Declaration, 1775; Albemarle, Virginia, Declaration; and similar declarations. Signers of petitions addressed to and recognizing the authority of the provisional and new state governments. Persons accepting obligations or acting under direction of the provisional and new state governments, such as persons directed to hold elections, to oversee road construction, to collect provisions, etc.

Members of Boston Tea Party; Kaskaskia Campaign; Galvez Expedition; Cherokee Expedition; Edenton Tea Party

Physician, surgeon, nurse, or others rendering aid to the wounded, and ministers known to be in sympathy with the Colonies, either by sermon, speech, or action.

Defenders of forts and frontiers; rangers.

Prisoners of war, including those on the British ship, "Old Jersey," and other prison ships.

Rendering material aid, such as furnishing supplies with or without remuneration; lending money to the Colonies, munitions makers, and gunsmiths; or anything which furthered the Cause.

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

See Form 912 "Documentation of an Application" for suggested sources of documentation and methods of marking it. The only application forms that will be accepted are those printed on special watermarked paper authorized by the National Society. These forms may be purchased from the National Society and completed using a **black** typewriter ribbon or produced by a properly-authorized computer programs. **Do not submit a photocopy.** Handwritten applications and application forms printed before 1990 are not accepted.

The applicant must be sponsored by two members. Their signatures should be clearly legible and accompanied by the members' National SAR number.

The completed application must be submitted in duplicate to the Chapter or State Society. Both copies of the application must bear the signatures of the applicant and his sponsors. One set of marked-up documentation and checks covering the National, State, and Chapter application fees and first year dues must accompany the application. On acceptance by the State Registrar and the governing board of the State Society one of the duplicate applications, the documentation, and a suitable check must be sent to National Headquarters for review, acceptance, and registration by the National Society. The guidelines and requirements for documentation are the same for all applications.

**What form should you use?** All categories of membership may use the same regular membership application form. Youth Registrants may use their special form until stocks are depleted. Members who wish to obtain a memorial membership for a deceased relative should file a regular membership form and write "Memorial" at the top.

### TRANSFERS FROM THE CAR

Male members of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR) may become a member by transfer into the SAR. If the transfer occurs before the age of 18, he will become a Junior Member. A transfer card -- available from the National Society CAR -- will be accepted in lieu of the usual admission fee, provided that the application is submitted not later than his twenty-second birthday. If you are a present or former member of the CAR you need only submit as documentation, a birth certificate and **record copy** of your CAR application and / or the DAR **record copy** which follows the same line. **Short forms are not acceptable;** all generations back to the patriot ancestor must be shown on the CAR or DAR application.

## RELATIVES IN THE SAR AND DAR

If you are the son, grandson, brother, nephew, or grandnephew of an SAR or DAR member then the application fee is \$5.00 if you are under the age of 25, provided that the relative is a member in good standing or -- if deceased -- was in good standing at the time of death; **and further provided that you are applying using the same established lineage.**

Applicants whose lineage goes back to the lineage of an SAR member or former member must furnish documentation only back to an ancestor on the accepted application of that relative, provided that documents satisfactory to the Genealogist General are in NSSAR files to establish the line of descent from the ancestor to that relative. However, all generations back to the Revolutionary War ancestor and the references shown on the SAR papers should be typed onto the current application.

Applicants whose lineage goes back to the lineage of a DAR must furnish documentation only back to an ancestor on the accepted application of that relative and must provide a **record copy** of that approved application. If the relative used a short form application, then the current applicant must also submit the record copy of the long form application which was cited on the short form. Some older approved applications lack documentation that is acceptable under current standards. In such cases, these papers will be judged on their merit and the applicant may be asked to furnish further data or documentation.

SAR *may* accept record copies of papers from: **Founders and Patriots, The Mayflower Society, and The Society of Colonial Wars.** Applications from these Societies will be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine if they can be used as proof of lineage for SAR.

## SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS

Members having more than one qualifying ancestor may file supplemental applications for the additional ancestors. All members having more than one qualifying ancestor are strongly urged to prepare and file supplemental applications.

Supplemental applications must be submitted in duplicate using the regular application form in exactly the same way as original applications except sponsoring signatures are not required. Forms prior to 1990 will not be accepted.

## REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Inactive SAR members may apply for reinstatement through a State Society, subject to the acceptance of that Society. The cost is set by the State Society, but the National Society requires only dues for the current year.

## PHOTOCOPIES OF APPLICATIONS

Photocopies of SAR membership applications are available from National Headquarters at \$5.00 per application. Be sure to provide the member's full name and, if possible, the SAR National Number.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FEES

Applications must be accompanied by both the appropriate application fees **and** the annual dues for the year in which the application is approved. National fees and dues are listed below. State and chapter fees and dues vary, and must also be included with the application.

NSSAR application fee ..... \$ 35.00

### Exceptions:

Additional family members filing at the same time using the same lineage ..... \$ 17.50

Applicant under 25 who is the son, grandson, brother, nephew or grand-nephew of an SAR or DAR member who is active now or was active at the time of death  
..... \$ 5.00

CAR member under 22 with transfer card ... \$ zero

Memorial Membership (\$35.00 App. Fee +) \$250.00

## ANNUAL DUES

NSSAR Dues (effective Nov 1, 2002)..... \$25.00

## SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEE

NSSAR Supplemental Fee . . . . . \$20.00

Supplementals do not incur any additional annual dues.

All applications must be received at the National Society through a State Society. Applicants must submit their application to the State Society with the correct National, State and Chapter Fees.

# National Society Sons of the American Revolution



## *Requirements for Membership and for Applications*

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# NATIONAL SOCIETY SONS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION

## NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

### WELCOME

Congratulations on becoming a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. It has taken someone much time and effort to assemble all the necessary proofs for your application. The purpose of this pamphlet is to provide a general understanding of the organization. If you haven't read the pamphlet SAR WHATS you should do so. If you wish to learn more about the SAR, purchase a copy of the SAR history from the Sons of the American Revolution: 1000 South Fourth Street; Louisville, KY 40203-3292.

### HISTORY

After the Civil War and with the approach of the Centennial of the Declaration of Independence a patriotic fervor developed throughout the country. There was also a recognition that the personal connection with the Patriots of the Revolution was being lost. Not only were the Patriots gone, but many of their sons and daughters were also departing this life. Because of this a number of groups were organized in various states to honor the Patriots and to perpetuate the memory of their participation in the War of Independence. By April 1889 there were thirteen of these Revolutionary War Societies in existence.

One of these organizations was the *Society of the Sons of the Revolutionary Sires* organized in San Francisco, California in 1875. Another of these organizations was the *Sons of the Revolution* organized in 1883 with chapters in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. In April 1889 the New Jersey *Sons of the Revolution* invited delegates from the thirteen Revolutionary Societies to meet at Fraunces Tavern in New York City to discuss the organization of a national society. You will remember this was where George Washington bid farewell to his officers in the Continental Army.

Twenty delegates representing the thirteen societies accepted the invitation. A motion was made to adopt the constitution of the New York Society of the *Sons of the Revolution* with other state societies as "auxiliary branches." This motion failed. After much discussion the assembly decided to organize the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) with each state society (state abbreviation SSAR) a member; equal and independent. This motion was approved. At that time some state societies admitted men and women while others admitted only men. After much discussion and in the interest of harmonizing differences, it was decided the SAR would be an organization of "Sons" only. However, some state societies of the *Sons of the Revolution* (SR) declined to join the group and each organization has continued its independent course.

The first NSSAR National Congress was held in Louisville, Kentucky, in May 1890. Within a few years the ladies organized the *Daughters of the American Revolution* and used the SAR procedures and application papers until they developed their own.

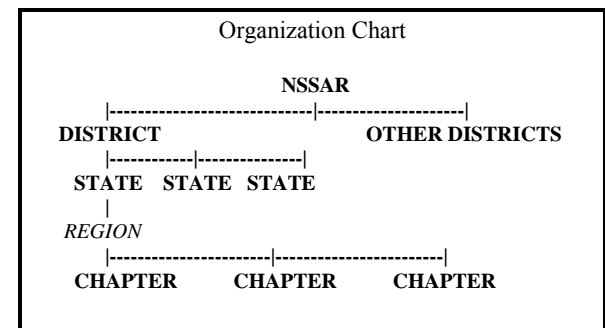
Initially the NSSAR headquarters were in Washington, DC, but in 1980 the headquarters moved to Louisville, Kentucky. Today it occupies a beautiful building which includes national headquarters offices, meeting rooms, a library and a museum. Also in the headquarters is a Merchandise Department where individual items such as the member's medal, caps, ties and T-shirts; promotional literature including the National Society Handbook and general items such as medals and certificates are sold. Use the order form in *The SAR Magazine* or the order form obtained from the NSSAR when placing an order. Members are always welcome and anyone passing through Louisville should visit the headquarters.

The SAR Congress passed a resolution recommending that the Revolutionary War records stored in boxes and barrels in the State Department be transferred to a fire proof storage area, be indexed and be made available to the public. The US Congress enacted a law directing this to be done. In 1913 the National Archives was established. SAR members can take pride in the fact that our organization played an instrumental role in the establishment of the National Archives.

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Sons of the American Revolution was first incorporated in January 1890 in the State of Connecticut. It was chartered by the United States Congress in June 1906. It has an approved Charter and By-laws. National officers are titled General officers - such as President General - and are elected annually by delegates from the state societies at the annual SAR Congress. The number of delegates from each state is determined by the number of active members. An Executive Committee partially appointed by the President General and elected by the members assist the President General in day-to-day operations. An Executive Director heads a staff administering the national organization. The governing body is known as the Board of Trustees. Each State Society elects Trustees and Alternate Trustees, the number is determined by its strength. The Board of Trustees meets twice a year at Louisville to conduct business. The annual SAR Congresses are held in Louisville every five years and are moved around the country the other four years. The President General appoints a number of committees to study various matters and reports to the Board of Trustees and at the annual Congress. Each summer the names and addresses of all national, district, state and chapter officers and national committees are published in *The SAR Magazine*.

The National Society (NSSAR) establishes national dues and approves programs to be implemented by the state societies. The National Society is the final approving authority for membership and keeps original membership records in a fireproof, humidity-controlled space. Membership records are microfilmed and many are available on a CD. The National Society publishes *The SAR Magazine* four times a year.



The United States is divided into thirteen Districts each generally consisting of three or four adjoining states. There are also two Districts for SAR Societies outside the United States. Each District is governed by a Vice President General elected annually by the district and confirmed at the Annual Congress. In general no District has a budget, so the district activities and command are limited.

As provided in the Constitution, each state (North and South Dakota are combined) has a State Society equal and independent to each other. Some states are further divided into regions for administrative purposes. There are also societies in France, United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, and Switzerland. Some states have a paid employee. Each State Society has an Annual Meeting of all members and a Board of Managers selected from the membership. The Board meets as directed by the Society constitution. Each State Society performs administrative matters, keeps a copy of the original application, establishes and collects state dues and collects the national dues. Some State Societies collect chapter dues and some leave this to the chapter. The State Society implements programs approved by the National Society and publishes a newsletter.

The chapter is the basic unit of the organization. It has a constitution and by-laws, the officers are elected by the chapter members, a Board of Managers - selected according to the chapter by-laws - performs the administrative duties, establishes chapter dues and most important, implements national and state programs. Each chapter determines its procedures and selects the programs it implements. Chapters vary greatly depending on their location and the interest of members. Some chapters meet monthly while others less often. Some chapters implement a number of programs and some have only a few

#### NSSAR PROGRAMS

"By their works you shall know them" is certainly true of the Sons of the American Revolution. In carrying out its objectives - declared to be patriotic, historical and educational - it has selected a number of programs. Some of these are:

**AMERICANISM** to promote principles of freedom and liberty for all Americans.

**EAGLE SCOUT** to supervise and promote an Eagle Scout Awards program.

**EDUCATION** to develop ideas for achievement of historical education

**FLAG** to encourage patriotic respect for the Flag of the United States and promote Flag Day programs.

**HISTORIC SITES AND CELEBRATIONS** to preserve, mark and interpret historic sites and buildings and promote their recognition by appropriate celebrations.

**HISTORICAL ORATION** to conduct an annual Rumbaugh Orations Contest at the National Congress.

**ESSAY CONTEST** to conduct an annual Knight Essay Contest with recognition at the National Congress.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT** to promote the recognition of persons who have distinguished themselves in the preservation of law and order.

**LINEAGE RESEARCH WORKSHOPS** to promote family research by conducting courses on genealogical procedures.

**REVOLUTIONARY WAR GRAVES** to register final resting places of Patriotic forefathers and publish listing of Patriotic Graves.

**PRESERVE UNITED STATES HISTORY** to develop and implement a program to fight misleading US History in school textbooks.

**VETERANS** to encourage recognition of and support to veterans in VA hospitals

We welcome you as a member in the Sons of the American Revolution. We urge you to take an active part in the activities of the Society. Your Chapter; State Society and National Society want you to enjoy your membership. Contact any SAR member for additional information.

Written by Compatriot Charles B. Schweizer of Illinois

# SAR

## NEW MEMBER INFORMATION



This pamphlet has been prepared in order to provide a general understanding to new members of the

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# WHAT

## *ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP?*

Any man of age eighteen years or over, 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 and / or militia, who provided supplies to the American cause, who served on political bodies supporting the Revolution, who signed oaths of support and similar acts.

If you believe that you may be eligible for SAR membership, ask the person from whom you received this pamphlet or contact the name below. In the event you can not locate SAR members in your home area, check our Web site or write National Headquarters.



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Form 0913  
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# SAR WHATS



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

This pamphlet has been prepared to briefly explain the history, activities, and requirements for membership.

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# WHAT

## *IS 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 on June 9, 1906. Prior to this date a number of state societies were formed in the 1880s. These were led by The Sons of Revolutionary Sires, organized July 4, 1876, in San Francisco. The first Congress of the National Society was held in Louisville, Kentucky on April 30, 1890 -- the 101st anniversary of George Washington's taking the oath of office of President of the United States.

The *National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution* celebrated its centennial and the bicentennial of Washington's becoming President on April 30, 1989.

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

- \* Perpetuating the memory of Revolutionary War Patriots.
- \* Promoting fellowship among their descendants.
- \* Inspiring the community with a reverence for the principles of government founded by our forefathers.
- \* Encouraging historical research of the American Revolution.
- \* Preserving the records of Revolutionary War Patriots.
- \* Marking the locations of the Revolution: its events and its soldiers.
- \* Celebrating anniversaries of the Revolution.
- \* Fostering true patriotism.
- \* Maintaining and extending the institutions of American freedom.
- \* 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, the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany and Switzerland. The current membership is approximately 27,000 active members.

# WHAT

## *DOES THE ORGANIZATION DO?*

- \* Honors individuals for outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement on a national, regional, and local level.
- \* Honors persons for outstanding bravery and self sacrifice in the face of imminent danger.
- \* Honors members of the United States Congress for outstanding service to the nation.
- \* Honors outstanding high school students annually with the presentation of a Good Citizenship Award.
- \* Honors outstanding Junior and Senior ROTC cadets annually with the presentation of the ROTC Award.
- \* Honors Law Enforcement officials for outstanding service with a Law Enforcement Award.
- \* Honors Fire Safety Officials for outstanding service with a Fire Safety Commendation Award.
- \* Selects outstanding Eagle Scouts annually at the chapter, state and national level. The national winner receives a college scholarship.
- \* Assists veterans in Veterans Hospitals.
- \* Conducts a national historical orations contest annually.
- \* 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 National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution and other hereditary organizations in the promotion of patriotism.