



**Minnesota State Society
Daughters of the American
Revolution
(MNSSDAR)**

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Quick
Reference Guide
to National Committees**

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Quick Reference for DAR Committees

Most of the volunteer work of DAR is accomplished through a committee system comprised of national chairs appointed by the President General and locally appointed state and chapter chairs. The national committees are:

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American Heritage: Preserves our rich American heritage through contests open to all DAR members in the fields of art and sculpture, crafts, fiber arts, literature and drama, and music. The "Women in the Arts Recognition Award (WIARA)" is a non-competitive, non-performance art award that may be presented to honor a woman, member or non-member, who has made significant achievements in her artistic field. States and chapters are invited to honor women with this award throughout the year.

American History: Promotes American history by honoring significant historical people, places, dates and events. Sponsors American History Essay contests for students in grades 5 through 8, including home-schooled children, and recognizes Women in American History.

American Indians: Educates and promotes the history and culture of the Native American community and assists with financial and scholarship aid.

Americanism: Promotes knowledge, loyalty and love of country for American citizens, whether naturalized or citizens by birth; awards the DAR Medal of Honor and the DAR Americanism Medal.

Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.): Encourages DAR support of C.A.R. work and principles. C.A.R. trains good citizens, develops leaders, and promotes love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people.

Commemorative Events: Encourages chapters to do at least one program each year on major historic events, and to participate in commemorative events and celebrations that support the historical, educational and patriotic objectives of the Society.

Community Classroom: Provides additional support to children in classrooms and schools and sound lesson plans rich in historical facts to teachers.

Community Service Awards: Recognizes worthy individuals and organizations for outstanding voluntary service, including unpaid achievements in cultural, educational, humanitarian, patriotic, historical, citizenship, or environmental conservation endeavors.

Conservation: Focuses on protecting and conserving our natural resources. The mission of this committee is to educate members about issues affecting our climate, natural resources and environment, and to promote and encourage good stewardship practices.

Constitution Week: Promotes special programs during the week of September 17-23 to inform and educate the public about the United States Constitution. This week-long celebration of the Constitution was initiated by the DAR in 1955 and adopted by the U.S. Congress in 1956.

DAR Good Citizens: Recognizes outstanding high school seniors in public or private schools who exhibit the qualities of good citizenship in their homes, schools, and communities.

DAR Magazine: Promotes subscriptions to the award-winning, bimonthly *American Spirit* magazine and accompanying *Daughters* newsletter to inform and motivate the membership, as well as raise the visibility of the National Society within the community.

DAR Museum Outreach: Informs members and the public about the DAR Museum and its exhibits, programs and needs.

DAR Project Patriot: Supports America's active military service personnel. On a national level, support is focused on active-duty women; deployed/deploying service members and their families. Chapter activities include donations of food, clothing and money, care packages and thank you notes.

DAR Scholarship: Awards a variety of academic scholarships. Last year NSDAR awarded more than \$280,000 through 83 scholarships in American History, Political Science, History, Government, Historic Preservation, Music, Economics, Nursing, Medical, Occupational Therapy, Math and Science.

DAR School: Promotes education and provides a variety of special needs programs through DAR School Kate Duncan Smith in Alabama and DAR Approved Schools: Berry College in Georgia; Crossnore School and Children's Home in North Carolina; Hillside School in Massachusetts; and Hindman Settlement School in Kentucky.

DAR Service for Veterans: Honors and serves America's veterans in VA hospitals and clinics, state-sponsored facilities, and in their communities. Activities include Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) volunteers, Wreaths Across America, Honor Flights and support for homeless, hospitalized and women veterans.

Historic Preservation: Oversees the awarding of DAR Historic Preservation Grants; the Historic Preservation Medal and Historic Preservation Recognition Award, as well as documenting historic sites and properties owned, maintained or operated by DAR chapters and state societies.

Junior American Citizens: Extends citizenship training to boys and girls, preschool through high school. Through JAC clubs and contests, teaches children the principles of democratic government and love of country.

Literacy Promotion: Promotes adult literacy and involvement in literacy programs for children and adults. Recognizes outstanding chapters and states through the Literacy Promotion Committee national contest.

National Defense: Strives to preserve our American heritage of freedom, protect the Constitution, and ensure the survival of our national sovereignty. Promotes chapter activities such as devoting three minutes at meetings to information from the *National Defender*, presenting ROTC medals, giving programs on national defense, and presenting DAR Youth Citizenship and DAR Distinguished Citizen medals.

Service to America: Captures the service hours Daughters provide in our communities in order to demonstrate the positive volunteer opportunities associated with DAR membership and enhance the public's appreciation of the relevant, dynamic nature of DAR service work.

The Flag of the United States of America: Keeps the Flag flying, protects it continuously under all conditions, and educates citizens regarding its correct usage.

Women's Issues: Educates and empowers members around current issues of importance to today's women, such as health, career and family. Offers an annual essay contest, and the VOW Award (Vivian's Outreach to Women), which supports homeless female veterans.

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America 250! Membership Task Force: Channels some of the National Society's most experienced genealogists toward helping propel membership to 250,000 during the VanBuren Administration. Assists chapter registrars with difficult applications, AIRs and pre-letters.

Lineage Research: Assists chapters in finding documentation to complete prospective member applications through the Lineage Research Lookup Board (LRLB) and Lineage Research Facebook group.

Volunteer Genealogists: Disseminates information regarding current standards of verification of applications and supplementals, conducts workshops, and provides Volunteer Field Genealogists and Volunteer Genealogists to help chapter registrars. Having completed the GEP training courses, these DAR-trained genealogists assist with applications, staff the SAT (State Application Team) or State Review teams, provide Supplemental Application Virtual Support, and may serve as Electronic Application Reviewers (EARs).

DAR Genealogy Preservation: Indexes DAR genealogical and membership information into computerized, searchable databases, preserving valuable records for posterity and enhancing the application approval and membership record retrieval processes.

Genealogical Records: The purpose of this committee is two-fold; to collect, preserve and increase the holdings of genealogical source materials in the DAR Library and to make those same records available through an online every-name index.

Patriot Records Project: Indexes 75 years' worth of records from the beginning of the Revolutionary War to the last petitions for remuneration to make finding and identifying patriots in hard-to-search collections easier. The index is available as part of the DAR Genealogical Research System

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Chapter Achievement Awards: Provides a measure of chapters' health and recognizes chapters that have been successful in supporting the DAR's varied programs and activities; one component of the Chapter Master Report.

Chapter Development and Revitalization: Coordinates the combined efforts of the Organizing Secretary, Registrar and the Chairs of the Membership, Lineage Research, Volunteer Genealogists, DAR Leadership Training Committees and America 250! Membership Task Force to support chapters, help them gain new members and develop and educate current members to become more active and involved.

Continental Congress: Comprised of twenty Congressional sub-committees appointed by the President General to serve during the week of Congress, these committees work with headquarters staff to prepare for and execute Continental Congress. Members wishing to serve on these committees may contact their State Regent and express their interest, though specific assignments may not be requested.

DAR Leadership Training: Enlightens, educates, and inspires current and future leaders of our society, from our newest members to our most experienced members. Whether you have just joined or have been a member for many years, you can expand your knowledge of DAR to develop your skills as a volunteer lead by taking the Members and New Horizons courses and attending Leadership Training webinars.

DAR Tours: Provides opportunities for members to travel to educational and historic sites at home and abroad.

Development: Evaluates the effectiveness of the NSDAR fundraising efforts in meeting the NSDAR mission and financial goals and makes recommendations regarding fundraising policies.

Insignia: Oversees the proper use of the Insignia, official ribbon and placement of the various service bars and pins; reviews all proposals for new pins. Insignia Volunteers assist with sales of DAR insignia at Continental Congress and state meetings.

Junior Membership: Assists Juniors age 18-35 to become well-informed members, encourages active participation in all phases of DAR service, and supports the committee's official fundraising project, the Helen Pouch Memorial Fund, as well as other projects.

Membership: Works with states and chapters to promote a bright future for DAR through recruitment and retention of members. This committee provides resources to help with prospectives (like the Prospective Member Database or PMD), as well as maintaining and engaging the current membership.

President General's Project: Provides an opportunity for all Daughters to support the endeavors of our National Society through contributions. Energizes members in meaningful service to America and by raising awareness of DAR's purpose, relevancy and vibrancy through robust public outreach. The VanBuren Administration goals are to honor the spirit of our Revolutionary ancestors and educate the public about their sacrifices; actively promote the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship; complete the final phase of restoration for DAR Constitution Hall; propel membership to 200,000; and ensure financial stability and leadership training at every level.

Protocol: Serves to give members guidance in the ceremonial forms and courtesies that are established as the proper and correct etiquette for recognizing and honoring those in positions of leadership, remembering always that the fundamental principles of protocol are dictated by ethics, courtesy, good manners, and common sense.

Public Relations and Media: Promotes the historic preservation, education, and patriotic missions and activities of the DAR. Creates brand awareness and communications that work to retain current members, entice potential new members, and inform the community at large of the work of the Society.

Units Overseas: Supports and encourages the work of international members of twenty chapters in eleven countries and one U.S. territory. Overseas chapters are actively seeking new members and associate members.

Volunteer Information Specialists: Provides solutions for DAR technical concerns, promotes online presence through the creation and maintenance of chapter and state websites, and helps with use of e-Membership, the Chapter Master Report (CMR), and Prospective Member Database System (PMD).

Special Committees

America 250!

America 250!: Plans DAR's involvement and maximizes its visibility in our nation's upcoming 250th birthday. The initiative will observe the semiquincentennial commemoration from 2023 (the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party) until 2033 (the 250th anniversary of the Treaty of Paris). This observance provides an excellent opportunity for community involvement, publicity and most importantly, membership growth.

DAR DNA Network

DAR DNA Network: Works with members and partners to educate on the use of DNA testing for genealogy, encourage more members to test themselves and family members, and understand how to better utilize DNA information in the application process.