

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS
Northern Albemarle Chapter of the North Carolina Society
Sons of the American Revolution
Chartered October 13, 2007

Adopted at the organizational meeting by the membership on October 17, 2007

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Northern Albemarle Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. It shall be subordinate to the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (hereafter referred to as the National Society) and to the N.C. Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (hereafter referred to as the N.C. Society).

ARTICLE II – Objectives

The object of this Chapter shall be to promote the objectives of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. These objectives are declared to be patriotic, historical, educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks; to mark the scenes of Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the Constitution of our country and the injunction of WASHINGTON in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE III - Eligibility for Membership

Any man shall be eligible for membership in this Chapter who, being of the age of eighteen (18) years or over, and a citizen of good repute in his community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in loyalty to, and rendered active service in the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman, or minuteman, in 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 recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain; provided, however, that no person advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

ARTICLE IV - Membership

Section 1:

Members of the Northern Albemarle Chapter shall be members in good standing of the North Carolina Society. They shall either join the Northern Albemarle Chapter in their original applications to the National Society or shall formally affiliate in conformity with the rules of the N.C. Society for the transfer of membership.

Section 2:

Applications for membership shall be made on triplicate official application blanks, and sponsored by two members of this Chapter. The application, with appropriate proofs, dues, and fees, shall be approved by the Chapter Registrar; and the name of the applicant presented to a Chapter meeting or to a meeting of the Executive Board for a vote of the members. A 3/5 vote of members present shall establish acceptability. Two copies of the application, proofs, dues, and fees shall then be forwarded to the Registrar of the N.C. Society.

Section 3:

A member desiring to affiliate with this Chapter, either from another Chapter or from a membership at large, shall present evidence of membership in good standing and shall be elected in a similar manner as a new applicant.

Section 4:

Suspension or Expulsion – when such action is deemed to be in the best interests of the Society, a member may be suspended or expelled from membership in this Chapter by a three-fourths vote of the Executive Board, provided that at least two weeks notice of the intent to consider such action shall be given to the member before such action is taken, during which time he may either, on request, appear in person before the Board or file written demur, and provided further that any person so suspended or expelled shall have the right of appeal to the N.C. Society.

Section 5:

The official designation of members of this Chapter shall be “**Compatriot.**”

Section 6:

Persons who are not members of the Sons of the American Revolution but who support our objectives as specified in Article II can be admitted to the Chapter as **Associate Members**. Associate Members can participate in all Chapter activities and will receive all Chapter communications, but are not eligible to vote on any issues coming before the Chapter. Their name must be proposed to the membership at a regular Chapter meeting and must be approved by a majority vote of members present. Upon approval, they will be required to pay annual dues in the amount of \$10, payable immediately, and thereafter due when regular dues are payable. Both men and women are eligible for Associate Membership. They will be subject to the same rules regarding “Suspension or Expulsion” as outlined in Section 4 as regular members, except they shall not have the right of appeal to the N.C. Society.

ARTICLE V - Officers

Section 1:

The officers of this Chapter shall be a **President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, Chaplain and Sergeant-at-Arms**. These officers shall serve for a two-year period and shall be elected biannually at the April meeting and installed at the May meeting of the Chapter.

Nominations for officers of the Chapter shall be made by a nominating committee of three Chapter Compatriots, appointed by the President, and a list of such nominations shall be presented to the membership biannually at least thirty days prior to the April meeting.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the time of the scheduled election. Officers will be elected for the two-year term by a majority vote of the membership present.

Section 2:

The Chapter **President** shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and of the Executive Board. He shall be the chief executive officer of the Chapter. He shall appoint all committees and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 3:

The Chapter **Vice President** shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties pertaining to that office. He shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 4:

The Chapter **Secretary** shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Chapter and of the Executive Board and shall conduct such correspondence as may be requested by the President or required by action of the Chapter or the Executive Board.

Section 5:

The Chapter **Treasurer** shall receive all funds of the Chapter and shall deposit them in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Executive Board. He shall disburse these funds as directed by the Chapter or by the Executive Board. He shall maintain a current list of members, notifying the State Treasurer of any changes in membership or in the addresses of members.

Section 6:

The Chapter **Registrar** shall furnish application forms to prospective members, and shall see that these forms are properly prepared and the necessary proofs attached before turning the papers over to the Treasurer for mailing. He shall be custodian of the Chapter copies of the members' application papers. He shall maintain a card index of all past and present members of the Chapter, indicating when and how membership was attained and when and how membership was terminated.

Section 7:

The Chapter **Historian** shall be responsible for the custody of all Chapter records, at the direction of the membership. He shall be responsible, in particular, for such functions as the Chapter may undertake with respect to Revolutionary graves, and for the placing of markers, when appropriate and when desired, on the graves of deceased members.

Section 8:

The Chapter **Chaplain** shall open and close all meetings of the Chapter with an invocation or devotional guidance as are usual and proper on such occasions. He shall preside at appropriate Memorial Services for departed Compatriots and participate with invocations in other public functions for which the Chapter is responsible.

Section 9:

The **Sergeant-at-Arms** shall be responsible for the maintenance of order at all meetings of the Chapter, subject to the instructions of the President, for the maintenance and placement of all flags at meetings of the Chapter, and for the placement of all flags at ceremonies for which the Chapter colors are requested and approved.

Section 10:

The elected officers shall constitute the **Executive Board**, which shall meet as called by the President, two weeks notice being given. A meeting must be called upon written request of two members of the Board. At any meeting of the Executive Board, a majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI - Meetings

Section 1:

Meetings shall be held monthly at the place, time, and date designated by the President with the concurrence of the Executive Board.

Section 2:

Special meetings may be called by the President or by the Executive Committee. General business may be transacted at any special meeting.

Section 3:

A quorum shall consist of any number of chapter members, as long as the Chapter President or Vice President are also present.

Section 4:

Non-members of the Chapter are welcome to attend our chapter meetings; however, they can only remain on the chapter mailing list for a period of six months after their initial visit.

ARTICLE VII - Fees and Dues

Section 1:

Chapter dues shall be \$30 per year. Dues Notices in the amount of Chapter dues + NC State dues + National dues, payable to “Northern Albemarle Chapter, NCSSAR”, for the following year will be forwarded to members and shall be payable on October 1st of each year and shall become delinquent if not paid by December 31st of each year. The Chapter Treasurer or Secretary shall submit the NC State and National Dues with the prescribed form (NCSSAR 100) to the State Treasurer on or before December 31st of each year.

Section 2:

Members who are delinquent in payment of dues will be removed from the Chapter, NC State Society and National Society Rosters. Reinstatement will require payment of current year’s Chapter, State Dues with appropriate reinstatement fee, and National Dues, and be in accordance with the North Carolina Society By-Laws, Article I – Membership, Section 3 and Section 7.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

Section 1:

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Chapter provided thirty day’s notice of the proposed alteration or amendment shall be given, in writing, to each member in good standing. A vote of two-thirds of those present shall be required for adoption.

Section 2:

Any amendment adopted by the National Society or the N.C. Society affecting the work of this Chapter shall become a law of the Chapter without notice of amendment.

ARTICLE IX - Parliamentary Authority

Section 1:

The meetings of the Northern Albemarle Chapter, in the spirit of good fellowship and informality, will normally be conducted without excessive ceremony but within the bounds of good order and protocol. In case of conflict or disagreement, Robert’s rules of Order (revised) shall apply.