



# North Carolina Society

*Sons of the American Revolution*

## Fundamentals of the SAR Training

March 2021

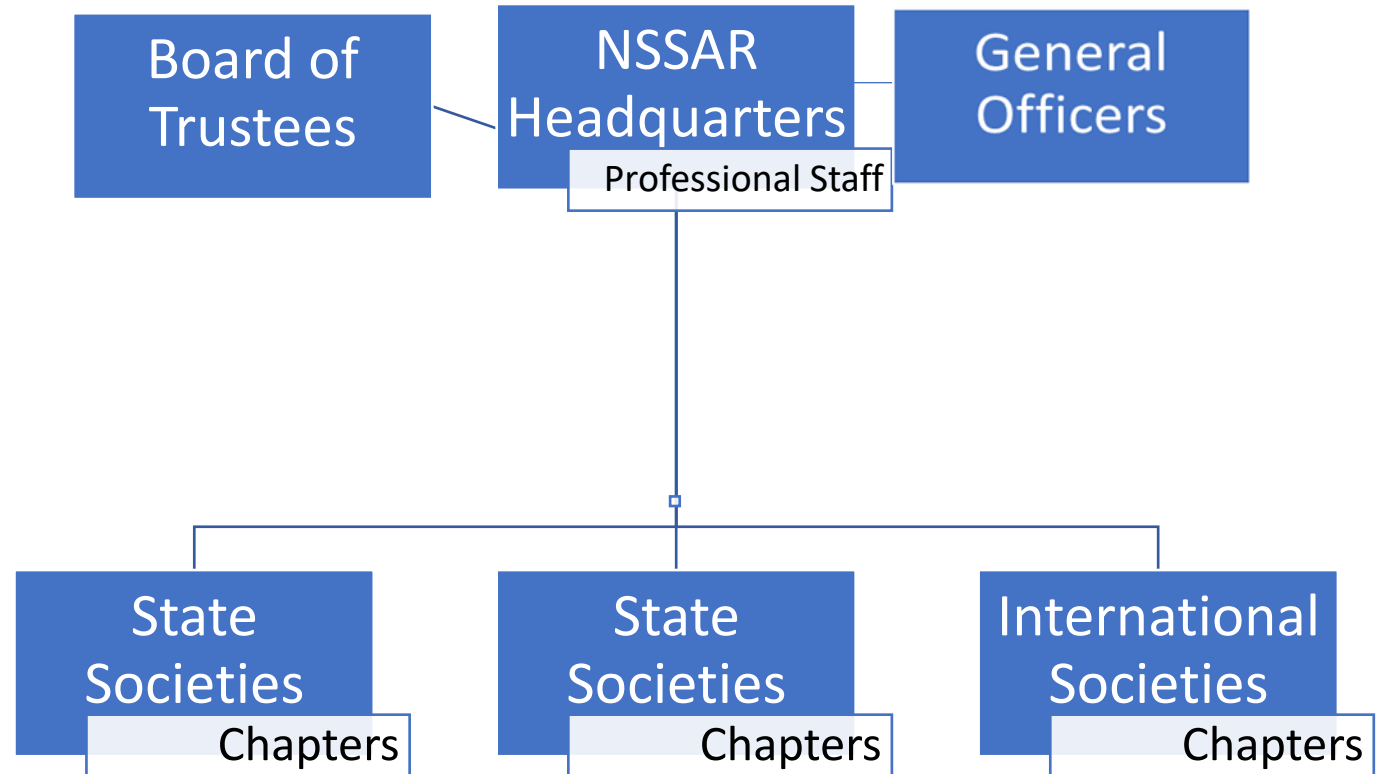
# WELCOME TO THE SAR!

- National Society of the SAR (NSSAR) - organized on April 30, 1889
  - 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as our Nation's 1st President
- Fraternal and civic society composed of lineal descendants of people who:
  - Wintered at Valley Forge
  - Signed the Declaration of Independence
  - Fought in the battles of the American Revolution
  - Served in the Continental Congress or
  - Supported the cause of American Independence
- Chartered by an Act of the U.S. Congress on June 9, 1906 and signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, a member of the NSSAR

# NSSAR Organization

- Largest male lineage organization in the US, consists of 50 state societies and several international societies (including Canada, France, Germany, Mexico, Spain, Switzerland and UK).
- Over 36,000 members
- HQ Address and Phones:

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# SAR Objects - Patriotic, Historical, and Educational

- Perpetuate the memory of those Patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;
- Unite and promote fellowship among their descendants;
- Inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;
- Encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution;
- Acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks;

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- Mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials;
- Celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary period;
- Foster true patriotism;
- Maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

# SAR Pledge

*We, descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic, and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe.*

# SAR Recessional

*Until we meet again, let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a nation of free men.*

# SAR SEAL



- Figure of a Minuteman grasping a musket in his right hand, surrounded by a constellation of thirteen stars depicted in the period of the American Revolution, in the act of deserting the plough for the service of his country.
- Encircled by a band with the legend, "National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, organized April 30, 1889."



# SAR Emblem



- Silver cross of four arms covered in white with 8 gold points, and a gold medallion in the center bearing a bust of Washington in profile with a legend below, "Sons of the American Revolution."
- On reverse, a minuteman surrounded by ribbon enameled in blue, with the motto, "Libertas et Patria."

# SAR Logo



- New SAR Logo approved in early January 2021.
- Must use copyright versions



**Black  
background  
SAR Logo**

**Black  
and  
White  
SAR  
Logo**



# SAR Badge



- Members may wear the NSSAR Badge bearing the Insignia on the left breast of a jacket from a chest ribbon.
- Current or former General Officers, National Trustees, and State Society or Chapter Presidents may wear the NSSAR Badge suspended from a neck ribbon.
- Chest and neck ribbons are of the NSSAR colors, with a deep blue center flanked by buff and white stripes.
- Members do not wear the chest and neck ribbons at the same time.

# Rosette



- The rosette colors are blue and buff representing the colors in the uniform worn by General George Washington.
- It may be worn by all members, at their discretion, on the left lapel of the jacket or shirt collar.
- The rosette is informal and therefore is not appropriate for formal wear.
- The rosette should never be worn when wearing the NSSAR Badge or Neck Ribbon.

# Info on NC SAR and NSSAR Websites

- NC SAR Website – [www.ncssar.org](http://www.ncssar.org)
  - Chapter Information
  - Calendar
  - NC SAR Handbooks and Forms
  - Speakers Bureau
  - News
- NSSAR Website – [sar.org](http://sar.org)
  - NSSAR Handbooks, Forms, and Documents
  - National Committees
  - National Congress and Leadership Meeting information
  - Genealogical Resources
  - Educational Resources
  - SAR Foundation
  - SAR Store



# Opportunities for Participation

- Color Guard – Commemorations and Parades
- Youth Programs
- Veterans Activities
- Speakers Bureau
- Patriot and Compatriot Grave Marking
- Educational Programs
- Public Service Recognition
- Volunteer for Patriot Research System
- U.S. Flag Recognition and Retirements
- Wreaths Across America





# Color Guard – ‘The Face of the SAR’





# Color Guard Uniforms

- Continental Army, Navy, or Marines
- State Militias
- Civilian



**\$100 Uniform Reimbursement**  
available for 1<sup>st</sup> time members  
who acquire a Revolutionary  
War outfit and participate in a  
Color Guard event



# Youth Programs

- Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest
- Americanism Middle School Brochure Contest
- Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program
- Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award
  - High School, Middle School, and Elementary School



- Junior ROTC and ROTC Recognition
  - Outstanding and Enhanced JROTC Cadet
  - ROTC and Service Academies recognition
- Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest
- George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

# Public Service Awards

- Law Enforcement Commendation Medal
- Fire Safety Commendation Medal
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commendation Medal
- Heroism Medal
- Lifesaving Medal





# Veterans Activities

- War and Military Service Medals
- Service to Veterans Medal
- Veterans funerals
- Veterans home volunteers
- Memorial Day and Veterans Day



# Words of Advice

- Get involved early...one small step is all that is needed.
- When in doubt, seek guidance from your mentor or a chapter officer.
- The State and National SAR Handbooks (available online) are a wealth of information about the SAR and its programs.
- Research and craft an informative biography on your Patriot Ancestor, then have it posted on the Patriot Research System.
- When thinking about a Revolutionary War outfit, consider one that honors your Patriot Ancestor.
- You don't need to be a chapter or state officer to attend State Annual Conventions, Board of Manager meetings, Leadership meetings, and National Congresses...all members are welcome!







**QUESTIONS?**