

Article __. Discipline

§1. Ethical Standards. A Compatriot may be charged for: (1) violating the NCSSAR Code of Conduct Policy; or (2) for rendering himself unworthy of membership by engaging in felonious conduct, misdemeanor conduct involving moral turpitude, or conduct disloyal to the ideals or prejudicial to the interests of the Sons of the American Revolution.

§2. Reporting Compatriot Violations of Ethical Standards.

a. Compatriots with information regarding the conduct of another, that may support the proffering of charges pursuant to §1 above, should provide such information to the Chapter President. The report of information must: (1) be submitted in writing; (2) be signed and dated by the Compatriot providing the information and (3) contain an affirmative statement that the facts presented are true, accurate, and complete to the knowledge of the Compatriot, and (4) contain signed statements of the asserted facts from knowledgeable individuals if the Compatriot did not possess personal knowledge of the asserted facts. If a complaint alleges a violation by the Chapter President, the written complaint shall be submitted to the Chapter Vice President¹ in lieu of the Chapter President, in which case all actions required by the Chapter President set forth below shall be performed by the Chapter Vice President¹.

b. A Compatriot shall not bring a complaint, or assert allegations against or by another Compatriot, unless such complaint, and/or allegations are well grounded in fact and warranted by NCSSAR's governing instruments. The filing of a frivolous and groundless complaint may constitute a violation and make the filing party subject to an ethics complaint.

§ 3. President. It is the responsibility of the Chapter President to ensure that any complaints are properly handled and referred as provided for in this Bylaw. The Chapter President may, upon due consideration of a written report or complaint that in the President's judgment does not constitute a possible violation of any provision set forth in §1 of this Bylaw, dismiss the report or complaint, and notify the complainant of the decision. Otherwise, he may act as follows:

- a. Appoint an investigator to investigate the facts of the report or complaint;
- b. Acting within the limits of his powers as Chapter President, resolve the matter without the necessity of any further action;
- c. The Chapter President may refer the complaint to the State President to investigate.

¹ Chapter Secretary, if no Vice President