

What is the DAR?

The Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpolitical women's volunteer service organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism.

historic preservation



patriotism



education

DAR is an organization that makes a difference in the lives of so many people.

— Betty



Interested in learning more about DAR membership?

Contact your local chapter



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Today's DAR and You!



We have answers to your questions about becoming a member of this historic and vibrant women's organization.

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Who are DAR members?

They are women a lot like you who come from diverse backgrounds and hold a variety of interests. Their common bond is their lineal descent from Patriots of the American Revolution—any woman, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove this lineage is eligible to join.

They are women who...

- care about fostering **good citizenship**
- want to honor their **ancestors**
- are devoted to **educating our youth**
- want to **preserve our past** for future generations

Many enjoy...

- learning about **American history**
- researching **genealogy**
- coordinating local community **service projects**
- sharing in family **DAR traditions**
- participating in **commemorative events**

DAR members are very active women. They balance career, families, community service, working with schools, with veterans, and a variety of different activities, and I knew that that was something I needed to belong to.

— Beth

DAR is a tremendous amount of fun. And I'll tell you something else—some of the most remarkable women that you will ever hope to meet are here in DAR. They're just fabulous to work with.

— Anne



Daughters of the American Revolution



Why

should I become a member?

DAR provides the opportunity to...

- contribute to important service projects
- honor and preserve the legacy of Patriot ancestors
- make lifelong friends
- participate in unique social and service-oriented programs within your community
- discover programs that appeal to your interests
- gain valuable leadership experience
- establish a network of contacts in your community and around the world

What do DAR members Do?

In communities across the country and around the world, members participate in...

- restoring and maintaining historic sites
- preserving historical records and artifacts
- locating, restoring and marking Revolutionary War Patriot grave sites and headstones
- supporting schools, awarding scholarships and recognizing outstanding students throughout the country
- promoting education and citizenship through youth programs
- sponsoring American history essay contests for students
- volunteering to assist military veterans
- supporting America's active-duty troops through a variety of programs
- sponsoring special programs that promote the Constitution
- welcoming new citizens at naturalization ceremonies



Do I have the Time to participate in DAR?

DAR involvement is what you make of it. You can spend as much time participating in DAR as you want or are able to. DAR is meaningful to its members throughout their lives, and you can participate in a variety of ways during different stages in your life.



Where is the DAR in my area?

Most likely there is a DAR chapter in or near your city—and in many cases there are several chapters to choose from.

There are nearly 3,000 chapters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries.

To find a local chapter, go to www.dar.org/membership

DAR National Headquarters is located in Washington, D.C., and is a Registered National Historic Landmark. It houses the organization's offices, genealogical library, decorative arts museum, historic document collection and concert hall.



How do I become a member?

Any woman 18 years or older may join the DAR by documenting her lineage to an ancestor, either male or female, who aided the cause of American independence through military, civil or patriotic service.

DAR volunteers in chapters throughout the country can provide guidance and assistance with the application process.

- Steps to becoming a member include:
- tracing your family lineage
 - identifying your Patriot ancestor
 - locating a DAR chapter
 - completing the application process



The Genealogical Research System (GRS) on the DAR website gives you access to valuable resources which will aid you in your genealogical search and path to DAR membership.



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You can make a difference with DAR. The DAR is growing, and it's changing. And I want to be a part of that change.

— Darlene

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