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Universal Chapter Member Survey Form Instructions

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The associated file type on the right should say "**Adobe Acrobat Reader DC**" – if you have the latest FREE version. If it does not say Adobe Reader but says Microsoft Edge or some other program, then Left Click on the file name and choose **Adobe Acrobat Reader DC**. If you are using the recent free Windows 10 software, know that your browser is EDGE and not Explore. The Edge and Explore icons look alike but on close examination it is not so. Edge does not work currently with certain PDF files, especially Adobe created files. The cure is to download Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome or reinstall Explorer. Windows 10 does not tell you that Explorer is in the Windows 10 bundle, but it is there. Many feel that it is simpler to download Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome than to uncover where Explore is hidden. The Bottom line – the Edge Browser will not work with PDF fillable forms. So download Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome and use it.

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Mac users have also informed us that Apple has its own program to open Adobe Reader files. One problem in using OS X Preview to fill in form fields is that the filled in forms will probably not be viewable on a Windows system. The solution is to change the "Open With" default application to **Adobe Reader**. You might also want to do an internet search on your favorite search engine like "Google" using the phrase **"adobe reader for pdf files on a mac"** to give you more information. You might also want to do an internet search for the phrase **"how to configure Mac OS X to open PDF files with Adobe Reader"**. It has been suggested that to configure Mac OS X to open PDFs with Reader or Acrobat, do the following, but there may be other options:

1. Click the PDF file's icon in the Finder to select it.
2. Choose File > Get Info.
3. Click the triangle next to Open With.
4. Choose **Adobe Reader** from the Open With menu (if it's not on the list, choose "Other" to select it).
5. Click Change All.

Chapter Instructions:

This document should be given to every new Membership Applicant to fill out along with their Membership Application. The Chapter should use such a document as a base line and update as needed to engage our new members, member transfers from other State Societies, or new Dual Members into becoming active in chapter participation.

While the form itself can be printed out and handed to a new member, by emailing this document to them they have the opportunity to learn that almost all documents on the National Society webpage, the State Society webpage, and the Chapter, requires the use of the **FREE** Adobe Reader.

The Chapter should complete the first four (4) lines of the form below, and save it, before emailing it to others.

The SAR Chapter Member Survey Form

When you place your mouse over most of the "text" data entry fields below, a feature called a "tooltip" will display as a window/popup to give you additional instructions concerning what should be entered in that field.

Chapter Name:

You might want to visit your Chapters Website at: _____ to learn more about us.

Chapter Officer Receiving Form:

Title:

Email Address:

Phone #

Your Name:

NSSAR # (if a Member)

Address:

Phone #

City:

State:

Zip+4:

Occupation (if retired, what was your previous employment):

Education beyond High School: College and Major Studies:

Hobbies, Interests:

Volunteer activities / positions:

Military Service Branch:

Rank held at end of your service:

Member of other Hereditary Societies:

In what area of Chapter activities would you be willing to serve?

Chapter Officer or Board Member? Yes No Request More Information

Committees: Please check which Committees are most interesting to you:

CAR Liaison	DAR Liaison	Color Guard	Eagle Scout	Fire, Safety, EMT
Flag Awards	History Fairs	JROTC Enhanced	JROTC Bronze Medal	Essay Contest
Fundraising	Law Enforcement/Heroism	Publicity	George Washington's Birthday	
Chapter Newsletter	Photographer	Programs	Orations Contest	Poster Contest
Brochure Contest	History Teacher Contest	Patriot Biographies	Mentoring Program	
Telephone	Luncheon Greeter	Speakers Bureau	Multimedia Distribution	Veterans
Yearbook	Veterans Recognition	Wreathes Across America	Liberty Tree	Webmaster

Other? Please specify:

Please give us a brief biographical synopsis of your career, goals/accomplishments, and recommendations for Chapter activities or improvements.

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