



## **Washington SAR**

The Sons of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpolitical men's heritage organization dedicated to promoting American history, education and patriotism.

**Washington SAR Organized:** June 17, 1895

**Mission:** To increase and promote public knowledge and appreciation of the Revolutionary War, and of the principles and the patriot sacrifices upon which America's heritage is founded.

**Vision:** The Washington SAR is the State's primary men's organization promoting American heritage, patriotism and education on founding principles.

**Membership:** Over 550 members with eight chapters.

**Management:** Board of Directors composed of the elected Officers, the Presidents of each Chapter within the Society, the National Trustee and Alternate National Trustee, and three Directors-at-large selected by the Board.

**Annual Membership Meeting:** Held in the spring for the purpose of electing State Officers and nominees for National Office, representing Washington State, and such business as may come before the meeting.

### **Become a Member**

**Eligibility for Membership:** Any male, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible.

**Ways to learn more about:** Visit the National SAR Website ([www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)) to read about steps to membership.

**SAR membership:** Talk to Washington SAR chapter members in your area. E-mail inquiries to us on [washingtonsar.org](http://washingtonsar.org), "Contact Us."

### **Publications and Resources**

National The SAR Magazine  
National SAR Website ([sar.org](http://sar.org))  
WA SAR Prospective Member Brochure  
WA SAR Members Website ([washingtonsar.org](http://washingtonsar.org))  
WA SAR The Drumbeat Color Guard Newsletter  
WA SAR Facebook ([WashingtonSocietySAR](http://WashingtonSocietySAR))

National SAR Patriot Grave Index of Patriots  
National SAR Handbook Series  
WA SAR e-Learning Series  
WA SAR The Washington Trail Newsletter  
WA SAR Bylaws

## **SAR Outreach Activities**

### **History**

- Genealogical Research Library:** The National SAR Genealogical Research Library maintains a large collection of genealogical and historical reference materials for research by SAR members and the general public.
- Genealogical Records:** Volumes of unpublished source records have been copied and stored by our National SAR Records Department.
- King's College London:** Historian and award-winning author Andrew O' Shaughnessy has been appointed by our National SAR as the first SAR Visiting Professor at King's College London to contribute to the Georgian Papers Program.
- Living History Programs:** Color Guardsmen present living history programs in uniform to local schools, churches and clubs.
- NW Colonial Festival:** Reenactment of the Battles of Lexington and Concord at the George Washington Inn in Port Angeles.
- Constitution Week:** SAR sponsors special programs during the week of September 17–23 to raise awareness about the United States Constitution. It's a weeklong celebration of the Constitution.

### **Education**

- American History:** We sponsor American History contests for students in fifth through eighth grades, public, private or homeschooled.
- Children of the American Revolution:** Founded in 1895, we provide patriotic and leadership training today's youth.
- SAR Good Citizens:** We promote dependability, service, leadership and patriotism among high-school seniors by presenting national and state awards.
- Knight Essay Contest:** We sponsor this high-school essay contest about an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution.
- Eagle Scout Contest:** The Eagle Scout essay Contest not to exceed 500 words is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application.
- JROTC Contest:** The JROTC 500-700 word essay Contest is for high-school cadets on how the JROTC has prepared me to be a better citizen of America.
- Rumbaugh Oration Contest:** The Oration Contest consists of a 5 to 6 minute speech on event, a personality, or a document pertaining to the Revolutionary War and is open to all 9th through 12th grade students.

### **Patriotism**

- Community Service Awards:** Medals given to recognize local citizens for outstanding achievements in public service, education, patriotism, American history, and good citizenship work in their communities.
- Veterans Service:** We support active veterans and Veteran Homes in state and community based programs, donating gifts, cash, personal care items to America's veterans.
- Flag Respect & Recognition:** American Flags and other patriotic materials are distributed annually. Flag certificates are presented to individuals, corporations, businesses, fire departments, etc. who properly display the American Flag.
- Color Guard:** Our Color Guard is used in ceremonies to open and close meetings of the SAR, DAR, and C.A.R., and other organizations. They participate in parades; make presentations in schools and clubs, and memorial services.