

Daughters of the American Revolution

Preserving the American Spirit

For more than 100 years, the Daughters of the American Revolution has carried the torch of patriotism. Love of country was the purpose; ancestors who fought for freedom was the bond that connected women from North and South to reunite the country following the Civil War. Today, Daughters continue the tradition of promoting patriotism, education, and historic preservation. From small towns to metropolitan areas, DAR members make a difference in their communities.



DAR has admitted more than 850,000 women since its founding. Today, there are more than 165,000 members in 3,000 chapters in

50 states, the District of Columbia, and 11 foreign countries. Spanning three centuries of service, DAR's mission remains vitally relevant, even in this changing world.



What is DAR?

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a volunteer service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children.

DAR National Headquarters

Located in our nation's capital, just two blocks from the White House, DAR National Headquarters occupies a full city block and ranks as one of the most valuable pieces of real estate in the world owned and maintained by women. Made of pure white Vermont marble, the neo-classic style buildings with pillared porticos make an eloquent architectural statement about the work that goes on within these walls. Flanking the Administration Building on either side, both Memorial Continental Hall and Constitution Hall are designated Registered National Historic Landmarks.



Do you know your American roots and your family's role in America's history?

Do you have an ancestor who fought in or supported the American Revolution?

Do you want to make a difference in your community and help preserve America's heritage?

JOIN US!
DAR is looking for you!

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The Daughters of the American Revolution...

...awards \$150,000 in scholarships and financial aid each year to high school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students.



...participates in literacy programs for adults and tutoring programs for students preparing for the high school GED.

...supports schools for the underprivileged with annual donations exceeding one million dollars.

...volunteers more than 200,000 hours of time annually to veteran patients in VA hospitals and non-VA facilities.



collections of pre-Industrial American decorative arts.

...preserves local landmarks and historic structures in communities across the country.

...conserves more than 30,000 objects of our material culture in the DAR Museum, making it one of the foremost

...archives nearly 5,000 early American manuscripts and imprints in the DAR Americana Collection.

...donated more than one million dollars to the Statue of Liberty and Independence Hall restoration projects and the creation of the WWII Memorial.

...locates and marks historical landmarks and graves of countless Revolutionary War Patriots.

...houses the DAR Library, the second largest genealogical research center in the world, with more than 300,000 files, 185,000 books, and 65,000 microforms, in its national headquarters.

...sponsors 1,200 chapters of Junior American Citizens groups for students K-12 in schools and community centers.



...pairs members with students to perform community service projects.

...gives copies of the *DAR Manual for Citizenship* to immigrants studying for naturalization. More than 10 million free copies have been distributed to date and it is now exclusively on the DAR Web site.

Membership

Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. Tracing your lineage is valuable because it preserves your family's heritage. DAR volunteers are willing to provide guidance and assistance with your first step into the world of genealogy.

"I volunteer because it's very fulfilling...It's a way to learn new things about myself and contribute to the community. I meet people who share my interests and goals..."

Sarah Bachman,
Director of Global Compensation
and Benefits, TMP Worldwide
New Netherland-Walworth Chapter



Volunteer Opportunities for Today's Woman

Whether you are a busy executive, retired, a stay-at-home mom, or an active grandmother, DAR offers many opportunities for you to be involved. You can participate in your own community, or contribute your time or resources to promote many worthwhile projects.

For example:

■ **Literacy Promotion:** Help children and adults learn to read by becoming a DAR literacy volunteer.

■ **Abused and Special-Needs Children:** Plan a fundraiser or volunteer your time to help make a difference in the life of a child at one of DAR's schools for underprivileged, abused, or special-needs children.

■ **Genealogical Records:** Discover your family tree and add to the vast collection of family genealogies at the DAR Library. Be a "virtual volunteer" by contributing your computer skills to our various library projects.

■ **Veterans History Project:** Take part in DAR's partnership with the Library of Congress. Collect information to become part of a collection of audio, video, and oral histories by identifying and interviewing veterans in your community.

■ **Service to Immigrants:** Help immigrants prepare for their citizenship exam by utilizing the *DAR Manual for Citizenship* in local naturalization classes.

■ **Service to Youth:** Assist with the activities of a Junior American Citizens group or Children of the American Revolution society in your community.

■ **Commemorative Events:** Be part of the celebration as your local DAR chapter participates in various ceremonies and special events that commemorate our nation's history.

■ **Work with Children:** Be a liaison with your local schools for the DAR history essay contests, and DAR Good Citizen and ROTC awards, or assist with the activities of a Junior American Citizens group.

■ **Historic Preservation:** Highlight your community's history and record it by placing monuments and preserving historic sites. Help preserve America's Colonial heritage and support the DAR Museum by becoming a correspondent docent.



"My activities help keep me centered on what is important in my life...Volunteering generally allows me to use skills, share talents or do things that I don't usually do at work."

Cynthia Weber, Senior
Operations Staff Officer and
Special U.S. Liaison, Korea.
Black Mountain
Foothills Chapter



In DAR you can:

- **Learn** about America's history
- **Chat online** with members from around the world
- **Develop** your talents
- **Make a difference** in your community
- **Contribute** to a worthwhile projects
- **Share** your skills
- **Help** disadvantaged children
- **Keep informed** on national defense issues
- **Meet** new friends