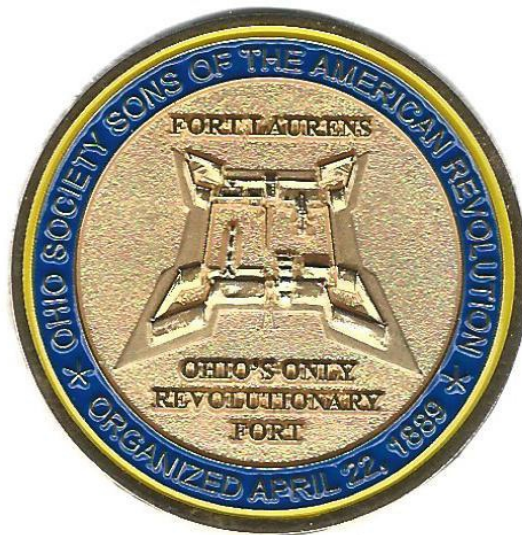




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Ohio Society Sons Of The American Revolution

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WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

Acknowledgements The Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is grateful for the materials and assistance that the National Society and Arizona Society has contributed to this Workbook. The Ohio Society approves of the use of this workbook and modification of its contents as needed to implement member orientation.

Introduction This Orientation Workbook acquaints you with the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR), the Ohio Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (OHSSAR), and your local Benjamin Franklin Chapter Chapter.

Each organization allows you to be actively involved in the patriotic, historical, and educational programs that meet the goals and objectives of the entire organization. By joining the NSSAR, you are a dues-paying member of each organization.

The objectives, policies, organizational structures, protocols, and programs all flow downward from the National Society to the State Society and then to the Chapters. This manual presents an orientation on these essential aspects of the Society. It also describes your opportunities to be a more patriotic citizen, respecting and preserving early American history, and helping to educate others on the founding and preservation of this great republic.

A new member's early education in the NSSAR is in learning what is going on in the chapter and its response to carrying out the Society's objectives. It is the new member's understanding and participation at the chapter level that will lead to interest and involvement at the state and national society levels. Involvement at the chapter, state, and national levels is open to all members at any time.

Participation Right up front, we are asking you to be involved. Recognition of our families and we as decedents of revolutionary war patriots is probably why 95% of us joined. We are proud of our patriot ancestors and our country. Beyond this, we ask for your active participation and support of the Society objectives of patriotism, education, and history. There are many ways for you to stand out from the crowd as a proud and supportive member. These range from wearing the member badge or member rosette pin to being involved in the chapter, state, national, and patriotic community activities. You can start now, today, by volunteering to support one of your chapter's activities or committees, by becoming familiar with the National and State Societies and by attending State Society and National Society meetings and participating in their committees and programs. Membership, even as a new member, entitles you to participate at all levels.

Mentor The Benjamin Franklin Chapter Chapter has assigned a mentor to you as a new member, and your mentor should be your first contact on questions. Also, fellow chapter compatriots and chapter officers stand ready to help answer your questions. Answers are also readily available from the national, state, and chapter websites. The national magazine, and state and chapter newsletters also provide useful and current information.

References All the details of the three organizations, national, state, and chapter organizations, are available on the websites of each. You are encouraged to sign up and log in to these websites and should become familiar with each website's contents.

The websites are:

National Society	www.sar.org (follow instructions to establish access)
Ohio Society	www.ohssar.org (ask in chapter for login password)

Benjamin Franklin Chapter **bfc-sar.org**

Of particular importance in the websites are the Handbook (National Society), Handbook and Regulations (Ohio Society), and Constitution and By-Laws (Chapter) that define in detail the objectives, policies, organizational structure, protocols, and programs.

You will also find on the websites: schedules of events and meetings, histories of the organizations, recent developments, important announcements, lists of officers and members, lists of revolutionary war patriots and definitions of youth contests/programs, and submittal deadline dates. The national website also provides the "Store" where you can purchase pins, badges, certificates, stationery, medals, clothing, books, and pamphlets. And where you can contribute to national fundraising programs.

Terminology -

Annual Congress, sometimes called "Congress," is the annual convention of the National Society hosted by a State Society. State Societies select delegates to attend based on their membership size, but every compatriot is welcome to attend; spouses and family members are also welcome.

Board of Trustees manages the business and affairs of the National Society and is the custodian of all National Society property; one Trustee represents each State Society.

C.A.R. (always pronounced as letters, C-A-R, never as a one-syllable term) is the acronym for the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution.

Compatriot is the official designation of a member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Chapter is the local organization chartered by a State Society to promote growth in membership and interest in the objects of the National Society.

DAR (always pronounced as letters, D-A-R, never as a one-syllable term) is the acronym for the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

District is a group of State Societies served by a Vice President General to strengthen the constituent State Societies. Your chapter is in the Central District. Within the OHSSAR, it is a group of Chapters in a geographic location served by a District Chairman.

General Officer is the term given to the National Society officers elected at the Annual Congress to one-year terms. The **President General** is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Society. Serving with him, in descending rank, are the Secretary General, Treasurer General, Chancellor General, Genealogist General, Registrar General, Historian General, Librarian General, Surgeon General, and Chaplain General. A Vice President General is nominated by each District (see below) and elected at Congress.

Ladies' Auxiliary aids the SAR at Chapter, State, and National levels. Membership is open to ladies who are related by marriage or bloodline to NSSAR Members in good standing.

Leadership Meeting is each fall and spring in Louisville, KY, at which national committees meet to make recommendations, and the Board of Trustees manages the business and affairs of the National Society.

Membership categories are **Regular Member** or **Regular Life Member** the age of 18 years and older, **Junior Member** under the age of 18 years, and **Memorial Membership** for a deceased male of the same family as current members.

SAR (always pronounced as letters, S-A-R, never as a one-syllable term) is the acronym for the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

SAR Color Guard is composed of the compatriots who attend NSSAR meetings and events properly uniformed as either Continental Soldiers or Militiamen or attired as Revolutionary-era clergymen.

NSSAR Education Center and Museum are collocated at 809 West Main, Louisville, KY. NSSAR is active in education and raising funds to complete the Museum.

NSSAR Member Badge is worn by a compatriot at NSSAR functions and when representing the NSSAR. It is a Maltese cross of four arms and eight points with a bust of George Washington at its center and available from the NSSAR Store at <https://store.sar.org/product/member-badge>

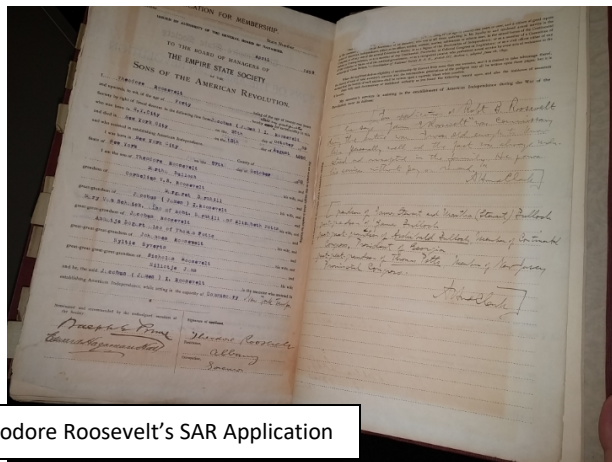
NSSAR Rosette is worn by a compatriot, at his discretion, on the left lapel of his jacket, but is not worn simultaneously with the NSSAR Member Badge. Purchase it from the NSSAR Store at [www.store.sar.org/product/member-rosette](https://store.sar.org/product/member-rosette).

State Society is chartered by the National Society in any State or Territory, including any foreign country, in which a Society does not exist. You are a member of the Ohio Society Son of the American Revolution, OHSSAR

Trustee is the member nominated by his State Society to serve a one-year term at the national level. He is elected at the Annual Congress to serve on the Board of Trustees. Also elected to the Board of Trustees are General Officers, Executive Committee Members, and former Presidents General.

NSSAR – WHO WE ARE

History The NSSAR grew out of a few patriotic organizations that formed during and shortly following the centennial celebration of the United States in the 1870s and 1880s. Originally organized on April 30, 1889, in Washington D.C., the founding members chose this date because it was the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as the first President. Chartered by an Act of the U.S. Congress on June 9, 1906, and signed into existence by President Theodore Roosevelt, a NSSAR member, this charter authorizes the granting of charters to state societies and through them to local chapters. Another important date is April 30, 1890, when the first National Congress took place in Louisville, Kentucky. Volume VII of the NSSAR Handbook provides a more detailed history of the NSSAR.



Theodore Roosevelt's SAR Application

Objectives “The objectives of this Society are stated in the Handbook Volume I, Constitution and Article II, Objectives: and declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to:

- perpetuate the memory of those patriots who, by their services or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people;
- unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community-at-large with more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers;
- encourage historical research about the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks;
- mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and the Revolutionary period; to foster true patriotism;
- maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.”

For consistency of purpose, most state societies and chapters restate these objectives in their organizational documents (constitutions, by-laws, regulations, and manuals).

Handbook The eight-volume handbook of the NSSAR contains the official policies, procedures, and protocol for the National Society. It provides official guidance for the National Society's operation, programs, and activities. The policies contained in the Handbook are established by the: (1) Annual Congress, (2) Board of Trustees, (3) Executive Committee, (4) National Headquarters staff, and (5) Standing, Special Advisory and Program Committees. The Volumes are:

- Vol. I: Governing Documents
- Vol. II: Organization
- Vol. III: Membership, Compliance & Other Policies
- Vol. IV: Insignia, Protocol, Ceremonies & Rituals
- Vol. V: Individual Medals & Awards
- Vol. VI: Youth Programs, State Society & Chapter Awards
- Vol. VII: Summary History of the Sons of the American Revolution
- Vol. VIII: Historical Roster of NSSAR General Officers

The complete Handbook can be viewed or downloaded from the NSSAR website www.sar.org. each Volume of the NSSAR Manual to acquaint themselves with the manual's contents.

Headquarters & Library The NSSAR headquarters is located at 809 W. Main Street Louisville, KY 40202.

The website address is: www.sar.org.

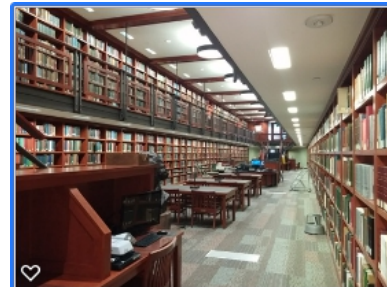
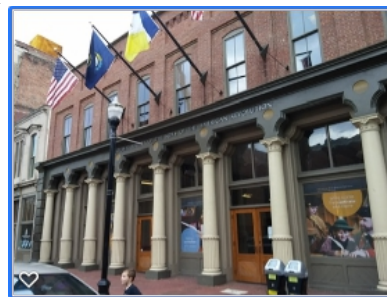
The Executive Director of the National Society Headquarters and headquarters staff are paid employees. They carry out the day to day operation of the Society. The NSSAR Library, NSSAR Compatriot Application Archives, NSSAR Merchandise Store, and NSSAR Museum are in the headquarters building. Headquarters also staffs Finance, Education, and Genealogy activities. Meeting facilities and classrooms are also available for education.

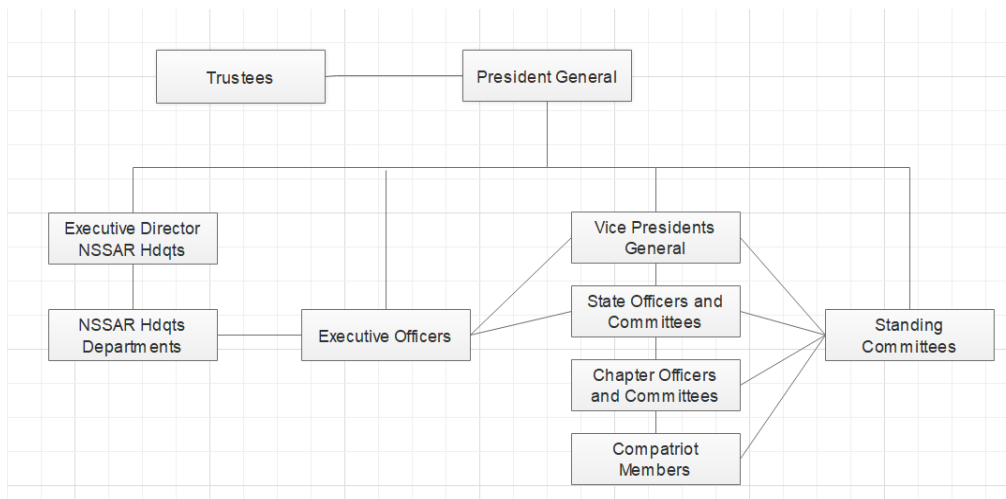
Any compatriot member may visit the headquarters and use the library for research and view the museum at no charge. Be sure to have your national membership number for access.

Non-Profit NSSAR is a tax-exempt non-profit organization per IRS 501 (c)(3). This same status, under the umbrella of the National Society, is provided to each state society and its chapters, and each must file annual exemption notifications to the IRS.

Apolitical NSSAR is a non-political organization. Chapters and state societies must never endorse or recommend any candidate for public office, nor can meetings include the discussion of the merits or demerits of such candidates. However, the benefit of any general question involving the social, economic, moral, or physical welfare of the people may be fairly and intelligently studied and discussed at a meeting. NSSAR may take a position on any bill or measure which may be submitted to a vote of the elected representatives of the people or a vote of the people.

Organization Here is a very simplified organization structure of the Society. It is not a typical business structure.





The horizontal connectors on the right side emphasize the opportunity for individual compatriots to participate and interact with other compatriots, committees, and officers at all levels of the organization. Participation occurs primarily through attendance by compatriots at two Leadership meetings held in the fall and spring of the year and at the National Congress in the summer.

The President General called the PG is the official head of the organization. He along with the Vice-president Generals, and the Executive Officers: Secretary General, Treasurer General, Chancellor General, Genealogist, General Registrar, General Historian General, Librarian General, Surgeon General, Chaplin General, and National Trustees, are all elected officials of the National Society. The election of the officers occurs at the National Congress held each July. All elected officers serve without compensation.

Following Congress, candidates for the following year declare their candidacy. The candidates seek endorsements from the State Societies and Districts during the year. At Leadership meeting in February, the Nominating Committee selects a slate of officers. Each position has one officer chosen. Nominations can also come from the floor at Congress.

The Standing Committee Chairmen, official members of the committees, and an Inspector General are all appointed by the President General. All these appointed committee members are compatriots from chapters and state societies and serve without compensation.

Societies Societies exist in all states (North and South Dakota are combined), France, Spain, and Germany. There are 13 Districts in the U.S., one in Europe and one that covers other International locations. A US District has three or four states. Each District has a President, also called a Vice President General (VPG), in the National Society who reports to the President General (PG).

Seal, Insignia, & Standard Bylaw No. 26 states that the seal of the Society shall be two and three-eighths (2-3/8) inches in diameter, charged with the figure of a Minuteman grasping a musket in his right hand, surrounded by a constellation of thirteen stars who shall be depicted in the habit of a husbandman of the period of the American Revolution, and as in the act of deserting the plough for the service of his country; the whole encircled by a band three-eighths (3/8) of an inch wide, within which shall appear the legend, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, organized April 30, 1889."



Bylaw No. 27 states that the insignia of the Society shall comprise (1) a cross surmounted by an eagle in gold, (2) a rosette.

Bylaw No. 27, Section 1. The cross shall be gold in color, with four arms covered with white enamel and eight gold points, the same size as a Chevalier's Cross of the Legion of Honor of France, with a gold medallion in the center, bearing on the obverse a bust of Washington in profile, and on the reverse, the figure of a Minuteman, surrounded by a ribbon enameled in blue, with the NSSAR Motto, "Libertas et Patria," (Liberty and Country) on the obverse, and the legend, "Sons of the American Revolution," on the reverse, both in letters of gold. The cross shall be surmounted by an eagle in gold, and the whole decoration suspended from a ring of gold by a ribbon of a blue or deep blue, flanked by buff and white stripes, and may be worn by any member of the Society on ceremonial occasions only, and shall be carried on the left breast or at the collar by active or Past General Officers of the National Society and present or Past National Trustees (the President General shall wear the distinctive badge of his office) or by the President, active or Past, of a State Society and by the President, active or past, of a local Chapter.



Bylaw No 27, Section 2, defines the recognized emblem of the Society is a rosette, seven-sixteenths (7/16) inch in diameter, displaying the colors of the Society, blue, white, and buff. Every member of the Society is privileged to wear the rosette on all occasions when it would be in good form to do so. On a business suit, the emblem is worn on the left lapel. In those areas of the world in which suit jackets are not required for regular business or Society meetings, the emblem may be worn on the left shirt pocket or the collar. Do not wear the emblem on formal clothing.



The NSSAR provides numerous Badges and Pins to be worn by members. For a complete listing of Badges and Pins and protocols of when and how to wear them consult Volume IV of the Handbook.

Medals The NSSAR provides its members with the opportunity to receive numerous medals and certificates that can be purchased or awarded for various contributions to the NSSAR and its programs at National, State, and Chapter levels. Awards and medals are also available to members and non-members who have completed military, community, or government service outside the NSSAR.

Volume V of the manual provides a complete listing of medals and certificates, the requirements for acquiring or being awarded medals, pins and certificates, and protocol for wearing them.

A summary of medals and certificates that are typically earned by a new member is listed in Appendix B, "Beginning Medals and Certificates".

Pledge The **NSSAR Pledge** should be recited, without modification, as follows:

"We descendants of the heroes of the American Revolution who, by their sacrifices, established the United States of America, reaffirm our faith in the principles of liberty and our Constitutional Republic and solemnly pledge ourselves to defend them against every foe."

The hands should be at the side for the NSSAR Pledge or left hand at the side and the right hand holding a written copy of the Pledge. The hand over the heart should be reserved for the United States Flag – advancing of the colors, the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and the retiring of the colors. Many members, especially new members, read the pledge.

The NSSAR Pledge is not a pledge to the organization, but to liberty and our constitutional republic. Nonmembers who wish to make this pledge should be permitted and even encouraged to do so. Those who do not should stand respectfully with their hands at their sides.

The **NSSAR Recessional** should be recited, without modification, as follows:

"Until we meet again. Let us remember our obligations to our forefathers, who gave us our Constitution, the Bill of Rights, an independent Supreme Court, and a Nation of Free Men."

The hands should be at the side for the NSSAR Recessional, or left hand at the side and the right hand holding a written copy of the Recessional. Again, do not hold the right hand over the heart.

Dues The chapters collect annual dues from regular and junior members and forward them to the State Registrar or Treasurer during the last four months of each year. This amount may include State and Chapter dues.

As of 2019, the National dues are \$35 for adult members and \$5 for junior members.

New members whose approval date is September 1 or after do not pay dues for the following year.

A National Life Membership option is available but does not cover state or chapter dues.

Fund Raising There are several funds within NSSAR that members may contribute to that are tax-exempt. The more prominent ones are:

Foundation: Created in 2000 to build the library and museum. A separate board controls this fund.

Center for the Advancement of American History (CAAH): This fund helps future generations learn the blessings of being an American. It includes areas such as the Genealogical Research Library and outreach programs.

George Washington Endowment Fund (GWEF): This fund uses only 80% of the interest earned to support underfunded programs of NSSAR.

Other programs having funds: The Friends of the Library. The Youth Education programs. Eagle Scout Essay. Rumbaugh Oration. Knight Essay. ROTC/JROTC Essay and other educational programs.

Communication The NSSAR will send you a quarterly copy of the NSSAR Magazine. Your annual dues cover the cost.

THE CENTRAL DISTRICT

The National Society is divided into Districts. Each district has a President called the Vice President General or VPG. Each VPG has three or four states in his District and works directly with the State Presidents in promoting the PG's Program.

The OHSSAR, along with the West Virginia, Indiana, and Kentucky Societies, make up the Central District.

Meetings & Events The Central District holds one annual meeting for its member states in October.

Within each of the Central District states, there are NSSAR memorial events held annually.

Ohio-Fort Laurens Memorial Service held in Bolivar, OH. This memorial event, held in early or late July, is in remembrance of those who died at Fort Laurens in 1778-1779. Fort Laurens was the only Revolutionary War fort in Ohio and was completed by then Gen. Lachlan McIntosh leading Virginia and Pennsylvania troops in December 1778. It was intended the Fort be built to launch an offensive against the British held Fort Detroit. Besieged by British and Indian forces, the fort was abandoned in August of 1779.

Indiana-George Rodgers Clark Memorial Service held in Vincennes, IN. This memorial event is held in remembrance of those who died in the battle for Fort Sackville. On February 25, 1779, Lt. George Rogers Clark lead American forces against the British at the Wabash River, capturing the fort near what is now Vincennes Indiana.

West Virginia-Battle of Point Pleasant Parade and Memorial held in Point Pleasant, WV. This memorial is held in remembrance Virginia Militia, who lost their lives in the Battle of Kanawha on October 10, 1774.



The Militia, under the command of Col. Andrew Lewis, was dispatched by Royal Governor Lord Dunmore and fought Shawnee and Mingo warriors lead by Shawnee Chief Cornstalk, who was encouraged by the British at Fort Detroit to engage the militia. The NSSAR and DAR recognize this battle as the first battle between Colonial Troops and Great Britain.

Kentucky-Battle of Blue Licks Memorial Service and Grave Marking held at Blue Licks Battlefield, Carlisle, KY. This memorial event is held in remembrance of the militia who died at the Battle of Blue Licks on August 19, 1782. Although the British had surrendered at York Town on October 19, 1781, isolated conflicts continued between British and Indian forces against American settlers in Kentucky, Western Pennsylvania, and Ohio continued. The NSSAR and DAR recognize this battle as the final battle of the Revolutionary War.

THE OHIO STATE SOCIETY

History In Ohio, a preliminary meeting, attended by a few residents of the State, was held in the office of Governor J.B. Foraker at the Columbus Capitol, April 11th, 1889. The organization of the OHSSAR Sons of the American Revolution predates that of the National Society by nineteen days. At an adjourned meeting, held April 22nd, it was resolved to organize an Ohio Society of Sons of the Revolution and executive officers of President, Treasurer, and Secretary were elected. It was decided to issue an address to the people of the State that all

residents of Ohio who could trace their genealogy to men who served in the Revolution were invited to become members of the Society and to attend a meeting to be held in Columbus, June 4th. On June 4th at the State House in Columbus, the organization met to admit persons suitably qualified and adopt a State Society constitution. Bylaws passed, providing for an auxiliary membership of wives and mothers of active members.

Non-Profit/Charitable The donation is a Non-Profit Organization, Charitable Organization, and Ohio Business. The OHSSAR is an IRS 501 (c) (3) organization under the umbrella of the National Society. It is registered in the state of Ohio with the Secretary of State as a non-profit Ohio business, and it is registered with the Ohio Attorney General's office as a Charitable Organization. It operates under its own Constitution and By-Laws in the Ohio Handbook on the OHSSAR website.

Officers The OHSSAR Officers are elected by members attending OHSSAR annual meeting held each May. The Nominating Committee presents a slate of officers and nominations from the floor may be made. Any Ohio member may attend and vote. Elected officers are: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Genealogist, Registrar, Historian, Chaplain, and Chancellor. The President chooses all other officers and Chairmen of standing committees. All officers serve without compensation.

Appendix A, "National and State SAR Officers" provides a list of current National and State SAR Officers.

To review the offices and associated responsibilities, see the Ohio Regulations and Handbook on the OHSSAR website. To review the names and addresses of current officers, go to the "Members Only" tab of the Ohio website and click on OHSSAR Rosters.

Board Of Management The affairs of the Society are vested in the Board of Management (BOM) which is deemed for all purposes to constitute the Board of Directors within the meaning of the Ohio Nonprofit Corporation Law.

The BOM consist of the following persons, occupying certain positions within and without the OHSSAR as ex-office, who constitute the entire membership of the Board of Management:

- The elective OHSSAR Officers, including the three Directors-at-Large
- The Ohio National Trustee from the OHSSAR (in his absence the Alternate National Trustee)
- Ohio District Chairman
- Chapter Presidents
- Chapter Secretaries
- Past OHSSAR Presidents.

The BOM acts on behalf of the membership. The OHSSAR holds four BOM meetings a year. One in conjunction with the annual meeting and three others as listed in the Appendix D, "Chapter Meetings and Events"

Executive Committee The Executive Committee consists of the President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Committee has the authority to carry out the policies of the Board of Management and to act on its behalf when the Board of Management is not in session.

Districts The State Society is divided into six geographic districts. Each district having a District Chairman who represents four to six chapters each. The District Chairman seeks to promote the interest and activities of both the National and OHSSAR and acts as the liaison between the chapters and the State Society.

Standing Committees There are several standing committees established to assist in the administration of the OHSSAR; or exist to support national and state programs. A complete list of these committees and their chairmen is provided in the OHSSAR web site.

These committees need your help, and you can volunteer to be part of the state leadership.

Meetings The OHSSAR holds four meetings each year:

- **Spring Annual State and BOM meeting** is the first weekend in May at a location determined by the OHSSAR President. All members of a State Chapter may attend and vote on any resolutions coming before the membership and election of officers.
- **Summer BOM** held in late July, in conjunction with the Ft. Laurens Memorial Ceremony a National Society event;
- **Fall BOM** held the first weekend in October and in conjunction with the West Virginia SAR Battle Days Parade and Memorial a NSSAR event;
- **Winter BOM** held the first weekend in February held in a location determined by the OHSSAR President.

All members and their spouses are encouraged to attend all the OHSSAR meetings.

Dues The current annual State dues of the OHSSAR are \$10.00 for regular members. Junior members do not pay dues. Dues are collected beginning in September for the following calendar year by chapters and forwarded to the State Registrar and State Treasurer for recording.

Programs The OHSSAR, with the help of its chapters, supports the National Society Programs. Details of these programs can be found on the National Website and in the OHSSAR Handbook found on the OHSSAR website. Chapters support many of these programs. See the Participation section in the Benjamin Franklin Chapter Chapter part of this Workbook following, where several of these programs are presented.

Color Guard The OHSSAR has a very active state color guard. It consists of about 80 members. The State Society and Chapter Color Guards are part of the National Color Guard. Any compatriot that has a militia or continental uniform is considered a volunteer member of the color guard. The Color Guard is one of the ways our SAR and OHSSAR become visible to the public. And it helps to support community programs, by performing at parades, flag postings, school programs, and other events. The color guard acts as true ambassadors for OHSSAR.

DAR The OHSSAR partners with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), by reciprocal attendance at annual state meetings, posting flags, exchanging speakers, and supporting membership recruitment.

Ladies Auxiliary The OHSSAR Ladies Auxiliary is organized so a spouse, daughter, or female bloodline relative can be involved in Society activities. They are always welcome at meetings, and it is a time that they can meet and work on worthwhile projects supporting their programs or Society programs. Medals and certificates are also available for ladies who participate.

C.A.R. The State Society supports the Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) Society. We encourage members to work with this organization. Also, we encourage our Junior members to join the C.A.R.

Insignia & Seal The OHSSAR has adopted the outline of Fort Laurens as its official insignia and seal. Fort Laurens was the only Revolutionary War fort built in Ohio and is in Bolivar, OH. A NSSAR memorial service is held there every July.



Fundraising & Endowments The OHSSAR has four fundraising programs and accepts charitable donations. The endowments are retained in a separate institution from the current (checking) account and are managed by the Finance Committee and its Investment Subcommittee. Fundraising programs are:

- **Permanent Fund Program-** For each \$100 donation (and multiples thereof), a donation disk can be worn under the rosette. This fund can be used by the Board of Management to support current programs.

- **Challenge Coin Program-** Sale of challenge coin having the seal of OHSSAR on one side and seal of the National Society on the obverse side support funding of the Permanent Fund.
- **Ft. Laurens Regiment-**Established to support the Permanent Fund or Youth Program as specified by the donor. A specific “military rank” in the regiment is awarded based on the amount of the donation. Members can begin at a low level and work their way up in command with additional donations
- **Youth Award Endowment Fund-**Established to provide an in perpetuity award amount for awards given to winners in the Youth Contests. For specified amounts, a purchaser can name the award. For example: the John Doe 1st Place Poster Award.

Publications The OHSSAR publishes the Ohio Country Bulletin newsletter quarterly and is mailed USPS to all Ohio members and is also available on the OHSSAR website. There is no charge for this publication.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CHAPTER

As the Benjamin Franklin Chapter President, I want to welcome you to our Chapter personally. I hope that you will be an active participant in the many programs that the chapter offers. Don't be shy – Volunteer.

Chuck Finley, President

History A history of our chapter is on our website- bfc-sar.org

By-laws The Benjamin Franklin Chapter Chapter, is organized under a Constitution and set of By-Laws. Our by-laws are on our website- bfc-sar.org

Not for Profit Organization and Charitable Organization Under the umbrella of the National Society, The Benjamin Franklin Chapter Chapter SAR is an IRS 501 (c) (3) chartered organization. It is registered with the Ohio Attorney General's office as a Charitable Organization. It operates under its own Constitution. The chapter's constitution is on our website- bfc-sar.org

Officers The By-Laws establish Chapter Officers. A nominating committee presents a slate of officers at the annual chapter meeting held in February each year. Nominations may be made from the floor, and members vote to elect the officers. Detail responsibilities of officers can be found in the Chapter By-Laws. A brief description is as follows:

- President** - Responsible for overall chapter programs and meetings
- 1st Vice President** - Act for President and supports President's agenda.
- 2nd Vice President** - Supports President's agenda and New Member Orientation.
- Secretary** - Records meeting minutes and records of participation.
- Treasurer** - Maintains financial records and collects dues.
- Chaplain** - Provides spiritual support for the chapter.
- Historian** - Maintains a historical file on all chapter activities and publicity.
- Registrar** - Processes membership applications and reinstatements.
- Genealogist** - Assists with genealogy research on applications.

All our Officers, Board of Management, and Committees are on our website- bfc-sar.org

Meetings Chapter meetings and events are scheduled at the beginning of the year. All the chapter's meetings and events are on the Calendar of our website- bfc-sar.org

Dues and Donations Dues notifications are sent out beginning in September of each year. They are payable to the Chapter and sent to the Chapter Treasurer.

Donations may be made directly to the Chapter to support the costs of any of its programs. The chapter has no endowment funds.

Appendix A - National and State SAR Officers

National Society - General Officers

President General

C. Bruce Pickette, Alabama SAR

Vice President General-Central District

John A. Turley,

Secretary General

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Appendix B – Beginning Medals and Certificates

The following medals and certificates are typical awards earned within the first three years of being a compatriot. Once the requirements of the medal are approved, the compatriot, National Society, State Society or Chapter purchases the medals. The details are defined in the National Society Official Handbook Volume V, Precedence Section. The compatriot may also work toward other medals or certificates. Those given here are typical. For the complete list of medals, certificates, and their requirements, see Volume V of the Handbook.

Medals awarded by the *National Society* for service to the NSSAR

- Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal. Awarded for performing 40 hours of volunteer service on assigned NSSAR programs.
- Patriot Grave Marking Medal. For planning or participation in the marking of 15 patriot graves.

Medals awarded by a *State Society* to Compatriots for service to the SAR

- Bronze Color Guard Meda. For participation in chapter and state color guard events.

Medals awarded by a *Chapter* to Compatriots for service to the SAR

- Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service. Presented by chapter president in recognition of the Compatriot's conspicuous service to the Chapter.
- Bronze Roger Sherman Medal. Presented by the chapter in recognition of and appreciation of outstanding services rendered to a chapter.

Medals awarded by National or State Society or Chapter for Military Service and Service to Veterans

- War Service Medal. For compatriots who complete an application and provide documentation (DD214) verifying military service in a branch of the US Military in a hazardous or war zone.
- Military Service Medal. For compatriots who complete an application and provide documentation (DD214) of active duty service in a branch of the US Military.
- Service to Veterans Medal. For completion of the application on providing various types of service to veterans or veterans organizations.

Certificate awards Presented for Service to the SAR

- Distinguished Service Certificate. To recognize outstanding personal service exemplifying the finest of American ideals
- Certificate of Appreciation. To acknowledge outstanding support given to the Sons of the American Revolution.
- U.S. Flag Retirement Certificate. Presented for participation in the collection and destruction of worn, soiled, or otherwise unserviceable United States Flags.

Pins awarded for Donations to National Programs

- A Friends of the Library Membership Lapel Pin can be awarded for a nominal \$25 gift to the Friends of the Library. Annual renewal of membership is appreciated. Four additional levels of contributions are available.
- George Washington Endowment Fund Fellow Lapel Pin can be obtained for a gift of \$1000 to the George Washington Endowment Fund.

Pins awarded for Donations to State Programs

- A Permanent Fund Ring to go under the Rosette can be obtained for a minimum \$100 gift. The donation goes into an investment fund, and interest is used to fund budgetary items or special programs.
- A Fort Laurens Regiment Commission Pins can be obtained for donations to the program. Commission ranks start at a \$100 gift for Sergeant, and the rank increases for additional contributions. The selection of the donation's investment fund is determined by the donor.
- An OHSSAR Challenge Coin can be purchased for \$20. Donations go into the Permanent Fund