



The *Heritage* Club*

The Power of Giving

*Established 1998

National Society
Daughters of the American Revolution

Membership has its benefits.



As a member in good standing of the Heritage Club, you will earn a number of prestigious benefits including your:



- Heritage Club Lapel Pin
- Embossed Certificate of Membership
- Online Subscription to the Heritage Club Newsletter
- Authorization to Purchase the Heritage Club Pin
- Invitation to the Heritage Club Event during Continental Congress
- Personalized Annual Heritage Club Gift

"The power of giving lies within all of us. It represents our inherent ability to honor the past, empower the present, and build a brighter future."

President General, NSDAR

The Heritage Club

The Power of Giving is within you.



In order to recognize the extraordinary generosity of our benefactors, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) formed the Heritage Club in 1998.

This giving club includes donors who have made cumulative contributions of \$500 or more.

The Heritage Club is open to all, including husbands, relatives, friends and non-members. Gifts that count toward membership include cash, securities, property, and other items with an appraised value of \$500 or more.

In the following pages, you will find programs highlighted that are eligible for designated funds.

For those who care deeply about the mission of the NSDAR – Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism – the opportunities to help preserve, protect and promote our heritage are countless.

As a member of the Heritage Club, you have a real opportunity to shape future generations with lessons from the past. In this way, the programs begun by our Founders and fellow Daughters will endure through the ages.

Daughters at Continental Congress enjoying the Heritage Club luncheon.

Our Mission

How the Heritage Club supports Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism.



Children at the Colonial Summer Camp performing a period dance in traditional colonial costume.

In 1890, four women formed the NSDAR to perpetuate the memory and spirit of those individuals who achieved American independence. These women also created our mission: preservation of our valued history, education for all citizens, and the encouragement of patriotic endeavors to ensure all the blessings of liberty.

Since our founding, more than 875,000 members like you have helped to bring that mission to life. Examples of the work that your gift has helped to support include:

Historic Preservation

From the beginning, the National Society has constructed its buildings with the expressed purpose of protecting valuable records and relics of individuals who served in the American Revolution.

Priceless holdings include the 185,000 volumes in the DAR Library – and the outstanding pre-1830 American decorative arts collection in our DAR Museum and state rooms. Your continued generosity allows for the preservation and restoration of these treasures.



Jean Ribault Chapter member Alice M. Stratton, of Florida, interviews two more veterans for the Library of Congress Veterans History Project.



Maya Brewington pours water on the flowers beside the marker commemorating the patriot Peter Green.

Education

Through the decades, generations of young people have been positively influenced by NSDAR scholarships, essay contests and other educational pursuits.

For example, through community-based literacy programs, adults and children alike have learned to read with the help of DAR tutors. In addition, children in under-served areas have been given a home and an education through DAR funding.

Patriotism

Reflecting deep devotion to God, Home and Country, NSDAR support of patriotic activities has enabled ordinary citizens to attain higher levels of leadership and community involvement.

In a loving tribute, the lives of thousands of veterans and military patients in care facilities throughout the country have been touched daily by DAR volunteers.

Your support can take many forms.



There are many ways for you to make an even greater difference in today's DAR.

Through the DAR direct mail* appeals, Donations and Contributions Forms**, and online giving opportunities, you have many ways to bring your new and vital spirit to our hallowed mission.

Below, you will find a brief overview of how we put your support to work.

To learn more, please visit www.dar.org and click on Giving. To learn more about estate gifts, such as a bequest, will or trust, please call the Office of Development at (800) 449-1776.

Thank you for your friendship, service, and for your continuing commitment to DAR!

- **President General's Project**

Donations provide for the multi-year support of the President General's Project***.

Available Pin(s): President General's Project Benefactor, President General's Project

Giving Method(s): Direct Mail, Donor Wall, Donation and Contribution Form

- **General Fund (1890 Annual Giving Circle and Historic Preservation)**

Annual Fund donations provide the resources for the greatest needs of NSDAR as determined by the Executive Committee. (Designated donations do not count toward the 1890 Annual Giving Circle).

Available Pin(s): 1890 Annual Giving Circle Pin (Topaz, Pearl, Ruby, Emerald, Sapphire, Diamond)

Giving Method(s): Direct Mail, Donation and Contribution Form, Online

- **Library/ Genealogic Research**

Funds are used to place Revolutionary ancestor data on microfiche; to assist with purchasing special equipment and out-of-print book acquisitions; to cover the cost of training genealogical staff and volunteers; to purchase equipment; and so much more.

Available Pin(s): Friends of the Library, Friends of Genealogy, Membership Challenge, Friends to Seimes Technology Center

Giving Method(s): Donation and Contribution Form

- **DAR Museum**

Contributions help defray the cost of exhibitions, publications, and educational programs. Conservation and acquisition of objects and period rooms – as well as other museum activities – are also covered.

Available Pin(s): DAR Museum Exhibition Fund, Friends of DAR Museum, Museum Adopt an Object, Museum Keeper

Giving Method(s): Donation and Contribution Form

- **DAR Americana Collection**

Funds assist with the purchase of documents, imprints, or objects for the National Society archival collections; conservation of accessions or acquisition of items necessary for the maintenance of the archival facility and assists with the acquisition costs incurred with the purchase of Button Gwinnett's signature for the Americana Collection.

Available Pin(s): Button Gwinnett, Friends of Americana Collection, Friends of American History, NSDAR Archives Fund

Giving Method(s): Donation and Contribution Form

- **Education**

These funds provide the opportunity for students to attain higher education through scholarships – and help support DAR-affiliated education programs.

Available Pin(s): Friends of American Indian Scholarship Fund, Friends of DAR Schools, Friends of Junior Membership, Friends of DAR Scholarship

Giving Method(s): Donation and Contribution Form

- **Patriotism**

Donations in this category provide funding for DAR projects in support of Veterans and Active Duty service members.

Available Pin(s): DAR Project Patriot, Friends of Veterans

Giving Method(s): Donation and Contribution Form

- **Publications**

Contributions allow members to support our award-winning magazine by providing additional funding – and by introducing new subscribers.

Available Pin(s): Friends of American Spirit, Friends of DAR Magazine

Giving Method(s): Donation and Contribution Form

- **NSDAR - A Legacy Preserved**

Contributions are placed in quasi-endowed funds for the financial stability of NSDAR.

Available Pin(s): Investment Trust Fund

Giving Method(s): Donation and Contribution Form

* All Direct Mail contributions since 1998 count towards Heritage Club credit.

** Please use our "Donations and Contributions Form" – where appropriate – when making a gift to ensure you receive credit and recognition for your donation.

*** Contributions to the President General's Project 100% participation or contributions from states and chapters do not count toward Heritage Club credit.

Benefits and Gift Levels

Your Heritage Club commitment knows no boundaries.

Both DAR members and guests on a quest for ancestral information get hands-on experience using the database of records available at the DAR Library.

Heritage Club membership begins with a cumulative giving total of \$500.

Benefits for all members include a Heritage Club lapel pin, certificate of membership, and a subscription to the Heritage Club Newsletter.

Many of our members are able to be extremely generous to this organization which they hold so dear. Therefore, we have created a number of levels to reflect that generosity.

Giving Levels

Topaz Level

(\$500-\$4,999 cumulative gifts)

- Authorization to purchase the Heritage Club pin set with a topaz stone from Hamilton Jewelers
- Invitation to Heritage Club Event held during Continental Congress

Pearl Level

(\$5,000-\$9,999 cumulative gifts)

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Ruby Level

(\$10,000-\$24,999 cumulative gifts)

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Emerald Level

(\$25,000-\$49,999 cumulative gifts)

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Sapphire Level

(\$50,000-\$99,999 cumulative gifts)

- NSDAR will provide the Heritage Club pin set with a sapphire from Hamilton Jewelers
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Diamond Level

(\$100,000 or more cumulative gifts)

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We are grateful for your continued support.



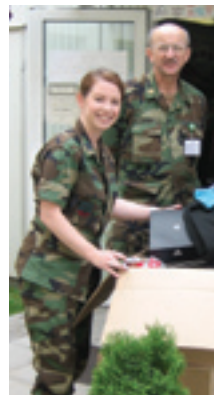
To keep in touch, we send out four premium mailings each year. These mailings include items you receive without request. The purpose of these mailings is to offer the opportunity for members to support our organization, while simultaneously thanking our members for their continued support.

One mailing per administration goes to all members – and the others go only to members who have donated in the last five years. *Members not donating within the past 5 years are removed from the mailing list.*

Our direct mail program provides income for NSDAR, and allows the leadership to refrain from increasing the dues every year or two as expenses increase. Membership dues cover only 30% of the nearly \$18,000,000 in annual expenses* of the National Society, which provides support to our members and Chapters. This includes day-to-day needs from electrical bills to general operations and maintenance of our historic buildings.

*Numbers are from Treasurer General's Report FY2009.

In the spring of 2007, more than thirty Daughters from various Texas DAR chapters came together for a naturalization ceremony to welcome new U.S. citizens.



Captain Bridget E. Ward, a member of the U.S. Air Force Reserve as well as Vice Regent of the Stone Bridge Chapter, in Sterling, VA, delivers clothing to the Wounded Warrior Ministry Center in Germany.

To Learn More.



For more information about the Heritage Club, or to make a gift, please contact the Office of Development at (800) 449-1776 or e-mail development@dar.org.

Thank you!



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