



THE FIRST THIRTY DAYS

WELCOME TO DAR! We are so very excited to have you join in with over 178,000 other Daughters nationwide who have proven their lineage to a patriot ancestor of the American Revolution! As you begin your journey of making new friends and joining in new activities, below is a Thirty “Day” exploration guide to assist you in learning more about the organization you just joined and the opportunities that await you! This is a great way, beyond attending your regular chapter meetings, to become familiar with DAR and its goals and founding objectives.

- 1 **CONGRATULATIONS!** You have received your national number! Remember this number – as it will come in handy through the years of your membership! If you haven’t already, you will be receiving your DAR Membership Certificate along with an information packet in the mail shortly.
- 2 Learn about the **Founding of DAR and our History**: <http://www.dar.org/national-society/about-dar/dar-history>. Be sure to view the video: “The Founding of the DAR.”
- 3 Learn about **DAR’s Mission**: Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism on DAR’s Public website: <http://www.dar.org/national-society/what-we-do>
- 4 Visit **NSDAR’s Members’ website** at: <http://www.dar.org/members>. Have your national number and chapter name handy, you will need it to gain access; remember to bookmark the site!
- 5 If you have not already, you will receive a **New Member Welcome Packet** in the mail along with your certificate of membership from our national society. Along with the packet explore the **Online New Members Section**: <http://www.dar.org/members/new-member-information/new-member-information> – it is filled with great resources and can serve as a ready reference of terms.
- 6 NSDAR is governed by twelve elected Executive Officers. To learn more about your **National Executive Officers** led by our President General, Ann Turner Dillon, check out: <http://www.dar.org/members/executive-officers-national-board-management-nbm>.
- 7 Did you know that each **National Administration has a Theme, Project and Scripture**? What are the current national administration’s theme, project, scripture and goals? Check out: <http://www.dar.org/members/executive-offices-nbm/president-general>.
- 8 Visit the **President General’s Blog** at: <http://dillonblog.dar.org/> Sign-up for new postings (at the bottom of the blog) so you can stay in touch with the latest news from the National Society.
- 9 Subscribe to **American Spirit and Daughters Newsletter** (\$18 per year for 6 issues of both magazines) <http://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/dar-magazine/american-spirit-daughters-newsletter>. As a member you will automatically receive the


Daughters Newsletter with your subscription to the *American Spirit*. The *Daughters Newsletter* includes a bi-monthly message from the President General and other important and interesting information about our society.

- 10 Visit your **State Society's Public Website** and become familiar with the other chapters in your state: <http://www.dar.org/national-society/become-member/chapters-by-state>. Ask your chapter regent or chapter membership chairman, if your state has a **Members only Website** and if so, how to access it as a new member.
- 11 Check out the **DAR Committees**: <http://www.dar.org/members/committees> – What interests you?
- 12 **Getting involved!** Find out who are your chapter officers and committee chairman and how to contact them. Find out what DAR Committees your chapter supports and ask how you can become involved based on what interests you? If your chapter doesn't support a particular committee you are interested in, ask if you could champion that committee within your chapter.
- 13 If you haven't already received a PDF copy of your **verified application**, request a copy from your chapter registrar. Review your application to see what notes and changes the NSDAR Genealogist made to your application. If you have any questions, ask your chapter registrar.
- 14 DAR offers free **online webinars** covering a wide variety of topics, for ALL members – to view upcoming topics: <http://www.dar.org/members/committees/standing-committees/dar-leadership-training/webinar-series> Or to view archived webinars: <http://www.dar.org/members/committees/standing-committees/dar-leadership-training/webinar-archives>.
- 15 **DAR Insignia** <http://www.dar.org/members/download-graphics/dar-insignia-graphics> and the **DAR Logo** <http://www.dar.org/members/download-graphics/dar-logo-images>. The DAR Logo can be used just about anywhere. This is not true for the DAR Insignia. Stay tuned!
- 16 Interested in learning more about the **DAR Insignia, Pins, Ribbons, and Sashes** Daughters wear to meetings, and what you might be eligible to wear? Check out: <http://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/insignia/dar-official-insignia>.
- 17 DAR products are available for purchase. Check out the **DAR Store Online**: <http://www.dar.org/omni/store/store32/index.html>.
- 18 Visit our **National Headquarters**. Don't live nearby? Take a virtual tour online at: <http://www.dar.org/national-society/about-dar/national-headquarters>.
- 19 Memorial Continental Hall houses thirty-one **Period Rooms**. Each room is sponsored by a different state society. For a virtual tour: <http://www.dar.org/museum/exhibitions/period-room-tours>. Does your state have a Period Room?

- 20 Did you know that parts of Headquarters' power needs are supplemented by **Solar Panels** on top of Constitution Hall? <http://www.dar.org/national-society/dar-headquarters-solar-panel-array>.
- 21 DAR also houses **The Americana Collection**, which contains more than 4,000 American imprints and manuscripts. Check out the online exhibits: <http://www.dar.org/americana/currexhib.cfm>.
- 22 Discover the **Power of Giving** to our National Society – There are several ways: http://www.dar.org/giving_site/index.cfm.
- 23 Interested in **Genealogy**? Check out the *Genealogical Research System* (GRS). It is free. However, you do need your national number. <http://www.dar.org/members/genealogy-research>.
- 24 **Learn about Juniors:** Who are they? What do they do? Do you, your daughter, or granddaughter qualify? Visit: <http://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/junior-membership/what-junior> to learn more!
- 25 **Who is the C.A.R.?** Check out the National Society Children of the American Revolution at: <http://www.nscar.org/>. They are the future of the DAR!
- 26 The ultimate sources **DAR Handbook and Bylaws:** <http://www.dar.org/members/dar-handbook-bylaws?List=keywordsearch&MyKeywordSearch=Bylaws> (or order your printed copy from the DAR Store). Did you know that each year we must submit an annual report to the Smithsonian as our society was incorporated by an act of Congress? What year was that? When was NSDAR founded? Who are our four founders? Read the *DAR Handbook* (31st ed.), page 36 to learn more.
- 27 Time for **Continental Congress!** DAR's Annual Meeting is held at our beautiful headquarters in Washington, DC! Make plans to attend: <http://www.dar.org/members/continental-congress>
- 28 When is your **State Conference** and/or state meeting(s)? Ask your chapter regent and make plans to attend! You'll discover some other wonderful DAR members from around your state and meet some new friends!
- 29 Interested in learning more and exploring some of these topics in more depth? Sign up for your State's **New Members Course** – Check with your chapter regent and/or state Membership chairman to find out if your state has a New Members Course.
- 30 **Make plans to attend your next Chapter Meeting** – this time, you'll understand more and enjoy a great meeting!

QUESTIONS

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