

# Daughters of the American Revolution: a million members

This fall, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will surpass 1 million members who have joined since its founding in 1890. The women's service organization comprises members who can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War.

The Emory Road DAR Chapter, based in Powell, has welcomed over 150 since the chapter began in 2008.

Each member has a unique story, but all share a passion for historic preservation, education and patriotism and a dedication to her local community.

Here are two:

**Martha Cummings** joined DAR in 1988 in Texas. At the time, she was a young working mother at Great Western Financial. She became interested in genealogy after hearing family stories from her paternal grandmother and decided to document her heritage and join the DAR.

Martha organized the Emory Road Chapter to provide an opportunity for working women to attend meetings on Saturdays and offer service opportuni-



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ties in Knoxville. Emory Road has even assisted in creating two new chapters as founding members moved from Knoxville for their careers.

**Andrea Chaney** joined DAR six years ago as a young newlywed. Andrea worked full time at Four Points by Sheraton and found the Emory Road Chapter at the East Tennessee History Fair.

The Emory Road DAR Chapter focuses much of its efforts on service projects at the Blount Mansion, the Junior American Citizens Chapter at Farragut Intermediate School and Wreaths Across America.

Women interested in DAR membership may contact Diana West, Registrar for Emory Road, at [di4emoryrddar@gmail.com](mailto:di4emoryrddar@gmail.com).