



## About DAR

The DAR, founded in 1890 and headquartered in Washington, D.C., is a *volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children.*

DAR members volunteer more than 55,000 hours annually to veteran patients, award over \$150,000 in scholarships and financial aid each year to students, and support schools for the underprivileged with annual donations exceeding one million dollars.

As one of the most inclusive genealogical societies in the country, DAR boasts 170,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the United States and internationally. 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.

Encompassing an entire downtown city block, DAR National Headquarters houses one of the nation's premier genealogical libraries, one of the foremost collections of pre-industrial American decorative arts, Washington's largest concert hall, and an extensive collection of early American manuscripts and imprints.

### DAR Facts

**Founded:** October 11, 1890  
Incorporated 1896 by an Act of Congress

**Objectives:** Historic Preservation, Patriotism, Education

**Motto:** God, Home, and Country

**Membership:** Approximately 170,000 members  
2,296 chapters in all 50 states and Washington, D.C.  
International chapters in Australia, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain, United Kingdom

### Eligibility for Membership:

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