

WHAT IS THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION?

Founded in 1890, the DAR is a non-profit, non-political international service organization with the simple mission of promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism.

WHO CAN JOIN?

DAR is open to any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal bloodline descent from a man or woman who fought, gave aid and/or comfort to the cause of the American Revolution. American citizenship is not a requirement.

WHO WILL HELP ME JOIN?

The Casa Grande Valley Chapter members give excellent help to prospective members in proving eligibility. Contact:

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HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Application Fee is \$105.00 plus postage.
Chapter annual dues are \$10.00, ASDAR dues are \$6.00, NSDAR dues are \$30.00, President General's Project \$2.00 (total \$48.00 annual dues)

JOIN US!
AMERICA NEEDS THE DAR

WHY SHOULD I JOIN? WHAT DO I GET OUT OF IT?

Membership offers today's women the opportunity to contribute to important service projects and promote love of country while making lifelong friendships.

More than 200 years ago, brave American patriots fought and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today. By joining, you can honor and preserve the legacy of your patriot ancestors through participation in unique social and service-oriented programs within the Casa Grande valley. You can take part by participating in youth education programs, displays of patriotism and historic preservation efforts.

Joining the DAR offers members an opportunity to give something back to the United States of America and to their communities. It is a way to keep American and your family history alive. It gives young women a straight path to conservation, education and women's accomplishments. The DAR gives expression to the concepts of God, Home and country. For younger women it is an opportunity to add to their college and employment resumes showing community service. DAR membership is a unique chance to establish one's lineage and heritage as a descendant of a patriot of the American Revolution.

Simple things like pledging allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and singing the National Anthem are powerful as they re-connect us with our history and keep the American spirit alive. Women of all ages interested in being a part of this premier historical organization will benefit.

Do you know your American roots and your family's role in American history?

WHAT HAS THE DAR DONE FOR THE NATION?

- ❖ Contributed in excess of \$750,000 to the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.
- ❖ Gave more than \$500,000 to the building of the World War II Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, DC.
- ❖ Researched and published '*Forgotten Patriots*,' a book highlighting the contributions of African American and American Indian Patriots during the Revolutionary War.
- ❖ Funded in part the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Virginia.
- ❖ Serves as a repository for accurate and current family histories available to the public.
- ❖ Compiled, published and distributed the DAR Manual for Citizenship to American immigrants. More than 10 million manuals have been distributed and today, this publication is found exclusively on the DAR Web site.
- ❖ Maintains many historic buildings and sites around the country, including forests in Texas and Massachusetts.
- ❖ Assisted in forming the US Army Nurses Corps.
- ❖ Erected twelve eighteen-foot tall statues from Bethesda, Maryland to Upland, California marking the National Old Trails Road, called the Madonna of the Trail. All statues are alike and each features a pioneer mother and her two children.
- ❖ Continues to place hundreds of official DAR plaques reminding the public of important historical sites such as Arizona's oldest long schoolhouse in Strawberry.
- ❖ Built the 114-foot tall Valley Forge Bell Tower at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. The Tower Carillon was also a gift of the DAR.

- ❖ Gave \$200,000 toward restoration of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- ❖ Recently presented the Regional Medical Center in Ramstein, Germany with another \$25,000 for our wounded military.
- ❖ Honored members of the Oneida Indian Nation at a "Forgotten Patriots" exhibit at DAR Headquarters.
- ❖ Arizona DAR established the Arizona Museum of History.
- ❖ Hosted the unveiling of the Marian Anderson US Postal stamp at DAR Headquarters.
- ❖ Honored the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II at ceremonies in Arizona, New Mexico and Washington DC.
- ❖ National Headquarters complex occupies an entire city block near the White House and includes three adjoining buildings: the DAR Library, one of the largest genealogical research centers in the United States, the DAR Museum; and Constitution Hall, a four-thousand seat auditorium dedicated to the US Constitution. All are open to the public.



NSDAR Constitution Hall
WEBSITES

DAR Web site: www.dar.org
ASDAR Website:
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~azsocdar
Casa Grande Website
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~azcgvdar/>

WHAT DOES THE CASA GRANDE VALLEY CHAPTER DO?

- ❖ Recognizes local high school seniors with the DAR Good Citizens Scholarship Award.
- ❖ Awards the outstanding Casa Grande High School JROTC students.
- ❖ Supports special programs promoting the US Constitution during its official celebration week of September 17 – 23
- ❖ Sponsors American history essay contests for youth in grades 5 through 8.
- ❖ Offers support to America's military in current conflicts abroad through care packages, phone cards and other necessary items.
- ❖ Promotes education and citizenship through Junior American Citizen Clubs in local schools.
- ❖ Contributes to and maintains six DAR schools and two American Indian schools throughout America.
- ❖ Honors elementary and middle school American History essay contest winners.
- ❖ Provide support to local VA medical facilities.
- ❖ Co-sponsors Memorial Day services at Mountain View Cemetery.
- ❖ Volunteers at USO Center at Tucson International Airport.



Chapter members present personal care items, books, candies, etc. for use by Arizona military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. November, 2009

- ❖ Co-Sponsors and marches in the annual Casa Grande Veteran's Day Parade in honor of all veterans.
- ❖ Volunteers at the VA Medical facility in Tucson, Arizona.
- ❖ Promotes an annual Christopher Columbus essay contest.
- ❖ Honors members of our community with awards in Conservation, Community Service and Literacy.



Chapter members participating in the 2009 Veteran's Day Parade in Casa Grande. November 2009

LEADING DAR LADIES

- ❖ Margaret Rhea Seddon, MD/Astronaut
- ❖ Clara Barton, nurse/founder of the American Red Cross
- ❖ Anna Mary Robertson (Grandma) Moses, artist
- ❖ Ginger Rogers, film star
- ❖ Elizabeth Dole, former cabinet member, past President of the American Red Cross, US Senator
- ❖ Virginia Mayo, film star
- ❖ Mamie Doud Eisenhower, First Lady
- ❖ Janet Reno, U.S. Attorney General
- ❖ Barbara Bush, First Lady

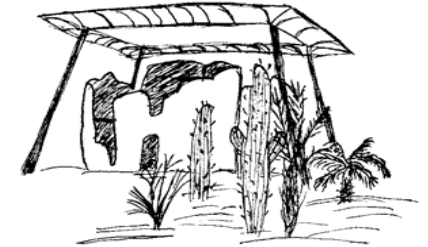
- ❖ Rosalynn Carter, First Lady
- ❖ Suzanne Bishopric, Treasurer of the United Nations
- ❖ Grace Murray Hooper, Rear Admiral
- ❖ Wilma Vaught, Brigadier General, U.S. Air Force, retired
- ❖ Corrine Boggs, former U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican

SHORT CUTS TO MEMBERSHIP

- ❖ *Do you have a blood relative who was or is a DAR member?*
- ❖ *Do you know of an ancestor who fought or gave aid and comfort to the struggle for American independence?*
- ❖ *Was your ancestor a signer of the Declaration of Independence or the U.S. Constitution?*



NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



CASA GRANDE VALLEY CHAPTER. . . . organized in 1980. The chapter name describes where we are located and the image of the ruins is our chapter logo. The chapter is centered in Casa Grande. Many members live in Arizona City, Eloy, and Florence.

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