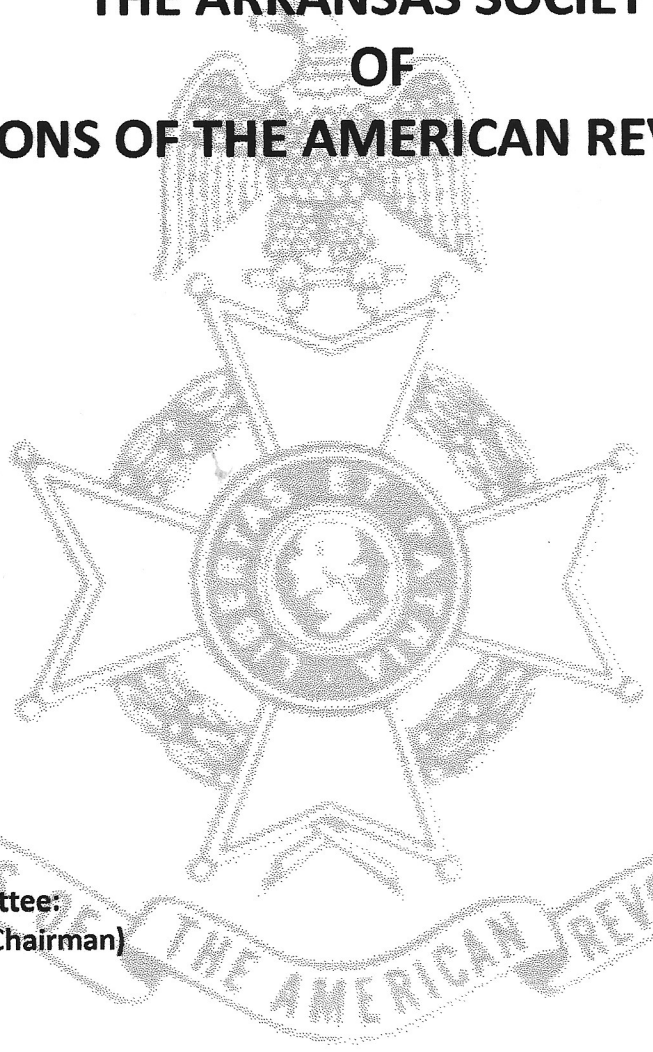


**CONSTITUTION
OF
THE ARKANSAS SOCIETY
OF
THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**



Constitution Committee:
Richard O'Connell (Chairman)
Greg Hogue
Allen Bush
John Rickard
Charles Burton
Darrell Over
Les Magee
David Dorrrough
Tim Snively

Approved: May 11, 2020

TABLE OF CONTENTS

ARTICLE	TITLE	PAGE
ARTICLE I	NAME	1
ARTICLE II	OBJECTIVES	1
ARTICLE III	MEMBERSHIP	1
ARTICLE IV	OFFICERS	2
ARTICLE V	BOARD OF GOVERNORS	2
ARTICLE VI	MEETINGS	2
ARTICLE VII	CHAPTERS	3
ARTICLE VIII	FEES AND DUES	4
ARTICLE IX	EXPULSION	4
ARTICLE X	REMOVAL FROM OFFICE	5
ARTICLE XI	AMENDMENTS	5
ARTICLE XII	EFFECTIVE DATE	5
CERTIFICATION		6



CONSTITUTION OF THE ARKANSAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. The name of this Society shall be "The Arkansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution". The Society exists by virtue of a Charter issued February 13, 1890 by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and was incorporated under the laws of the State of Arkansas as a non-profit organization on February 22, 1983.

Section 2. The Society may be referred to as "The Arkansas Society, SAR" or by the acronym "ARSSAR" in all but official Society documents. The use of either term in this or other documents is authorized in lieu of "The Arkansas Society of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution".

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

The objects of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots Who, by their services or sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the War and of the Revolutionary period; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any male shall be eligible for membership in the Society who, being of the age of eighteen (18) years or over and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unfailing in loyalty to, and rendered active service in this cause of, American Independence either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman or minuteman, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress or any one of the several Colonies or States, as a signer of the Declaration of Independence, as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence, as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain, provided, however, that no person advocating the overthrow of the Government of the United States by use of force or violence shall be eligible for membership in the Society.

Section 2. Junior membership criteria are the same as the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ARKANSAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chaplain, Chancellor, Historian, Genealogist, National Society Trustee and the Alternate National Society Trustee. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, National Trustee and Alternate National Trustee shall be elected. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected and serve a two-year concurrent term. The National Trustee and Alternate National Trustee shall be elected and serve a one year term. The Chaplain, Chancellor, Historian, Genealogists and are selected by the President, approved by the Board of Governors and will serve a two-year term.

Section 2. Duties of all Officers (elected or appointed) and the Board of Governors shall be detailed in the Bylaws of the Arkansas Society.

Section 3. In the event of a vacancy in any Office, for any reason, the President shall appoint a person, with the approval of the Board of Governors, to fill the term of office.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 1. The Board of Governors of this Society shall consist of those elected Officers listed in Article IV, Section 1, all current Chapter Presidents and the immediate past president.

Section 2. Members of the Board of Governors are listed in Article V, Section 1 of this Constitution. The President of the Society shall serve as Chairman and the Secretary shall serve as Secretary of the Board of Governors. In the absence or incapacity of the Secretary, the President shall appoint an Acting Secretary for a meeting.

Section 3. The Board of Governors shall have such power and authority as conferred by this Constitution and the Bylaws of this Society.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of this Society shall be held in the State of Arkansas during the month of March each year.

Section 2. The Mid-year Meeting for transaction of general business shall be held in the State of Arkansas during the month of September each year approximately six months after the Annual Meeting of the same year.

Section 3. The Board of Governors shall meet prior to the Annual and Mid-year Meetings of the Society to conduct Society business as delegated by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Arkansas Society.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ARKANSAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Section 4. Special meetings of the Society or of the Board of Governors shall be called by the President or shall be called by him when requested in writing by at least six (6) members of the Board of Governors or by fifteen (15) active members in good standing. Notice of a special meeting, to include time and place of meeting and business to be transacted, must be sent at least 7 days prior to the meeting (via USPS or electronic means, to all members of the Board of Governors including the Presidents of all Chapters who shall notify all their Chapter members.

Section 5. The President of the Society shall conduct the business at all meetings of the Society. The State Secretary shall serve as Secretary at all meetings. In the absence or incapacity of the Secretary, the President shall appoint an Acting Secretary for the meeting.

ARTICLE VII - CHAPTERS

Section 1. Each Chapter shall be subject to this Constitution and the Bylaws of the ARSSAR.

Section 2. A Chapter of this Society may be organized or reactivated at any time or times in any city, town, or village of this State of Arkansas upon the written request for a Charter by not fewer than ten (10) members of this Society in good standing and not fewer than five (5) prospective members in the process of preparing formal application papers. These prospective members upon payment of Chapter dues may participate in Chapter activities but may not hold office or enjoy voting privileges. Upon a majority vote of the Board of Governors, a Charter will be granted to the Chapter.

Section 3. Each Chapter shall adopt a Constitution and Bylaws and provide for the change and/or amendment thereof, but they shall be subject to this Constitution and Bylaws of the Arkansas Society and of the National Society. Any conflict shall render such conflicting provision or provisions void.

Section 4. Any Chapter may surrender its Charter to this Society. The Board of Governors may recall or revoke the Charter of any Chapter for good and sufficient cause or which fails to comply with the requirements fixed in accordance with this Article, or fails to meet for the space of one (1) year. A two thirds vote with a majority present is necessary for the Board of Governors to recall or revoke a Charter. If a Charter is recalled or revoked, a Chapter may appeal such action to the Society at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Society or it may attempt to call a special meeting of the Society to consider the appeal.

Section 5. If any Chapter becomes defunct by surrender, forfeiture or revocation of its Charter, the Society shall take over all property and money owned and held by the Chapter. All funds deposited in the defunct Chapter accounts will be transferred to the State Society at

CONSTITUTION OF THE ARKANSAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

the time the Chapter is closed. The Board of Governors will make the determination of whether to transfer the funds to the gaining chapter or to the Patriot Fund.

Section 6. Chapters shall elect officers in accordance with their Constitution and Bylaws to serve from January 1 thru December 31. Names, addresses and phone numbers of all Chapter Officers shall be sent to the State Secretary by January 20 each year.

ARTICLE VIII - FEES AND DUES

The Bylaws of this Society shall provide for the payment of initiation fees and annual dues. If any member fails to pay the annual dues within the required time, he shall be dropped from active membership in the Society. A dropped member shall not be entitled to vote, hold office or take part in the proceedings of a Local Chapter or of this Society, but may become an active member as prescribed in the Bylaws. A dropped member is entitled to none of the privileges of membership.

ARTICLE IX - EXPULSION

Section 1. Any member of this Society who advocates, or has advocated an overthrow of the Government of the United States, the State of Arkansas or any other state of this nation, by force or violence, or who advocates, or has advocated any treasonable act against the Government, whether or not an overt act is actually committed, shall be expelled from this Society upon being found guilty of such offense by the Board of Governors.

Section 2. If any member is deemed guilty of an offense designated in Section 1 of this article, he shall be charged therewith in writing. The charge shall be filed with the State Secretary who shall forthwith deliver it to the President of this Society and each member of the Board of Governors, by mail or otherwise, a copy thereof and shall also deliver by mail or otherwise a copy to the accused. A meeting of the Board of Governors for the purpose of hearing such charge shall be called within but not to exceed sixty (60) days after the receipt thereof by the State Secretary, unless a regular meeting of the Board of Governors is held within such a period of time. The accused shall receive not less than a seven (7) day notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall hear the evidence and determine the guilt or innocence of the accused. No member shall be expelled except upon the vote of two-thirds of the Board of Governors present at such hearing.

Section 3. If any member of this Society is found guilty by the Board of Governors of an offense set forth in Section 1 of this Article, and expelled from this Society, he shall be entitled to appeal such expulsion to the next Annual or Midyear Meeting of this Society by giving written notice of such appeal within five (5) days from the date of expulsion. Pending final action by this Society at its Annual or Midyear Meeting, the accused shall be entitled to any of the privileges of the Society.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE ARKANSAS SOCIETY OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

ARTICLE X - REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Section 1. The Board of Governors may have any Officer disciplined or removed from office when enough cause exists for such removal. Cause includes, but is not limited to, conduct disloyal to the ideals or prejudicial to the interest of the Sons of the American Revolution which shall render him unworthy of membership therein.

Section 2. The Board of Governors shall entertain charges against any Officer and shall provide written notice to said Officer of the nature of the charges brought against him including his right to a personal hearing on said charges before the Board of Governors. Upon request for a hearing, the Board of Governors shall provide at least thirty (30) days' notice (via USPS or electronic means) of the date and place of said hearing. The Board of Governors shall adopt rules necessary for the hearing with consideration for the best interests of the Society being of the utmost importance.

Section 3. Any Officer removed from office by the Board of Governors may appeal to the Society at the Annual or Midyear Meeting or may attempt to convene a special meeting of the membership to appeal his removal.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

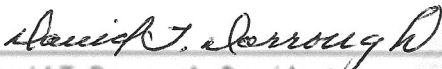
This Constitution may be superseded by a new Constitution, amended, or in any manner changed, at any Annual or Midyear Meeting of the Society or at any special meeting called for that purpose. A copy of such proposed New Constitution, Amendments, or change shall be provided to the President and Secretary of each Chapter of the State Society by the State Secretary not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the same is to be voted upon, and the deposit of said copy by the State Secretary in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid or delivered to the membership via electronic means (email, website) not less than thirty three (33) days prior to said meeting and separately addressed to each Chapter President and Chapter Secretary at the last known mailing address of each respectively, as shown by the records of the State Secretary, shall constitute a compliance with the requirements of this provision. Each Chapter President or Secretary shall notify Chapter members of the impending revisions. Any change voted by the members shall be incorporated therein upon final adoption. Approval of the constitutional revisions will be by majority vote of the members voting.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ARKANSAS SOCIETY OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

ARTICLE XIII - EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution shall be in full force immediately upon its adoption and the meeting at which it is adopted shall be governed thereby.

Approved by Arkansas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution membership on 11 May 2020.




David T. Dorrough, President

ATTEST:



Secretary

APPROVED:



Tim Snively, Chancellor