

**The Washington State Society
of the
Sons of the American Revolution (WASSAR) Constitution**

as amended 17 Sep 2004

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Society shall be The Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (WASSAR).

ARTICLE II

Objects

The objects of the WASSAR are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those who, by their service or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants, 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 the relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of individual services of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate materials; 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 General George Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Any man shall be eligible for membership in the WASSAR who, being a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in loyalty to, and rendered active service in the 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 signer of the Declaration of Independence, as a member of the Committee of Safety or Correspondence, as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature, as a foreign national of, but not limited to, France, Germany, Poland, Spain, Sweden or Switzerland who rendered service in the cause of American Independence or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts or 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.

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There shall be the following classes of members:

(1) a **Regular or Regular Life Member** shall be any member of the age of eighteen years and over, excepting those members described in Subsections (2) through (4) of this Paragraph, who meets all the requirements for membership as defined in the WASSAR Constitution and in the Bylaws of the NSSAR.

(2) a **Youth Registrant** shall be a male under the age of eighteen years whose Youth Registrant application has been submitted and approved in accordance with the Bylaws of the National Society.

(3) a **Youth Life Member** shall be a male under the age of eighteen years who has applied for and been admitted to Youth Life Membership and has paid the applicable fee for Life Membership.

(4) a **Junior Member** shall be a male under the age of eighteen years who shall have met the membership requirements of the Sons of the American Revolution and shall have filed an application, which application shall have been approved, for dual membership in the Children of the American Revolution. A Junior Member shall not have the right to vote nor shall he receive the SAR Magazine until he attains the age of eighteen years.

ARTICLE IV
Officers and Trustees

SECTION A. The officers of the WASSAR shall be the President; Vice President; Vice President-Operations; Secretary; Treasurer; Genealogist/Registrar, Historian; and Chaplain. Individuals for these officer positions will be elected by WASSAR members on secret ballots to serve one calendar year. The President elect cannot serve in any chapter position during his term as the State President. There is no monetary compensation for the elected officers; however, they may be reimbursed for incidental expenses incurred in the conduct of their office whenever approved by the Executive Board.

SECTION B. A Trustee and an Alternate Trustee will be elected annually by WASSAR members as nominees to NSSAR to serve as National Trustees. Their names will be submitted to NSSAR on or before 30 days prior to the next annual NSSAR Congress. Their tour of office is for one year from the date sworn in at the Annual Congress. These two Trustees then become ex-officio members of the WASSAR Executive Board.

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**ARTICLE V
Meetings**

SECTION A. The annual meeting of the WASSAR Executive Board for the installation of Officers and Trustees, and the discussion of business matters, shall be held in January of each year. The date, time, and place are to be announced by the State President, and/or by letter from the State Secretary.

SECTION B. Special WASSAR Executive Board meetings may be called by the State President, or when directed by a plurality of the WASSAR Executive Board members. Notice of special meetings will be by letter from the State Secretary and published in the Washington Trail.

**ARTICLE VI
Amendments**

Any portion of the is WASSAR Constitution may be amended or deleted by a majority vote of the Executive Board members present at a regular or special meeting. Suggested amendments shall be submitted in writing to the State Secretary on or before 30 days prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Board. Each proposed amendment may be accepted or denied by a simple majority vote by the board members present, providing a quorum exists.

