

## SAR Recognition Programs

We believe our American Story continues to be written today. We see it in and work to recognize:

- Those who serve and have served in our country's military;
- First responders, who risk their lives for our safety;
- Historical research, both academic and the work of students in grade and high school;
- Our youth leaders, including JROTC and Eagle Scouts.



## The Mission of the SAR

*The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.*

**For More Information Contact**  
**[www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org)**



July 4, 2026 will be the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of our country. It didn't start or stop on that day, but was a decade long process: 1773 - 1783

Please visit our associated organizations:

Daughters of the American Revolution  
[www.dar.org](http://www.dar.org)

National Society of Children of the American Revolution  
[www.nscar.org](http://www.nscar.org)



**America 250**



*“We ask but for Peace,  
Liberty, and Safety.”*

Quote: Excerpt from the Petition to King George III,  
October 25, 1774

**The 250<sup>th</sup> is here.  
Will You Join us  
In Celebration?**

## Who can join?

The SAR is a "lineage" society. Members have traced their lineage back to an ancestor who supported the cause of American Independence during the years 1774-1783 through military service, financial support, or civil service. All ages are welcome to apply.

### I'm interested - what do I do next?

Your local SAR Chapter is the best place to start. Whether you know you have a patriot ancestor – perhaps a grandparent or uncle joined the SAR – or you are curious about your ancestry, they can help you on your journey.

Many supported the colonists' struggle, even if they were not from here. Many French, German, and Spanish people supported American independence and their descendants are eligible for membership.



## What does it mean to be a member?

*"The American Revolution was about both the pen and the sword. The SAR provides a place where I can explore the ideas that motivated my ...ancestors and think about how those ideas continue to shape a country that has made a home for my .. emigrant ancestors and all the other people who make up our nation."* –

David S., Massachusetts

*"While I have enjoyed learning about my Patriot ancestors and honoring their service, I have also enjoyed the many new friendships I have made and I have a much keener interest in history in general and the Revolution in particular."* – Alan F., Arizona.

Being a SAR member involves you in your community with the telling of the story of the making of the United States of America. It connects you directly to the history and stories of the American Revolution and to others that share that connection.

## What dates outline the American Revolution?

<https://america250sar.org/>

America is celebrating its 250th birthday in 2026, but the movement towards independence had started years earlier.

The events and stories of this journey – to a free United States- hold special significance for all Americans. We invite you to participate and share in this historic happening to join us in our celebration of America 250.



Carpenter's Hall  
The First  
Continental  
Congress met  
here. Sept./Oct.  
1774

## What are some memorable events?

### 250 Years Ago...

- 2023 Boston Tea Party
- 2024 The First Continental Congress
- 2025 Battles of Lexington and Concord.
- 2026 Declaration of Independence
- 2027 Battle of Saratoga
- 2028 French Alliance
- 2029 Siege of Vincennes/Kettle Creek
- 2030 Battle of Kings Mountain
- 2031 Siege of Yorktown
- 2032 Battle of Blue Licks
- 2033 Treaty of Paris