

STANDING RULES
TRENTON CHAPTER
NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Standing Rules of the Trenton Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution serves as the operating rules of the chapter. The Rules provide the detail for the Bylaws of the Chapter and in no way supplant or override the Bylaws.

The Standing Rules are formally reviewed annually by the Chapter Board and modified by the Chapter Board as needed.

Article – Fees and Dues

- a. The annual National dues as of July 1, 2025, are \$52. National dues are set by member vote during Continental Congress. At the time of new member submission to the NSDAR, the chapter will collect the first year's national dues from the potential member. For ongoing members, the annual dues are due by November 15th of each year. Dues received after that date require a late fee of \$10 to be submitted to NSDAR.
- b. The annual State dues as of July 1, 2025, are \$10. State dues are set by member vote during the State Conference. At the time of new member submission to the NSDAR, the chapter will collect the first year's state dues from the potential member. The dues will be held by the chapter until such time as the member is approved for National membership. The chapter treasurer will then forward the state dues to the state treasurer.
- c. The annual Chapter dues as of July 1, 2025, are \$25. Chapter dues are set by chapter member vote. At the time of new member submission to the NSDAR, the chapter will collect the first year's chapter dues from the potential member. The dues will be held by the chapter until such time as the member is approved for National membership.
- d. Annual Chapter Associate member dues are \$25.
- e. In State members, in good standing at NSDAR, transferring into the Chapter will be charged the chapter dues at the time of transfer.
- f. Out of State members, in good standing at NSDAR, transferring to the Chapter will be charged Trenton Chapter dues as well as State dues.

Article – Meetings

A regular meeting is any meeting in which the NSDAR ritual is conducted. The chapter will conduct a minimum of 5 regular meetings each year.

Article – Officers

Voting officers of the chapter are: Regent, Vice Regent, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, Librarian. The Parliamentarian is selected by the Regent, participates in the Executive Board meetings, but does not have a vote as a member of the Executive Board.

While most of the service activities of the chapter are centered within the committees, the officers are the executives of the chapter. Budget line items for the officers are:

Regent	Small gifts for speakers; meeting location donation; DAR magazine advertisement costs.
Vice Regent	Meeting speakers' honorariums; annual luncheon; district luncheon
Chaplain	Birthday cards/postage for cards/misc. such as sympathy; get well, etc. Honorarium of \$50 for deceased members.
Secretary	Postage for correspondence required to be mailed
Treasurer	Bank account fees; LLC or other business fees
Registrar	New member packets; cost of mailing applications
Historian	Grave marker/historical markers; programs for events; Women in American History Award costs
Librarian	DAR library donation; community library donations

Article – Committees

There is a vast array of service areas available to members. Members are encouraged to find areas of service that enhance the community (local, state, or national) and work with the Regent to expand the opportunity for other chapter members. The Regent will appoint the chair of the committees and serve as a de facto member, but chairs are encouraged to engage others in committee work. The committee chairpersons are responsible to solicit

funds for the support of the committees and the chapter budget will reflect, to the degree possible, supportive funding.

The following committees are active as of July 1, 2025.

Committee	Responsibilities	Appropriate Expenses
America250	Contact for the support of 250 activities including Living History activities	Items to support Living History activities
American Heritage	Responsible for events that promote the American heritage for members and the community. Promoting participation in contests for arts and sculpture, fiber arts, historic preservation, music, crafts, literature and drama, cultural events and traditions.	Items for community events
American Indians	Provides opportunity for projects by the chapter to support Indian schools and scholarship funds	Donations to support schools and scholarship for American Indians
Budget	The three-member committee is responsible for developing the budget for the chapter based on expected spending or income rates. A budget review will be conducted with the findings presented to the Board and chapter members as needed.	
Children of the American Revolution	Promotes supporting CAR by donating, recruiting new members, and serving as leaders and mentors. Responsible for chapter donation for sponsored society.	Donation to the William Stroud Society.
Community Classroom	Assist the chapter in adopting a classroom or school to provide time and/or financial support	Donations for schools for reading materials, support of teachers
Conservation	Takes the lead for the chapter's support of the preservation of the environment in order for civilization to wisely utilize, repair, and restore the earth's resources. Activities may be community oriented	

	through awards and projects in natural resources.	
DAR Good Citizens	Recognizes and awards high school students who exemplify the qualities of a good citizen. The chairman should work with school administrators, visit area high schools and distribute materials. She must ensure that entries are in proper form and deadlines are met.	Cost of good citizens awards
DAR Leadership	Encourages members to take the DAR membership courses.	
DAR Magazine	Promotes subscriptions of chapter members. Responsible for identifying new members' subscription needs	
DAR Scholarship/VMSS	Responsibility for the chapter's VMSS fundraising	Donation to the VMSS fund
DAR Service for Veterans	Responsibility for veterans support events, such as Christmas stockings, and other appreciative events	Items for stockings; gifts
DAR/SAR/S.R.	Responsible for coordinating activities with the other lineage groups for the benefit all participating groups with similar missions.	
Daughter to Daughter	Responsible for the administration of the funds collected for the D2D. Determination of the best use of funds collected.	Payment of dues for daughters who cannot cover the costs. Funds are limited to donations to the fund.
Finance/Audit	A two-person committee responsible for reviewing the chapter financials and the reporting of the financial standing of the chapter.	
Franco-American	Responsible for the encouragement of chapter members to learn about their relationship between America and France	
Genealogical Records	Responsible for transcription of documents to be submitted to	

	NSDAR for genealogical research, such as bible records/obituaries.	
Hostess Committee	Responsible for refreshments during meetings and events as requested.	Costs for centerpieces/favors/food items as needed.
Lineage Research	Responsible to assist the registrar with lineage research for applications as needed and requested; promotes membership with genealogical workshops	
Literacy Promotion	Promotes literacy for individuals who lack reading and writing skills. May serve as tutors or personal advisors.	
Membership	Responsible for serving as a welcome group for new members; arranging member enrichment socials/get togethers; provides name tags to new members	Costs of name tags; costs as needed for membership events
National Defense	Responsibility for keeping the chapter informed of National Defense message;	
Patriot Records Project	Responsible for classifying supporting documentation online for the national system. Encourages members to participate in this project.	
Service to America	Responsible for coordination of the chapter's service to America activities; Updates members service hours as needed	Items to support chapter wide service to America efforts
Social Media/Newsletter	Responsible for social media updates and creation and publishment of the chapter newsletter. Responsible for mailing newsletters to members without email.	Website hosting; postage for mailing newsletters to non-email members
Units Overseas	Responsible for encouraging members to become associate members of overseas units. Keeps members informed of units overseas events	

Volunteer Genealogists	Responsible for peer reviews of the chapter's applications and supplement applications. Availability to assist other chapters as called upon.	
Wreaths Across America	Responsible for the chapter's support of the Wreaths Across America program. This includes working with the location, donations of wreaths, and participation in the program.	Donation of wreaths; other items as needed or requested by the location