

WEST FLORIDA CHAPTER, NSDAR, was organized on February 8, 2014 in Destin, Florida.

We enjoy many events that fulfill the Daughters of the American Revolution's mission of Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism. We are proud to be living in an area with a strong Military presence. We love to support our Armed Forces, both active duty and veterans. We enthusiastically support our Destin and Walton County schools by rewarding scholarship, promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and encouraging civic responsibility. Our members are women with a broad range of ages, talents, experiences, and circumstances. We generously give of our time as volunteers, supporting diverse causes in our local area. As we work together, on our projects, we develop close ties with our roots and with each other.

Regular chapter meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month, September through April. We have a Book Club, a Christmas Party, a Wintertime Soup Social, a Summer Social, and various service events that are held on weekends.



We Are More Than a Lineage Society

We are a nonprofit, nonpartisan women's service organization.

We Are Relevant

We open new doors in genealogical research, helping women discover the stories and people of their past. We invite women of all backgrounds to join us in our efforts to serve our country and preserve our heritage for future generations.

We Are Active

To honor our ancestors who fought for our nation's independence, we are committed to volunteer service as a means to better our local communities.

We Are Today's DAR!

We are an organization for the modern woman. As we continue to pursue our founders' original principles, we apply the values of our ancestors and build on the foundation of DAR's founders to accomplish important work in a contemporary context.

**For more information, please contact:
West Florida Chapter Regent, Connie Lee
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During the Revolutionary War, West Florida extended along the northern Gulf Coast, from the Big Bend westward, past New Orleans. We are proud that this area was then as it is now; a home to many noble patriots who uphold the causes of our great nation, The United States of America. We are honored to carry the original name of this area that has always been so rich in the history and legacies of Liberty.

Chapter Regent, Connie Lee 850-585-4707

Chapter Registrar, Connie Hall 850-865-6598

Membership Chair, Kay Crawford 850-585-9486



We believe in Fun!



MAY I ATTEND A MEETING?

Yes! We want you to come and see what today's DAR is all about! Our Chapter's Membership Committee, chaired by Kay Crawford, will welcome you and be your beginning point of contact at meetings, whether you are just visiting or have decided to become a prospective member.



I WANT TO KNOW MORE!

Facebook pages at www.facebook.com that are open to public view:

Our Chapter page is “**West Florida Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution**”, and the National Society page is “**Daughters of the American Revolution**”

Websites that are available to everyone:

Our Chapter's website: wfldar.com

The National Society, NSDAR: www.dar.org

The Florida State Society: www.fssdar.com



ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence is eligible to join the DAR. Documentation must be provided for each statement of birth, marriage, and death, as well as of the Revolutionary War service of her Patriot ancestor.



WHAT ABOUT MY APPLICATION?

We do not expect you to prepare your own application. Our Chapter Registrar, Connie Hall, and other members trained in genealogy research will work with you through the application process.

You do not need to know your whole lineage. You do not even need to know who your patriot might be. You will be asked to fill out simple paperwork and provide recent vital records. Our researchers will work with you to find the lineage and Patriot that can be proven most accurately.



WHAT ABOUT COSTS?

The current application fee is \$170. This is paid when your application is submitted by the chapter to NSDAR in Washington, D.C. This fee includes the dues for the year in which you apply.

After you join, dues for the National, State, and Chapter Societies are payable each year in late summer. Annual dues currently total \$90.00.



I LOVE GENEALOGY!

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, has exact requirements for their applications. Your most necessary task is to gather vital records (birth or death certificates) for yourself, your parents and grandparents. We will help you order what you do not have. These three websites are the most helpful and cost effective: <https://www.deathindexes.com>
<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/index.htm>
<https://www.familysearch.org> (free, must log in)

You may have had access to Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com>). Online trees are not acceptable, but many original documents are available. Look especially for any document issued by a town, county, state, or the federal government.

Debbie Duay, Ph.D., our Florida State Regent, is an expert in genealogy and all things DAR. There is lots of interesting information on her website. <http://learnwebskills.com/patriot/debbieduay.htm>

If you can provide simple information about your family and some vital records, we can get started. Connie Hall, our Chapter Registrar, will explain it all and help you submit a completed application. conniehall823@yahoo.com or 850.865.6598

