

**TEXAS SOCIETY
OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, INC.
ARK-LA-TEX CHAPTER #69, CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this Chapter shall be Ark-La-Tex Chapter #69 ("Chapter"), of the "Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Inc."(alternatively known as "TXSSAR" or "State Society").

ARTICLE II – OBJECTS

The objectives of this Chapter are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational and shall include those that are intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who by their services or sacrificed 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 relative to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the individual service records of the patriots of the War and the wartime documents, relics and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversary of 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 Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Any man shall be eligible for membership in this Chapter who, being of the age of eighteen 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 assistance in the cause of the American Independence, as defined by the National Society sons of the American Revolution ("NSSAR") Constitution Part I, Article III.

Such member shall be designated officially as "Compatriot." Furthermore, he shall fulfill the requirements outlines in Article I of the By-Laws of this Chapter.

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION

The State Society is a corporation, incorporated in the State of Texas as a non-profit organization. This Chapter, like other State Chapters, is a constituent part of the Incorporated State Society. As such, this Chapter is a subordinate local body organized by the TXSSAR, INC. for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Texas Society.

The period of duration of this Chapter is perpetual; however, upon surrender, forfeiture, or revocation of the Chapter's Charter, the Board of Managers of TXSSAR, INC. pursuant with the State Society Constitution Section 6 Article VIII, shall act as trustee and take over the real and/or personal property owned and held by this Chapter at the time of its dissolution.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the By-Laws, this Chapter shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the- Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the those contributions are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the By-Laws, the purposes for which this Chapter is organized are exclusively charitable and educational within the meaning of Section 50 I (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

The officers of this Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Chaplain. The above-named officers, together with the immediate past President, shall comprised the Chapter Board of Managers. Duties of the Chapter Officers are outlined in the By-Laws of this Chapter.

All nominations of officers shall be made from the floor. Nominations made by a committee appointed for such purposes shall be considered nominations from the floor. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the chapter, which shall be the November regular meeting unless another regular meeting is approved by the members of the Chapter and shall hold office for a period of two years following their installation at the January regular meeting.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be at time and place approved by the members. Notification of the time, date, and place of the meeting shall be made at least (10) days in advance of the meeting.

Conduct of the meeting shall be conducted in a manner consistent with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, and shall follow the guidelines outlined in the SAR Handbook as applicable. Members are welcome to bring guest(s) and are responsible for any cost incurred for themselves

and their guest(s). Compatriots from other SAR Chapters, DAR ladies, and C.A.R are welcomed guests, providing they defray any costs related to their attendance. Fees for guest speakers are prohibited, except for the cost of the speaker's meal, which shall be borne by the Chapter.

The President may call special meetings, with proper advance notice. In the event of his inability or incapacity to perform his duties, a majority of the Chapter Board of Managers may call special meetings to transact Chapter business as required.

Regularly scheduled meetings and special meetings may be held without a quorum. Chapter business transactions shall require a quorum; such quorum shall comprise a minimum of ten percent of the Chapter membership but not less than five members in good standing.

The official Chapter fiscal year shall be a calendar year, commencing January 1st, ending the succeeding December 31st.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

The articles of this Constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting of the Chapter by a three-fifths vote of the members present, said amendment having been proposed at the preceding regular business meeting.