



**TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, INC.
PETER SIDES CHAPTER
CONSTITUTION**



ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this Chapter shall be Peter Sides Chapter of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Inc., hereinafter referred to as “the Chapter” and as “TXSSAR, Inc.”

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVES

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 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 relative to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the individual service records of the patriot of the War and wartime documents, relics and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the American Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversary of prominent events of the War and of the Revolutionary period; to foster the patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and 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 (See NSSAR Constitution, Part I, Article II Objects).

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Any man shall be eligible for membership in this Chapter 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 assistance in the cause of American independence, as defined by the NSSAR Constitution Part I, Article III. Such member shall be designated officially as “Compatriot.” Furthermore, he shall fulfill the requirements outlined in Section 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 the 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 objectives 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) a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under

Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law; or (B) a corporation whose 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 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

It is understood that the TXSSAR, Inc. has unilaterally decided to be self-insured insofar as liability insurance is concerned. It follows that this Chapter also has no liability insurance to cover any liability or responsibility for such matters, for members and officers acting in pursuit of business of the Society.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

The officers of this Chapter shall consist of a President, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chaplain, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The above-named officers, together with the immediate past President, shall comprise 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 of the members present at the annual meeting in the odd numbered year (November regular meeting), and shall hold office for a period of two years following their installation (January regular meeting of each even numbered year).

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the President Elect will assume the office of President. If any other office should become vacant, the Chapter Board of Managers shall appoint a member in good standing to fill that vacancy.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be scheduled quarterly, normally on the third Saturday of January, March, May, September, and November, with the first meeting in January, (when the officers are installed) and the last meeting in November. Notification of time, date, and place of the meeting shall be made by email, mail, or telephone in advance of the meeting.

Conduct of the meeting shall follow procedures outlined in the SAP 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 cost 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 can 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 quorum. However, Chapter business transactions shall require a quorum; such quorum shall comprise a minimum of ten percent of the active/current Chapter membership but not less than five members in good standing.

The official Chapter year shall commence January 1 and end on the succeeding December 31.

ARTICLE VII – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules set forth on the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern all meetings in which they are not inconsistent with the Chapter, TXSSAR and/or NSSAR Constitution and By-Laws, and any special rules the Chapter may adopt

ARTICLE VIII – 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.

ARTICLE IX – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution shall be in full force immediately upon its adoption and the meeting at which it is adopted shall be governed thereby.

Adopted by the Chapter membership September 17, 2022.