

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAYTONA-ORMOND CHAPTER

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Revised and effective 2023

RECORD OF CHANGES

1. Revisions regarding months of Chapter meetings: 17 Jun 2010. John Parkerson, President.
2. Revision to combine First Vice-President and Second Vice-President into a single Vice-President office: 15 May 2014. Ray Lewis, President.
3. Revision to Article II, Section 2, regarding Active Duty member dues: xx Aug 2018. Rick Morrow, President.
4. Revision to duties of the Vice-President, to correspond with 15 May 2014 change above: xx Aug 2018. Rick Morrow, President.
5. Revisions to the follow:
 - a. Constitution Article II – Territory, to include all of Volusia County.
 - b. By-laws Article II – Dues, Sections 1, 4, 5, to match NSSAR annual dues collection dates.
 - c. Removal of By-laws, Article V – Committees, Section 1D.
 - d. By-laws, Article VII – Regular Meetings, to allow more flexibility in meetings days.

FEB 2023

Certification: We, the undersigned, hereby certify that this Constitution and Bylaws were revised and approved by the required voters at the regular chapter meeting on Feb 18, 2023.



H. William Elder, President



M. Scott Breckenridge, Secretary

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
DAYTONA-ORMOND CHAPTER
CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE I -- NAME

Daytona-Ormond Chapter of the Florida Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE II -- TERRITORY

The Daytona-Ormond Chapter has jurisdiction over the territory which includes Volusia County.

ARTICLE III -- OBJECT

The purposes of the Daytona-Ormond Chapter are:

- A. To perpetuate the memory of those who strove for American independence and whose military or civil acts and sacrifices during the American Revolution contributed to the achievement of independence.
- B. To unite the descendants of those who participated in the American Revolution and to promote good fellowship among them.
- C. To promote the general dissemination of knowledge concerning our nation and its government in every way possible.
- D. To develop and enlighten public opinion on all such matters and thus help old and young alike to acquire a larger capacity for performing the duties of American citizens.
- E. To foster patriotism and to maintain and extend American freedom.

ARTICLE IV -- MEMBERSHIP

Any male person of good character, 18 years of age or older, whose forefathers aided in the establishing of American independence shall be eligible to apply. An application for membership in the Daytona-Ormond Chapter shall be endorsed by two members of the chapter and then forwarded to the state registrar for approval together with the required fee for processing. Upon approval by the National and State organization, election to membership shall be as provided in the by-laws.

ARTICLE V -- OFFICERS

The elective officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chaplain, Historian, Flag Custodian, and three elected Board Members.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the elective officers, the two immediate past Chapter Presidents, and three members elected from the membership at large. The three elected members shall each serve for a term of two years. If a Board Member thus elected misses three consecutive meetings of the Board, the Board may elect a replacement.

Section 2. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII -- MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held monthly.

Section 2. There shall be an annual meeting of the Chapter.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 4. At chapter meetings, ten (10%) percent of the members currently enrolled shall constitute a quorum. A decision may be determined by a simple majority. Those members in arrears for dues shall have no vote in the meetings.

ARTICLE VIII – BY-LAWS

The Chapter shall establish such by-laws as are needed for the government of its officers and members and for the regulation of its affairs.

ARTICLE IX -- AMENDMENTS

This Constitution, may be amended, altered, or repealed by a majority of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the chapter, provided written resolutions describing the proposed change or changes are presented thirty days in advance to the membership.

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BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I – ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

After approval by the National and State organizations of the Sons of the American Revolution, election to the Daytona-Ormond Chapter is by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II -- DUES

Section 1. The Daytona-Ormond Chapter fiscal year is from January 1st to December 31st, requiring the annual dues to be due and payable no later than December 31st. Dues shall be the sum required for the National and State Societies, Sons of the American Revolution, and that set for the Chapter by the Board of Directors.

Section 2.

Members serving on active duty in the American military services are exempt from chapter dues.

Section 3.

Members between the ages of 18 and 25 are exempt from chapter dues, provided they are students, or are members of the C.A.R., or are sons or grandsons of members of the SAR or the DAR.

Section 4. The dues are to be collected by the Treasurer. Failure to pay annual dues by December 31st terminates membership in this chapter. For any membership so terminated, the member shall pay reinstatement fees as prescribed by the National and Florida Societies.

ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall have control and management of the affairs, funds, and other property of the Chapter. They shall have the power to accept resignations from Officers, Directors, and members, and to fill vacancies, except that of President.

The board shall take no action which is in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution or the Florida Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

ARTICLE IV -- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Chapter and of the Board of Directors. He shall appoint all committees and their respective chairmen. He shall be ex-officio a member of all committees.

Section 2.

The Vice-President shall take over the duties of the President in the absence of the President and shall do so as long as the President is unavailable, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep the records of the membership, attend to the correspondence of the Chapter, and make such reports as may be required from the Chapter by the Florida Society or the National organization of the SAR.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies in such bank or banks as are depositories for the Chapter. He shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements and shall make a report of the financial status of the Chapter when called upon to do so. He shall collect the annual dues from the membership.

Section 5. The Registrar shall keep a complete file and record of all memberships and shall be the custodian of all papers pertaining to the application for membership. He shall notify the applicants of their admission or rejection.

Section 6. The Chaplain shall perform such duties as ordinarily pertain to his office.

Section 7. The Historian shall collect and preserve all records that are relevant to the history and current activities of the Chapter.

Section 8. The Flag Custodian shall be in charge of the posting and retiring of the Colors and safe storing of the flags.

Section 9. Retiring officers shall, within one week from the date of retirement, deliver to their successors all papers, funds, records, and any other property belonging to the Chapter. The term of office for all officers shall be from July 1st to June 30th.

Section 10. Chapter Officers shall submit to the President an annual report which highlights their activities during the past year. The report shall be submitted no later than 30 April.

Section 11. The Program Committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members, the Chairman of the committee will be a Director on the Board.

ARTICLE V -- COMMITTEES

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to appoint the following standing committees:

- A. The **PROGRAM COMMITTEE** shall have charge of all programs, seeing to it that proper arrangements are made for each meeting.
- B. The **Membership Committee** shall be charged with the duty of getting new members.
- C. The **Publicity Committee** shall report the activities of the Chapter to the news media.

Section 2. Special and Ad-hoc committees shall have such duties as are assigned to them.

ARTICLE VI -- REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

For cause, the Chapter may remove any Officer or Director from office by the vote of two thirds of a quorum at a regular or special meeting, provided that at least fifteen days' notice of such action is mailed or emailed to such person to his last known address and provided that at least fifteen days' notice of such proposed action has been sent to the membership.

ARTICLE VII – REGULAR MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular monthly meetings of the Chapter membership are encouraged in order to further fellowship among the members and to accomplish the purposes of the Chapter. The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, will establish the meeting schedule.

Section 2. The President shall call special meetings as required to further the objectives of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII -- NOMINATIONS

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of three members appointed by the President. This committee must be appointed no later than the March meeting, or the Board as a whole may act as the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. At the May meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present its slate of officers for the coming year.

ARTICLE IX -- ELECTIONS

Section 1. Election of officers shall take place at the May meeting.

Section 2. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained by the nominator.

Section 3. All officers are elected for a term of one year or until a replacement has been elected.

ARTICLE X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

“Roberts Rules of Order” shall govern the proceedings of the Chapter in cases not provided for in its Constitution or By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended, altered, or repealed provided written resolutions to that effect have been presented to the Chapter and are approved by the majority of the members present.