

**TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, INC.  
DENTON, CHAPTER NO. 23, TXSSAR, INC.**

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

**The name of this chapter shall be “Denton Number 23, 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 services 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 patriots of the War and wartime documents, relics and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolutionary by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversary of prominent events of the War and 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 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 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 NSSAR Constitution, Part 1, Article III. Such member shall be designated officially as “Compatriot”. Furthermore, he shall fulfill the requirements outlined in Section 1 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 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 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 other 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 provision 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 provisions 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, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Chaplain. The Registrar shall be appointed by the President. The above-named officers, together with the immediate past President, shall comprise the Chapter Board of Managers (**BOM**). 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 (**April** regular meeting), and shall hold office for a period of two years following their installation (**April** regular meeting).

## ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be scheduled *for the months of January, April, July, and October, normally on the second saturday of the month, with the first meeting in January.* Notification of the time, date and place of the meeting shall be made by mail, email or telephone in advance of the meetings.

Conduct of the meeting shall follow procedures outlined in the SAR Handbook as applicable. Members are welcome to bring guests and are responsible for any costs incurred for themselves and their guests. Compatriots from other SAR Chapters, DAR Ladies and CAR members are welcome 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.

Special meetings may be called, with proper advance notice (*At least one month*) by the President. 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. However, 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 year shall commence April 1, immediately following installation of officers, and end on the succeeding March 31.

**ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS**

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

**Revised : January 4, 2024**

**Date Approved:**\_\_\_\_\_

**President:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Vice President:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

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**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I-MEMBERSHIP**

**Application for membership in TXSSAR and NSSAR shall be made through this Chapter and sponsored by two members of this Chapter in good standing. Procedures for membership outlined in the Constitution and the By-Laws of the NSSAR and the TXSSAR shall control.**

**The expulsion of any member from this Chapter will require that the same procedure and rules outlined in Article X of the TXSSAR Constitution be followed.**

**ARTICLE II-FEES AND DUES**

**Initiation fees and annual dues are established by the National and State Societies. Dues are invoiced and collected in accordance with TXSSAR policy. The TXSSAR returns portions of the funds collected to the Chapter to defray operating expenses of the Chapter.**

**ARTICLE III- OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT**

**The President will be the official executive officer of the Chapter, and will be responsible for calling and conducting meetings; appoint the Chairman and members and be member ex-officio of ALL committees; be responsible for the budget; represent the Chapter in public; preside at the Chapter Board of Managers' meetings; maintain general supervision over the affairs and business of the Chapter and is responsible for all assets of the Chapter.**

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

**The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, assume the duties of the President's Office and be Co-Chairman of the Program Committee.**

**SECRETARY**

**The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the official records of the Chapter; record the minutes of all meetings in a neat and legible manner; keeping the register of all members and advise the State / National organization of the membership; notification of all meetings; conducting the correspondence of the Chapter; and in the absence of the President and the Vice-President shall preside over the Chapter meeting.**

#### **TREASURER**

**The Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting, safekeeping and depositing all funds of the Chapter; disbursing funds only with the prior approval of the President; filling the required State and / or Federal tax reporting's; maintaining the financial records in ready form for an audit at any time and in the absence of the President and Vice-President shall be Chairman of the Budget Committee.**

#### **REGISTRAR**

**The Registrar shall receive all new applications for membership, examine the application for completeness and forward the required copies and related documentation to the State Registrar; maintain records of all applications received, dates of receipts and mailings to the State Registrar and results of interim actions ending in the final approval of the membership; maintain a membership roster which will include deaths, transfers, dual memberships, dues payments, delinquencies and a copy of each individual member's record, application, NSSAR number and TXSSAR number.**

#### **CHAPLAIN**

**The Chaplain shall assist in meetings by being prepared to offer an invocation and a benediction, when proper on such occasions; the "friendship" Chairman of the Chapter, making every effort to stay informed of the death, illness, birthday, wedding anniversary, hospitalization, death or misfortunes of Chapter members and their families; respond with appropriate expressions that will evidence the Chapter's concern and generally make the new member welcome into the Chapter.**

### **ARTICLE IV – CHAPTER BOARD OF MANAGERS**

**The Chapter Board of Managers shall be the custodian of all Chapter assets and shall have charge of and manage the business and affairs of the Chapter; prepare a budget to allocate monies for desired programs and activities and be responsible for subsequent performance against that budget.**

**The President and other elected officers plus the immediate Past President shall comprise the Chapter Board of Managers and shall meet at such frequency as called by the Chapter President.**

### **ARTICLE V – INSIGNIA**

**Chapter officers and members are entitled to wear any of the various medals of the Society as prescribed by pertinent regulations of the NSSAR. All insignias shall be purchased by the members and shall not be from the Chapter's account except for the SAR rosette which is given to each new member as part of the ceremony welcoming him into the Chapter membership.**

**ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS**

**The By-Laws may be amended at any regular business meeting of the Chapter by a three-fifths vote of the members present, provided that a quorum exists and further provided that the said amendment was proposed at the preceding regular business meeting.**

**Revised: January 4, 2024**

**APPROVED:**

**President:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice President:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_