



# National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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## NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that, in addition to the regular business to be considered at the 135th Continental Congress, the **Special Order of Business** has been scheduled for consideration on **June 26, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. ET**, at NSDAR National Headquarters, Constitution Hall, 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20006.

### Special Order of Business:

Consideration of a chapter-requested resolution proposing to restrict membership eligibility by interpreting the word “woman” in Article III, Section 1 of the National Bylaws and in any other DAR rules, based solely on sex assigned at birth, with the effect of excluding transgender women from membership eligibility, regardless of legal gender status or designation.

This resolution was the subject of a chapter request to the President General to call a special meeting of the National Society on October 11, 2026. Pursuant to the National Bylaws and applicable law and rules of order, and to allow for participation and consideration by the full voting membership while prudently stewarding the National Society’s resources, this matter has been placed on the agenda as the Special Order of Business and will be taken up at the designated time during the 135th Continental Congress.

The full text of the submitted resolution, which shall be the Special Order of Business for the meeting, and a list of the chapters that requested consideration of the resolution, are attached to this Notice.

This resolution is placed on the agenda as the Special Order of Business to comply with governing procedures. The National Board of Management and the Executive Committee do not endorse, support, or recommend the resolution, and its placement on the agenda should not be understood as indicating any such endorsement, support, or recommendation.

Voting members are encouraged to review the proposed resolution in advance and to participate in the meeting.

*This Notice and the accompanying attachments are intended solely for DAR members for purposes of governance and meeting preparation. Members will not post, share, or otherwise disseminate these materials externally prior to the 135th Continental Congress to preserve the deliberative process and in accordance with DAR’s Circularization and Communication Policy.*

By direction of the National Board of Management, April 21, 2026,

*Colleen Rafferty Joyce*

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Recording Secretary General



## CHAPTER-REQUESTED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, *Robert's Rules of Order*, the adopted parliamentary authority of DAR, prescribes that the interpretation of a bylaw provision "should be in accordance with the intention of the society at the time the bylaw was adopted;"

WHEREAS, *Robert's Rules of Order* provides that, in the case of interpreting a bylaw provision, "a majority vote is all that is required to decide the question;"

WHEREAS, *Robert's Rules of Order* provides that "When the meaning is clear, however, the society, even by a unanimous vote, cannot change that meaning except by amending its bylaws;"

WHEREAS, the eligibility requirement that a member of DAR must be a woman was established in the Constitution and Bylaws of DAR, adopted in 1890;

WHEREAS, DAR was incorporated by the Fifty-fourth Congress of the United States of America on February 20, 1896; and

WHEREAS, *Robert's Rules of Order* provides that "... the society's assembly can give the board instructions which it must carry out ..." and "... no action of the board can alter or conflict with any decision made by the assembly of the society ... ;" now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That in Article III, Section 1 of the Bylaws, the term "woman" shall be understood to clearly mean a woman who was born female, and therefore, individuals who were born male shall not be eligible for membership; transgender women shall not be eligible for membership; and men who have their birth certificates changed from male to female shall not be eligible for membership;

RESOLVED, That the National Board of Management, the Executive Committee, the Officers, and all other individuals and bodies acting on behalf of DAR shall immediately adhere to this understanding of the Bylaws in regard to the meaning of the word "woman" and in regard to the application of the Bylaws;

RESOLVED, That the National Board of Management, the Executive Committee, the Officers, and all other individuals and bodies acting on behalf of DAR shall be prohibited from applying any different meaning to the word "woman" in regard to applying the rules set forth in the Bylaws; and

RESOLVED, That anywhere the term "woman" appears in the rules of DAR it shall be understood to have the same clear meaning as set forth in the first resolved clause of this resolution, and the application of any rule shall be in accordance with this understanding of the meaning of the word "woman."

The following chapters have requested consideration of the resolution as of the date of this notice:

Bon Secour Chapter*	ALABAMA
Daring Dicey Chapter	ALABAMA
D'Iberville Chapter	ALABAMA
Ecor Rouge Chapter	ALABAMA
Peter Forney Chapter*	ALABAMA
Princess Sehoj Chapter*	ALABAMA
Dry Lake Chapter	ARIZONA
Governor George W.P. Hunt Chapter	ARIZONA
Lady Banksia Chapter*	ARIZONA
Rim Country Chapter*	ARIZONA
Abendschone Chapter*	ARKANSAS
Fort Smith Chapter*	ARKANSAS
Letitia Coxe Shelby Chapter	CALIFORNIA
Sarah Riggs Humphreys-Mary Siliman Chapter*	CONNECTICUT
Amelia Island Chapter	FLORIDA
Choctawhatchee Bay Chapter	FLORIDA
Patriots Chapter*	FLORIDA
Savannah Chapter*	GEORGIA
Vidalia Chapter	GEORGIA
Sun Dial Chapter*	IOWA
Washington Chapter	IOWA
Logan-Whitley Chapter*	KENTUCKY
Russellville Chapter*	KENTUCKY
Chief Tusquahoma Chapter*	LOUISIANA
D'Arbonne Chapter*	LOUISIANA
Heirome Gaines Chapter*	LOUISIANA
Moses Shelby Chapter*	LOUISIANA
Pierre de Mandeville Chapter*	LOUISIANA
St. Tammany Chapter	LOUISIANA
Chickasaw Nation Chapter	MISSISSIPPI
Clay County Patriots Chapter*	MISSOURI
Harmony Mission Chapter*	MISSOURI
Meyongo Chapter	MISSOURI
Osage Chapter*	MISSOURI

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\* Denotes a chapter that has not complied as of the date of this notice with NSDAR's request for documentation verifying that the action of the chapter was duly authorized in accordance with the chapter's governing documents.

Taneycomo Chapter*	MISSOURI
Fort Kearney Chapter*	NEBRASKA
Fort Churchill Chapter	NEVADA
White Sands Chapter	NEW MEXICO
Skenandoah Chapter*	NEW YORK
Guilford Battle Chapter*	NORTH CAROLINA
Captain William Hendricks Chapter*	OHIO
Whetstone Chapter*	OHIO
Tualatin Chapter*	OREGON
Machwihilusing Chapter*	PENNSYLVANIA
Andrew Pickens Chapter*	SOUTH CAROLINA
Daniel Morgan Chapter*	SOUTH CAROLINA
Elizabeth Peyre Richardson Manning*	SOUTH CAORLINA
General Marion's Brigade	SOUTH CAROLINA
Sullivan-Dunklin Chapter*	SOUTH CAROLINA
Firesteel Chapter*	SOUTH DAKOTA
Bonny Kate Chapter*	TENNESSEE
David Craig Chapter*	TENNESSEE
Elk River Chapter*	TENNESSEE
Emory Road Chapter*	TENNESSEE
Old Glory Chapter*	TENNESSEE
Tullahoma Chapter	TENNESSEE
Bosque River Valley Chapter*	TEXAS
Daniel McMahon Chapter*	TEXAS
Daniel Witcher Chapter	TEXAS
Elizabeth Crockett Chapter*	TEXAS
John Everett Chapter*	TEXAS
Martha Laird Chapter*	TEXAS
Martha McCraw Chapter*	TEXAS
Bald Eagle Chapter*	UTAH
Appalachian Trail Chapter	VIRGINIA
Captain James Allen Chapter*	WEST VIRGINIA
Cheat River Chapter*	WEST VIRGINIA
Woodburn Chapter*	WEST VIRGINIA

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