

TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, INC. (TXSSAR)

Hill COUNTRY CHAPTER NUMBER 31

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CONSTITUTION OF THE HILL COUNTRY CHAPTER NUMBER 31 TXSSAR

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Chapter shall be "Hill Country Chapter Number 31" of the "Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, Inc." (Referred to hereinafter as "Chapter").

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

The objects of this Chapter are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational and shall include those activities intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those who, by their services or sacrifices during the War of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people. Further purposes shall be to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of these Revolutionary ancestors; 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 in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the patriots of the War, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversary of the prominent events of the War and of the Revolutionary period; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institution of American freedom, and to carry out the purposes expressed in the Preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people. (See NSSAR Constitution, Part I' Art. II.).

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Any man shall be eligible for membership in this Chapter who, being of the age of eighteen years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who at all times was unflinching in loyalty to, and rendered assistance to, the cause of American Independence, as defined by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR Constitution, Part I, Art. III), such member shall be designated officially as "Compatriot."

ARTICLE IV - ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The State Society is incorporated in the State of Texas as a non-profit corporation. This Chapter, like each of the other State Chapters, is a constituent part of the Incorporated State Society. As such, the Chapter is not a voluntary association, nor a subsidiary—it is simply a subordinate local body organized by the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, Inc. for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Texas Society.

Section 2. The period of duration of this Chapter is perpetual ; however, upon surrender, forfeiture, or revocation of the Charter of this Chapter, the Texas Society's Board of Managers (TXSSAR Constitution Art. VIII, Sec. 6) shall act as trustee and take over the real and/or personal property owned and held by the local Chapter at the time of its dissolution.

Section 3. It is understood that the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, Inc., has unilaterally decided to be self-insured insofar as liability insurance is concerned. It follows that the 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

Section 1. The officers of this Chapter shall be 1) President, 2) 1st Vice President, 3) 2nd Vice President 4) Secretary, 5) Treasurer, 6) Historian, 7) Registrar, 8) Sergeant at Arms, and 9) Chaplain. The above named officers, together with all Past Presidents, will comprise the Chapter Executive Committee. The offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Historian and Registrar may be held by the same person.

Section 2. All nominations of officers shall be made from the floor. Nominations made by a committee appointed for such purpose shall be considered nominations from the floor.

Section 3. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members (Compatriots) present at the Annual Meeting of the Chapter (January regular meeting) and shall hold office for a period of one year following their installation (March regular meeting).

Section 4. Should a vacancy occur during a term of office, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement and notify the membership of its action at the next regular Chapter meeting.

Section 5. In order to protect further the tax-exempt status of this Chapter, it is hereby declared that candidates for public office or elected public officials shall not hold office in the Chapter. All other aspects of active Chapter membership may be enjoyed by such members.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be scheduled monthly at convenient times and locations as set by the Executive committee. The Annual Meeting of the Chapter is designated to be in January, when officers shall be elected. No regular meetings shall be held in June, July, August, and December. Notifications of the time, date, and place of meetings shall be made by mail, E-mail or telephone, in advance of such meetings.

Section 2. Conduct of meetings shall follow procedures outlined in the NSSAR Handbook, as applicable. Members are welcome to bring guests and are responsible for the cost of meals for themselves and their guests. Compatriots from other SAR Chapters, DAR ladies, and CAR's are welcome guests, provided 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. Complimentary meals may be provided other invited guests, as approved by the Chapter Executive Committee.

Section 3. Special meetings may be called, with proper advance notification, by the President. At the President's prearranged direction, or in the event of his inability or incapacity to perform his duties, a majority of the Chapter Executive Committee may call special meetings to transact Chapter business, as may be required.

Section 4. Regularly scheduled Chapter meetings may be held without a quorum. However, the transaction of Chapter business shall require a quorum: such quorum shall comprise at least ten percent of the Chapter membership.

Section 5. The official Chapter Program Year shall commence in March, immediately following election of officers, and end on the last day of February of the following year.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

This Chapter Constitution may be superseded by a new Constitution, amended or in any way changed, at any regular or special meeting of the Chapter called for that purpose. The proposed new Constitution or Amendment(s) shall be read in final form, and any changes voted shall be incorporated therein upon final adoption. A two-thirds vote of members present shall be required for adoption.

ARTICLE VIII — 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. It is understood that, at all times, this Constitution must conform to that of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, Inc. This Chapter Constitution may be superseded by a new Constitution, amended or in any way changed, at any regular or special meeting of the Chapter called for that purpose. The proposed new Constitution or Amendment(s) shall be read in final form, and any changes voted shall be incorporated therein upon final adoption. A two-thirds vote of members present shall be required for adoption.

Effective Date: _____

President

Secretary