

benefits. The House Committee on Revolutionary Pensions declared that the record of the American Revolution "furnishes no other similar example of female heroism, fidelity, and courage" and that Deborah's husband "has proved himself worthy of her, as he has sustained her through a long life of sickness and suffering, and as that sickness and suffering were occasioned by the wounds she received and the hardships she endured in defense of the country...the committee do not hesitate to grant relief."

NSSAR Youth/Junior Member Programs

The following information was furnished to me by Lance Lyngar when I started asking questions. This is the best explanation I've ever read and something for you to consider for sons, grandsons, etc. I believe Lance got this off SARTalk.

Junior Member Program

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) Junior Member program is open to males under the age of eighteen years who have met membership requirements of the SAR. A Junior Member gets a national number and a certificate. When he reaches eighteen, he can join an SAR Chapter with nothing else needed since he already has a national number. Junior Members do not vote or hold office in the SAR and do not get the SAR Magazine. The long term benefit is that if no further money is paid and if the Junior Member becomes inactive, and at age 50 he decides to become active, he can do so without problems. Annual dues are required every year to remain active just as it is for a regular member. Initial filing cost is \$35 (\$30 application fee and \$5 dues for NSSAR. The annual NSSAR dues is \$5 thereafter.

Youth Registrant Program

The NSSAR Youth Registrant program is intended to provide eligible children and young men with an early experience of pride in their ancestry and inclusion in a respected national organization while recognizing that they are involved in many other worthy activities (such as Scouting) and may not live close to a C.A.R. Chapter. A Youth Registrant is just registered. He has an approved application on file. These youths are not NSSAR members.

Becoming a Youth Registrant is a lot simpler than becoming a Junior Member since most Youth Registrants are sons or grandsons of SAR members. All you need to submit are a couple of birth certificates and cite the father's or grandfather's NSSAR number for the rest of the generations. This is very clean and straight forward. It provides the youth with pre-approved status for later membership. Youth Registrants must actively change from Registrant to Regular Member by age 29 or must resubmit a new application to the NSSAR. He receives a Youth Registrant certificate (similar to the regular member certificate) specifying his name, his patriot ancestor's name and a Youth Registrant number (not a national number). He also receives a lapel pin. No dues are required and no SAR Magazine or other benefits (such as state newsletters) are provided until the youth reaches age eighteen.

Between the age of 18-29, he can activate full membership by writing or emailing the State Secretary requesting Regular Membership, citing his Youth Registrant number and enclosing appropriate chapter, state and national dues. Upon activation of his escrowed approved membership application, his full membership is activated and he receives a Regular Member certificate and national number. The Youth Program provides a great opportunity for parents, grandparents and uncles to donate a membership for Christmas, Birthdays, etc. at a time when the young person might not want to get involved. Framing his certificate in a picture frame will add a special touch. Cost is \$35.00 (\$30 NSSAR application fee and a \$5 WASSAR application fee).

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