

Arkansas Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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BREAKING NEWS

DAR has begun to accept autosomal DNA (atDNA) and mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) in addition to Y-DNA as evidence of lineage submitted with DAR membership Applications within the **first three generations!** DAR staff genealogists will now consider Y-DNA, autosomal DNA and mtDNA evidence along with more traditional genealogical sources.

THE VOLUNTEER GENEALOGISTS COMMITTEE IS HERE TO HELP!

Traditionally, this Committee has provided Workshops throughout the State to assist chapters and individuals to prepare accurate and acceptable applications to facilitate the acceptance of application and supplementals. Due to the need to protect and ensure the health and safety of our members and volunteers, traditional workshops will not be scheduled at this time. We hope to soon be able to offer virtual workshops and question and answer sessions. **Do not hesitate to contact the Chair with your needs and questions as we learn together to navigate these challenging times.**

As the chairperson of the Committee, I will:

- Encourage members to complete the NSDAR online Genealogical Education Program. See information below.
- Identify those chapters within the state which would benefit from the assignment of a trained Volunteer Field Genealogist to assist with completion of new member applications and additionally mentoring chapter officers and introducing them to e-Membership.
- Promote use of an assigned Volunteer Field Genealogist with chapter leadership.
- Maintain a list of those NSDAR trained Volunteer Field Genealogists (VFG) who wish to serve as an assigned volunteer genealogist for a chapter other than their own.
- Encourage trained Volunteer Field Genealogists to volunteer to serve in this critical role.
- Maintain a list of those NSDAR trained VFG who have been assigned to a chapter. Monitor progress of those assigned and mentor as needed.
- Recommend an appropriate NSDAR trained Volunteer Field Genealogist to serve an

assignment as requested by the State Regent and/or state chair of the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission (CDRC).

- Facilitate paperwork to secure needed signatures/approvals for timely assignment.
- Review and maintain a file of logs submitted by VFG for both workshops and the applications completed for assigned chapters.
- Participate with the state Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission, partnering with Commission team members to present workshops and assist chapters as needed.
- Prepare an annual report using information from the Chapter Master Report (CMR), and forward to the Division Vice Chair. Include a list of those individuals to be recognized with certificates.

As a Chapter Regent, you are to:

- Encourage chapter members to complete the NSDAR online Genealogical Education Programs (GEP).
- Appoint members with GEP training to serve on the chapter's Volunteer Genealogists Committee. Encourage teamwork with chapter Volunteer Genealogy, Membership and Lineage Research Committees and the State Application Team (SAT).
- Schedule paper parties and/or genealogy workshops for the chapter to assist prospective members and those members wishing to complete supplemental applications.
- Contact your State Regent and/or state chair for the Chapter Development and Revitalization Commission (CDRC) to request the assignment of an NSDAR trained volunteer genealogist.

As a Member you should consider:

- Completing the NSDAR online Genealogical Education Program (GEP 1, 2, and 3) and the DNA and the DAR online course).
- Serve on your chapter's Volunteer Genealogists Committee to assist with new member and supplemental applications.
- As a member of your chapter's Volunteer Genealogists Committee, actively participate with the chapter's Membership and Lineage Research Committees and the State Application Team (SAT) to 'Attract', 'Inspire' and 'Mentor' prospective members
- Consider ways to safely conduct genealogy workshops for prospective members and those members who wish to complete supplemental applications, using the information learned through the GEP courses.
- Volunteer your time and expertise to a designated chapter assignment [that is not your own chapter] to assist with completion of prospective member applications and mentoring of chapter officers.
- Qualify, and volunteer, to serve as an Electronic Application Reviewer (EAR).

GENEALOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS (GEP)

The NSDAR Genealogy Department has created and maintains three Genealogical Education Programs (GEP 1, GEP 2, and GEP 3). The GEP courses provide the most complete and up-to-date information on the proper completion and documentation standards required by the DAR for the verification of applications. The courses are available to all DAR members. The member is responsible for the cost of each course.

In addition to the Genealogical Education Programs, the NSDAR Genealogy Department provides a course in DNA and the DAR (\$100.00) and a course for Registrars (Free to Chapter Registrars).

GEP 1 – Introduction to Genealogical Research for DAR Applications	\$125.00
GEP 2 – Applying Genealogy Research Techniques to DAR Applications	\$125.00
GEP 3 - Advanced Techniques for Resolving Problems Lineage or Service on DAR Records	\$150.00

More information is available on the Members DAR website from the dropdown menu under the Genealogy Tab.