

For more than 100 years, members of the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists have shared a love of Country and the rich history of our Colonial Ancestors.

Object of our Society

The Object of our Society is Patriotic, Historical, and Educational; to research the history and deeds of the American Colonists, and to record and publish the same; to commemorate deeds of Colonial interest; to inculcate and foster love of the United States of America and its institutions by all its residents; and to obey its laws and venerate its flag, the emblem of its power and civic righteousness.

The Society was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia on April 25, 1921. A Federal Charter was granted to the National Society by the Ninety-Eighth United States Congress as Public Law 98-561 on October 30, 1984.

Members who join NSDAC from the age of 18 through the age of 35 are called **Golden Acorns**. They remain Golden Acorns until their 45th birthday.

Our members fulfill the objectives of our Society by supporting locally the goals of our National Committees:

Patriotic

The **Flag of the United States of America** Committee encourages members to give flags to schools, churches, and hospitals, and present programs on flag etiquette and the history of the flag.

Our **Veterans' Services** and **National Defense** Committees support numerous organizations, including Pets for Vets, the U.S. Army National Museum, and the Yellow Ribbon fund. Members volunteer their time and talents in Veterans Administration (VA) hospitals and support our troops through letters and care packages.

The **National Awards** Committee recognizes cadets for academic and other

achievements at several U.S. Military Academies. Our NSDAC Medal is used by State Societies and Chapters to recognize ROTC and JROTC cadets, as well as individuals and organizations that promote American history and citizenship.

Historical

The **Colonial and Genealogical Records** and **Lineage Book** Committees support the preservation of historical records.

The **Historic Landmarks and Memorials Committee** supports State Societies and Chapters in locating and marking sites of historical significance.

NSDAC is represented at events such as the Yorktown Day Association annual commemoration of the surrender of General Cornwallis to the American and French forces in 1781. The Cape Henry Commemoration Committee honors the site where English Colonists first landed and erected a cross on April 26, 1607, before establishing the first permanent English settlement at Jamestown, Virginia, in the name of King James I of England.

Educational

The **Patriotic Education Committee** works through schools, libraries, and Naturalization Courts, providing bookmarks that detail the important symbols of our Country.

The **American Indian Scholarship** Committee funds scholarships provided to American Indian students through the University of North Dakota RAIN Program.

The **College of the Ozarks** Committee funds scholarships provided to students working their way through the College, located in Missouri.

Scholarships are also given at **Iowa Wesleyan College** in nursing and at **Emory and Henry College** in history. Many other schools and colleges are supported by chapter and state societies.

A number of other committees support the operation of our National Society:

- The Technology Committee maintains a website available to the public as well as a members' only section.
- Lineage books are published and placed in libraries throughout the country.
- The Society has an excellent genealogical library with research books and family histories at our National Headquarters, located at 2205 Massachusetts Avenue NW, on Embassy Row in Washington, DC.
- Our building is maintained by the National Headquarters Committee. Our house is furnished with authentic period pieces and has the air of a gracious private home.
- *The Colonial Courier*, printed three times a year, is our official publication. Subscriptions are purchased by members and are given to school, public, and university libraries.

Each National President has a signature project to support the objectives of the Society. Past projects have included:

- Gateway and marker at Berkeley Plantation in Virginia (site of the first authorized Thanksgiving Day in America on December 4, 1619).
- The Statue of William Penn located in Treaty Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Informational signage at Patrick Henry's Red Hill home in Brookneal, Virginia.
- Archaeological survey and preliminary excavations at Green Spring, Virginia, (plantation of Sir William Berkeley, Royal Governor of Virginia).
- The marking of early trails used by settlers as they moved from colonial settlements.
- Restoration of the Carillon Bells at the Plymouth Meetinghouse, where the Pilgrims first gathered at their church.

Your Membership in NSDAC

New members become part of a Chapter, a State Society, and the National Society. NSDAC is one of the larger of the nation's lineage societies. Applicants can qualify for membership with a proven ancestor who matches one of 28 service categories prior to July 4, 1776.

Every member's interest and participation are vital to aid the Society in continuing to grow in strength and achievement, in love of country, in historical preservation of a cherished heritage, and in the education of all citizens for what America is and what it stands for.

The annual General Assembly is held each April in the Washington, DC, area. Members from across the country enjoy being with their DAC friends. A Fall Board meeting is held in different parts of the country. National Officer Elections are held every three years.

To find more information about our national society, please visit our website, www.nsdac.org. Fill out the form on our website or email us at cc@nsdac.org.

Sons of the American Colonists

The National Society Sons of the American Colonists (NSSAC) was organized in 1956 and reorganized in 1986. For more information, visit their website at www.americancolonists.org.

Children of the American Colonists

The National Society Children of the American Colonists (NSCAC) was founded in 1939 to train young men and women in leadership and patriotism. Each national officer and committee chair is paired with an Adult Advisor. NSCAC holds its annual General Assembly in June at various locations. Chapters are located in several states. Members can join either NSDAC or NSSAC at the age of 18.

The History of NSDAC

The Founding of the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists took place at the Planters Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, on December 9, 1920. There were 14 ladies in attendance. All were members of the Colonial Daughters of America and came together with the goal of establishing a new Colonial woman's organization.

Delegates representing Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Nebraska, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and the District of Columbia, met at the New Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., and NSDAC was incorporated in 1921.

Our first National President was Sarah Elizabeth Mitchell Guernsey (Mrs. George T.). Our colors are Colonial Blue and Yellow and our emblem is the Oak Leaf.

Our Seal is composed of an open wreath of acorns and oak leaves around a shield. The border of the shield bears the name of the Society, "National Society Daughters of the American Colonists." In the center of the shield is an oak tree in full foliage.

In celebration of our 100th anniversary in 2021, our centennial tree logo was created.



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