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Greetings, Bitter Root Daughters!

I hope you are all doing well. We are currently 114 members strong, with 4 associate members. Yay, team!

You will notice there was an increase in cost for the *American Spirit* Magazine (from \$18 to \$24). Subscribe prior to August 31st, 2023 and pay only \$45 on a 2-yr subscription. That's \$3 OFF! You can add your new subscription to your membership form on line 3 or you can subscribe by calling 866-327-6242 or online at <https://www.dar.org/national-society/american-spirit-magazine/subscribe>. If you have a current subscription and you wish to renew it, please visit the website or call the number above. We are unable to renew your subscription using the membership renewal form.

National and State dues have remained unchanged; however, our Chapter dues have increased (from \$12 to \$15) to cover an increase in chapter expenses. The President General's Project (optional, but strongly encouraged) amount is \$2.50, the same as last year, and is included in the total for members.

The deadline for dues payment is October 1. Regent Laura has collected some very nice items for a drawing for those who pay their dues by September 15th. The drawing will be held at our October 14, 2023 Chapter meeting. If we receive your dues *after* November 1, you must include a \$5 late fee. Paying in a timely manner means our Chapter doesn't have to incur additional expenses and spend additional time in sending out reminders, and it keeps paperwork to a minimum. So, *THANK YOU for renewing your membership TODAY!*

You can now renew your membership electronically. Attached is the new dues form which is now a fillable PDF. All you have to do is save the form to your computer, and then open the document on your computer and type in all your information, then save the form to your computer again. You can then print it off and mail it to me or email it to me. Be sure to print a copy for your records. You can now use your debit or credit card to pay your dues by going to our chapter PayPal link which is: <https://paypal.me/bitterrootdar>. When paying with PayPal, please remember to add the convenience fee to line 6 on the form. The fee schedule is located on page 2 of the form. I have also attached a document containing instructions for how to pay with PayPal so please refer to it if you are unfamiliar with using PayPal.

If you wish to renew your membership as you have in years past, you may do so. Simply complete the form on your computer and then print the form and drop it in the mail with your check or money order. If paying with a check or money order, please make them payable to: **Bitter Root Chapter, NSDAR**, and mail (with your dues form) to:

*Darla Case
306 9th Street
Stevensville, MT 59870*

Also, please consider making a donation to the funds mentioned on the form. Such as the Good Citizens Essay Award, Helen Pouch Memorial Fund, Chapter Achievement Award funds, the State Regent's Project, and our Chapter's General Fund. There are also many opportunities to donate to National causes and projects at <https://www.dar.org/giving/ways-give/donate-online>.

If you wish to resign, there is a check box on the membership renewal form. Be sure to check the box and sign in the signature box and then return the form to me so I know your intentions. You **MUST** return the signed form prior to November 30, 2023 if you wish to resign.

I MUST have a completed dues form from each member (separate ones, if you pay for others' dues). If you do not know your DAR number, just leave that blank. If you have technical difficulties or need assistance, please contact me. Because electronic renewal forms and payments is new this year we may need to work through some bugs, so your patience as we work through it all is greatly appreciated. So many thanks in advance.

Thank you for your decision to continue your membership in this wonderful and worthy organization. The longer I am in DAR, the more I learn and understand...and the more I am proud to be a member!

In DAR Friendship and Service,



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