



Greetings, Bitter Root Daughters!

I hope you are all doing well and having a GREAT summer. Our chapter is currently 110 members strong, with 4 associate members, and 1 new member application pending approval. **We are the largest chapter in Montana!** Yay, team!

With a new year upon us, it's time to renew your DAR Membership for 2025. Attached to your email you will find the Membership Renewal Form. This year the National, State and Chapter dues have remained unchanged. **The deadline to pay your dues is October 15th.** Our Regent, Nancy Schmitz, has approved an "Early Bird" drawing for those who pay their dues by September 1st. Please refer to page 1 of your Membership Renewal form for more information and instructions regarding membership renewal.

Each year our membership dues for the upcoming year need to be submitted to National by December 1st. In addition, our State dues are due to the State Treasurer by November 1st, so in order to have everything submitted on time we request you to pay your dues before October 15th. If we receive your dues *after* November 1, you will need to include a \$5 late fee. Paying in a timely manner means our Chapter doesn't have to incur additional expenses and spend additional time sending out reminders. *So, THANK YOU for renewing your membership TODAY!*

Your membership renewal form is a fillable PDF document and you can **pay electronically**. When paying with PayPal, please remember to add the convenience fee to line 6 on the form. The fee schedule is located on page 3 of the form. For more information on using the fillable form and paying electronically be sure to follow the instructions on page 1 of the membership renewal form.

Of course, if you wish to mail your membership renewal form and dues, as you have in years past, you may do so. Simply complete the Membership Renewal 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 to:

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

Please be sure to read through the instructions, which can be found on page 1 of the Membership Renewal Form. It should answer many of your questions. If you have questions that are not addressed in the form or you need assistance completing and returning the form, please contact me. My contact information is located at the bottom of this letter. I am happy to assist you in any way I can.

Member Directory (Yearbook)

We will have an updated Yearbooks available beginning in September. You may pick up your yearbook when you attend our regularly scheduled chapter meeting at the Lolo Community Center. If you live locally and are unable to attend a meeting, we have members who have volunteers to deliver it to you. For those of you who live out of town we can mail you your yearbook or you can receive it electronically. Please indicate on the Renewal Form (pg 2) how you would like to get your yearbook.

Social Media

- We have a **NEW** Facebook page and Private Group. If you have Facebook, please visit and follow our NEW Bitter Root Chapter, NSDAR Facebook page. We also have a website with a Members Section, so be sure to stop in and see what we have posted. It's a great way to keep up with things that may not be highlighted at meetings, including photos of activities. Our Facebook group is a private group that you will need to join by answering a couple of simple questions, and the Members Section of our website is password protected.
- So, if you haven't yet gotten your password you may do so by requesting it via email at: bitterrootwebmaster@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/BitterRootChapterNSDAR

Facebook Private Group: www.facebook.com/groups/512803781076822

Private Messaging Group: www.groups.io/g/BitterRootDAR.

Chapter's website at: www.bitterrootdar.org

Upcoming Events:

- The Stevensville Creamery Parade on Friday, August 2nd, at 6:00 PM. SAR will be in the parade and have contacted us to participate with them. If you are interested, please let me know at 808-987-2114. I will then get more information for you about who to contact to participate and when to line up. If you do participate, wear DAR-related colors, badges, signs, etc.
- Western Montana Fair – August 6-11. Volunteer to assist us as we serve as Ambassadors in the Commercial Building or stop by to chat with us. This is a major fundraising effort of our chapter. We can always use your help. Again call me if you want to be a substitute or share a scheduled time block.
- Dedication of the America 250 plaque at the Rocky Mountain Military Museum on August 8th. Tours begin at noon. The ceremony will be at 2 pm followed by a reception. Come and meet our MSSDAR Board of Directors and our State Regent, Jennifer Buckley. Reach out to Janet Loran (renegade65@vcn.com) if you can bring refreshments and to Susan Stone (stonehealthcenter@mac.com) to RSVP.
- Some of our members will be welcoming new citizens on August 15th at 11 am and 130 pm. If you are interested in attending the next Naturalization ceremony, please let Deb Tomell know. Deb's contact is mdtomx2@msn.com.

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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