

Bitter Root Chapter

Missoula, Montana

Organized May 17, 1919, Number 7005-MT

Miss Finetta W. Ewing, Organizing Regent

Bitter Root Chapter History

Bitter Root Chapter was officially organized May 17, 1919 in Missoula by Organizing Regent, Finetta W. Ewing. The Chapter's first Organization Report dated April 19, 1919 was not accepted, because the transfer of one of the thirteen organizing members to the proposed chapter had not yet been finalized. The name Bitter Root was chosen for three reasons: 1.) Every spring the Bitter Root Valley is covered with the pink blossoms of the state flower. 2.) The Bitter Root Range of the Rockies stands as guardian to the West; and 3.) The Bitter Root River slips through the valley en route to the Pacific. Although Bitterroot is now generally written as one word, the Chapter retains the original two-word spelling. The State Flower, commonly known as the bitterroot, was first described and recorded botanically by Captain Meriwether Lewis during the Lewis & Clark Expedition and its genus, *Lewisia rediviva*, derives from Lewis' name.

Twelve women signed the second Report of Organization on May 17, 1919: *Eva Coleman Bolton, Eliza Schall Buckhouse, Grace Buford, Finetta W. Ewing, Lenora Jenks Forbis, Lucinda Craig Henry, Ethel Grey Keith, Lenna Henry Swango, and Grace Curtin Urbanowicz*. Although their names do not appear on the report, *Florence Irving, and Harriet Griffing Irving* were also organizing members with membership confirmed on April 12, 1919. The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution confirmed Bitter Root Chapter on June 25, 1919. The Chapter charter was held open for one year and, although Bitter Root Chapter never purchased a copy of the document, the following are also considered charter members: *Elizabeth Treleven Barnett, Harriet Bates, Mildred Goodrich Griswold, Emma Ellis Lennestrend, Ruth Hunter Lentz, Emily Reeves McKeown, Josephine DeMoss Pearce, Cynthia Crossman Plummer, Mabel Brayton Preston, Frances Bates Putney, Telsa Lennestrend Rowe, Helen Angell Smith, Harriet Taylor, Grace Stanton Walker, and Della Taylor Wright*.

Bitter Root Honorary Chapter Regents

Blanche Tate

Linda Robinson

Janet Loran

Honored Bitter Root Chapter Members

Honorary Montana State Society DAR Regents

1931	Ethel Grey Keith*
1940-1941	Mrs. C.E. Dobson*
1991-1994	Louanna Butler
1990 MSDAR Outstanding Junior	Andrea Phillip
1990 Northwest Division Outstanding Junior	Andrea Phillip
2004 MSDAR Outstanding Junior	Jolanda Hritsco
2017 Mexico Outstanding Junior	Caitlin Bailey

Past Regents of Bitter Root Chapter

1919-21	Finetta Ewing*	1967-69	Mrs. C.W. Leapheart*
1921-23	Mrs. L.R. Barnett*	1969-71	Mrs. Helen T. Johnson*
1923-24	Mrs. J.M. Irving*	1971-73	Mrs. Milton Phillip*
1924-25	Ethel Grey Keith*	1973-75	Mrs. Raymond Spaulding
1925-27	Mrs. J.A. Griswold*	1975-77	Mrs. Earl McConnell*
1927-29	Mrs. Rutledge Parker*	1977-79	Mrs. Emmet Glore*
1929-30	Mrs. John Ordenbrook*	1979-81	Mrs. George Chilcott*
1930-31	Mrs. M.B. Morrow*	1981-83	Mrs. Lloyd Eikert*
1931-33	Mrs. Frank Borg*	1983-85	Ms. Andrea Phillip
1933-35	Mrs. C.F. Dobson*	1985-87	Mrs. Anthony Terzo
1935-37	Mrs. R.H. Nelson*	1987-90	Mrs. Thomas A. Butler
1937-39	Mrs. Clarence Smith*	1990-92	Mrs. John Robinson
1939-41	Mrs. LeRoy McKenzie*	1992-94	Mrs. Charles Chesbro*
1941-43	Mrs. W.N. Dixon*	1994-96	Mrs. Grant Baker*
1943-45	Mrs. W.W. White*	1996-98	Mrs. Vernon Starcher*
1945-47	Mrs. Robert Kitt*	1998-00	Ms. Andrea Phillip
1947-49	Mrs. E.L. Spottswood*	2000-02	Ms. Carol A. White
1949-51	Mrs. C.W. Fredrickson*	2002-04	Mrs. Craig Puccinelli
1951-53	Mrs. Clarence Shively*	2004-06	Mrs. Thomas A. Butler
1953-55	Mrs. R.E. Lemire, Sr.*	2006-08	Mrs. Larry Ashwell
1955-56	Mrs. R.H. Mertz*	2008-10	Mrs. Frank Huber*
1956-57	Mrs. H.W. Gregory, Sr.*	2010-12	Ms. Laura Cork
1957-59	Mrs. David Jackson*	2012-16	Mrs. Byron Robinson
1959-61	Katherine Craighead*	2016-20	Blanche Tate
1961-63	Mrs. R.A. Shannon*	2020-22	Janet Loran
1963-65	Miss Beatrice Willsey*	2022-24	Laura Haythornthwaite
1965-67	Mrs. R.H. Mertz*	2024-	Nancy Schmitz

*Deceased

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR)

2025-2028

NATIONAL MOTTO

“God, Home, and Country”

NATIONAL THEME

“Illuminate our Legacy.”

NATIONAL SCRIPTURE

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” -1 Peter 4:10 NIV

“A good woman is hard to find, and worth far more than diamonds.” -Proverbs 31:10,
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**Montana State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (MSSDAR)
2025-2028**

STATE REGENTS'S THEME

“Lighting up the Big Sky”

STATE REGENT'S PROJECTS

Installation of two new DAR Historic Markers in Montana
Support for the USS Montana submarine families

www.montanadar.org

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2025 DAR Membership Anniversaries

5 Years	Brittany Challinor, Sarah Alberti Hilsendager, Vanessa Bugzheia, Victoria Emmons, Marsha Janes, Margaret Fowe Bamberger, Irene Tiefenthaler
10 Years	Deb Tomell, Susannah Benjamin Madeen, Bonnie Schuster, Betty Hilmo
15 Years	Patricia Culver
20 Years	Amanda Hodges
35 Years	LeEtta Peterson
40 Years	Marjorie Gingras, Neta McAfee
45 Years	Blanche Tate

STATE COMMITTEE CHAIRS OF NSDAR COMMITTEES

America 250!	Jennifer Buckley
American Heritage	Debbie Waterfield
American History	Kelly Odron & Lynn Gittings
American Indians	Melissa Ancell
Americanism	Cate Webber
Celebrate Daughters (<i>formerly Women's Issues</i>)	Joy Linn
Chapter Development Commission	Veronica Bovee-Anderson
Children of the American Revolution	Abbey Wichman
Commemorative Events	Judy Schofield
Community Classroom	Diane Ascheman
Community Service Awards	Barb Kerr
Conservation	Abbey Wichman
Constitution Week	Susan Stone
DAR Genealogy Preservation	Cathy Lane
DAR Good Citizens	Vicki Aznoe
DAR Library Outreach	Laura Park
DAR Magazine	Judy Schofield
DAR Museum Outreach	Debbie Waterfield
DAR Project Patriot	Cathy Lane
DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations	Gale Kramlick
DAR Scholarships	Crystal Field
DAR Schools	Linda Heggem
DAR Service for Veterans	Patty Willbanks
Flag of the United States of America	Shannon Miller
Historic Preservation	Vicki Aznoe & Kacey Smart
Insignia	Helen Brown
Junior Membership	Veronica Bovee-Anderson & Leigh H. Spencer
Lineage Research	Vicki Aznoe
Literacy Promotion	Jane Hamman

Master Reports	Jennifer Buckley
Membership	Kelly Odron
National Defense	Kathy Dreyer
Patriot Records Project	Ann Desch
President General's Project	Selene Thomas
Public Relations and Media	Janice Hand
Service to America	Jennifer Heiss
Volunteer Genealogists	Cathy Lane
Volunteer Information Specialists (VIS)	Riva Amundson & Barb Kerr

MONTANA CHAPTERS

<u>CITY</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>REGENT</u>
Billings	Shining Mountain	Diane Ascheman
Butte	Silver Bow	Barbara Kerr
Bozeman	Mount Hyalite	Jennifer Heiss
Glasgow	Milk River	Joy Linn
Great Falls	Black Eagle-Assiniboine	Selene Thomas
Helena	Oro Fino	Gale Kramlick
Kalispell	Chief Ignace	Debra Sullivan
Lewistown	Julia Hancock	Vicki Aznoe
Missoula	Bitter Root	Nancy Schmitz

2025-2026 BITTER ROOT CHAPTER OFFICERS

REGENT	Nancy Schmitz
VICE REGENT	Crystal Field
CHAPLAIN	Barb Fowler
RECORDING SECRETARY	Wendy Bond
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Shawna Tate
TREASURER	Cindy Habig
REGISTRAR	Peggy Annin
HISTORIAN	Wendy Bond
LIBRARIAN	Betty Hilmo
PARLIAMENTARIAN	Angela Fiedler

BITTER ROOT CHAPTER CHAIRS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

America 250!	Molly Stockdale
American History	Victoria Emmons
Americanism, Citizenship	Susan Reneau
Application Task Force	Nancy Schmitz
Children of the American Revolution	Lindsey Oberquell
Community Classroom	Janet Lorán
Community Service Awards	Crystal Field
Conservation	Carol Gordon
Constitution Week	Susan Stone, Janet Lorán
DAR Leadership Training	Nancy Schmitz
DAR/SAR/SR Relations	Angela Fiedler
DAR Scholarship	Victoria Emmons
DAR School	Janet Lorán
DAR Service for Veterans	Cynthia Fulks
DNA Network Chair	
Genealogical Records	Blanche Tate
Insignia	Nancy Schmitz
Junior Membership (Helen Pouch)	Crystal Field
Lineage Research	Nancy Schmitz
Literacy Promotion	Janet Lorán
Membership	Crystal Field
National Defense	Susan Stone
President General's Project	Janet Lorán
Public Relations and Media	Victoria Emmons, Susan Stone
Service to America	Crystal Field, Nancy Schmitz
The Flag of the United States of America	Betty Hilmo
Volunteer Genealogists	Janet Lorán, Nancy Schmitz
Volunteer Information Specialists	Vanessa Buzghiea
Wreaths Across America	Susan Reneau

BITTER ROOT CHAPTER SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Financial Review	Betty Hilmo, Bridget Wanderer, Nancy Schmitz
Bylaws	Nancy Schmitz, Crystal Field, Angela Fiedler
Budget	Nancy Schmitz, Crystal Field, Cindy Habig
2026 State Conference Planning	Nancy Schmitz, Cindy Habig, Peggy Annin, Cynthia Fulks, Wendy Bond, Crystal Field, Betty Hilmo, Susan Stone

ESSENTIAL MEETING COMMITTEES

**Hostess Committee
Calling Committee**

Mallory Witham
Blanche Tate, Louanna Butler, Joann Davison, Pat
Culver

DAYS TO DISPLAY THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Labor Day (First Monday)	September 1, 2025
Patriot's Day (Flag at ½ staff)	September 11, 2025
Constitution Day	September 14, 2025
DAR Day of Service	October 11, 2025
Indigenous Peoples' Day	October 13, 2025
Election Day	November 4, 2025
Veterans Day	November 11, 2025
Thanksgiving Day	November 27, 2025
Pearl Harbor Remembrance (1/2 staff)	December 7, 2025
Christmas Day	December 25, 2025
New Year's Day	January 1, 2026
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 19, 2026
Inauguration Day	January 20, 2026
Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	February 12, 2026
President's Day	February 16, 2026
George Washington's Birthday	February 22, 2026
Mother's Day	May 10, 2026
Armed Forces Day	May 16, 2026
Memorial Day (Flag at ½ staff)	May 25, 2026
Flag Day	June 14, 2026
Juneteenth	June 19, 2026
Independence Day	July 4, 2026

SPECIAL AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

200th Anniversary Lafayette Farewell Tour	2024-2025
250th Anniversary of the Army	June 17, 2025
250th Birthday of the US Navy	October 13, 2025
250th Birthday of the Marine Corps	November 10, 2025
250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America	July 4, 2026

2025-26 BITTER ROOT MEETING SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise stated, meetings are held at Lolo Community Center and when possible, via Zoom. Members are welcome to gather at 12:30 p.m. to enjoy time chatting with friends and to meet new ones. The meeting will begin promptly at 1 p.m.

The Lolo Community Center is approximately 1 mile south of the intersection of US 93 and Rte. 12 in Lolo on the west side of the highway. Address is 12345 US-93, Lolo, MT 59847.

September 13, 2025, 1:00 PM: Program: *Illuminate Service - a celebration of membership.* Come to celebrate all that Bitter Root DAR members have accomplished this past year and help plan for the upcoming year. We will welcome members and present certificates to those who have achieved landmark membership. We'll also welcome special guest speaker, **Janice Hand**, our new **State Regent**, who will share her plans for Montana State Society DAR (MSSDAR) for the next three years.

Hostess: Cindy Haines

October 11, 2025, 1:00 PM: Program: *Northern Pacific 1356, Stories from the Historic Northern Pacific Engine 1356, an Icon of Missoula's Railroad History.* Presenter: **Jeannine Nixon.** Jeannine Nixon received her BA from the University of Montana in Poetry. She also studied western writers, and women's writing extensively. She earned her MA in fiction writing from Ohio University in Athens. Jeannine returned to Missoula, and taught English at the University of Montana for many years. Jeannine was happily retired until the neglect of NP Engine 1356, and its stories inspired her to do something about it. Jeannine's father was wire chief and photographer for the Northern Pacific Railway and was instrumental in having the engine donated to the city of Missoula.

Hostess: Susan Hansen, and Peggy Annin

November 8, 2025, 1:00 PM: Program: **A Slow Fuse Leading to Revolution.** Presenter: **Nancy Schmitz.** Nancy Schmitz received her BS degree in Education and her doctorate from Temple University in Philadelphia and her MFA from the University of Utah. She served as Chair of the Arts in Education Department at Columbia University's Teacher College, and on the faculties of the University of Montana, Temple University, University of Guam, and the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse. Since grade school, she has been passionate about history. Examine the events that slowly led to the Revolutionary War. Beginning with the Stamp Act in 1765, colonists began to see and feel a growing difference between themselves and the British Parliament and King. This presentation explores the circumstances and beliefs that changed colonists into Americans especially in the years 1774-1776. We will look at how a growing mechanic and artisan class became instigators of change.

Hostess: Janet Loran & Susan Stone

December 13, 2025, 1:00 PM: Program: *An Old-Fashioned Christmas!* Come Celebrate our holiday traditions. This is our traditional holiday potluck. Bring a special dish to share and bring a tree ornament, a family antique, or a memory from the season! We will put each ornament on a tree or place an antique under the tree as we share stories of our cherished holidays past and our lineage.

January 10, 2026, 1:00 PM: Zoom Only. Catch up via Zoom and discuss all current business.

February 14, 2026, 1:00 PM: Program: *Celebrating Youth and Community. This year we will celebrate our young scholars as well as those volunteers in the community who make a difference.* Come celebrate those young and old within our community who stretch their talents and provide special services!

Hostess: Sara Tempel, Kathleen Ward, Mary Dougherty, and Patrice Schwenk

March 14, 2026, 1:00 PM: Program: *Mike and Maureen Mansfield's Legacy of Patriotic Statesmanship.* Presenter: **Deena Mansour** Executive Director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center of the University of Montana. Deena's work focuses on bolstering democracy at home and abroad in support of high school, higher education, and community audiences. Deena has previously served as a diplomat at the U.S. Embassy in Indonesia. She has also worked for a Dow Jones community newspaper in Michigan and at an international education non-profit in Washington, DC. She earned her master's degree in public administration at UM, and a bachelor's degree in international relations and economics at American University in Washington, DC. Deena and her husband Brian raised two children in Missoula.

Hostess: Mary Pheifer, Betty Hilmo and Betty Tingley

April 11, 2026, 1:00 PM: The business meeting will focus on the election of new officers. Program: *Help us prepare for hosting our State Convention!*

Hostess: Vanessa Buzgheia

May 9, 2026, 1:00 PM: Program: *Teaching and Learning the Declaration of Independence: A Short History of Civic Education in the United States, 1776-2026.*

Presenter: **Claire Arcenas.** Dr. Claire Rydell Arcenas is Associate Professor of History at the University of Montana and an expert on the history of American thought, culture, politics, and education. She is author of the prize-winning book *America's Philosopher: John Locke in American Intellectual Life* (Chicago, 2022) as well as numerous essays and articles on topics such as the Federalist Papers and humanities education during WWII.

Her current research focuses on the Declaration of Independence, American democracy, and civic education in the United States, 1776-present.

Hostess: Kate Laney and Carol Gordon

June 13, 2026, 1:00 PM: Program: ***Montana Tapestry: People and Places from 1776 to Today***. Presenter: **Molly Stockdale**, Executive Director of Travelers' Rest Connection, the nonprofit partner of Travelers' Rest State Park. Molly Stockdale has held a variety of positions in nonprofit management, primarily in museums, for 30 years. Molly has worked with Mister Rogers on a children's museum exhibit, raised funds to purchase new works for the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and created exhibits on the Lewis & Clark Expedition and Selis Qlispe cultural history. Molly received her bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and her Master of Public Management from Carnegie Mellon University. She is President of the Destination Missoula Board of Directors, a member of the Montana250 Commission for the commemoration of the semi quincentennial of the Declaration of Independence and serves as Montana's Advocate Leader for the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance. Molly is a proud member of the Bitter Root Chapter of the NSDAR.

Hostess: Susan Reneau

Special Events

Montana DAR State Conference, Doubletree-Hilton Edgewater, April 23-25, 2026, Missoula, MT. Hosted by Bitter Root Chapter, NSDAR.

Fourth of July at Fort Missoula. Volunteer to help with our two booths at the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula and at the SAR/DAR encampment at the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History. Help recruit new members through providing information about DAR and Bitter Root Chapter as well as support understanding of American History and Government.

135th Continental Congress, Washington, D.C. June 24-28, 2026.

Western Montana Fair (Missoula County-August) Volunteer to help our chapter raise funds for ongoing service projects by assisting setting up the display of entries in Creative Arts, Industrial Arts, and Hobbies and Crafts prior to the fair and then ensuring visitors have a safe and enjoyable experience within the Commercial Building by serving as Ambassadors to the community visiting the building. August 4-9, 2026.

Book Club

Book Club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month during September, November, January, March, and May. Meetings start at 1:00 PM and are held at different member's homes.

The first meeting will be September 16, 2025 at the home of Betty Hilmo, 13600 Turah Road, Clinton, MT. Our book selection for this session will be "The Remarkable Cause: A Novel of James Lovell and the Crucible of the Revolution" by Jean C. O'Conner.

Additional book selections for the year 2025 -2026 will be chosen from the DAR Library Book Club Reading List which includes the following: "African Founders: How Enslaved people expanded American Ideals" by David Hackett Fischer; "Alexander Hamilton" by Ron Chernow, "The Great Divide: The Conflict between Washington and Jefferson That Defined America, Then and Now" by Thomas Flemming; "The Forgotten Founding Father: Webster's Obsession and the Creation of an American Culture" by Joshua Kendall; "First Ladies of the Republic: Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, Dolly Madison, and the Creation of an Iconic American Role" by Jeanne E. Abrams; "Revolution Song: A Story of American Freedom" by Russell Shorto; "Six Frigates: The Epic History of the Founding of the U.S. Navy" by Ian Toll; "This Fierce People: The Untold Story of America's Revolutionary War in the South" by Alan Pell Crawford; "The Founder's Fortunes: How Money Shaped the Birth of America" by William Sterne Randall; and "The Loyal Son: The War in Ben Franklin's House" by Daniel Mark Epstein.

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****Indicates 50-Year Member**

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Our Meeting Order of Business

- 1.) Call to Order-Assembly Stands
- 2.) DAR Ritual
- 3.) The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- 4.) The American's Creed
- 5.) Singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner"
- 6.) President's General's Message
- 7.) National Defense Report
- 8.) Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- 9.) Treasurer's Report
- 10.) Bills and Communications
- 11.) Officer Reports
- 12.) Committee Reports
- 13.) Unfinished Business
- 14.) New Business
- 15.) Announcements
- 16.) Program
- 17.) Adjournment

DAR RITUAL
Assembly Stands

Regent: To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence; to promote an enlightened public opinion; and to foster patriotism and love of country – these are the objects of our National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Response: Our history is a foundation, our knowledge is a guiding light, and our love of country inspires our purpose.

Chaplain: In the words of John Adams, “You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make a good use of it.” Remember the lessons of the past and how they have shaped you.

Response: Let us look to the past for wisdom and to the future with hope.

Chaplain: We gather to uphold the lessons of history, to educate and enlighten the public, and to instill a deep respect for the traditions and ideals that define us. May our chapter flourish through service and our actions preserve the gifts of our ancestors for all generations.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands-one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE AMERICAN’S CREED

I BELIEVE in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose Just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign states; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity, for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its Flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

-William Tyler Page

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

(National Anthem)

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn’s early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there
Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of free and the home of the Brave?

-Francis Scott Key

PREAMBLE TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

STANDING RULES

- 1.) The retiring officers shall turn over their books/electronic files to the new officers on or before the May Meeting.
- 2.) The Chapter shall pay the expenses of the Regent to the State Conference in each year of her two-year term of office.
- 3.) When vacancies occur in the delegation to the Continental Congress or the Montana State Conference, they may be filled by the Regent in consultation with the Executive Board.
- 4.) The Regent will maintain an up-to-date inventory of property owned by the chapter along with who holds the property. Records of DAR property having a monetary value over \$200.00 that is in possession of individuals shall also be listed in an inventory that is maintained by the Treasurer. The individual receiving the property shall sign for the item and again when the property is surrendered.
- 5.) The Registrar will maintain digital copies to be sent out to new members, including Bylaws, Yearbook, brochures, and current Fact Sheet.
- 6.) An annual subscription to the DAR magazine shall be presented to the Regent, paid by the Chapter through the Treasurer.
- 7.) Meetings shall be held September through June. Locations and times for meetings will be as indicated in the Program Calendar unless a virtual meeting is necessary.
- 8.) Information regarding meetings that are held exclusively via electronic means will be sent out to members via email at least one week in advance of the regular meeting date.

- 9.) If a hybrid meeting is planned, an electronic format/invitation for meetings will be published at least one week in advance of the meeting for those members who may not be able to physically attend.
- 10.) Annual membership fees are payable in SEPTEMBER and will be delinquent October 16th. Please remit fees to Chapter Treasurer. Membership fees include those for the Bitter Root Chapter (\$12) plus the amount required by the Montana State Society (MSSDAR) and the National Society (NSDAR). New members who are approved by the NSDAR July 5th or after shall have the NSDAR membership fee credited for the upcoming year, which begins December 1.
- 11.) In the absence of the recording secretary, the Regent will appoint a pro tem recording secretary who will take minutes and forward them to the recording secretary.
- 12.) All members and guests will sign into the log sheet each meeting unless attending electronically. A log of all members attending a virtual meeting will be kept by the Zoom moderator.
- 13.) Members and guest will wear name badges during meetings. Members will return badges to sign-in desk prior to leaving the meeting, placing them in the appropriate alphabetized envelope.
- 14.) Guests will be introduced during the meeting by the Registrar or an inviting member, whichever is appropriate.
- 15.) The Hospitality Committee will follow the current Guidelines for Refreshments for preparation, set up and clean up at in person meetings.
- 16.) Prior to making a motion on the floor, a motion must be submitted to the secretary in writing and seconded by two members unless made by a committee chair. A member wishing to make a motion can request a 5-minute break to prepare it.
- 17.) Standing Rules may be added or changed by a majority vote at any meeting if a copy of the proposed change or addition is mailed with the meeting notice. A Standing Rule may be added or changed at a regular in-person meeting by a 2/3 vote if no notice is provided (RONR 12th ed.).

Meetings using a Virtual Electronic Platform

1. Please be in a quiet location for electronic participation in a virtual chapter meeting to keep environmental noises to a minimum.
2. Place yourself on mute until you are asked to speak either according to the agenda or by raising and waving your hand.
3. Please mute your cell phone so that it does not ring in the background as you speak.
4. Login information. The Chapter Regent shall send by e-mail to every member at least five (5) days before the meeting, the time of the

meeting, the URL and codes necessary to connect to the Internet meeting service, and (as an alternative and backup to the audio connection included within the Internet service) the phone number and access code(s) the member needs to participate by telephone. The Secretary shall also include a copy of, or a link to, these rules. (Notice for those without email may be via telephone, text or chapter web page).

5. Login time. The Regent/chair shall schedule Internet meeting service availability to begin at least 5 minutes before the start of each meeting. Members are encouraged to prepare to sign on to Zoom during this time.
6. Signing in and out. Members shall identify themselves as required to sign in to the Internet meeting service and shall maintain Internet and audio access throughout the meeting whenever present. Any member departing the meeting prior to adjournment shall sign out via a private chat message to the secretary. This is particularly important when a motion is on the floor.
7. Quorum calls. The presence of a quorum (15 members) shall be established by at the beginning of the meeting. Thereafter, the continued presence of a quorum shall be determined by the online list of participating members, unless any member requests a quorum count by audible roll call. Such a request may be made following any vote for which the announced totals add to less than a quorum.
8. Technical requirements and malfunctions. Each member is responsible for her video, audio and Internet connections; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of a member's individual connection prevented participating in the meeting.
9. Forced disconnections. The Chapter Regent/chair may cause or direct the disconnection or muting of a member's connection if it is causing undue interference with the meeting. The regent's decision to do so, which is subject to an un-debatable appeal that can be made by any members, shall be announced during the meeting and recorded in the minutes.
10. Assignment of the floor. TO seek recognition by the Regent/chair, a member shall raise and wave their hand or use the Zoom Q & A or Chat feature on the screen. The Regent/chair will then recognize the member. If multiple members wish to speak, the Regent/chair may develop a que to allow each member their allotted time. Please unmute your computer when called upon to speak.
11. Interrupting a member. A member who intends to make a motion or request that under the rules may interrupt a speaker shall use the chat box and raise her hand for indication and shall thereafter wait a

- reasonable time for the chair's instructions before attempting to interrupt the speaker by voice.
12. Motions submitted in writing. A member intending to make a motion, to offer an amendment, or to propose instructions to a committee, shall, before being recognized, post the motion in writing to the Q & A or group chat feature.
 13. Display of motions. Taking in consideration the current technology available, the Regent/chair shall designate an online area for the display of the immediately pending question and other relevant pending questions (such as the main motion, or the pertinent part of the main motion, when an amendment to it is immediately pending.); and, to the extent feasible, the Regent/chair, or any assistants appointed by her for this purpose, shall cause such questions, or any other documents that are currently before the meeting for action or information, to be displayed therein until disposed of.
 14. No member shall speak more than once on the same question until all have spoken who wish to do so. After all have spoken who wish to, the member may speak once more to the question for no longer than 2 minutes.
 15. Voting. Votes, when required or ordered, will be via polling feature, private chat feature, or by audible roll call. The Regent's announcement of the voting result shall include the number of members voting on each side of the question and the number, if any, who explicitly respond to acknowledge their presence without casting a vote. Business may also be conducted by unanimous consent.
 16. Please maintain member privacy. The Recording Secretary is permitted to take screen shots for the express purpose of recording attendance and shall delete such shots after completing that task. The Historian may use screen shots to record speakers and attendees and activities for archival purposes. Other chapter members may not take screenshots, download, or records or save without express written permission from the Chapter Regent and/or The Chapter Executive Board.
 17. Rules contained in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th Edition shall govern each meeting in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of Bitter Root Chapter NSDAR and these standing rules.
 18. Assume all video and audio and chat features are broadcast to others. Remember-you are on camera! Practice courtesy and kindness to others as always.
 19. The Bitter Root Chapter Recording Secretary shall complete the minutes of the meeting in time to be sent via e-mail (members may request mail copies if they do not have e-mail) when the next meeting notice is sent

out. This may also be posted on a private chapter website.

Reference: RONR 12th Ed.2020,9:33-9:36 and pages 635-649
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