



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

WHEREAS, the Saramana Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution continuously reaffirm that the Constitution of the United States of America, the guardian of our liberties, embodies the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2013, marks the two hundred and twenty sixth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention convened in Philadelphia in 1787; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document which is the foundation of our country; and

WHEREAS, this observance calls to mind the sacrifices of brave Americans who have fought to defend and protect the liberties which it grants; and

WHEREAS, it is our duty to protect, preserve, and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Congress by joint resolution of August 2, 1956, requested that the President proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that September 17-23, 2013, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

U.S. CONSTITUTION WEEK

in Manatee County, Florida, and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 27th day of August 2013.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:



Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST:

**R. B. "Chips" Shore
Clerk of Circuit Court**

By:



Debbie Lesman
Deputy Clerk



REVISED August 27, 2013 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #8

APPROVED IN OPEN SESSION August 27, 2013
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MANATEE COUNTY

Subject

U.S. Constitution Week

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adopt Proclamations designating September 17-23, 2013, as U.S. Constitution Week in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

Background Discussion

Sharon Spry, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Harold Crapo, Sons of the American Revolution, will be present to accept the Proclamations.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

Attachment: [U.S. Constitution Week \(DAR\) - 08.27.13.pdf](#)

Attachment: [U.S. Constitution Week \(SAR\) - 08.27.13.pdf](#)

Interesting Facts

In 1921, DAR compiled and published the "DAR Manual for Citizenship." DAR distributed this guide to American immigrants at Ellis Island and other ports of entry. To date, more than 10 million manuals have been distributed.

The DAR Library was founded in 1896 as a collection of genealogical and historical publications for the use of staff genealogists verifying application papers for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Shortly after 1900 the growing collection was opened to the public and has remained so ever since.

Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, New York, N.Y.: DAR gave in excess of \$750,000 to the restoration of these symbols of freedom.

DAR Project Patriot is the official Daughters of the American Revolution committee that supports America's service personnel in current conflicts abroad. The National Committee currently assists the Landstuhl Regional

DAR provides thousands of American flags to schools, governmental bodies, military establishments, and civic organizations throughout the country. A booklet, "Flag Code of the United States of America," is published by DAR and distributed free to schools and organizations.



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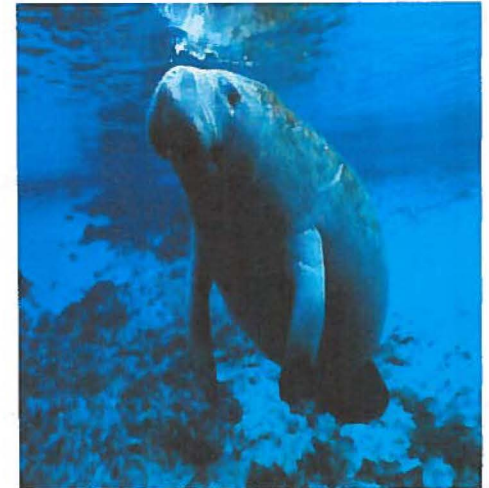
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Manatee Chapter

Anna Maria, FL
National Society Daughters
of the
American Revolution



*With meetings in Bradenton, we serve Anna Maria, Parrish, Ellenton, Palmetto, Holmes Beach, Oneco, Riviera Dunes, Bradenton, Bradenton Beach & Lakewood Ranch

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Chapter Meetings

The Manatee Chapter meets in Bradenton, FL at 10:00 AM on the 2nd Friday of each month, October through May

With exciting and innovative speakers along with our commitment to serving active duty military and Veterans, DAR Schools, JROTC and Historic Preservation you can be assured to find your place in our chapter. Contact us, we would love to invite you to our next meeting.

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or call our Regent, Sharon Spry
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Manatee Chapter

The chapter draws its name from our county, Manatee. Manatee is also the name of one of the oldest river that flows past our doors. The name Manatee appears to have come from the Cariban Indian language which referred to the sea cows or water mammals that live in the river. The chapter was organized on September 14, 1951 by regent; Mrs. Blanche W. Henrickson.

www.manateedar.org

Membership

The society is a lineage society any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership. Membership provides the opportunity for you to:

- Contribute to important service projects
- Honor and preserve the legacy of patriot ancestors
- Make lifelong friends
- Participate in unique social and service-oriented programs within your community
- Be involved in a variety of programs that provide something for everyone
- Gain valuable leadership experience
- Establish a network of contacts in your community and all over the world.

National Theme

Honoring our Heritage, Focusing on the Future, Celebrating America!



Mission Statement

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has three (3) main objectives;

Historical - Perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence by Promoting the study of American History & Historical Research.

Educational - To carry out the injunction of Washington in his Farewell address to the American people "to promote as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge, thus developing an enlightened public opinion.

Patriotic - To cherish and extend the institutions of America freedom to foster true patriotism and love of country and to aid in securing for all mankind all the blessings.

Florida Theme

Focused on Florida,

Facing the Future



membership.

Contact your local chapter



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We have answers to
your questions about
becoming a member
of this historic and
vibrant women's
organization.



Interested in
learning more
about DAR
membership?

Contact your local chapter



Today's DAR
and You!





Who are DAR members?

They are women a lot like you who come from diverse backgrounds. Their common bond is their lineal descent from Patriots of the American Revolution, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove

They are women who...

- care about fostering **good citizenship**
- want to honor their **ancestors**
- are devoted to **educating our youth**
- want to **preserve our past** for future generations



s and hold a variety of interests.
merican Revolution—any woman,
is lineage is eligible to join.

Many enjoy...

- learning about **American history**
- researching **genealogy**
- coordinating local community **service projects**
- sharing in family **DAR traditions**
- participating in

DAR members are very active women. They balance career, families, community service, working with schools, with veterans, and a variety of different activities, and I knew that that was something I needed to belong to.

— Beth

Daughter America



Why

should I become
a member?

What do DAR members Do?

In communities
across the country
and around the
world, members participate in...

- restoring and maintaining
historic sites
- preserving historical records

s of the n Revolution

Do I have the *Time*
to participate in DAR?

DAR involvement is what you make of it. You can spend as much time participating in DAR as you want or are able to. DAR is meaningful to its members throughout their lives, and you can participate in a variety of ways during different stages in your life.



programs within your community

- discover programs that
appeal to your interests
- gain valuable
leadership experience
- establish a **network** of contacts in
your community and around the world

For more information on becoming
a member, visit the DAR website at
www.dar.org/membership

programs

- sponsoring American history
essay contests for students
- volunteering to assist
military veterans
- supporting America's **active-
duty troops** through a variety
of programs
- sponsoring special programs that
promote the **Constitution**
- welcoming new citizens at
**naturalization
ceremonies**



your city—and in many cases there are several chapters to choose from.

There are nearly 3,000 chapters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries.

To find a local chapter, go to www.dar.org/membership

How do I become a member?

Any woman 18 years or older may join the DAR by documenting her lineage to an ancestor, either male or female, who aided the cause of American independence through military, civil or patriotic service.

DAR volunteers in chapters throughout the

D.C., and is a Registered National Historic Landmark. It houses the organization's offices, genealogical library, decorative arts museum, historic document collection and concert hall.

