# What can I expect from pursuing membership in SAR?

As you can imagine, researching facts and documents by yourself to discover your Patriot can be a daunting task. There is a lot of research. However, we have experienced genealogists and mentors available for you to help you on your way.

Patriots have already been researched and found by SAR and our sister organization, Daughters of the American Revolution. Those are available online. There are a myriad of other resources such as Ancestry.com and other websites that make this journey a lot easier than it was 50 years ago.

During this research you will discover that you may find very surprising documents and facts about your ancestors, and in some cases some disappointing information about your family. Many of us have horse thieves or even worse, Tory Loyalist supporters of the British in our line, however you may tie directly to a Patriot who is not a such person.

One of the amazing benefits of all this research is it will lay out for you the day-to-day struggles that your predecessors went through. Many who fought in the War went on to settle the west of this nation. Their hardships can be remembered and celebrated.

If you like would like to take the next step, please contact us .



We, the members of the Fernando de Leyba Chapter, are here to assist you in your journey to become a member of our organization.

Who was Fernando de Leyba? On May 26th, 1780 British forces and their Indian allies attacked what was then a small village settlement called St. Louis. de Leyba was the Spanish Lt. Governor of upper Louisiana, and had prepared the town for the attack, building a tower with cannon mounted upon it called Fort San Carlos. He with other defenders withheld the attack. He was ill at the time and died within a month afterwards. We honor him and the other patriots who saved St. Louis, and possibly the Mississippi valley from British occupation.

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## Do you like history?

Would you like to see what happens when it comes to life? The history of your own family.

We all heard stories at our grandmother's knee about our family. You will find that some are true, and some are not. But what you might find will amaze and surprise you if you dig.

The Sons of the American Revolution honors family sacrifices in the formation of our nation.

Who are we? We are direct descendants of those who fought and/or supported the American Revolution. You may be one too.

Our purpose is to honor those ancestors, develop patriotism, and to provide support to schools, organizations, and the General Public.

### Our Purpose and Mission

Patriotic Education, Remembrance, and Celebration

Americanism: we promote the principles of liberty and freedom for all Americans.

Color Guard Activities: Some members wear Revolutionary War era uniforms, and many members are

musketeers to celebrate our Patriot ancestors. Many of the uniforms we display are exact replicas of the Regimental dress of our grandfathers.



The Color Guard participates in anniversary celebra-

tions, such as President's Day, the Fourth of July, parades, grave markings, Honor Flights, and other patriotic related events.



#### **Education Efforts**

We attempt to get our patriotic message into local schools, and we sponsor contests on the Chapter, State, and National level. Elementary School students can submit posters for consideration, secondary schools have brochure contests, and high school students can submit an essay or a video for consideration. All winners are recognized, and cash awards are given to the winners. As a Chapter winner advances to the State and National contests, the awards in-

crease.



#### Youth Awards

Other than our efforts within schools we support and honor deserving Junior ROTC participants, Naval Sea Cadets, Eagle Scouts, and others with recognition and in some instances, cash awards.

#### First Responders

Annually we seek to recognize law enforcement, fire, and paramedics for outstanding service to the community, above and beyond what is expected by their employment.



#### **Patriot Records**

We maintain at our National Office on the web at <u>https://sarpatriots.sar.org/</u> where you can research your family and see if your patriot has been discovered by a prior search. We have maintained thousands of applications showing detailed genealogical data, and you can see several later generations on the website to match to your family. The latest generations are not shown for security since the people listed might be alive. You can however, for a small fee, purchase an entire application for review. We also maintain cemetery and grave records, and biog-

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Patriot Research System (PRS)

#### Honoring the Flag

We award deserving businesses and homeowners who are displaying the American Flag properly with a Certificate of Commendation, and we also participate in Flag retirement ceremonies by Scout, Veterans, or other groups.



#### Veterans

We strive to recognize and support our living veterans of all walks of life.

