

B Y - L A W S
of the
DELTA CHAPTER
of the
CALIFORNIA SOCIETY
of the
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

ARTICLE I
Purposes and Objectives

The purposes and objectives of the Delta Chapter are declared to be patriotic, historical, and educational, and shall include those intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those who, by their service or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the independence of the American people; to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research in relation to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services of the of the patriot of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the war and of the Revolutionary *period*; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble of the Constitution of our country and the injunction of George Washington in his farewell address to the American people.

ARTICLE II
Principle Location and Offices

Principle Location and Office the Delta Chapter, chartered by the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on December 21, 1979, shall maintain its Principal Location within the Counties of Stanislaus and San Joaquin in the vicinity of Modesto. The Principal Office of the Delta Chapter shall be the residence of the President of the Chapter during his term of office.

ARTICLE III
Membership

Section 1. Qualification. Invitation to membership is open to men of good character, eighteen years of age or older, who are direct descendants of an ancestor who either fought or aided in the Revolutionary War, or otherwise contributed to establishing our Independence, as determined by the California and National Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Section 2. Designation. The official designation of a member of this Chapter and Society shall be "Compatriot".

Section 3. Categories. The categories of membership in this Chapter shall be:

- 1) Annual Member.
- 2) Life Member.
- 3) Exempt Member.

Annual Members shall continue as members in good standing as long as all yearly dues - National, State, and Chapter – are paid in full. Any members in good standing may become a Life Member, thereafter, exempt from payment of annual National, State and Chapter dues, by meeting the requirements set by the California Society. Exempt membership status may be granted by this Chapter, subject to the requirements of the California and National Societies, on account of age or infirmity, coupled with an inability to pay annual dues. Exempt Membership status may also be granted to those members who have faithfully paid their annual dues for fifty years or more.

Section 4. Definition of a Member in Good Standing. Each Life Member, each Exempt Member; and each Annual Member, whose annual dues are not in arrears, is deemed a Member in Good Standing of this Chapter and this Society.

Section 5. Membership Rights and Privileges. All members in good standing shall equally share the rights, powers, privileges, and liabilities of this Chapter. The privileges of attending meetings, being heard, voting in membership meetings and holding office shall belong to all Chapter Members in good standing, All members in good standing of this Chapter shall be retained on the mailing list to receive all regular mailings and meeting notices

Section 6. Resignation of Membership. Members of this Chapter, if their dues are not in arrears, may resign their membership or any office held, either orally at any meeting of this Chapter or by written notice mailed to the Chapter Secretary. Such resignation from membership or office shall be effective as of the date of the resignation letter and/or acceptance thereof by the majority vote of the Chapter's Board of Directors.

Section 7. Dues Delinquency. A member delinquent in payment of annual dues may be suspended and dropped from membership by a majority vote of the Chapter's Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Chapter Treasurer. A member so dropped may be re-instated by the Board by the payment of dues in arrears and any reinstatement fees fixed by the National Society.

Section 8. Chapter Dues. The Chapter dues shall be established at \$30.00 per year for Annual Members and Dual Members. In addition, every person joining the Chapter shall render a processing donation of \$5.00. The chapter dues for each year shall be established at the Annual Membership Meeting of the Chapter to be held in January.

ARTICLE IV Board of Directors

Section 1. Powers of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of the Delta Chapter shall be responsible for conducting and managing the business, program and activities of the Chapter. They shall generally superintend and guard its interests, in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws. It shall make policy and govern this Chapter subject to the interests and the will of the membership these Bylaws I the By-Laws of the California and National Societies of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Section 2. General Responsibility of The Directors. No member of this Chapter shall in good conscience accept election or appointment to a position or office on the Board of Directors, or to any committee unless he is willing, able and prepared to devote the necessary time and ability to the faithful discharge of his duties during the term of his election or appointment.

Section 3. Number and Qualification of Members of the Board. The authorized number of members of the Board of Directors of this Chapter shall be Eleven until changed by amendment of these Bylaws, No

Chapter Member may accept election or appointment to the Board of Directors unless he is a member in good standing at the time of election or appointment.

Section 4. Composition of the Board of Directors" The Eleven positions composing the Delta Chapter's Board of Directors shall consist of the following officers and members of the Board~

- a. President
- b. First Vice President
- c. Second Vice President
- d. Secretary
- e. Treasurer
- f. Registrar
- g. Chancellor
- h. Chaplain
- i. Historian
- j. Genealogist
- k. Color Guard Captain

Section 5. Election and Term of Office. The Officers and members of the Board of Directors shall be installed at each Annual Membership Meeting of the Delta Chapter to be held in the month of January. Any position or office not filled at the Annual Membership Meeting may be filled by election at any Special Meeting of the Chapter Membership called and held for that purpose. All members of the Board of Directors shall hold office until their respective successors are elected. The term of office for all Officers and Directors shall begin at the close of each Annual Membership Meeting.

Section 6. Method of Election. The election of officers and Directors shall be held by eligible members in good standing by vote either in person or by email. A Nominating Committee may be formed by appointment by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors during the month of October of each year. The Secretary will announce the results of the election at the meeting of the Chapter. No person may be nominated or elected who has not given his prior approval and commitment to serve.

Section 7. Removal and Resignation. Any officer or director may resign or may be removed for cause by the Board of Directors at any time, Vacancies caused by death, resignation, or removal of any officer or director may be filled by appointment by the President and with the approval of the Board of Directors,

Section 8. Fees and Compensation. Officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Delta Chapter shall receive no compensation for their services as officers or directors but may receive such reimbursement for necessary expenses as may be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V Duties of the Officers and Directors

Section 1. The President. The President shall be the Executive Officer of the Chapter and subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall have general supervision, direction and control of the affairs of the Chapter. He shall preside at all meetings of the Membership and the Board of Directors. He shall recommend any projects, programs, and activities which will further the aims of the Sons of the American Revolution, and which shall be undertaken by the chapter during his term of office.

Section 2. The First Vice-President shall function in the absence of the President, or upon the Presidents inability to act, and shall perform such duties as assigned by the President. In addition, the First Vice-President shall give active leadership to and serve as the Chairman of the Chapter Membership Committee and shall develop plans, programs and projects to boost Chapter and SAR membership. He shall serve as liaison officer to genealogical and heritage societies in the Chapter area.

Section 3. The Second Vice-President shall serve as the chairman of the chapter's Program and Activities Committee. He shall secure speakers for the membership meetings; plan and conduct special programs for the celebration of historical or patriotic holidays. He shall be responsible for the development of joint activities with other SAR, DAR, patriotic or historical and heritage organizations.

Section 4. The Secretary shall maintain a record of the minutes of all chapter membership and board meetings, the attendance records, rosters of members and prospective members and the mailing lists of the chapter o He will handle all correspondence with the California and National Societies. He will also handle all supplies and supply orders.

Section 5. The Treasurer will keep and maintain adequate and correct books of account showing the receipts and disbursements of the chapter as well as an account of its cash and other assets Such books of account shall at reasonable times be open to inspection by any member of this chapter. He shall deposit all moneys of the chapter with such depositories as are designated by the Board of Directors and shall disburse the funds of the chapter as may be ordered by the Board of Directors. He shall present to the Chapter at each meeting a financial report showing the financial condition of the chapter.

Section 6. The Chaplain shall open and close all meetings of the chapter with the services usual and proper on such occasions. The Chaplain will serve as the Chairman of the Awards and Recognitions Committee and will make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Directors for its action.

Section 7. The Chancellor shall serve as the legal advisor to the Board of Directors. He shall make recommendations, from time to time, to the Board of Directors concerning legal and associated matters.

Section 8. The Registrar shall examine all applications for membership in compliance with the requirements set forth by the California and National Societies. He shall screen all membership applications for thoroughness and completeness. He shall approve the eligibility of each applicant for election to membership in this chapter and report thereon to the Board of Directors.

Section 9. The Historian will record and maintain the history of the chapter, officers, and members. He will seek out ways to place in appropriate depositories a complete history of the chapter during the term of his office. He will maintain liaison with libraries in the chapter area, He may with the cooperation of the membership and the Board produce a yearbook recording the chapter history.

Section 10. The Genealogist will assist candidates for membership who have special problems in documenting their lineage. He will conduct seminars for candidates and for members working on supplemental lines.

Section 11. Color Guard Captain will arrange for meeting times for drill and presentation of the Color Guard, meeting times and places prior to events and inspection of uniforms before presenting, on behalf of the Delta Chapter, the Nations Flag at events and ceremonies.

Section 1. The Annual Membership Meeting. The Annual Membership Meeting shall be held during the month of January to install the officers and members of the Board of Directors and to conduct and transact any other business. At this meeting appropriate recognition shall be made to those members, officers and directors who have rendered exceptional service to the chapter and the SAR, and to those non-members who have given outstanding service or assistance to the chapter or to their communities. Notice of this meeting must be sent to all members in good standing at least seven days prior to the meeting. The date of posting shall be considered the first of the seven days.

Section 2. Quorum, The presence in person of at least 5 Chapter members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called meeting of the chapter.

Section 3 Meetings of The Board of Directors, Meetings of the Board of Directors of this chapter shall be held on an as needed basis at the discretion of the President. The presence in person of at least three members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, Reasonable notice of the time and place shall be given by mail or by electronic communication to each member of the Board of Directors at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Section 4, Special Meetings. Special meetings of this chapter may be called from time to time by the President; or by the First Vice President when acting for or in behalf of the President; or by a simple majority of the Board of Directors. Reasonable notice as outlined in Section 1 of this Article shall be given for each meeting. Quorum requirements for special meetings shall be as outlined in Section 2 of this Article, no business shall be considered, transacted or acted upon at any Special Meeting except for that business for which the meeting is called and which must be specified in the notice of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees. The Standing Committees of the chapter will be considered as needed and may include Grave Marking, Speaker's Bureau, Youth Scholarship or other specially designated committees as determined by the President or Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Executive Committee, The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President, they shall be empowered to act for the benefit of and on behalf of the Chapter between meetings in matters of extreme urgency,

Section 3, Other Committees, The President may appoint the Chairman and the members of any committee necessary to carry out the program and business of the chapter, or for the purpose of initiating any proposed and approved, project, program or activity,

ARTICLE VIII By -Laws

Section 1, Amendments, Revisions and Changes. These By-Laws may be amended, revised or changed by the membership of the chapter by a two-thirds vote of the members, provided that a copy of any proposed amendment, revision or change shall be mailed in advance to all members at least seven days before the meeting at which the proposal is to be considered

Section 2. Conformity. Any amendments, revisions, or changes to these By-Laws shall be patterned after the By-Laws of the California Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and not in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the California Society. (Art. v, Sect 5, By-Laws of the California Society, SAR).

Section 3. Inspection. The Chapter shall keep in its Principal Office the original or a copy of these By-Laws, as amended or otherwise altered to date, certified by the Secretary, which shall be open to inspection by the chapter members at all reasonable hours.

CERTIFICATION

This is a true certified copy of the By-Laws of the Delta Chapter of the California Society, Sons of the American Revolution adopted at our re-organization meeting on November 3, 1982.

Shane Beard

Mr. Shane Beard, Secretary
Delta Chapter, SAR.

Andrew McClure

Mr. Andrew H. McClure President
Delta Chapter, SAR

Mike Hair

WITNESSED by Mike Hair,
First Vice-President, Delta Chapter
California Society
Sons of the American Revolution