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TEXAS SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, INC

THE EAST TEXAS CHAPTER #57

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I---NAME

The name of this chapter shall be "East Texas #57, of the Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Inc.", hereinafter referred to as the "Chapter" and as "TXSSAR INC."

ARTICLE II ---OBJECTS

The objects of this Chapter are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational and shall include those that are intended or designed to perpetuate the memory of those patriots who by their services 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 and promote fellowship among their descendants; to inspire them and the community at large with a more profound reverence for the principles of government founded by our forefathers; to encourage historical research relative to the American Revolution; to acquire and preserve the individual service records of the patriots of the War and the wartime documents, relics, and landmarks; to mark the scenes of the Revolution by appropriate memorials; to celebrate the anniversary of 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 injunctions of General Washington in his farewell address to the American people. (See NSSAR Constitution, Part I, Article II – (Objects).

ARTICLE III---MEMBERSHIP

Any man shall be eligible for membership in this Chapter who, being of the age of eighteen or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in loyalty to, and rendered assistance in the cause of American Independence, as defined by the NSSAR Constitution Part I, Article III. Such member shall be designated officially as "Compatriot". Furthermore, he shall fulfill the requirements outlined in Section I of the By-Laws of this Chapter.

#### ARTICLE IV---ORGANIZATION

The State Society is a Corporation, incorporated in the State of Texas as a non-profit organization. This Chapter, like other State Chapters, is a constituent part of the Incorporated State Society. As such, this Chapter is a subordinate local body organized by the TXSSAR, INC. for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Texas Society.

The period of duration of this Chapter is perpetual; however, upon surrender, forfeiture or revocation of the Chapter's Charter, the Board of Managers of TXSSAR, INC. pursuant with the State Society Constitution Section 6, Article VIII, shall act as trustee and take over the real and/or personal property owned and held by this Chapter at the time of its dissolution.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the By-Laws, this Chapter shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (A) a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or (B) a corporation whose contributions are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the By-Laws, the purpose for which this Chapter is organized is exclusively charitable and educational within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code. It is understood that the TEXSSAR, INC has unilaterally decided to be self-insured insofar as liability insurance is concerned. It follows that this Chapter also has no liability insurance to cover any liability or responsibility for such matter, for members and officers action in pursuit of business of the Society.

#### ARTICLE V---OFFICERS

The officers of this Chapter shall consist of a President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Historian, Webmaster, and Chaplain. The Registrar and Webmaster shall be appointed by the President. The above named officers, together with the immediate past President, shall comprise the Chapter Board of Managers. Duties of the Chapter Officers are outlined in the By-Laws of this Chapter.

All nominations of officers shall be made from the floor. Nominations made by a committee appointed for such purposes shall be considered nominations from the floor. Candidates from a committee & any other officer candidates will be presented to the membership at the regular Chapter meeting in August. Candidates may also be listed in the Chapter Newsletter and Chapter website.

Officers shall be elected by majority vote of members present at the October meeting of the Chapter. The officers will be installed at the immediately following December meeting. The official Chapter year shall commence January 1, immediately following installation of officers, and end on the second succeeding December 31 (two year term). Officers may not serve for more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

ARTICLE VI---MEETING

Conduct of the meeting shall follow procedures outlined in the SAR Handbook as applicable. Members are welcome to bring guests and are responsible for any cost incurred for themselves and their guests.

Compatriots from other SAR Chapters, DAR ladies and CAR are welcome guests, providing they defray any costs related to their attendance. Fees for guest speakers are prohibited, except for the cost of the speaker's meal, which shall be borne by the Chapter.

Special meetings may be called, with proper advance notice by the President. In the event of his inability or incapacity to perform his duties, a majority of the Chapter Board of Managers may call special meetings to transact Chapter business as required.

Regularly scheduled meetings and special meetings may be held without a quorum. However, Chapter business meeting transactions shall require a quorum, such quorum shall comprise a minimum of three-fifths (3/5) vote of the members present but not less than five members in good standing.

ARTICLE VII---AMENDMENTS

The articles of this Constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting. The vote must consist of three-fifths vote of the members present (voters must include no fewer than five (5) members all in good standing), said amendments having been proposed no sooner than the preceding regular business meeting.

These Bylaws shall be in full force immediately upon adoption and the meeting at which they are adopted shall be governed thereby. This document was approved by the membership this day June 2, 2022 during a meeting of the East Texas Chapter #57, TXSSAR, Inc.

ARTICLE VIII---PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the Chapter in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with NASSAR, TXSSAR, INC. or Chapter Constitutions, Bylaws or special rules of order.

By: Mickey Cole  
Mickey Cole, President

By: Greg Gilliland  
Greg Gilliland, Secretary

Date: 6/2/2022

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