

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE
EDMUND TERRILL CHAPTER, NUMBER 34,
TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

(as amended on 11/20/2024*)

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME & STATUS

The name of this Chapter shall be EDMUND TERRILL CHAPTER, NUMBER 34, TEXAS SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, hereinafter referred to as The Chapter. The Chapter is a non-profit organization and derives its status from Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code granting such status to the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Inc., and its subordinate elements. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Inc., hereinafter referred to as The National Society, is a non-profit corporation created by special act of the Congress of the United States in 1906 and amended in 1925 and 1961.

ARTICLE II – OBJECTS

The objects of The Chapter are consistent with the stated objects of The National Society, as follows verbatim from the Constitution of The National Society:

“The objects of this Society are declared to be patriotic, historical and educational, and shall include those 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 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 patriots 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 injunctions of Washington in his farewell address to the American people.”

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Any man shall be eligible for membership in The Chapter who, being of the age of eighteen years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who, at the time of his last known service, demonstrated loyalty to, and rendered active service in, the cause of American Independence, as further defined by the Constitution of The National Society, Article III. Furthermore, any such eligible man seeking membership in The Chapter shall fulfill the application requirements outlined in Article I of the Bylaws of The Chapter. Once the application to membership has been approved by both The National Society and the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, Inc., hereinafter referred to as The State Society, such member shall then also become a member of The Chapter and shall be designated officially as “Compatriot”.

ARTICLE IV – ORGANIZATION

Bylaw No. 2 of The National Society states that “The membership of the Society shall be organized into State Societies” and “Each State Society shall regulate all matters pertaining to its own affairs, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Society”. The State Society is a Corporation, incorporated in the State of Texas as a non-profit organization. The Chapter, like other State Chapters, is a constituent part of the incorporated State Society. As such, The Chapter is a subordinate local body organized by The State Society for the purpose of carrying out the objects of The State Society.

The period of duration of The Chapter is perpetual; however, upon surrender, forfeiture, or revocation of The Chapter’s Charter, the Board of Managers of The State Society, pursuant to the Constitution of The State Society, Article VIII,

Section 5, shall act as trustees and take over the real and/or personal property owned and held by The Chapter at the time of its dissolution.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Bylaws, The Chapter shall not carry on any 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 other corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Revenue Law.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Bylaws, the purposes for which The Chapter is organized are exclusively charitable and educational within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The State Society is self-insured insofar as liability insurance is concerned; however, The Chapter does not carry its own liability insurance coverage for members and officers of The Chapter acting in pursuit of business of The State Society.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

The officers of The Chapter shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Chaplain. 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 Bylaws of The Chapter.

All nominations of officers shall be made from the floor. Nominations made by a committee appointed for such purposes shall also be considered nominations from the floor. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting of the chapter at the November regular meeting and shall hold office for a period of two years following their installation at the January regular meeting following their election.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

The date, time and place of regular meetings shall be determined by The Chapter Board of Managers, based upon input obtained from The Chapter membership by whatever means The Chapter Board of Managers chooses, and shall be reviewed on an annual basis for proposed changes. Notification of the time, date, and place of regular meetings shall be made by text, email or telephone in advance of each meeting and posted on the website of The Chapter.

Conduct of the meeting shall follow procedures outlined in the Sons of the American Revolution Handbook as applicable. Members of The Chapter are welcome to bring guest(s), and are responsible for any cost incurred for themselves and their guest(s). Compatriots from other Sons of the American Revolution Chapters, as well as members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Children of the American Revolution will always be honored guests, but are also responsible for any cost incurred for themselves and their guest(s). Fees paid to guest speakers are prohibited, except for the cost of the speaker's meal, which shall be borne by The Chapter.

The Chapter President may call special meetings, with proper advanced notice. In the event of The Chapter President's inability or incapacity to perform his duties, a majority of The Chapter Board of Managers may call special meetings to transact business of The Chapter as required.

Regularly scheduled meetings and special meetings may be held without a quorum. Business transactions of The Chapter shall require a quorum; such quorum shall comprise a minimum of ten percent of The Chapter membership but not less than five members in good standing.

The official Chapter year shall commence January 1st and end the following December 31st.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

The articles of this Constitution may be amended at any regular business meeting of The Chapter by a three-fifths vote of The Chapter members present, provided that a quorum, as defined in Article VI of this Constitution, exists at said meeting, and provided that said amendment(s) were proposed at the preceding regular business meeting.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership in The Chapter, The State Society, and The National Society shall be made through The Chapter and sponsored by two members of The Chapter in good standing. Procedures for membership are outlined in Bylaw No. 1 of The National Society and Article I of the Bylaws of The State Society.

The expulsion of any member from The Chapter will require that the same procedures and rules outlined in Article X of the Constitution of The State Society be followed.

ARTICLE II – FEES AND DUES

Initiation fees, application fees, and annual dues are established by The National Society, The State Society, and The Chapter, respectively. Said fees and dues are invoiced and collected by The State Society. The State Society later returns The Chapter's portions of the funds collected back to The Chapter to defray operating expenses of The Chapter.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

The President will be the official executive officer of The Chapter and will be responsible for calling and conducting meetings. He will appoint the Chairman and members and be a member ex-officio of ALL committees: be responsible for the budget; represent The Chapter in public; preside at The Chapter Board of Managers meetings; maintain general supervision over the affairs and business of The Chapter; and be responsible for all assets of The Chapter.

VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, assume the duties of the President's Office and shall be Co-Chairman of the Programs Committee. The Vice-President will also serve as the Sergeant-at-arms.

SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the official records of The Chapter; for recording the minutes of all meetings in a neat and legible manner; for keeping the register of all members of The Chapter; for advising The State Society and The National Society of changes in the membership of The Chapter; for notification of all meetings; and for conducting the correspondence of The Chapter.

TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be responsible for collecting, safekeeping, and depositing all funds of The Chapter; for disbursing funds only with the prior approval of the President; for filing the required state and/or federal tax reporting; for maintaining the financial records in ready form for an audit at any time; and in

the absence of the President and Vice-President, shall preside over meetings of The Chapter and shall be Chairman of the Budget Committee.

REGISTRAR

The Registrar shall receive all new applications for membership, examine the applications for completeness, and forward the required copies and related documentation to The State Society Registrar; maintain records of all applications received, dates of receipt and mailing to The State Society Registrar, and results of interim actions ending in final approval of the membership; maintain a Chapter membership roster which will include deaths, transfers, dual memberships, dues payments, delinquencies, and a copy of each individual Chapter member's record, application, and The National Society and The State Society numbers of each Chapter member.

CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain shall assist in meetings by being prepared to offer an invocation and a benediction; is the "friendship" Chairman of The Chapter, making every effort to stay informed of the health, illnesses, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, hospitalizations, death or misfortunes of members of The Chapter and their families and respond with appropriate expressions that will convey The Chapter's concern; and visit with each new member, answering any questions concerning the Sons of the American Revolution and generally making the new member feel welcome into The Chapter.

ARTICLE IV – CHAPTER BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Chapter Board of Managers shall be the custodian of all assets of The Chapter and shall have charge of and manage the business and affairs of The Chapter; prepare a budget to allocate monies for desired programs and activities; and be responsible for subsequent performance against that budget.

The President and other elected officers, plus the Immediate Past President shall comprise The Chapter Board of Managers and shall meet at such frequency as called for by the President.

ARTICLE V – INSIGNIA

Officers and members of The Chapter are entitled to wear any of the various medals of The National Society or The State Society as prescribed by pertinent regulations of The National Society or The State Society. All insignia shall be purchased by the member and shall not be paid for by The Chapter, except for the Sons of the American Revolution lapel rosette which is given to each new member as part of the ceremony welcoming him into the membership of the Chapter.

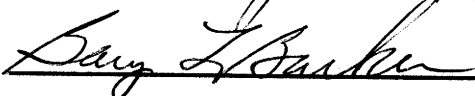
ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws may be amended at any regular business meeting of The Chapter by a three-fifths vote of The Chapter members present, provided that a quorum, as defined by Article VI of the Constitution of The Chapter exists at said meeting, and provided that said amendment(s) were proposed at the preceding regular business meeting.

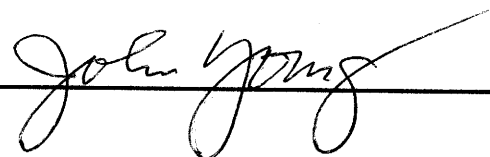
*This amended Constitution and Bylaws approved this 20th day of November, 2024 by a vote of at least three-fifths of the quorum present on this day.

Signed,


_____, Acting President


_____, Immediate Past President


_____, Secretary


_____, Treasurer