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127th Annual SAR Congress



KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
JULY 7TH - JULY 13TH 2017



First Time Congress Attendees

A SAR Congress is full of excitement: everything seems new yet there are plenty of traditions. This is a brief overview to aid any First Time Attendees and give a better understanding of what will occur during the annual Congress.

To register for the upcoming 127th Congress in Knoxville, Tennessee, please click on the [Registration](#) tab.

Delegates

If you are a delegate, ensure you are listed on your State-level Society's credential sheet and have paid the registration fee. Without paying the registration fee, you cannot be a delegate.

Orientation

Once you get to the hotel and have checked in, head to the SAR registration desk to pick up your information packet. Next, delegates should proceed to the credentials area to be verified as a delegate. After that, familiarize yourself with the basic layout of the meeting rooms, find out in which areas the general session, awards night, banquets, etc. will be held. Maps of the hotel and meeting schedules will be listed in the Congress program found in the packet you received at the SAR registration desk.

There will be a message board with any announcements, updates regarding committee meetings, etc. at the registration desk.

Make plans to attend the "New Attendees Orientation" scheduled for Sunday morning. It is opportunity to hear what is happening during the Congress sessions and also a chance to ask any questions you may still have. Several of the national-level officers usually attend and introduce themselves, along with many of the national SAR staff members.

Attire

	Men	Ladies	Special
Tours	Comfortable Clothes - walking involved	Comfortable Clothes - walking involved	
Host Reception	Daytime dress, Polo Shirt and slacks	Daytime dress, Slacks or capris	
Color Guard Breakfast	Uniform or blazer and tie	Colonial Dress or Daytime dress, pants suit or suit	
Memorial Service	Uniform or blazer and tie	Colonial Dress or Daytime dress, pants suit or suit	
First Lady's tea	N/A	Colonial Dress or Daytime dress, pants suit or suit (Hats Optional)	

Rumbaugh Orations Finals	Daytime dress, Polo Shirt and slacks	Daytime dress, Slacks or capris	
General Session	Coat and Tie	Daytime dress, pants suit or suit	
Youth Luncheon	Coat and Tie	Daytime dress, pants suit or suit	
Minuteman/ Awards Night	Coat and Tie	Daytime dress, Pants suit or suit	Minutemen white dinner jacket, black tie. New inductees do not wear any insignia.
Breakfasts/George Washington Fellows & VPGs Luncheon	Coat and Tie	Daytime dress, Pants suit or suit	
General Session	Coat and Tie	Daytime dress, Pants suit or suit	
Ladies Luncheon	N/A	Daytime dress, Pants suit or suit (Hats optional)	
President General's Banquet	Black or white dinner jacket with decorations or Continental Uniform	Colonial Period Attire or Long Formal Gowns	
General Session	Coat and Tie	Daytime dress, Pants suit or suit	
Tours	Comfortable Clothes- walking involved	Comfortable Clothes- walking involved	
Installation Banquet	Tails, white dinner jacket with decorations, Black Tuxedo or Continental Uniform	Colonial Period Attire or Long Formal Gowns	FPGs, Newly elected General Officers, and newly elected VPGs wear Full Dress, White tie/gloves/tails

Key Events

Those events included in your registration:

Host Reception - Saturday evening

Rumbaugh Orations - Sunday

Memorial Service - Sunday

First Lady's Tea - Sunday

****General Sessions (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)**

Youth Luncheon - Monday

Awards - Monday

President General's Banquet - Tuesday
Installation Banquet - Wednesday

Optional Events

Color Guard Breakfast - Sunday
Council of State President's Breakfast - Monday
Select District Breakfasts - Tuesday

North/Middle Atlantic States
InterMountain-Rocky Mountain-Western-Pacific
Southern
South Central
South Atlantic
Ladies Luncheon - Tuesday
VPG/George Washington Fellows Luncheon - Tuesday
SAR 1000 Breakfast - Wednesday

Welcome!

Have fun meeting fellow SAR members from around the country and enjoy your time in Knoxville. We are glad you are coming!

Hotel Information



The primary hotel for Congress in Knoxville from July 7 -13, 2017 is now full and they are not taking reservations. So we began to work with the secondary hotel, the Hilton Knoxville. The new single rate is \$129 per night plus tax.

The distance from the primary hotel, the Holiday Inn, Knoxville (which is the Congress Site) is approximately 0.2 Miles or a long city block. It does have a covered walkway that you can walk down to the Convention Center where the evening banquets will be held. For Reservations: You can call the hotel at 865-523-2300, ext. 323 or use the following web address: [Hilton Knoxville](#) Make sure you tell them it is for the SAR or you will not get the correct rate. Please include the following details when booking your room at the Hilton Knoxville:

If you have any additional questions, please email the National Congress Planning Chairman, [Paul Callanan](#) or call at (906) 273-2424.

Tour Information

On Friday, 7 July 2017, the SAR will include an Overmountain Men Tour. The tour will travel to Fort Watauga, Sycamore Shoals, the oldest stone dam in Tennessee, have lunch at Amis' Mill, and Crockett's Tavern.



Crockett's Tavern

On Saturday, 8 July 2017, the SAR will include a Wilderness Trail Tour. The tour will travel to the Cumberland Gap National Park and the Museum of Appalachia.



Cumberland Gap National Park

On Wednesday, 12 July 2017, the SAR will include an Oak Ridge Tour. The tour will visit Knoxville's "Secret City" and the American Museum of Science and Energy.



Oak Ridge's "Secret City"

More details on these events will be available soon; thank you for your patience and please check back again then.