

Slide 1 – C.A.R.

Madam Regent.

Greetings. It is an honor to be here today to talk about one of my favorite subjects, C.A.R. My kids, Benjamin who is 3 and Elizabeth who is 18 months, became members of C.A.R. in 2016 (Elizabeth was 1 day old when she became a member) and Ben is the current Society President and Samantha McElroy will be our incoming President in June.

First I want to explain a few terms and protocol specific to C.A.R.

- 1) Since C.A.R. spells and actual word, the acronym should always be spelled with periods. Note the stars in the logo.
- 2) At the local level, we do not have chapters, but rather local societies. I am a member of the Lady Washington Chapter, NSDAR, but serve with the San Jacinto Society, C.A.R.
- 3) Adult leaders are called Seniors. The word Senior is placed at the beginning of titles for all adult leaders, such as Senior State President.
- 4) As C.A.R. is a children's organization, protocol dictates that members take precedents over seniors. The State President is introduced before the Senior State President.

Slide 2 – Children of the American Revolution

The National Society Children of the American Revolution was founded by children's author, Harriett M. Lothrop. During the 1895 NSDAR Continental Congress, Mrs. Lothrop delivered a moving message to its members urging them to join her in helping create a patriotic organization for children, because as she stated, "Good citizens cannot be made suddenly. They must grow..." Her message was well received, and DAR has been a huge supporter of the C.A.R. for 122 years.

The qualifications to join C.A.R. are very similar as those to join SAR and DAR. A member must prove their bloodline lineal descent from a person who fought or aided in the American Revolution. However, C.A.R. is for both boys and girls. The members range in age from birth through 21. Members age out on their 22nd birthday, but are encouraged to come back as senior leaders and mentors. All C.A.R. members are also encouraged to become dual members of DAR or SAR when they turn 18.

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution was founded to train good citizens, develop leaders, and promotes love of the United States of American and its heritage among young people.

Slide 3 – Objects of C.A.R.

C.A.R. has six main objectives:

- 1) To acquire knowledge of American History
- 2) To Preserve and restore places of Historical importance associated with men and women who forwarded American Independence
- 3) To honor the memories of the men and women and children who rendered service to the cause of the American Revolution
- 4) To promote the celebration of Patriotic anniversaries
- 5) To honor and cherish the Flag of the United States of America above every other flag.
- 6) To love, uphold and extend the principles of American liberty and patriotism

Slide 4 – National Headquarters

The C.A.R. National Headquarters is located at 1776 D Street NW, Room 224, in Washington DC. Many DAR members will recognize this address, as it is the address for DAR National Headquarters. Although housed on the 2nd floor of Constitution Hall, the space occupied by C.A.R. is owned by C.A.R., not DAR.

C.A.R. headquarters is comprised of four divisions:

- 1) The N.S.C.A.R. Business office
- 2) N.S.C.A.R. Museum and Veteran's Tribute
- 3) The Children's Room
- 4) The N.S.C.A.R. Library

Slide 5 – How is C.A.R. Organized?

C.A.R. is organized similarly to SAR and DAR. There is a National Society, which governs the organization. There are 9 regions within the United States, which I will discuss in further detail in a few minutes. There are 43 state societies, including the District of Columbia.

Of course the backbone of C.A.R. is the local societies. While the National and State societies hold meetings once or twice a year, local societies are encouraged to meet at least six times a year. This is where the real work of the society is accomplished.

C.A.R. is also proud of its foreign societies. Currently there is at least one local society in The Netherlands, the United Kingdom, France, Bermuda, Canada, Austria, and Italy.

Slide 6 – Leadership Structure

When C.A.R. was first organized, it was lead by adults. However, after the first few decades a transition was made to include the members in the leadership of the society. While the adults still serve as mentors, have the final approval in the decision-making process, and sign the checks, it is the members of C.A.R. that run the society.

Each year, members at the National, State and Local level elect officers to serve a one-year term. At the National level there are 23 officers, which I have listed here. Each officer has a Senior leader with whom they work. Senior leaders are elected by their fellow Seniors for a term of two years.

Slide 7 – What does C.A.R. do?

Each year the C.A.R. promotes a new project and theme at both the National and State level. The three logos down the side of this slide are from 3 previous National Projects. The projects raised funds for the Fisher House Foundation, recognized the importance of the Battle of Saratoga, and assisted our veterans working towards their college education.

Each summer the National President, along with other National officers and Chairmen, travels around the country visiting each of the nine regions for a two-day meeting hosted by the National Vice President of the Region. During the Regional meetings members from the region learn about the National Project and committee objectives for the coming year.

Each State President is encouraged to develop a theme and project for his/her state. The three logos across the bottom are from previous Texas State Projects, which raised funds for a Texas Parks Department program, the U.S.S. Lexington, and my favorite, the Museum of the American Railroad.

State Presidents then host a one-day workshop to inform members from across the state about the National and State projects and committee objectives. After attending Regional meeting and State Workshop, members then take what they have learned back to their local societies to educate them.

Slide 8 – Committees

Like SAR and DAR, the C.A.R. has a committee structure to help the society achieve its goals. Listed here are a few of the committees. Each year as part of the National Program, local societies are given ideas on how to implement the objectives of C.A.R. through the committees. For example, this year, the American History Committee encouraged C.A.R. members to learn about the history of the Battle of Yorktown and celebrate the 235th Anniversary of America's final victory over the British. The Conservation Committee encouraged members to learn about our National Parks in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the National Parks.

Slide 9 – National President

The 2017-2018 National President is Erin Moore. She is a member from Georgia. Erin is a Junior at Georgia Southern University.

The theme for Miss Moore's term is "Browsing History". Her project is to raise funds for the creation of James Monroe Online (JMO) in a partnership with James Monroe's Highland and the University of William and Mary. JMO will be a free and open online portal to access images and searchable transcriptions of the archival collections devoted to our nation's fifth president, James Monroe.

Slide 10 – State President

The 2017-2018 Texas State President is Timothy Avedikian of the Matthew Bolton Society, Plano, TX. Timothy is a home school high school senior attending dual credit classes at Collin College, and is enrolled in the school's American Sign Language Interpreter Certification program with the hopes of completing the program along with an Associates of Art in American Sign Language.

The 2017-2018 State them is "Ensuring Language for All." This year T.S.C.A.R. is partnering with the Texas School for the Deaf Foundation to raise funds for the ASL Storytelling program. The goal for the program is to teach literacy and language learning skills to deaf and hard of hearing students, by selecting children's books, and interpreting them into American Sign Language. Funds raised will support the production of new ASL Storytelling videos for the online library and the provision of video conferencing equipment to schools across the state of Texas for ongoing live storytelling sessions.

Slide 11 – San Jacinto Society

The San Jacinto Society was organized on December 12, 1967. We have won the Gold Merit Award at the National and State level for many years and have been named Most Outstanding Society in Texas numerous times. The San Jacinto Society serves not only Houston, but many of the surrounding communities. We currently have members who reside in Katy, Conroe, Sugar land, Fulshear, Pearland, Manvel, The Woodlands, Cypress, El Campo, Stafford and out of state.

As Senior Society President, my goal was to create a fun educational environment for the members. We meet often for fun activities, and we also visit local museums and community events. This year we have gained over 55 members and have won the Gold Merit award at the state level, and hope to win many more awards in a few weeks at the National Conference.

Now I would like to briefly share with you why we love C.A.R.

Slide 12 – Friends

First things first, friends. Thanks to C.A.R. my kids will have lifelong friends from around the state of Texas and across the country. Pictured here are friends from a society in north Texas.
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Slide 13 – Community Service

Through C.A.R. the members learn to give back to their community. In 2010, State President Katilee Ralph of the Three Forks of the Trinity Society created a state project, which supported our troops. Members from around the state meet five times throughout the year to fill over 2,500 barrack bags for soldiers at Fort Hood.

Slide 14 – History

C.A.R. has given us many opportunities to explore American and Texas history. We have learned about historical figures, such as Patrick Henry and James Monroe. We have learned about important battles, including Saratoga and Gettysburg. In the last nine years we have traveled around Texas visiting the Alamo, San Jacinto, local museums, the U.S.S. Lexington and more.

Slide 15 – American Culture

Although it isn't a requirement, we have also taken the opportunity to visit other states and learn about their history and cultures. Attending regional meetings in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Oklahoma, have given us the opportunity to eat beignets and fried alligator in New Orleans and tour the birthplace of the King of Rock-N-Roll in Tupelo, MS.

Slide 16 – Public Speaking

Participating in C.A.R. has given members many lifelong skills. Public Speaking, Leadership and working with other are just a few of the thing important skills members learn while learning about the past.

Slide 17 – Heritage

Members can study their own heritage and the roll their ancestors played in American history. A few years ago, we had to opportunity to attend a meeting of the Three Forks of the Trinity Society. At this meeting members shared stories about their families. It was encouraging to see so many members giving a report on their great-grandfather's service on a bomber in WWII.

Slide 18 – Scholarships

T.S.C.A.R. offers several scholarships to high school and college students each year.

- The Catherine and Camille Keith Scholarship is awarded to one C.A.R. member of any age each year. This scholarship is to assist one deserving member attend National Convention.
- The Dortha Bishop O'Bryant Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior to help defer the costs of textbooks for his or her freshman year of college.
- The Mary Smith Fay Genealogical Scholarship is one of my favorites. Applicants must write an essay about an ancestor who fought or aided in the American Revolution, or other approved conflicts, and then trace their lineage to that person. It is awarded to a high school senior or full-time college student.
- The T.S.C.A.R. Scholarship is awarded to a one high school senior each year. The winner is chosen based on their service to T.S.C.A.R. and academic performance.
- TXDAR Endowed Scholarship is awarded to one deserving DAR / C.A.R. dual member.
- TXSSAR Essay Contest is awarded to five members each year. Applicants must write an essay on a specific topic, such as the Winter at Valley Forge or Who is Alexander Hamilton? The essay is judged along with letters of recommendation, community service, and academic performance.

Slide 19 – How can you help?

There are many ways you can help C.A.R. continue to train future leaders. You can help C.A.R. grow by encouraging your children and grandchildren to join.

C.A.R. also needs adults to serve in leadership roles and present programs at our meetings. As a senior leader, I have witnessed first-hand the impact C.A.R. has on young people. Shy, quiet boys and girls grow into confident capable young men and women.

Does your Chapter sponsor a local C.A.R. society? In order for C.A.R. to survive, local societies need the support of DAR and SAR Chapters. And I do mean Chapters, plural. This support includes new members, senior leaders, and financial contributions. If you are not currently supporting a local C.A.R. society, I will be happy to assist you to find one in need of sponsorship.

At the National and State levels, there are many ways to support C.A.R. You can become a life promotor with a \$100 donation or support various funds by purchasing pins. The pin pictured here is the T.S.C.A.R. Texas shaped Scholarship Pin. You can receive this pin for a \$75 donation to the scholarship fund. And... this is the only non-Hamilton pin approved by DAR to be worn on the official DAR insignia ribbon.

Slide 20 – Thank you!

For more information about C.A.R. and how you can be involved, please visit our web sites.

National web site at www.nscar.org

State web site at www.tscar.net

Thank you.