

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

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Dear New Compatriot,

I add my welcome to the Society to that of President General Warren Alter you received earlier. Congratulations on your membership!

You may have been informed by your Chapter or State Society of the fact that the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is currently compiling a membership directory. Similar membership directories are published for military groups, fraternities, university alumni groups and other organizations. The last such directory for the NSSAR was published in 2015.

We use an outside company who has been provided only basic information on members. You may receive in the mail, or by email, a post card from PCI (Publishing Concepts, 4835 LBJ Freeway Suite 1100, Dallas, TX 75244) for the purpose of verifying this basic information, and updating it if you want to furnish additional information.

Previous directories have been very popular, and many members found them invaluable as a resource. It will also contain information on your Patriot Ancestors in your listing. In addition to the member section, sections will include that of Patriot Ancestor, with all members in the directory listed, who have joined under that Patriot as a common ancestor, and a Geographical listing by state and city, with all members included in the directory listed under their city. Again, this solicitation by PCI has been authorized by the National Society and the company has signed a contract and agreement to protect our information. PCI does all the data collection for us, provides the phone in contact, the staff to work the phones, the updating of the records, and will be providing that to the SAR upon completion of the project. This is all at no cost to the SAR.

Be aware that when PCI collects the information, you may decline to include any particular item of information you do not want listed. You may also "opt-out" if you do not want to be included in the directory. PCI will also offer to sell you a product (the basic product being the hardbound copy of the Directory), or multiple products including a CD version. They require payment at time of order, and it may be a long time before you receive your product(s). The directory is not anticipated to be published until the end of 2019. The NSSAR does benefit from the arrangement in that the Society is being paid a royalty for every book ordered but as PG Alter has emphasized throughout the Society, the choice is yours as to whether you buy a directory or anything else. No matter if you buy or not, the SAR gets the updated information.

The postcard from PCI will have a 1-800 phone number and a confirmation number you will be asked to provide when calling. Admittedly, as a new member your information should be current. However, we wanted to make you aware of the directory project and what you may expect and urge you to verify, or update your information if necessary, or provide additional information if you desire.

In patriotic service,

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C. Bruce Pickette Registrar General