APPLICATIONS FROM OTHER SOCIETIES

These are not acceptable as documentation of the entire line. Please do not use an SAR or DAR application as proof of the lineage or service. However, if no other record exists to prove the birthdate and parentage of the applicant listed in that application, the application can be used as proof for that generation only

DATES OF SERVICE:

According to a Resolution of the General Society in 1896, the dates of service acceptable to the Sons of the Revolution is restricted to 19 April 1775 to 19 April 1783. There are no exceptions. The Battle of Point Pleasant properly belongs as a Colonial War.

TYPE OF SERVICE:

The Constitution restricts service to the following

1. Active service within the authority of any of the 13 recognized Colonies or States or of the Continental Congress. This includes service performed under the authority of Vermont. Such service includes all officers and enlisted men in the various military, naval and marine branches of the State or Continental forces.

2. A Signer of the Declaration of Independence

3. A member of the Continental Congress or of the Assembly of any of the Colonies or States

4. Any official appointed by the Continental Congress or the Assembly of any Colony or State whose service actually assisted with the establishment of American Independence and thereby was liable for conviction of treason against the Government of Great Britain. Such individual shall have remained loyal to the appointing authority.

5. Active service in the military or naval expedition against Great Britain under the authority of the French or Spanish governments.

Note: Patriot Service as defined by the SAR and DAR is not acceptable to the SR.

JUNIOR MEMBERS:

The Constitution restricts membership in the General Society to, “Any male person above the age of eighteen years…” It further states (in the second paragraph) that, “Any male person under the age of eligibility for full membership but otherwise qualified shall nevertheless be eligible for junior membership in the Society”

Junior membership is not defined further in the Constitution or the By-Laws. Annual dues to be paid to the General Society is restricted to the membership defined in the first paragraph as those, “above the age of eighteen years…” (By-Laws, Article IV, Section 4.)

Therefore, no General Society numbers will be assigned to junior members starting with the Triennial in 2015. It is recommended that State Societies set up and maintain a separate roster of their junior membership to be handled at the State level. When the junior member reaches the age of 18, then the State Society can elevate him to adult status, assign a State Society number and submit the application to the General Society for the assignment of a General Society number