

What is a Resolute Chapter?

Simply stated, a Resolute Chapter is an organic and unofficial description given to a chapter that has duly adopted a resolution, exercising their chapter right, to ask the President General to call a special meeting pursuant to Article VIII, Section 7 of the National Bylaws. The special meeting is requested for the purpose of allowing the assembly to vote on a resolution that seeks to uphold the DAR's founding principles as a genealogical society founded by women and for women.

Why Are Chapters Adopting this Resolution?

Members have learned that the DAR has been quietly and knowingly accepting males as members in violation of Article III, Membership of the National Bylaws.

The resolution has plain language that directs the National Board of Management and all members to immediately adhere to the definition of a woman as it was defined when the bylaws were adopted in 1890 and that men who apply with a birth certificate amended from a male sex marker to a female sex marker are not eligible for membership, again as per Article III, Membership which says

*“Any **woman** is eligible for membership in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution who is not less than eighteen years of age, and who is lineally descended from a man or woman who, with unfailing loyalty to the cause of American Independence...”*

Some members feel that by adopting this resolution, they are making a proclamation that their chapter is resolute in their desire to see the DAR restored to its founding principles.

In actuality, DAR chapters that adopt this resolution are not making any official proclamation other than that they have duly adopted a resolution, that is in order, and in accordance with Article VIII, Section 7 of the National Bylaws.

While we are very proud of the description of “Resolute Chapter” and will never abandon it, members should understand that adopting the resolution does not affiliate their chapter with any outside organization.

The term “Resolute Chapter” **is not an official title, DAR or otherwise.**

The term is **not recognized by the DAR.**

It is a term that came about organically and one that we are proud of.

So why the need for that long explanation?

The Executive Committee released a statement on August 17, 2026 that said, among other things, that chapters should not use an outside organization's processes and that chapters are not to participate, in any official capacity in a separate structure for organizing or administering action taken by a DAR chapter.

We can assume that this statement was made because of the significant impact the grassroots Restoration effort has had and how it continues to grow.

Chapters and members can rest assured that adopting this resolution does not equal affiliation with an outside organization.

Members can rest assured that sharing the fact that your chapter adopted the resolution with another member does not mean your chapter is participating in any campaign.

Who are Daughters Advocating for Restoration?

There are two distinct and separate realities associated with “Daughters Advocating for Restoration”:

1. A Grassroots Coalition Started in 2023

Restoration is a coalition of like-minded DAR members advocating for the restoration of DAR to its founding principles, including its identity as a women’s-only society that started as early as June of 2023. The Restoration Facebook Group was created in August of 2024.

This grassroots effort has no official structure or chain of command. It operates through word of mouth and organically shared information. Women have volunteered their time to answer the unsolicited questions coming from thousands of Daughters about various aspects of the restoration effort.

The announcement made by the Executive Committee on August 17, 2026, confirms that members are free to advocate for change in this way. This is something we already know.

2. Separate and Independent 501(c)(3) Established in December 2025:

A legally separate nonprofit entity that independently raises funds to provide financial support for education, advocacy, and restoration efforts. It has its own governing documents and was created out of necessity to receive donations.

It has no organizational structure outside of the governing documents and exists to financially support the restoration grassroots movement.

This legal entity has 5 members and should not be conflated with the thousands of women who are part of the grass roots coalition known as Restoration.

The grassroots effort is about DAR members exercising their individual rights to advocate for restoration.

The 501(c)(3) is a separate and independent nonprofit that fundraises to assist with the restoration effort of groups that align with the stated mission of the 501(c)(3).

Keeping these distinctions clear is important so that members of the DAR understand that when they interact with other members under the banner of Restoration, they are exercising their right to advocate for change and organize with other members without fear that they are using their chapter name to officially participate in a separately organized outside or member-created system or campaign.