

NATIONAL LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

A LADIES GUIDE TO WHAT TO WEAR TO CONGRESS AND LEADERSHIP

NLASAR Events

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (Included in Registration; no cost) A Ladies Auxiliary Meeting is held at every Congress and Leadership Meeting. We encourage ALL SAR ladies to attend. Here you will be able to meet our Board members and all the other ladies in attendance. You will gain insight into the Ladies Auxiliary activities. At the conclusion of the brief business portion of our meeting, we have a featured speaker/presentation.

At Spring and Fall Leadership, it is held on Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Brown Hotel Gallery Ballroom (16th floor) .

At Congress, the meeting time and location is determined by the Host Society and the Congress Planning Chair. This is normally scheduled immediately after the Youth Awards Luncheon. Check the Program Guide for time and location.

Ladies Luncheon (*Optional; must register, costs extra*) A Ladies Luncheon is held at every Congress and Leadership Meeting. There is a presentation or program included.

The Spring Leadership luncheon is usually held in the Brown Hotel Gallery Ballroom (16th floor) at 11:00 a.m.

The Fall luncheon is usually held off-site with bus transportation provided. The ladies gather in the lobby at a designated departure time (noted in registration materials).

The Congress luncheon location will be determined for each Congress by the Host Society and the First Lady. See the Congress Registration material for more information.

Dress Code: Business Attire. The ladies wear daytime dresses, slacks, pants suits. This is also a great opportunity to wear a “hat” or “fascinator.”

Congress events

The registration fee for Congress includes the following: Host Reception, Memorial Service, PGs Banquet, and Installation Banquet. Those that require pre-registration and payment are noted below.

Tours (*Optional; must register, costs extra*) Congress Tours are to historical sites, battlefields, parks, museums, and other local points of interest. Dress: Comfortable Clothes – walking involved.

Host Society Reception (*Included in Registration*) This informal, meet-and-greet evening event is typically offered on the evening before the Memorial Service, after the all-day tour. It is a relaxing evening to sit back, get acclimated if a time change is involved, and enjoy the company of your fellow compatriots. The host society determines the timing, location, and

content of the evening, but generally light snacks and refreshments are provided or are available to Congress attendees. Dress Code: business casual, casual dress, slacks, or capris

Breakfasts (e.g., Color Guard Breakfast, Donors Recognition Breakfast, State Presidents Breakfast, District Breakfasts) (*Optional; must register, costs extra*) Dress: Daytime dress, pants suit, or suit

Memorial Service (*Included in Registration*) The Memorial Service is a solemn ceremony when the SAR remembers Compatriots who have died in the previous year. The Chaplain General and the Color Guard lead this service. It is usually held in a church near the Congress Hotel. Dress: Colonial Dress or Daytime dress, pants suit, or suit (Hats Optional)

First Lady's Tea (*Included in Registration*) The First Lady's Tea takes place immediately following the Memorial Service, usually at the same location or nearby. Dress, therefore, is the same: Colonial Dress or Daytime dress, pants suit, or suit (Hats Optional)

Rumbaugh Orations Finals (*Included in Registration*) This event is held the evening before the Youth Awards Luncheon. It is a chance to be in the audience to watch the Orations finalists' presentations and hear the announcement of the winners. Dress: Business casual, pants.

SAR Luncheons (e.g., Youth Awards Luncheon, GW Endowment Fund and VPG Luncheon) (*Optional; must register, costs extra*) Dress: Daytime dress, Pants suit, or suit. The GW Endowment Fund and VPG Luncheon may conflict with the Ladies Luncheon, double check the time and date of each.

Minuteman/ Awards Night (*Included in Registration*) At this event, new Minutemen are inducted, and national awards are presented to societies and chapters. Dress Code: **For Minutemen** is white dinner jacket, black tie (**New Inductees do not wear any insignia.**) Dress Code: For all other SAR compatriots is Coat and Tie. Ladies Dress: Daytime dress, pants suit, or suit.

President General's Banquet (*Included in Registration*) This is a formal event to celebrate the outgoing PG and First Lady. This is a black-tie event. Dress Code: Formal. Men: tuxes or Colonial; Ladies: short or long evening gowns, Colonial or Scottish Highland Dress

Installation Banquet (*Included in Registration*) This is the culminating event of the Congress when newly elected officers are sworn in and the new PG wears (momentarily) George Washington's signet ring. This is a black-tie event. Dress Code: Formal. Men: tuxes; Ladies: long evening gowns. **Note:** men at the head table wear Tails; with white tie and gloves, ladies at head table wear white gloves. This pertains to incoming Vice President Generals, General Officers, and Former President Generals.

Leadership Meetings

Not all Leadership events are included in the base registration. Those that require pre-registration and payment are noted below.

Friday Evening Banquet (*Not Included, costs extra*) This is a relaxing evening to sit back and enjoy the company of your fellow Compatriots and spouses. There is usually a presentation or entertainment. Dress Code: Cocktail dress or Colonial dress.

Saturday Evening Banquet (*Not Included, costs extra*) The dress for this banquet is Formal but the atmosphere will be relaxed. There is usually a presentation or entertainment. Dress Code: Formal. Men: tuxes or Colonial; Ladies: short or long evening gowns, Colonial or Scottish Highland Dress.

Good to Know...

Pack a sweater, wrap or jacket – At any time of year, hotel banquet rooms and conference rooms, buses, and restaurants can be a bit chilly. A light cover-up may be useful in those cool areas.

Pack an extra, collapsible bag in your suitcase – If you are driving or can bring an extra bag on the return flight home for free, it's great for the things you purchased or won in the Ladies Auxiliary raffles; any paperwork received about upcoming Congresses, color guard events and topics of interest or just dirty laundry. It makes packing much easier if you don't have to squeeze everything into an overfilled suitcase.
