## Attention all State Presidents, past, present and future—the SAR Museum Board needs your help.

The SAR needs to get the word out that the Museum Board is looking for artifacts to place in the soon-opening SAR Education Center and Museum. Please pass this information to all your State Compatriots and Chapter Presidents.

As you know, the Ed Center and Museum is planning to open for our Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in July 2026. A significant part of the museum is artifacts to help show what life was like during the Revolutionary War period. The SAR Museum Collection aspires to tell the full breadth of people, events, and ideas that shaped the American Revolution and Founding Era for current and future generations. Artifacts are featured in Outreach Education programing, lesson plans, and on the SAR Education website (education.sar.org) and will appear in the Museum Gallery. Students, communities, and SAR members across the country can expand their understanding of history through the stories hidden within each artifact. The SAR welcomes donations of appropriate historical artifacts from and related to the era of the American Revolution (1763-1801).

Growth of the SAR Museum Collection is dependent on donor support. The Artifact Donor Program was created in 2019 to meet the goal of expanding the Collection. Through the Artifact Donor Program, the SAR identifies authentic and desirable artifacts in museum quality condition offered by reputable dealers. These artifacts are placed on a curated wish list that donors may review at any time through this <a href="link"><u>link</u></a>.

Acting as liaison, the SAR guides donors through the process of selection, purchase, and donation of a meaningful artifact. Participation in the Artifact Donor Program can be as simple as selecting an artifact from the wish list and making the associated contribution; SAR representatives will take care of the rest. Individuals, Chapters, Auxiliaries, State Societies, and non-SAR affinity groups have made invaluable additions to the SAR Museum Collection through the Artifact Donor Program.

In support of the Artifact Donor Program, the Curator's Discretionary Fund was established in 2021 to allow the SAR to act quickly when significant objects come up for sale or at auction. Monetary contributions support these efforts and ensure the SAR captures important opportunities.

Whether you donate an object from your private collection or choose one through the Artifact Donor Program, you can specify the credit line that will appear in perpetuity anytime the object is exhibited or shown in programs. The value of donations to the SAR Museum Collection may be tax-deductible according to state and federal law. Please consult your advisors for guidance.

If you possess artifacts that you feel would enrich the SAR Museum Collection or would like to participate in the Artifact Donor Program, please contact us:

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Link to Artifact Donor Program wish list:

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