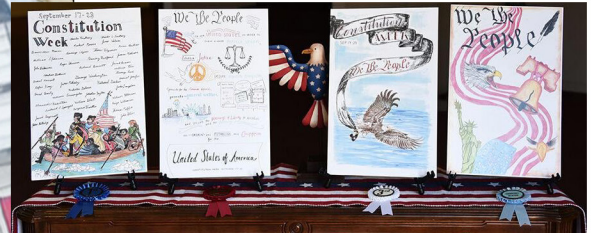


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## **September 17-23 is Constitution Week!**

In 1955, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned Congress with a resolution to set aside September 17-23 dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The annual celebration was established when signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 2, 1956.

NSDAR is committed to encouraging study and educating the public about the Constitution and the men who framed it.

*Contact the DAR Chapter  
on the back of this brochure  
for entry forms and  
additional information.*

Name of entrant

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Street Address City, State, Zip

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Chapter Location Phone E-mail Address

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Chapter Name Chapter Code

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I (entrant) hereby state that I have created the original art piece, and in signing below, I grant permission to the National Society to REPRODUCE my entry FOR SALE.  
Entrant Signature, Member # (if applicable)

Parent or Guardian signature (if entrant under 18 years old)

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## *The Daughters of the American Revolution*

was founded in 1890 with the mission of promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism. These timeless, overarching principles keep the DAR strong and vitally relevant in this ever-changing world.

*Celebrate the Legacy  
of our Constitution!*

# *Constitution Week*

## *Poster Contest*



### **CONSTITUTION WEEK**

**POSTER CONTEST – 2024/2025**

*Celebrate the Spirit and/or Meaning  
of the U.S. Constitution*

DAR and non-DAR members are INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE Constitution Week Poster Contest.

*The winning poster will be printed in  
the spring of 2025 and offered for sale  
at the DAR store in WASHINGTON D.C.*

## So, grab your favorite art tools and plan your project!

### CONTEST ENTRY RULES:

1. All entrants who are DAR members should notify their chapter Constitution Week chair and/or their chapter regent of their contest participation.
2. All entrants who are non-DAR members **must be sponsored by a DAR chapter.**
  1. All entries must be an original art piece created by the entrant.
  2. All entries must be an original art piece created by hand.
  3. All entries must measure 11"x17".
  4. All entries must NOT include matting.
  5. All entries must not include canvas framing.
  6. All entries must lay flat with no raised surfaces as a means to accommodate ease of copying/printing.
  7. All entries must **illustrate the "spirit and/or meaning of the U.S. Constitution."**
  8. All entries must display the words: "Constitution Week, September 17-23."
  9. All entries must NOT include the year.
10. All entries must utilize one of the following mediums and/or any combination thereof:
  - a. Acrylic paint
  - b. Crayon
  - c. Markers
  - d. Pens
  - e. Pencils
  - f. Charcoal (with protective coating)
  - g. Pastels(with protective coating)
  - h. Paper
  - i. Text and/or images cut from printed materials such as newspapers and magazines (you will need to include the original cover page of your resource for each with your submission).
11. All entries **MUST NOT INCLUDE** copies of any kind.
12. All entries **MUST NOT INCLUDE** text and/or images created by drafting, enhanced through Photoshop, or printed copies found through using a computer.
13. All entries **MUST NOT VIOLATE** the U.S. Flag Coda.
14. All entries must depict one of the following genre's and or any combination thereof:
  - a. Landscape
  - b. Still life
  - c. Realism
  - d. Portrait
  - e. Collage
  - f. Impressionist
  - g. Traditional
  - h. New school
  - i. Dot work
15. All entries may be in color or black and white.
16. Each entrant may submit up to two entries.
17. Entrant must surrender the original art piece.
18. **NO COPIES OF ORIGINAL ART PIECES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
19. Each original art piece **MUST** be accompanied by an entry form (i.e. two entries require two forms).

### **Submittal date is by January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025**

All entries must be received by the chapter Constitution Week chair or chapter regent by January 1. All entries must be received by the state Constitution Week chair by January 15. (When deadline falls on Sunday or a holiday, plan accordingly and have entry received before the 15th .) **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED**



## Educational Programs

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### Constitution Week

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The United States Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties and freedoms and to ensure those unalienable rights to every American.

The tradition of celebrating the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, DAR petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the US Congress and signed into public law on August 2, 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The aims of the celebration are to:

- Emphasize citizen's responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.
- Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.
- Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

Constitution Week is a great time to learn more about this important document and to celebrate the freedoms it gave us. Get involved by encouraging young people to sign the Constitution Week Proclamation Pledge and to ask your local community officials to issue a proclamation about Constitution Week. Consider organizing a group to participate in Bells Across America.

For additional information about Constitution Week, please contact your local DAR chapter or visit [DAR.org](http://DAR.org): [local DAR chapter](#).



*The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization. DAR members are dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism in communities across the nation. All students are invited to participate and learn more about the educational programs the DAR offers. Educators, parents and students are encouraged to contact their local DAR chapters for more detailed information on these program.*

Sample Proclamations:

### SAMPLE PROCLAMATIONS FOR CONSTITUTION WEEK

The following proclamations can be used as suggested or in combination with one another. Proclamations you have used in the past years can also be used as samples. Chapter may adjust the dates for the correct year and anniversary.

#### **SAMPLE #1**

**WHEREAS:** September 17, 2022, marks the two hundred and thirty-fifth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

**WHEREAS:** It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

**WHEREAS:** Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

**NOW, THEREFORE I,** \_\_\_\_\_ by virtue of the authority vested in me as (Governor or Mayor) of the State or City) of \_\_\_\_\_ (in the City of) \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as

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**AND** ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the (State or City) to be affixed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ of the year of our Lord two thousand \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ SEAL Attest \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SAMPLE #2**

**WHEREAS:** It is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the two hundred and thirty-fifth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

**WHEREAS:** Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week,

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and urge all citizens to study the Constitution and reflect on the privilege of being an American with all the rights and responsibilities which that privilege involves.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the (State or City) to be affixed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ of the year of our Lord two thousand \_\_\_\_\_.

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