



**U. S. PRESIDENTS WHO**

**ARE SAR MEMBERS**



*Ulysses S. Grant*



*Rutherford Hayes*



*Benjamin Harrison*



*Wm. McKinley*



*Theodore Roosevelt*



*William Taft*

An important factor that has attracted men of all social and economic levels to join the Sons of the American Revolution is that the Society is thoroughly American; democratic; nonpartisan and non-sectarian.

The qualifications are simply to be of good character and be a lineal descendant of a Patriot who served the cause of American independence during the

Revolutionary War. In the one hundred and twenty-six years our Society has been in existence, the Sons of the American Revolution membership rolls list 149,000 Compatriots.

Station in life is not a factor for SAR membership. However, the SAR is justly proud of our Compatriots that have become or are, Presidents of the United States of America. The importance of the Presidency of the United States has dramatically increased since George Washington, our first President. We would like to think that the patriotic ideals and declared goals of the Society had some influence on the decisions these Presidents

made. Since our founding, in 1875, seventeen Presidents of the United States have been or are members of the SAR. Unfortunately, as a Society we have no provisions for honorary membership, hence Presidents John F. Kennedy and Ronald W. Reagan who did not have the necessary Revolutionary War ancestry to attain SAR membership were not eligible.

Presidents James Garfield, Chester Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Woodrow Wilson, Richard M. Nixon and William J. Clinton had the required ancestry, but for reasons unknown to us did not join.

President Ulysses S. Grant, was not a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, but was a member of our parent organization, the Sons of Revolutionary War Sires. He passed away before the SAR was founded, but his membership in the Sons of Revolutionary War Sires would have automatically transferred his membership into the SAR, hence his inclusion in the roster of Presidents of the United States who were or are members of the Society.



*George W. Bush*



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*Jimmy Carter*



*Gerry Ford*



*Lyndon Johnson*



*Calvin Coolidge*



*Warren Harding*



*Herbert Hoover*



*Franklin Roosevelt*



*Harry Truman*



*Dwight Eisenhower*

