

## U.S. UNIFORMED SERVICES



14 JUN 1775



13 OCT 1775



10 NOV 1775



04 AUG 1790



18 SEP 1947



20 DEC 2019



04 JAN 1889



22 MAY 1917

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership in National Sojourners is open to citizens of the United States who are Master Masons in good standing in any duly constituted Lodge of Master Masons recognized by, and maintaining fraternal relations with, a majority of the Regular Grand Lodges in the United States and who are serving, or have served honorably, as members of the United States Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, Space Force, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service or the Commissioned Officer Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in the Active or Reserve Component, the regular or volunteer National Guard, or State Regulated Militia (SDF) or those who have been considered and approved for Honorary membership.



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# NATIONAL SOJOURNERS® INCORPORATED

*Proudly Serving The Cause Of Patriotism*



## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

# PURPOSES

The Purposes of National Sojourners®, Inc. shall be to organize current and former members of the uniformed services of the United States and Honorary Members, who are Master Masons, into Chapters, for the promotion of good fellowship among its members, for assisting such as may be overtaken by adversity or affliction, for cultivating Masonic ideals, for supporting all patriotic aims and activities in Masonry, for developing true patriotism and Americanism throughout the nation, for bringing together representatives of the uniformed services of the United States (past and present) in a united effort to further the military needs of national defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the national security.



# PRONOUNCEMENT

*National Sojourners* believe in God as the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

We hold that political, economic, and social problems are subsidiary to and ever separate from that steadfast belief in God.

We maintain that God must motivate man, if present day problems are to be solved, and we urge active participation in maintaining that Government for which our forefathers fought.

Sojourners, remember that George Washington once said, **“When we assumed the soldier, we did not lay aside the citizen.”**

# HISTORY

National Sojourners®, Inc., has an unequalled Centennial history. Born of wartime requirements, the desire of displaced military Masons to seek each other’s company, counsel, and aid continued to nurture the Order. Early in 1900, after the North Dakota Regiment departed the Philippines with its Field Lodge dispensation a group of Masons organized an informal club and named it “Sojourners.”

In 1901, these Sojourners chartered Manila Lodge under the Grand Lodge of California. Captain Harry E. Stafford, 33°, an original Sojourner, was Chartering Master of Manila Lodge, and in 1913 he became the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

The Philippine “Sojourners” resurfaced in 1907, open to Masons who were not members of local Lodges. Within a year, it had 174 members from the U.S. and eight other countries. Many Philippine Sojourners eventually returned to the U.S. In 1917, a group of Masonic military officers stationed in Chicago organized the “Sojourners Club.”

Sojourners Club, originally composed of U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and Coast and Geodetic Survey Officers (1917), began chartering Chapters on or near Army posts and Naval bases (1918), became National Sojourners Club (1919), became National Sojourners (1927), became National Sojourners, Incorporated (1931), added Air Force (1948), and added Space Force (2021).

National Sojourners efforts focus on Americanism and Masonic activities. Patriotic activities include presentations, flag ceremonies, and other programs on national security and love of country, with focus on Youth. Our Bridge of Light Program directly supports Masonry by involving Sojourners in all Masonic activities, especially Blue Lodges.

# PROGRAMS

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## AMERICANISM

ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST  
ROTC AWARDS  
JROTC AWARDS

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## BRIDGE OF LIGHT

MASONIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
COLONIAL LADIES AT THE TABLE  
BUILDING THE FLAG PROGRAM  
SERVICE FLAGS PROGRAM  
HISTORIC FLAGS PROGRAM  
LODGE OF MILITARY TRIBUTE

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## SPIRIT OF AMERICA

### EDUCATION FOUNDATION

FREEDOM’S FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE  
YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

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## PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCES

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## HEROES OF ’76 COLOR GUARDS

*We also support the following Youth Organizations:*

DeMOLAY  
JOB’S DAUGHTERS  
RAINBOW GIRLS  
BOY & GIRL SCOUTS  
JROTC & ROTC