



Caleb Hopkins Chapter

Dear Valued Supporter,

The Caleb Hopkins Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), located in Pittsford, NY, is seeking your support. We plan to participate in The National DAR Day of Service on October 11th, 2025. This is an annual event commemorating the anniversary of the organization's founding in 1890. DAR members across the nation participate in community service projects to honor the organization's commitment to service, historic preservation, education, and patriotism. The Caleb Hopkins Chapter plans to initiate restoration work at the Pittsford Pioneer Burying Ground.

The Pittsford Pioneer Burying Ground is located prominently at the corner of South Main Street and Mendon Road. Established in the early 19th century, this cemetery is one of the community's oldest and most visible historic landmarks. It serves as the final resting place for many of Pittsford's earliest settlers, civic leaders, and veterans who helped shape the region's identity. Among those buried there is Colonel Caleb Hopkins—our chapter's namesake—a War of 1812 officer and the individual responsible for naming the town of Pittsford. The cemetery is also home to families whose contributions to the founding of Pittsford are reflected in the names of local roads, neighborhoods and parks. Remarkably, many of the houses and farms established by these families still stand today.

This cemetery occupies a prominent location where it is seen daily by drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists. Its appearance leaves an impression on residents and visitors alike and serves as a visible reflection of how our community values its history and honors those who came before us—especially its veterans.

Under the supervision of local experts, members of the Caleb Hopkins Chapter will carefully undertake the cleaning of headstones within the historic cemetery. We also plan to clear overgrown brush and replace missing and broken veteran grave markers. Next spring, should we be successful in securing a grant from the NSDAR and the required matching funds, we hope to take on larger projects such as the repair and stabilization of fallen headstones and the professional restoration of iron fencing. We are seeking both monetary donations as well as the supplies listed below:

- Tanico scrub brushes
- Nylon detailing brushes
- Spray bottles
- Pump sprayers
- Plastic scrapers
- 5 gallon buckets with lids
- Wooden skewers or chopsticks
- Rubber gloves
- Paper towels and cleaning cloths
- Shovels and spades
- Green and red marking flags
- Bottled water and snacks

We hope you will consider supporting this initiative. Your donation, large or small, will contribute to the preservation of a tangible piece of Pittsford's past and ensure it remains a respectful and informative space for generations to come. If you would like more information or would like to speak with us directly, please don't hesitate to reach out. Donations are tax deductible (EIN# 16-1414978) and the names of donors will be recognized on our Chapter's Facebook page as well as provided to any media outlets covering the project. We are also happy to place provided signage along South Main Street in Pittsford during the event. Contributions can be made using the PayPal link found on the website calebhopkinsproject.org or by check payable to **Caleb Hopkins Chapter, NSDAR**. A member of our chapter would be happy to pick up your donation, or it may be mailed to:

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With great appreciation,
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