

Pamela Edwards Rouse Wright is a ninth-generation Georgian, a proud Texan for more than four decades and a distinguished civic, philanthropic and business leader whose life reflects a deep commitment to heritage, service and community. A third-generation member of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, she made history as the organization's first President General of Italian descent. She is an honorary member of the Circolo Culturale Filippo Mazzei in Pisa, Italy.

A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Wright holds professional credentials from the Gemological Institute of America and the National Pawnbrokers Association and has had accreditation with the International Society of Appraisers.

Together with her husband, John Griffin Wright, she founded two Houston-based jewelry and luxury goods businesses: Wright Pawn & Jewelry and Pamela Wright LLC. Throughout their 34 and 27 years respectively, both businesses have received national recognition for exceptional customer service and community outreach.

As a jewelry designer, Wright has enjoyed the honor of seeing her creations worn by First Ladies, wives of Cabinet members and clients around the world as well as featured in a popular television series.

Wright served as the 46th President General of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and was only the second Texan elected to the Society's highest office since its founding in 1890. Today DAR is the United States' largest women's patriotic lineage organization with nearly 190,000 members and approximately 2,700 chapters. More than 1.5 million women who descended from Patriots of the American Revolution have joined the Society throughout its history.

Her national service extends beyond DAR. Wright was the first DAR President General to serve on the board of the National First Ladies Day Commission and currently serves on the Council of Ambassadors for the Women's Suffrage National Monument Foundation.

Among her many honors recognizing her decades of service are the titles of Honorary President General, NSDAR; Honorary State Regent, Texas DAR; Honorary Chapter Regent, Lady Washington Chapter; Honorary Senior Vice President, National Society Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.); and Honorary Senior State President, Texas C.A.R.

In 2022, Texas Governor Greg Abbott conferred the Commission of the Yellow Rose of Texas upon Wright in recognition of her philanthropy and volunteer service. In 2025, the Military Women's Memorial honored her with its prestigious Woman of Valor designation. The recipient of six Sons of the American Revolution medals, she was also honored with the George Washington Distinguished Service Award in 2026.

Wright's Italian heritage holds special meaning in both her personal story and her record of service. Her paternal great-grandfather, Carlo Bucci, immigrated to the United States from the province of Campobasso in the 1870s.

During her 2022-2025 term as President General, she chose Italy as the destination for her administration's overseas trip. A particularly meaningful moment occurred in Pisa, where DAR honored Italian-born patriot and philosopher Filippo Mazzei with an America 250 bronze marker at his final resting place in the Cimitero Suburbano. As America celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Mazzei's assertion that "all men are by nature equally free and independent" resonates more powerfully than ever. His influence on the ideals that helped shape a new nation offer an enduring reminder of the historic bonds between Italy and the United States.

For Pamela Wright, that bond is more than history. That bond is her family's legacy that connects an Italian immigrant's journey to America to her lifetime devoted to heritage, patriotism, service and the preservation of the stories that unite generations.