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## PREFACE

The SAR Handbook is dedicated to our nation's American Revolutionary heroes, whose wisdom and courage established our nation, and also to today's compatriot members of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. These loyal compatriots of today carry on the principles of our fore bearers and bring the spirit of patriotism, history and education into the communities in which they live. Hopefully the SAR Handbook will serve as a useful tool in helping carry out these activities.

The first edition of the NSSAR Handbook was published as a single volume in 1956 with subsequent editions issued. As our National Society requires dynamic action to meet new challenges, so our handbook has changed over time to reflect our steps to meet them. Today's SAR Handbook is now divided into three volumes which will easily allow the issue of a revised volume when required without having to reissue the complete Handbook. It also has the benefit of making the Handbook more readily adaptable for on-line downloading. Volume I is Constitution and Bylaws and is issued annually after the Congress if changes to the Constitution and Bylaws are approved. Volume II is History, Organization and Protocol. Volume III is Insignia, Medals and Awards.

This volume could not have been realized without the assistance of the NSSAR officers, national committee chairmen, many devoted compatriots and the headquarters staff. Particular effort in the preparation of this volume was put forth by the Medals and Awards Committee under whose purview insignia, medals, and awards fall.

The content of this Handbook has been reviewed by the NSSAR Executive Committee and is approved as official policy of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. Changes or updates to this volume of the Handbook should be directed to the Chairman of the NSSAR Medals and Awards Committee and the Chairman of the NSSAR Handbook Committee.

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# **INSIGNIA, MEDALS, AND AWARDS**

## **AUTHORITY**

SAR medals and insignia include medals, badges, emblems, ribbons, rosettes, sashes, pins and stars. SAR awards include all certificates, plaques, cups and flag streamers.

The awarding of medals and awards should always be given very careful and serious deliberation in order to determine that the proposed recipient who qualifies is deserving, and the occasion for presentation is appropriate. The presentation of medals and awards should not be treated lightly by the National Society, district, state society or a chapter, and should always be given judicious thought to assure that the presentation is in keeping with NSSAR principles. It is essential that the integrity of NSSAR medals and awards be maintained.

The recipients should be made aware that the medal or award is being presented by the approving authority on behalf of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

They also should realize that they have been honored by the National Society and should therefore wear their medals with pride and in the correct manner. Presentation of medals and awards are also discussed further in this volume.

## **NSSAR INSIGNIA**

### **SAR BADGE**

The SAR Badge consists of a Maltese cross in white enamel with a gold ball at each of the eight points and a gold medallion in the center. The center rounded bears a bust of Washington in profile surrounded by the motto "Libertas et Patria" on the obverse. On the reverse is the figure of a minuteman surrounded by the legend "Sons of the American Revolution." The cross is surrounded by a wreath of laurel and surmounted by a golden eagle and is suspended from the ribbon by a golden ring. It was designed in the very early years of the Society and is based on the badges of the Military Order of Saint Louis, founded by King Louis XIV in 1693 to honor faithful military service, and the Legion of Honor, founded by Napoleon in 1803 to reward public service, civil as well as military. The SAR Badge is available in both full and miniature sizes.

A national officer or a state president, incumbent or past, may have the SAR Badge jeweled by the insertion of a diamond in the space between the talons of the eagle and the upper arm of the cross.

The President General and Former Presidents General may wear a distinctive gold badge suspended from a neck ribbon. An incumbent State Society president may wear the distinctive badge described below suspended from a neck ribbon.

### **SAR LOGO**

The SAR Logo is a copyright item, and its use by any SAR State Society or Chapter other than for approved SAR purposes requires the approval of the Medals and Awards Committee and the NSSAR Executive Committee.

## **SAR CHEST AND NECK RIBBON**

The SAR ribbon has the colors of General George Washington's uniform: blue with white and buff selvages. Members wear the SAR Badge on the left chest suspended from a chest ribbon. National officers, trustees, state presidents and chapter presidents, incumbent and past, suspend the SAR Badge from a neck ribbon.

The only insignia worn on the chest ribbon are supplemental stars. When the SAR Badge is suspended from the chest ribbon, it is worn on the left breast of the dinner jacket, business suit coat or blazer with the top of the ribbon clasp four inches below the midpoint of the shoulder seam of the coat.

The only insignia worn on the neck ribbon are supplemental stars and approved NSSAR officer emblems. There are five officer emblems—in order of precedence: the former President General pin, the Vice President General pin, the National Trustee pin, the Past State Society President pin, and the Past Chapter President pin. No more than three NSSAR officer emblems may be worn on the neck ribbon. The emblem with highest precedence is worn near the “V” or honor point of the neck ribbon. If the wearer is authorized to wear two emblems, the second emblem in precedence is worn on the ribbon to the wearer’s right of center; the third emblem—if authorized—is worn on the wearer’s left.

State insignia are not authorized to be worn on the neck ribbon.

When the SAR badge is suspended from the neck ribbon, the neck ribbon is worn over the tie and under the turned over collar and is drawn up to within one inch below the bow or four-in-hand tie in business or formal attire.

If an additional ribbon is worn, i.e., the Minuteman Award, it is worn so that the top of the second medal is one inch below the SAR Badge on the first ribbon. The neck ribbon of one society may be worn with the broad sash and/or star of another society. More than two neck ribbons (military and/or other societies) may be worn but are discouraged.

## **ROSETTE**

The rosette is a small tightly folded circle of ribbon of the Society's colors not exceeding 7/16th of an inch in diameter. It can be worn by all members, at their discretion, on the left lapel of the jacket, daily if desired, during business or social hours. It is only worn on a coat lapel, or tropical shirt collar, not on an overcoat. (see Bylaw No. 24 - Section 2 Insignia Section).

Except in France, the rosette is informal and therefore is not appropriate for formal wear. A fraternal or other organizational badge may be worn, with the rosette, but is not encouraged. The rosette should not be worn if the SAR badge is worn.

## **BROAD SASH**

The Broad Sash is worn by all current and former general officers with formal dress. It is of the Society's colors and is worn extending from the right shoulder to the left hip. The Broad Sash is two and a half inches wide for all general officers, except for the present and past President Generals which is three and one-half inches wide.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL STAR**

The supplemental star is a mullet of five points, one quarter inch in diameter, which may be displayed on the SAR chest or neck ribbon to indicate that the wearer has additional or supplemental ancestors that have been accepted by the National Society. One star is worn for each supplemental ancestor.

In addition, a special supplemental star is available for those members having too many stars to mount on the chest or neck ribbon. It is the same design as the regular star, but is one-half inch in diameter, with a flat area in the middle which is engraved with the numeral 5 to denote five supplemental ancestors.

## **FORMER PRESIDENT'S EMBLEMS**

Former state society and chapter presidents may wear a special emblem on the neck ribbon as described above. The former State Society President pin has a blue background and the Former Chapter President pin has a red background.

Former Presidents General are entitled to wear a distinctive starburst badge from the neck ribbon. In lieu of the badge, they may wear the former President General pin, a smaller version of the badge, on the neck ribbon as described above or on the left lapel of the day suit coat in lieu of the SAR rosette.

## **VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S EMBLEM**

The Vice President General pin, authorized in 1990, consists of a profile of John Adams, the first United States Vice President. The profile is in black, as are the words "VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL." The balance of the emblem is in gold.

The Vice President General pin may be worn by an incumbent or former Vice President General on the neck ribbon as described above or on the left lapel of the day suit coat in lieu of the SAR rosette. A certificate for former Vice Presidents General is also available.

## **TRUSTEE'S EMBLEM**

The National Trustee pin, authorized 1987, consists of the SAR badge, without the eagle, in gold, in the same size as the miniature badge, and with a gold scroll beneath bearing in black letters the word "TRUSTEE." The National Trustee pin may be worn by an incumbent or former National Trustee on the neck ribbon as described above or on the left lapel of the day suit coat in lieu of the SAR rosette. Alternate Trustees are not entitled to wear the National Trustee pin.

## **STATE SOCIETIES' PRESIDENT'S BADGE**

The society president badge, authorized in 1997, is octagonal with a gold liberty bell centered and surrounded by a gold link chain consisting of thirteen links, each representing an original colony. The badge also has a gold rim and a background of black. Directly under the liberty bell is the inscription, "SOCIETY PRESIDENT." It is approximately 37 millimeters in width. It is not available in a miniature form.

A Society may purchase a SAR State Society President's badge to be worn by the sitting (incumbent) society president. Former society presidents may not wear the badge. The badge may be worn only on the SAR neck ribbon, suspended from the center point. This badge is worn in lieu of the society president's membership badge normally suspended from the neck ribbon. The society's badge should be transferred

to his successor by the installing officer during the installation ceremony for the newly elected society officers.

### **YOUTH MEMBERSHIP PIN**

The Youth Membership Pin, authorized 1989, may be worn by a member of the Youth Membership Program. The pin consists of a medal bar about 1/8" wide and 5/8" long consisting of the SAR colors, with a blue center, flanked by gold stripes and then by other stripes of white. The Youth Membership Pin is worn on the lapel of a day suit or tuxedo.

### **AIDE-DE-CAMP BADGE**

The Aide-de-Camp badge is a gold pin one inch in height used to designate and recognize those who serve as aides-de-camp to the President General or his First Lady during his term of office. The appointments of Aides-de-Camp are made by the President General to designate compatriots to assist him and his First Lady during trips, meetings or events.

The badge consists of a shield styled after the Washington Family Crest topped by an emblem representing the SAR insignia.

The recipients may wear the badge on the left lapel of his coat or jacket while ACTIVELY serving as the Aide-de-Camp to the President General or his First Lady. Once no longer serving in this capacity, the recipient may wear the badge on his right chest, indicating past service to the President General or his First Lady.

### **OTHER PINS**

The George Washington Fellow Pin, the Outstanding Citizenship Pin, the Five-year or higher year Membership Pin, Life Membership Pin, Eagle Scout Pin and the SAR Library Donor pins are authorized to be worn on the lapel of a suit or tuxedo to inform the public about the SAR honors conferred. State Society pins may also be worn. It is strongly recommended that only one pin be worn. A pin should not be worn with the rosette.

## **MEDALS AWARDED FOR SERVICE TO THE SAR**

### **SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FOR AN AWARD OF A MEDAL**

Any nomination for an award of a medal for presentation at an Annual Congress, unless otherwise stated in the description for the award, must be received by the Executive Director, not later than 30 days prior to the date of the Annual Congress. The Executive Director will forward any nomination received to the respective Committee Chairman for committee consideration.

### **MINUTEMAN AWARD**

The Minuteman Award is the highest award presented to a member by the National Society. It is presented for distinguished service rendered to the SAR on the national level. Members are selected by the Minuteman Committee which is appointed by the President General from previous recipients of the medal.

The medal is presented by the President General at an Annual Congress to not more than six recipients. It is not presented in absentia. It was authorized in 1952.

The medal is rectangular in shape, struck in sterling silver. It depicts a Minuteman holding a rifle with a plow in the background. The Liberty Bell appears on it also. On the reverse is inscribed "Highest Award of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. Presented to (National Number, Year)." The medal is worn suspended from a neck ribbon of light blue silk. It is awarded only to individual members on a one-time basis and is available in miniature.

On Awards Night at each Annual Congress all recipients of the award should attend, dressed in white dinner jacket, and be seated on the dais. The candidates are escorted to the dais by a former recipient of the Minuteman Award with the escort being selected by the candidate.

All requirements should be thoroughly reviewed before making the nomination. The standard application form is obtained from National Headquarters from the Executive Director and returned to him not later than January 1 of the year of consideration. For this award, service to a state society, chapter or community is not considered. The names of candidates chosen for the award are announced at the Spring Leadership Meeting.

#### Guidelines for Submission of the Nomination Form:

1. Only the national activity of the nominee will be considered. State or Chapter activities are not to be included in the supporting documentation.
2. For the office held, elected or appointed, the year of the election or appointment must be shown. (i.e. National Trustee – 2002. Not National Trustee – 2002-2003).
3. The Minutemen Award selection committee will consider numerous criteria including, but not limited to, the following service to the National Society:
  - a. Elected service such as General Officer, including VPG, Trustee & Alternate Trustee, elected member of the SAR Foundation Board of Directors [See Para. 9] (years served)
  - b. Member of the Nominating Committee Member of the Executive Committee (See Para. 9) Chairman & Vice Chairman of a Committee, enumerate committee(s) Member of a committee, enumerate committee(s) [See Para. 9] (years served)
  - c. Attendance at National Congresses (years served)
  - d. Attendance at National Leadership Meetings – Spring & Fall (years served)
  - e. First line signer of new members. Attach list with new members name, SAR number, and the date of admission
  - f. New chapters organized by the nominee. Provide the name(s) of the chapter(s) and the dates of charter(s)
  - g. Outstanding program(s) developed by the nominee during the five years preceding this nomination. The program(s) must have been approved by the Executive Committee, implemented and in operation at the time of the nomination. Documentation must be attached.
  - h. Other outstanding contributions of service to the National Society. (Documentation required)
  - i. Monetary donations to any of the NSSAR's or SAR Foundation's endowment or operating funds. (Documentation required)
4. For clarity of understanding of the Minutemen Award selection committee, the nomination form and all documentation must be typed or computer generated using a word processor program. For convenience an electronic version is available for downloading from the SAR website.
5. Letters of endorsement are not necessary and will not be considered.

6. Nominations must be received at the National Headquarters no later than January 1 of the year of consideration. (January 1, 2008 for consideration at the Spring Leadership meeting in 2008).
7. Nominations are for the current year only. Nominations will not be carried forward to subsequent years.
8. The nomination form must be signed by the President or Secretary of the State Society of which the nominee is a member. Any state society or compatriot other than the nominee may make a nomination.
9. The Minutemen Awards selection committee will not consider membership in more than five committees in any year. Membership on the Executive and Nominating committees is considered an elective office and is exempted from this provision. Furthermore, credit for Executive Committee membership is given only for those voting members appointed by the President General and confirmed by the Trustees. Attendance at two Leadership meetings is required to get credit for one year of committee membership or leadership. Elected National Officer credits for Trustee and Alternate Trustee are limited to a maximum of three years for each office.

### **NATIONAL SOCIETY MEDAL OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

The National Society Medal of Distinguished Service, authorized in 1998, may be presented once during the tenure of a President General to a Compatriot for conspicuous service to the National Society during his administration. It is presented at the discretion of the incumbent President General and does not require other approval. The President General may award a second medal with the approval of the Medals and Awards Committee and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. A Compatriot may receive this medal only once from the National Society. The medal is available in miniature. The medal is diamond in shape with a blue SAR insignia surmounted on a white enamel background. The National Medal is trimmed in gold leaf. The ribbon is solid maroon.

### **STATE MEDAL OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

The State Medal of Distinguished Service, authorized in 1998, is the highest Medal that can be awarded by a State Society President during each year of his term of office. It is presented to a Compatriot for distinguished service rendered to the State Society on the state level during a State Society's President's term of office. The Medal should be presented at the State Society annual meeting at the conclusion of the President's term of office. The State Medal of Distinguished Service is presented by the incumbent State Society President and does not require other approval.

A State President may present only one Medal of Distinguished Service during each year of his tenure as State Society President. If a Compatriot while serving as President, steps down, and is later on elected to another term, that is considered two separate terms, and the President is allowed to award a State Medal of Distinguished Service medal during his second term.

A Compatriot may receive this medal only once from a State Society. Dual and transferred members may not receive this medal from more than one Society.

The Medal is diamond in shape, struck in sterling silver. It has a blue SAR insignia surmounted on a white enameled background. The State Medal of Distinguished Service is trimmed in silver leaf. The ribbon is solid maroon. The medal is available in miniature and comes with a certificate.

An application form must be completed and forwarded to the Merchandise Department of National Headquarters along with the payment for the current cost of the medal, signature of the state society president and secretary, as well as the citation of award.

## **PATRIOT MEDAL**

The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a state society. It is the highest award given for service at the state or chapter level. This medal is presented only to individuals and may be received ONLY once. It represents long, faithful and outstanding service at the state and/or chapter level. Service at the national level can not be considered in making the award.

The medal is sterling silver and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse within the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The reverse is inscribed "Awarded to \_\_\_\_\_ for Patriotic Service by the \_\_\_ Society SAR, 20\_ " The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of royal blue color. The design for the medal was selected by Compatriot MacArthur. He received the first medal, presented posthumously at his tomb in Norfolk, Virginia, on October 19, 1964, where it is on permanent display. The Patriot Medal is available in full and miniature sizes.

The Patriot Medal may be awarded annually by any state society. State societies with fewer than 500 members may present no more than one medal each calendar year. State societies with 500 to 1000 members may present two medals each calendar year. State societies with over 1000 members may present one medal for each 500 members.

All requirements should be thoroughly reviewed before requesting this medal. The Executive Director maintains a record of all past recipients so that societies may contact him in advance to determine if a person has already received the medal and thus avoid an invalid request.

Application must be made to the Executive Director on a standard form at least thirty (30) days before the medal is to be presented. Include with the application, payment for the current cost of the medal, signature of the state society president and complete supporting evidence.

The medal is available in miniature and comes with a special certificate, which should be engrossed and presented with it. It is desirable that it be presented at the annual meeting of the state society. The Patriot Medal cannot be accepted by a representative.

## **MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL**

The Meritorious Service Medal, authorized in 1980, may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered long, faithful and meritorious service to their chapter, state society, district, or to the National Society. This medal may be awarded by the National Society, a district, a state society, or a chapter and is awarded for lesser services than would merit the Patriot Medal. It may be awarded to an individual once by the National Society, a district, a state society or a chapter. The President General may make multiple awards of this medal to a compatriot without referral to any committee. The meritorious service rendered should be stated in the citation.

The medal has a silver finish and bears on the obverse a relief of Thomas Jefferson. On the reverse inside a pair of laurel branches is space to insert the recipient's name and the date of presentation. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate which should be engrossed and presented with the medal.

## **LIBERTY MEDAL**

The Liberty Medal, authorized in 1987, commemorates the restoration of the Statue of Liberty, reminds us of our liberty and is presented for recruiting new members to the SAR.

The medal, along with a certificate, is presented by the National Society. Presentation will take place at the Annual Congress; however, if a recipient is not present, it will be mailed to him. It is awarded to:

1. Anyone who has received the Florence Kendall Award at or before the Tampa Congress of 1986.
2. Any SAR member who after March 31, 1986, signed as first-line sponsor, the membership application of ten new members. For the purposes of this award, the person's name signed as the first-line sponsor should be the person who recruited the new member, and it should not be the name of an officer of a state society or a chapter, or any other person, who did no more than receive the application in the course of his official duties then append his signature as first-line sponsor, and forward the application to the National Society for processing.

For each additional ten new members, in which a recipient of the Liberty Medal is a first-line sponsor, a bronze oak leaf cluster may be presented. A recipient of ten bronze oak leaf clusters may be presented a silver oak leaf cluster to wear in lieu of the bronze clusters. A recipient of ten silver oak leaf clusters may be presented a gold oak leaf cluster to wear in lieu of the silver clusters.

Oak leaf clusters are displayed on the ribbon of the medal. If more than one oak leaf cluster has been awarded they should be arranged, as nearly as possible, like the stars on the Betsy Ross flag, with gold or silver clusters, if any, occupying the upper and dexter places of honor (the right of the wearer).

A new member is defined as an individual who was not previously an SAR member, but whose membership application has been approved by the National Society.

The medal is struck in bronze and depicts a bust of the Statue of Liberty on the obverse. The reverse has a space for the name and date of the recipient to be engraved. The medal is suspended from a gold ribbon and may be worn at any SAR event.

A miniature medal, and oak leaf clusters, if they have been awarded, may be purchased from National Headquarters by a recipient of a Liberty Medal.

## **MEMBERSHIP AWARDS (PINS)**

The membership awards consist of a lapel pin, gold in color, about 1/2 inch in diameter and a certificate that recognizes five years (and five-year multiples) of paid membership in the SAR, regardless of any change in chapters or societies. The award (pin and certificate) should be purchased and presented by either the chapter or state society, but can be purchased by individual members. These awards were authorized in 1984.

## **FLORENCE KENDALL AWARD**

The Florence Kendall Award is given annually at the SAR Congress to the top three members who were the first-line sponsor for the largest number of new members during the previous year. The award consists of a gold medal of oval shape with the SAR Badge surmounted on a red-enamelled background. This is surrounded by a gold circle of embossed laurel leaves. The ribbon is blue with a white stripe down the center and has a bar inscribed "Florence Kendall" over the mounting bar. Previous editions consisted of a

member's SAR Badge bearing on the chest ribbon a bar inscribed "Florence Kendall" and was given to the member who during a year was first-line sponsor for the largest number of new members.

The award, created in 1939, was named for Florence Helen Messmore Kendall (1850-1939), mother of President General Messmore Kendall. In 1917, at the age of 66, Mrs. Kendall purchased two ambulances and traveled with them to France, giving one to the Red Cross and driving the other herself for the duration of World War I.

### **TREATY OF PARIS MEDAL**

The Treaty of Paris Medal, authorized in 1983, commemorates the special Congress held in Paris in 1983 to mark the Bicentennial of the Treaty of Paris, which recognized before the world the independence of the United States of America. The medal is a re-strike in bronze of the celebrated "Libertas Americana" medal designed in 1778 by the French medalist, Augustin Dupre (1748-1833). On the obverse is a bust of Liberty with a liberty cap on a pole in the background.

On the reverse, Minerva, goddess of war, uses a regal French shield to ward off from the infant Hercules the (British) lion's leap. The reverse is inscribed "Congress of Paris, 1983" and the medal is suspended from a ribbon of the SAR colors. It may be worn by any SAR or member of his party present in Paris for the bicentenary celebration, and was available in full and miniature sizes.

### **UNITED KINGDOM CONGRESS MEDAL**

The United Kingdom Congress Medal, authorized in 1986, commemorates the special Congress that was hosted by the United Kingdom Society, August/September 1986. The Congress also involved visitations throughout England to the homes of George Washington's fore bearers, and Benjamin Franklin's London residence, many of which are maintained by the National Trust of England.

The medal is an uncirculated 1986 British Pound coin held by a gold bezel, or rim, suspended by a 5/8" wide ribbon of red, white and blue. The clasp has an attached bar with "UK SAR" engraved on it. No other size medal was produced. It may be worn by any member of the party present at the Congress.

### **CONGRESS OF PARIS MEDAL**

The Congress of Paris Medal, authorized in 2003, commemorates the special visit to France to for the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Treaty of Alliance between France and the United States. The medal is gold suspended from a red, white, and blue ribbon and bears the portraits of Benjamin Franklin and King Louis XVI. It may be worn by any member of the party present during the visit.

### **PAIX DE 1783 MEDAL**

The Paix de 1783 Medal, authorized in 2008, commemorates the special visit to France to for the 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Treaty of Paris which ended the American Revolution. The medal is gold suspended from a white and gold ribbon, representing the colors of the flag of Bourbon France. The medal bears the image of King Louis XVI. It may be work by any member of the party present during the visit.

## **SAR CENTENNIAL MEDAL**

The SAR Centennial Medal, authorized in 1987, commemorates the one hundredth anniversary of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. It may be worn only by a member who was a dues paying member between the dates of January 1, 1989 and the end of the 1990 Congress.

It has the shape and color of a red rose with a blue background with the letters "NSSAR" in gold on the rose petals. A bust of George Washington is in the center with the words "A Century of Commitment" surrounding the bust. It is suspended by a blue ribbon, or drape, upon which a spread eagle is mounted with the dates "1889-1989" inscribed.

The rose was selected as George Washington was one of America's first rose enthusiasts. The color red recalls the blood shed by our Revolutionary War ancestors; and the blue, the sky under which men dream of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Gold palm leaf decorations may be worn on the drape of the medal to indicate attendance at specific centennial events. A gold palm leaf may be worn for each of the events attended: the April 1989 Centennial Gala held in Louisville; the July 1989 San Francisco Congress to celebrate the NSSAR's Centennial Congress, and the June 1990 Louisville Congress. The palm leaves are to be worn in a horizontal position.

## **GEORGE WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL MEDAL**

The George Washington Bicentennial Medal, authorized in 1998, commemorates the two hundredth anniversary of the death of George Washington, the founding father of our nation, who was born February 22, 1732 and died December 14, 1799. It may be worn only by a member who was a dues paying member of the NSSAR between the dates of January 1, 1999 and the end of the 2000 Congress.

The medal is gold in color and bears on the obverse a relief of George Washington and is inscribed 1732 - 1799 and 1999 with a set of stars. On the reverse inside a rope design is a raised inscription stating "200th Anniversary Commemoration of George Washington's Death" with a raised space to inscribe the member's name. It is available in large size and in miniature. The medal is suspended by a blue drape.

## **SAR CHARTER CENTENNIAL MEDAL**

The SAR Charter Centennial Medal, authorized in 2006, commemorates the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Congressional Charter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. It may be worn only by a member who was a dues paying member between the dates of January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006. It may also be worn by new members whose applications had been submitted during that time.

The medal is bronze in color and features President Theodore Roosevelt—a member of the SAR—who signed the Charter in 1906. The medal is suspended from a blue ribbon and is available in large size and miniature.

## **SAR INTERNATIONAL MEDAL**

The SAR International Medal, authorized in 1992, is presented only to a foreign dignitary or a non-citizen of the United States. The medal may be approved only by the President General and must be presented by a National Society General Officer. The medal design is five clover leaves in black, each separated by a blue leaf. Each cloverleaf has a letter of NSSAR. The center of the medal depicts a gold bust of George Washington encircled with a blue band containing the motto "Libertas Et Patria." The medal is suspended from a red drape.

## **SAR SPECIALTY MEDAL(S)**

The SAR Specialty Medal was authorized in 1999, and is for those periodically conducted official SAR visits for which no other medal is issued. Only those participating in the visit, Compatriot and his lady, are authorized to wear a medal commemorating the visit. The medal is a coin of the place visited suspended from an appropriate drape. The cost of the medal shall be borne by the participants and is not available for sale through the SAR Merchandising Department. Examples of this type of medal include: The Salute to the Netherlands Medal (1996); The Recognition of Spain Medal (1997); and the Honoring German Patriots Medal (1998).

## **SAR DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY MEDAL**

The Daughters of Liberty Medal, authorized in 1992, may be presented by the National Society, a district, a state society or chapter to a lady recommended by any officer of a chapter, state or National Society, SAR in appreciation for her unselfish devotion, tireless efforts and assistance to the SAR, and who has dedicated her time, energy, ability and/or finances to the organization in support and furtherance of the stated objectives of the National Society, SAR. This medal is considered second in importance only to the SAR Gold Good Citizenship Medal. Consideration in awarding this medal should be given only after the SAR Medal of Appreciation or the Martha Washington Medal has been presented. The medal is gold in color, and depicts a revolutionary female astride a galloping horse as a dedicated patriot aiding the struggle for independence-as many did. The medal is suspended from a drape of blue, yellow and blue band of equal colors. The medal is available in miniature. The medal is accompanied by a certificate to be engrossed and presented with the medal. Additional awards of this medal will be made by the awarding of an oak leaf cluster in lieu of the award of another medal.

## **SAR MEDAL OF APPRECIATION**

The SAR Medal of Appreciation, authorized in 1960, may be presented by the National Society, a state society, or a chapter to a member of the DAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to the SAR. The award may recognize assistance in forming new SAR chapters, obtaining a specific number of new SAR members or otherwise significantly aiding the SAR programs.

Oak Leaf Clusters may be presented to an individual if she qualifies by service to SAR rendered subsequent to the presentation of the medal or an oak leaf cluster.

The medal is gold in color and bears on the obverse a relief of Molly Pitcher and is inscribed "Medal of Appreciation." The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors. The medal is accompanied by a certificate which should be engrossed and presented with the medal. The medal is available in miniature.

## **MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL**

The Martha Washington Medal, authorized in 1971, may be given by the National Society, a state society, or a chapter to a woman over 18 years of age in recognition of outstanding service to SAR. Oak Leaf Clusters may be presented to an individual if she qualifies by service to SAR rendered subsequent to the presentation of the medal or an oak leaf cluster. This medal may be awarded at the Chapter, State and National levels and may be awarded more than once if one of those awards is made by the National Society. A DAR may receive the Martha Washington Medal and the SAR Medal of Appreciation (on separate occasions) if her service warrants it.

The medal is gold in color and bears on the obverse a portrait of Martha Washington within the inscription "SAR Martha Washington Award." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors and is accompanied by a certificate which should be engrossed and presented with the medal. The medal is available in miniature.

## **COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENTS GOLD MEDAL**

The Council of State Presidents Gold medal, authorized in 1996, may be worn by present or past officers of the Council of State Presidents. It is only available in miniature.

## **COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENTS SILVER MEDAL**

The Council of State Presidents Silver medal, authorized in 1996, may be worn by present or past authorized members of the council, who have attended two business meetings of the Council of State Presidents while members of the Council. It is only available in miniature.

## **SAMUEL ADAMS CONGRESS APPRECIATION MEDAL**

The SAR Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal, authorized in 2001, recognizes outstanding services of the volunteers in hosting the annual National Congress. The medal is presented to persons that held prominent positions during the annual National Congress. A certificate, suitable for engrossing, should be completed and presented with each medal.

The Gold Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal is awarded to the NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman. Annual authorization is (1). Approval required: Executive Committee.

Up to three Silver Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medals may be awarded to the society host, co-host or deputy host, and such other person as the host shall indicate rendered sufficient service in planning the Congress, regardless of gender. Annual authorization is (3). Approval required: NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman.

Up to twenty four Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medals may be awarded to committee chairmen or equivalent, regardless of gender. Annual authorization is (24). Approval required: NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman.

The Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Certificate of Appreciation awarded to the committee staff volunteers, regardless of gender. Approval required: NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman.

Awards are limited to one per individual annually, in the event of multiple year service, oak leaf clusters should be awarded in accordance with guideline listed in NSSAR Handbook.

The National Society presents the medal, along with the certificate, and the Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Certificates.

Plans for presentation should be made sufficiently in advance to allow the Executive Committee and NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman sufficient time to review the applications.

### **SERVICE TO VETERANS MEDAL**

The Service to Veterans Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have given long and exemplary service to veterans.

The medal is awarded for 5000 USS Stark Award points accrued by the SAR member. The medal will be awarded at the Chapter (or State level) after the member's documentation has been approved by the Chapter Veteran Committee Chairman (or State Veteran Committee Chairman, as necessary). Documented points will be accumulated and held locally at the Chapter (or State in unusual cases) for the member seeking to qualify for this award. The cost of this award will be paid by the awarding entity.

Initially, points will be retroactive for members with duly documented points for previous veteran service.

Bronze oak leaf clusters will be awarded for multiples of 3,000 points after the first award. After 5 bronze oak leaf clusters have been awarded, a silver oak leaf cluster will be presented to replace 5 previous bronze clusters.

The medal is bronze, with a design on the obverse side of the medal showing one hand reaching down offering assistance to the second hand. Across the top are the words "Service To Veterans," and across the bottom are the words "National Society Sons of the American Revolution." The reverse face of the medal has the inscription "Awarded for Voluntary Service" with the awardee's name and date. The medal is suspended by a blue, white and red (from left to right) vertically draped ribbon. A certificate will accompany each medal and cluster.

### **NSSAR COLOR GUARD MEDAL(S)**

The SAR Color Guard Medal, authorized in 1998, may be awarded for service to the Society at the National, District, State and Chapter Levels. The Bronze Color Guard Medal is for service at the State and Chapter Levels. The Silver Color Guard Medal is for service at the District and National Levels. The Gold Color Guard Medal may only be worn by the National Color Guard Commander and his Deputy. It may also be worn by the NSSAR Color Guardsman of the Year. Recipients may only receive the award once at each level (once at State/Chapter levels, and once at District/National Levels). Oak leaf clusters are not allowed. This medal is for three years service at the appropriate level. It may be broken, not continuous service, and award of this medal may be retroactive, so that any living compatriot may receive it, even if he cannot march anymore.

The Chapter, State Society, District, or National, Color Guard Commander will be the final person who shall have the awarding authority of the medal at the appropriate level. The Chapter, State Society President, the Vice President General, and the President General will award the appropriate medal at the appropriate level.

For Chapter and State Society level (Bronze medal), to have a satisfactory year, the participant must attend 50% of the scheduled activities of the Chapter or State Color Guard concerned.

For District and National level (the Silver), to have a satisfactory year, the recipient must have attended a National Congress and one Trustees meeting in each year. A District Parade (i.e. Point Pleasant or the Cowpens) will substitute for a Trustees meeting. Without a National Congress, you must have at least both Trustees meetings and two District Parades. The National Color Guard Committee in consultation with the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee will designate the District Parades.

Special National and District events will qualify as a substitute for the Congress or Leadership Meetings as designated by the National Color Guard Committee. This will include such events as escorting the President General on overseas events, or special celebrations, such as the Centennial Celebrations.

The Gold Medal will be awarded for three years service as National Color Guard Commander, Vice National Color Guard Commander, and no more than one per year to that individual who is selected as the National Color Guardsman of the Year by the National Color Guard Committee. Each Color Guard, State Society and Chapter, may nominate one compatriot each year for this award. It must be submitted at the same time as the application for the Color Guard Trophy. It shall be that Compatriot that best exemplifies both the spirit of the Sons of the American Revolution and the use of Color Guards to display that spirit. To be considered for National Color Guardsman of the Year, three years of service at Chapter, State Society, District, or National level is necessary before nomination may be submitted.

The National Color Guard Committee will be the final judge of who is qualified to be awarded these medals. Waivers to these requirements will be granted only under very special circumstances and must be submitted in writing to the National Color Guard Commander for committee consideration.

## MEDALS AWARDED FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

### **SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FOR AN AWARD OF A MEDAL**

Any nomination for an award of a medal for presentation at an Annual Congress, unless otherwise stated in the description for the award, must be received by the Executive Director, not later than 30 days prior to the date of the Annual Congress. The Executive Director will forward any nomination received to the respective Committee Chairman for committee consideration.

### **GOLD GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL**

The Gold Good Citizenship Medal is awarded for **OUTSTANDING AND UNUSUAL** patriotic achievement and service of **NATIONAL IMPORTANCE**. It may be presented only once to any individual. This medal was authorized in 1954.

The medal is presented to persons of prominence on a **NATIONAL LEVEL** in the areas of government (including military service), religion, education, business and the professions, and other appropriate fields of endeavor.

Former Presidents General may be awarded this medal, but the request should be processed as any other. Other SAR members may receive the medal if they meet the requirements established for all applicants.

The Gold Good Citizenship Medal may be presented posthumously if the recipient died between the time the award was approved by the Medals and Awards Committee and Executive Committee and the date it was to have been presented.

The medal is gold filled, and may be presented by the National Society, a state society or chapter with the approval of its state society. A certificate, suitable for engrossing, should be completed and presented with the medal.

Each state society is limited to awarding two Gold Good Citizenship Medals in any calendar year.

All requirements should be thoroughly reviewed before requesting this award. All requests and applications are to be sent to the Executive Director. The Executive Director maintains a record of all past recipients of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal so state societies should contact him in advance to avoid an invalid request.

Plans for presentation must be made sufficiently in advance to allow the Medals and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee to review the applications while in session. Therefore, applications must be received by the Executive Director one month prior to a Leadership Meeting or a National Congress. If the application is not received in time, it will be held until the next scheduled meeting.

In requesting the medal, the conferring authority must present a form, obtained from National Headquarters, including a very detailed biographical sketch. The form requires the signature of the state president. Include payment for the current cost of the medal with the application.

After review by the Medals and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee, the requesting society will be notified within four weeks as to the decision on the nomination. If approved, the medal will be mailed to the submitting society. If disapproved, the payment for the medal will be returned with a letter of explanation by the Executive Director.

Miniature medals are available only to the recipients of the full sized medal, and requests for them should be made to the Executive Director.

## **SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL**

The Silver Good Citizenship Medal, authorized in 1939, recognizes outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service that is of a more local degree (state level) than required for the Gold Good Citizenship Medal. The medal is presented to persons of prominence in the areas of government (including military service), religion, education, business and the professions, and other appropriate fields of endeavor. Since it recognizes extensive service, a biographical sketch of the candidate should accompany the request for a medal.

In the case of a non-member, the qualifications are determined by the National Society or a state society. However, in the case of an SAR member, in order to have uniform criteria, the following requirements have been established. An SAR member shall have served in six leadership capacities in any of the following local organizations: Church, School, Scouting, Fraternal, Business Associations, Government, Patriotic, Military, Veterans, Conservation, Hereditary, Genealogical, Historical or organized Sports (Little League, etc.).

The Silver Good Citizenship Medal should not be used to recognize service to the SAR, which is recognized by the Meritorious Service Medal, State Medal of Distinguished Service, or Patriot Medal.

The Silver Good Citizenship Medal may be approved and presented by the National Society or a state society. It may be presented by a chapter with approval of its state society. It may only be presented once to an individual. The medal is of sterling silver. A certificate suitable for engraving is available. A miniature medal is also available.

There is no requirement that persons must be awarded a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal before they may be awarded a Silver Good Citizenship Medal.

## **BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL**

The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, authorized in 1895, recognizes persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state. This medal can be awarded to both adults and minors. It is a multi-purpose medal serving many functions, and is awarded to the following:

1. Persons who have made important contributions that are not as significant as those qualified for the Silver Good Citizenship Medal.
2. The outstanding high school student in his/her school considering both citizenship and scholarship. The exact criteria is at the discretion of the presenting authority, i.e., it could be presented to a senior or junior, for overall scholarship and citizenship; or to a student with the highest grades in history and the best record in citizenship, etc.
3. SAR members who have served in at least four of the leadership capacities covered under the Silver Good Citizenship Medal or who qualify by some outstanding achievement in their community. The medal should not be used to recognize service to the SAR.

The medal is bronze and may be presented by the National Society, a state society or chapter. A certificate, suitable for engrossing, is available. A miniature medal is available. This medal may be presented more than once to an individual, if he/she qualifies under separate categories. The medal was originally designed as a medallion, but a ribbon and clasp were added in 1932 to convert it to a medal.

## **WAR SERVICE MEDAL**

The War Service Medal was first authorized in 1899 for members who had served in the War with Spain. Subsequent specific War Service Medals were authorized for World War I and World War II service. Subsequently, a generic War Service Medal was authorized for those who have served in the armed forces of the United States (or a country that was an ally of the United States or in a United Nations Peace Keeping Force) and fought against a common enemy of the United States in a war or action that has been recognized by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and for which a campaign medal and ribbon are authorized. The medal is bronze and may be presented by a chapter or society to SAR members (or purchased by SAR members).

Proof of such service, in the form of a copy of the member's discharge (or other U.S. Government proof in the case of a member in active service), must be presented to his chapter or state society secretary before the medal can be purchased and/or worn.

Specific bronze bars are available indicating service in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Southwest Asia, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Global War of Terrorism (for service associated with the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal) and may be attached to the medal drape. Oak leaf clusters may be worn to designate service in any of the recognized wars or actions (previously described) to recognize participation in a war or action for which a specific bronze bar is not available.

The medal is available in miniature. A War Service Medal certificate is available.

## **MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL**

The Military Service Medal, authorized in 2006, may be presented by a chapter or society to SAR members (or purchased by SAR members) who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, Coast Guard, or a country that was an ally of the United States, or in a United Nations Peace Keeping Force, who otherwise do not qualify for the SAR War Service Medal.

Proof of such service, in the form of a copy of the member's discharge papers or DD214 (or other U.S. Government proof in the case of a member, in active service), must be presented to his chapter or state society secretary before the medal can be purchased and/or worn.

The medal is available in miniature. A Military Service Medal Certificate is available. The Military Service Medal ranks the same in order of precedence as the War Service Medal. The ribbon is of the same color as the War Service Medal and is of the same size. This member may NOT wear both the Military Service Medal and the War Service Medal.

## **MEDAL FOR HEROISM**

The Medal for Heroism may be presented by the National Society, a state society or a chapter for acts of bravery.

It recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger, i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform but does not exclude police, firemen, and SAR members. It is not intended to recognize acts which would have been covered by armed forces medals for valor. The medal may also be presented posthumously.

The names of all recipients are published annually. Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places and names. These should be submitted to National Headquarters, ATTN: Public Service and Heroism Committee and should arrive no later than June 1 each year. The report format is available on the SAR web site.

The medal is in bronze and is similar in design to the Good Citizenship Medal but is inscribed, "Heroism." It is worn suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors. The medal is accompanied by an enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engraving. No miniature medal is available.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMENDATION MEDAL**

The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal may be presented by the National Society, a state society or a chapter to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. Eligibility is not limited to peace officers but extends to the entire range of persons who make and enforce the law to include but not limited to peace officers, attorneys, judges, prosecutors and legislators who have performed an exceptional act or service beyond that normally expected.

The medal may be presented only to an individual and only once. The medal may also be presented posthumously.

The obverse of the medal depicts a police badge design surmounted by a gold eagle with the SAR Badge below. The medal is accompanied by an enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engraving. A miniature medal is available.

The names of all recipients are published annually. Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places and names. This should be submitted to National Headquarters, ATTN: Public Service and Heroism Committee and should arrive no later than June 1 each year. The report format is available on the SAR web site.

## **FIRE SAFETY COMMENDATION MEDAL**

The Fire Safety Commendation Medal may be presented by the National Society, a state society or a chapter to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The award is not limited to firefighters. It may be presented to recognize a variety of fire safety and service that has evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study,

development and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal - protect human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals. It may be presented only to an individual and may be only presented once. The medal may also be presented posthumously.

The obverse of the medal depicts a fireman's badge with a flame in the center. The names of all recipients are published annually. Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places and names. This should be submitted to National Headquarters, ATTN: Public Service and Heroism Committee and should arrive no later than June 1 each year. The report format is available on the SAR web site.

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMENDATION MEDAL**

The Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal, first authorized in 2005, may be presented by the National Society, a state society or a chapter to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contribution in an area of emergency medical services. The award is intended for paramedics and certified Emergency Medical Technicians and others in the emergency medical field who have performed an act or service beyond that normally expected. It may be presented only to an individual and may be only presented once. The medal may also be presented posthumously.

The obverse of the medal depicts an EMS badge. The names of all recipients are published annually. Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places and names. This should be submitted to National Headquarters, ATTN: Public Service and Heroism Committee and should arrive no later than June 1 each year. The report format is available on the SAR web site.

### **ROBERT E. BURT BOY SCOUT VOLUNTEER AWARD MEDAL**

The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award, authorized in 2006, is presented to members of the SAR in good standing who are currently active in a scout unit, district, or council or member who have displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting Program. Work accomplishment and dedication rather than a specific number of years in Scouting, will be the criteria for this award. The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award acknowledges the service of the recipient to Scouting and is awarded by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution upon nomination by a state society. The BSA has agreed to recognize the Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award by including it among similar awards that are recognized by its Community Organization Award.

The medal is suspended from a red, white, and blue drape like the BSA Eagle Scout medal. The medal is bronze in color and has a BSA fleur-de-lis on the obverse surrounded by the words "Boy Scout Volunteer - N.S.S.A.R." The reverse has area suitable for engraving. The medal is accompanied by a certificate and the BSA COA square knot for wear on the Scout field uniform. The medal is available in miniature for formal wear. The medal is administered and presented by the NSSAR National Eagle Scout Committee on behalf of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. The award is limited to two (2) per state per year. Nomination and application forms are available upon request from the NSSAR.

### **CHILDREN OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION – SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MEDALS OF APPRECIATION**

The Bronze, Silver, and Gold C.A.R.-SAR Medals of Appreciation, authorized in 1999, bear a relief of the C.A.R. National Emblem on the obverse and are circumscribed with the legend "SAR C.A.R. Medal

of Appreciation.” Each version of the medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors. Each medal is accompanied by a certificate which should be engrossed and presented with the medal. A miniature medal is available for each version for those who have received the large medal.

The Bronze C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation may be presented by the National Society, a State Society, or a local Chapter to a member of the C.A.R. or SAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to a local C.A.R. Society. The award may recognize assistance in promoting C.A.R. members that qualify to obtain SAR memberships, C.A.R. members who participate in the State Society Annual Meetings or at the National Congress, C.A.R. members who have otherwise significantly aided SAR programs, or SAR members and C.A.R. Senior Leaders who have supported or served a state or local C.A.R. Society.

The Silver C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation may be presented by the National Society or a State Society to a member of the C.A.R. or SAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to a State C.A.R. Society. The award may also recognize outstanding C.A.R. Senior leaders of a State Society or SAR members who have significantly supported or served a State C.A.R. Society.

The Gold C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation may be presented only by the National Society to a member of the C.A.R. or SAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to the National Society C.A.R. The award may also recognize outstanding National C.A.R. leaders or SAR members who have contributed at a National level to the N.S.C.A.R. The Gold C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation requires the approval of the Executive Committee upon the recommendation of the NSSAR C.A.R. Committee.

These appreciation medals shall be awarded for documented services rendered and not by tradition or as an entitlement of office.

### **ADDITIONAL AWARDS OF THE SAME MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTERS)**

A member may be awarded several National Society medals more than once: Meritorious Service Medal, War Service Medal, Medal for Heroism, Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Liberty Medal C.A.R.-SAR Medals of Appreciation, Samuel Adams Congress Planning Medal, Service to Veterans Medal, and the Florence Kendall Award.

Each medal previously listed has its own criteria. Please refer to the specific medal in the Handbook for the number of oak leaf clusters and/or multiple awards permitted.

The color of the oak leaf cluster and the number of clusters indicates the number of times the wearer has received the medal. A bronze oak leaf cluster is worn for each additional medal up to five. If more than five medals are presented, a silver oak leaf cluster should be worn in lieu of each five bronze oak leaf clusters, and a gold oak leaf cluster in lieu of two silver oak leaf clusters. Oak leaf clusters are available in one size only, and may be worn on either full size or miniature medals.

The oak leaf clusters are worn in the middle of the ribbon, horizontally, with the large part of the leaf slightly elevated and pointing to the wearer's left or "sinister" side.

The Liberty Medal has its own system of wearing oak leaf clusters, which should be followed. Also, any multiple awards of state society medals should use the oak leaf cluster system.

Each additional medal must have been presented based on the same criteria as the first presentation; but each additional presentation must reward separate and distinct acts.

In the event that a member has received additional medals of the same kind, he should make use of the oak leaf cluster system. He should not wear two or more medals of the same kind at the same time.

### **OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AWARD LAPEL PIN**

The Outstanding Citizenship Award Lapel Pin, authorized in 1992, is a portrait of a Minuteman with the Sons of the American Revolution encircling the upper half and Outstanding Citizenship Award encircling the lower half. The lapel pin may be presented by a chapter, state society or the National Society to deserving students in recognition of high ideals of character and citizenship. The Outstanding Citizenship Certificate may also be given in conjunction with the lapel pin.

## **CERTIFICATE AWARDS PRESENTED FOR SERVICE TO THE SAR AND THE UNITED STATES**

Certificate Awards are available to recognize exceptional effort in many fields of endeavor by both SAR members and the public. They cover many phases of service and range from the extremely prestigious SAR Distinguished Patriot Award to the Blank Certificates that can be tailored to meet individual needs.

Presentation folders are available for all certificate awards and should be used in those cases where the certificates are not framed previous to presentation. The folders are blue with the SAR logo in gold stamped on the front.

### **SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FOR AN AWARD OF A CERTIFICATE**

Any nomination for a certificate and any supporting data to be used in making an award of a certificate for presentation at an Annual Congress, unless otherwise stated in the description for the certificate or award, must be received by the Executive Director, not later than 30 days prior to the date of the Annual Congress. The Executive Director will forward any nomination received or supporting data received to the respective Committee Chairman for committee consideration.

### **SAR DISTINGUISHED PATRIOT AWARD**

The SAR Distinguished Patriot Award, authorized in 1987, is presented only once during the tenure of a President General to an American citizen for outstanding patriotism to his country.

It is a framed, engrossed certificate. It is presented at the discretion of the incumbent President General and does not require other approval.

### **SAR DISTINGUISHED PATRIOTIC LEADERSHIP AWARD**

The SAR Distinguished Patriotic Leadership Award, authorized in 2005, is presented by the President General or his designee to a business, organization, or group for outstanding patriotism.

It is a framed, engrossed certificate. It is presented at the discretion of the incumbent President General with approval of the Executive Committee.

### **PRESIDENT GENERAL'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION**

Annually the President General has the honor to award Citations of Distinguished Service to compatriots who have rendered conspicuous service to the National Society during his administration. It is not available for state or chapter use.

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CERTIFICATE**

This certificate is to recognize outstanding personal service exemplifying the finest American ideals. It may be awarded on the national, district, state society or chapter levels.

## **FORMER PRESIDENT GENERAL CERTIFICATE**

The Former President General Certificate, authorized in 1988, is presented by the incoming President General to the outgoing President General at the Annual Congress. It provides permanent and tangible recognition for compatriots who have served as Presidents General.

## **FORMER VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL CERTIFICATE**

The Former Vice President General Certificate, authorized in 2006, is presented by the National Society to the outgoing Vice Presidents General at the Annual Congress. It provides permanent and tangible recognition for compatriots who have served as Vice Presidents General.

## **FORMER STATE SOCIETY PRESIDENT CERTIFICATE**

The Former State Society President Certificate, authorized in 1988, is signed by the current President General and Secretary General and is presented by the incoming state president at his (the state society's) annual meeting. This certificate provides permanent and tangible recognition for compatriots who have served in this office.

## **FORMER CHAPTER PRESIDENT CERTIFICATE**

The Former Chapter President Certificate, authorized in March 1991, is to be signed by the state society president. The certificate should be presented at the state society's annual meeting or at an appropriate ceremony. This certificate provides a permanent and tangible recognition for compatriots who have served as a chapter president.

## **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

The Certificate of Appreciation, authorized in 1987, is a multi-purpose certificate of the same quality as other certificates with the SAR logo at the top and the seal at the bottom, both in color. The wording is as follows: "\_\_\_" has been awarded the Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of outstanding support given to the Sons of the American Revolution." It has printed spaces for the president and secretary to sign, for the date, and the name of the National Society, district, state or chapter.

The certificate can be used by any SAR organization for recognition of service by members, speakers, and for any other persons that may provide services and support to the SAR.

## **OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE**

The multipurpose certificate, authorized in 1989, may be used at the discretion of NSSAR, society or chapter making the presentation. One specific use is to present this certificate in lieu of the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to school students when there are budgetary constraints on the awarding organization, due to the number that are awarded on a state-wide basis.

It can also be presented to deserving citizens on appropriate occasions and to SAR members when they do not meet the requirements that are required for a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal (See "Bronze Good Citizenship Medal").

## **FLAG CERTIFICATE**

The Flag Certificate, authorized in 1987, is presented to individuals, companies and government agencies that fly the United States flag for patriotic purposes only. It is not to be given to any commercial enterprise that obviously flies it for advertising purposes.

It can be presented by a chapter, state or the National Society. The certificate has a line in the lower left corner for the name of the appropriate organization to be engrossed. It also has a line for the appropriate president to sign, and a line for the Flag Chairman. This is usually the person that recommends or presents the certificate.

## **SAR CONGRESS ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE**

Members who have attended ten (10) annual SAR Congresses may be recognized by a certificate. The member is responsible to maintain his record of attendance. The certificate may be requested by an individual, chapter, state society or from the National Society. The certificate will be signed by the President General and forwarded to the member's state society for presentation. The requesting authority will bear the cost of the certificate.

## **BLANK CERTIFICATE**

The Blank Certificate is another multi-purpose certificate that is available and is similar to the others in size, but without wording other than the logo at the top, and the seal at the bottom, both in color.

It can be used for any purpose by any SAR organization that would be in keeping with the objectives and character of the National Society.

## **CODE FOR WEARING MEDALS, DECORATIONS, BADGES AND INSIGNIA**

The prestige and influence of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution depend largely upon the loyalty of its members. It is therefore deemed especially important that every member should use the emblems and insignia of the Society on all suitable occasions. It is hoped that all members possess the Society insignia. It is recommended that on all public patriotic occasions the officers and members of our Society shall urge that proper recognition be given representatives of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

In order that members of the Society may bring credit to the organization by the proper use of the insignia, this code has been prepared. It is also realized that usage varies from one patriotic society to another and from one country to another.

The following rules apply to the wearing of all NSSAR medals and insignia. While every member is responsible to wear correctly medals and insignia, it is also the responsibility of all National Society, state society and chapter officers to assure that their members wear all medals and insignia correctly.

The NSSAR insignia and decorations worn vary with the type of dress. The term formal dress includes both the tail coat and white tie in the evening and the cutaway with ascot or four-in-hand for day wear; as

well as the black (tuxedo) or white dinner jacket, black tie and cummerbund. They are hereafter referred to as either "white tie" or "black tie".

Informal dress includes the business suit, the blazer jacket, and the sport coat. Insignia are not worn on the overcoat. The rosette, the tie, and/or the blazer patch may be worn with the solid color blazer and odd trousers. The rosette and tie may be worn with the business suit or sports coat. The blazer patch is only worn on a blazer.

On informal occasions when business suits or blazers are worn, Society officers may wish to wear neck ribbons to indicate past or present office. Other decorations should be avoided on such informal occasions, although SAR custom has been to wear full size medals with business suits and blazers at SAR meetings.

At SAR formal occasions, such as annual meetings, Leadership Meetings, balls, etc., the invitation and/or program will specify the dress, i.e., "black tie", "white tie", or "black tie or white tie". In the latter case, when either is acceptable, officers especially are encouraged to wear white tie dress. In addition, the invitation may specify, "with decorations", or, "with miniature medals", and members may wear the insignia, including the broad sash and miniature medals. The rosette is not worn with formal dress. Custom suggests that a white dinner jacket may be worn between Decoration Day and Labor Day (in most parts of the U.S.).

## **SAR BADGE AND FULL SIZE MEDALS**

Other full size medals may be worn with it, either pinned separately or mounted on a bar so that the medals are three and one-eighths inches in length and the bottoms are in a horizontal line. National officers and trustees and state and chapter presidents, incumbent and former, may wear the badge suspended from a neck ribbon. Full size medals suspended from a chest ribbon are not worn at the same time miniature medals are worn. Full size medals may be worn with formal dress, but miniature medals are strongly encouraged. Full size medals can also be worn on a bar and overlapped no more than fifty percent, as covered under miniature medals.

## **MINIATURE MEDALS**

The miniature medal is formal and is worn on the left breast of the coat four inches below the midpoint of the shoulder seam. A small number of miniatures may be pinned side by side but, as the number increases, they should be attached to a bar for neatness and convenience and mounted so the miniature is two and one-quarter inches in length and the bottoms of the ribbons are in a horizontal line. The usual bar is that used by the armed forces in the standard lengths of one and three-eighths inches, two and three-quarter inches, four and one-eighth inches, furnished with clutch fasteners. The miniatures should be mounted by gluing and sewing and must cover the bar completely.

When the number more than fills the holding bar, the ribbons may be overlapped not more than fifty percent and not more than eleven miniatures on the large bar. More than one row may be worn, although in some societies the rule is a single bar. The upper row should overlap the lower, and the rows must be spaced to allow a small amount of ribbon of the lower row to show. The upper row should not contain more medals than any lower row. Display of more than three rows is strongly discouraged.

Miniature medals were originally to be worn with formal dress. Their use on informal dress is allowable but not encouraged.

## PRECEDENCE OF MEDALS

The position of honor is on the wearer's right and on the top. The general rule of precedence is: United States decorations of honor and valor, United States campaign decorations, foreign decorations (in the order in which they were received), state decorations, state campaign decorations, state organizational and long service decorations; then decorations of military, hereditary and patriotic societies (in the order of founding). Miniatures should not be worn without their ribbons as the ribbon forms an integral part of the society's insignia

## DETAIL OF MEDAL PRECEDENCE

Decorations and medals are worn in the following order of precedence from the wearer's right to left:

### SAR MEDALS

1. SAR Badge
2. Minuteman Award
3. Gold Good Citizenship Medal
4. Daughters of Liberty
5. War Service Medal
6. Military Service Medal
7. National Medal of Distinguished Service
8. Patriot Medal
9. State Medal of Distinguished Service
10. Medal for Heroism
11. SAR Meritorious Service Medal
12. Silver Good Citizenship Medal
13. Florence Kendall Medal
14. Law Enforcement Medal
15. Fire Safety Commendation Medal
16. EMS Commendation Medal
17. C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Gold)
18. C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Silver)
19. C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Bronze)
20. Liberty Medal
21. Bronze Good Citizenship Medal
22. Silver ROTC Medal
23. Bronze ROTC Medal
24. Eagle Scout Medal
25. Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award Medal
26. Service to Veterans Medal
27. SAR Medal of Appreciation
28. Martha Washington Medal
29. SAR Color Guard Medal (Gold)
30. Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Gold)
31. SAR Color Guard Medal (Silver)
32. Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Silver)
33. SAR Color Guard Medal (Bronze)
34. Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Bronze)
35. Council of State Presidents (Gold)
36. Council of State Presidents (Silver)
37. SAR Centennial Medal
38. George Washington Bicentennial Medal
39. Charter Centennial Medal
40. NSSAR Specialty Medals \*
41. NSSAR Fundraising Medals
42. SAR State Society Medals

\* NSSAR Specialty Medals include: Treaty of Paris Medal (1983); The United Kingdom Congress Medal (1986); The Salute to the Netherlands Medal (1996); The Recognition of Spain Medal (1997), Honoring German Patriots Medal (1998), Congress of Paris Medal (2003), and the Paix de 1783 (2008) and other medals for SAR tours to foreign national societies. These medals were awarded to Compatriots who accompanied the Presidents General on these important tours to recognize significant contributions of our Revolutionary allies and other significant events associated with the War for Independence.

Following is the medal precedence that should be followed when SAR medals are worn with other medals:

- 1. FEDERAL DECORATIONS:** Consult the most current DOD publication for medal precedence for proper sequence.
- 2. FEDERAL CAMPAIGN MEDAL:** Consult the most current DOD publication for medal precedence for proper sequence.

**3. FOREIGN DECORATIONS** take precedence immediately following all U.S. decorations, and service medals. Order of precedence of foreign decorations will be the order in which they were awarded.

**4. U. S. STATE DECORATIONS, U. S. STATE CAMPAIGN MEDALS AND U. S. STATE ORGANIZATIONAL AND LONG SERVICE MEDALS.**

**5. SAR INSIGNIA AND INSIGNIA OF OTHER HEREDITARY, PATRIOTIC AND VETERANS SOCIETIES**, should be worn in chronological order of precedence according to the year of establishment of such groups. This category includes SAR Medals.

## **ORDERING AND PRESENTING MEDALS AND AWARDS**

1. All awards and medals are presented in the name of the National Society, SAR. The presentation should be made publicly with appropriate ceremony befitting the dignity and honor of the occasion.
2. Medals and awards should be presented in person with the recipient on hand, except under such extenuating circumstances as illness of the recipient, in which case a representative may accept it. Certain medals require special arrangements at NSSAR level for posthumous or representational acceptance. These cases are outlined under the individual medal descriptions. A medal or award should not be mailed to a recipient.
3. No medal or award should be ordered or presented by a member without approval of his chapter or state society with the exception of the War Service Medal, Military Service Medal, SAR Charter Centennial Medal, gold palm leaves or oak leaf clusters.
4. It is recommended that each state society centralize the purchasing of medals and awards through its secretary or treasurer.
5. When a medal is presented more than once, it is at the discretion of the presenter whether the medal should be presented or just the oak leaf cluster. In either event, the certificate should accompany the presentation.
6. Miniature medals and oak leaf clusters may be purchased and presented with full size medals at the discretion of the presenter.
7. All medals and insignia are available from SAR Headquarters. Current prices are published on the SAR Merchandise section of the NSSAR website. Full payment is required at the time of ordering.
8. The cost of medals and awards, as well as the cost of engraving or engrossing, must be borne by the organization (national, state or chapter) making the presentation.

## **CARE OF INSIGNIA AND MEDALS**

Members should be aware that the bylaws of a corporation form the rules of a corporation. Under the bylaws, members agree that the SAR Badge "will be worn or used in accordance with the regulations of the Society." They further agree, on behalf of themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, and any and all persons asserting any claims through them, to give the SAR a right of first purchase of their SAR Badge or other regalia. Members should therefore be aware that by becoming SAR members they have given the SAR legal authority to prevent improper transfers of SAR insignia.

Members are requested to guard against insignia being available in resale shops, antique shops, and so forth. Every effort should be made to redeem them to the Society.

## **REQUESTS FOR NEW INSIGNIA, MEDALS AND AWARDS**

All new medals, awards, insignia, and applicable changes in criteria, require approval of the Medals and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee. Requests must be submitted over the state society's president's signature or of the national committee chairman's signature and sent to the Executive Director. A form is available to submit proposals for new medals and awards. The same form should be used to propose changes to existing awards. This is available from the Executive Director.

A request for a new medal, award, certificate or insignia must indicate how the funding necessary to implement the request will be provided. There are no national funds available for funding new medals, awards, insignia, certificates, or a monetary award given with an award or certificate. Source of funding for any costs to maintain and issue an award, medal, certificate, or insignia will be provided by the requestor. A design depicting the proposed award will accompany the request.

All requests must be sent at least thirty days prior to a Leadership Meeting. The Executive Director will forward the request to the appropriate committee chairman for the committee's consideration and approval. Requests should have a committee's approval prior to submission to the Medals and Awards committee for consideration. After approval of all concerned, it should be noted that implementation normally takes eight to twelve months. Correspondence other than that covered above should be sent directly to the Chairman, Medals and Awards Committee.

Funding for any currently authorized medal, award, certificate or insignia is subject to review by the Medals and Awards committee for possible deletion unless adequate funding is provided by the requestor or its representative.

## **SAR STATE SOCIETY MEDALS AND EMBLEMS**

### **MEDALS**

State societies are authorized to issue their own medals for service within their societies and many have done so. To avoid confusion as well as inappropriate designs, the following guidelines are provided:

All SAR members, state societies and chapters are, as a matter of law, bound to observe the requirements relative to medals and awards laid down by the Charter and Bylaws of the National Society.

State society medals be:

1. Be suspended from a chest ribbon (never a neck ribbon);
2. Be conferred pursuant to written, precise criteria such as that prescribed for National Society medals, i.e., who may confer it, and for what services it may be conferred;
3. Use the system of oak leaf clusters prescribed for National Society Medals in those cases when a state society medal is presented more than once to the same individual;

4. Be produced in accordance with the NSSAR Medal and Insignia Specification Standard—

Large Medals:

Diameter:	1 1/4 inches (42 millimeters)
(Ladies Medals)	1 1/8 inches (38 millimeters)
Thickness:	3/32 - 2/32 inches (4 millimeters)
Drape:	Length of material before fold: 3 7/8 inches (97 mm)
	Length of drape front (after fold): 1 3/8 inches (35 mm)
	Width of material: 1 7/16 inches (37 mm)

Miniature Medals:

Diameter:	11/16 inches (18 millimeters)
Thickness:	1/16 inches (2 millimeters)
Drape:	Length of material before fold: 3 7/8 inches (97 mm)
	Length of drape front (after fold): 1 3/8 inches (35 mm)
	Width of material: 11/16 inches (17 mm)

When worn with the National Society medals, state society medals should follow National Society medals in order of precedence. In the event that an individual enjoys the right to wear the medal for more than one state society, such medals should be worn in the order of the date of creation of the conferring state society.

To guard against infringement of rights and to ensure proper decorum, any proposed SAR state society medal and criteria for presentation should be brought before the National Society's Medals and Awards Committee before final adoption by the state society.

## **EMBLEMS, BADGES AND PINS**

Former State Society President Pins and other state emblems and badges are not to be worn on the neck ribbon or chest ribbon in lieu of, or in addition to, the National Society's emblems, badges, stars, etc.

All state badges, emblems, pins, etc., must follow the above-described requirements pertaining to design, reason for presentation, etc.

## SUMMARY TABLE OF INSIGNIA, MEDALS AND AWARDS

MEDAL	APPROVAL REQUIRED OF	PRESENTED BY	PURCHASED BY
Minuteman *	3	4	4
National Medal of Distinguished Service	1	1	4
Patriot *	6 & 7	7	7
State Medal of Distinguished Service *	7 (Society President)	7	7
Meritorious Service	4, 7, 8, 10	4, 7, 8, 10	4, 7, 8, 10
Liberty	4	4	4
Florence Kendall	4	4	4
Treaty of Paris	**		
U.K. Congress	**		
SAR Centennial	**		
George Washington Bicentennial Medal	**		
SAR Charter Centennial Medal	6	9	9
Daughters of Liberty	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8
SAR Medal of Appreciation	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8
Martha Washington	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8
Gold Good Citizenship	2 & 5	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8
Silver Good Citizenship	4, 7	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8
Bronze Good Citizenship	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8
War Service/Military Service	7, 8	7, 8, 9	7, 8, 9
Medal for Heroism	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8
ROTC Silver (see Youth Awards Section)	7, 8	7, 8	7, 8
ROTC Bronze (see Youth Awards Section)	7, 8	7, 8	7, 8
Law Enforcement	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8
Fire Safety Commendation	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8
EMS Commendation	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8	4, 7, 8
Eagle Scout (see Youth Awards Section)	2	4	7, 8
Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award Medal	4, 7, & 8	8	9
Service to Veterans Medal	7, 8	5, 7, 8	5, 7, 8
SAR Color Guard Medal (Gold)	4		4
SAR Color Guard Medal (Silver) *	7	7	7
SAR Color Guard Medal (Bronze) *	8	8	8
Council of State President Gold	4	9	9
Council of State President Silver	4	9	9
Samuel Adams Congress Medal	4	4	4

**KEY TO NUMBERS USED:**

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. President General         | 6. Executive Director |
| 2. Executive Committee       | 7. State Society      |
| 3. Minuteman Committee       | 8. Chapter            |
| 4. NSSAR                     | 9. Individual Member  |
| 5. Medals & Awards Committee | 10. District          |

\* Special Form or Application Available - Must be sent to National Headquarters with Merchandise Order or Approval. Approval for The Silver Color Medal must be submitted through the State Color Commander and approved by the National Commander.

\*\* No longer available

# **YOUTH CONTESTS, COMMUNITY AWARDS, OTHER AWARDS, STREAMER AWARDS AND CONTESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND NONMEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

## **YOUTH AWARDS**

### **ROTC/JROTC MEDAL**

The SAR ROTC Medal is approved by the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, and the United States Air Force. Each service has notified its ROTC Units of this approval and has authorized presentation to its cadets or midshipmen.

This award may be presented by the National Society, a state society or a chapter to students enrolled in ROTC programs. The medal endeavors to foster the principle of "citizen-soldier" exemplified by the Minutemen.

Recipients are selected for a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of the ROTC unit, who should be given full latitude in making the selection.

One medal will normally be awarded each year in ROTC units with fewer than 500 cadets or midshipmen. For larger units, one medal may be presented for each 500 students enrolled in the unit. Moreover, where a school has more than one ROTC unit, each unit is counted separately. It is desirable to have the medal on display with its ribbon bar in a trophy case at each school where it is presented. This will serve as an incentive to the students and publicize the SAR ROTC program as well.

The medal is struck on a circular planchet and on the obverse is depicted a Minuteman holding a rifle, with a plow and the Liberty Bell in the background, and is inscribed, with the letters, "ROTC." The reverse is inscribed "Awarded for Leadership, Soldierly Bearing and Excellence to \_\_\_\_\_. " It is suspended from a ribbon of the SAR colors. A ribbon bar in the SAR colors is included and a certificate is available.

The Silver ROTC Medal is presented only to students in a university ROTC unit. No recipient may receive it more than once. Miniature is not available. The medal was authorized in 1933.

The Bronze ROTC Medal was authorized in 1965 and is presented only to students in secondary school JROTC units. No recipient may receive it more than once. No miniature medal is available.

Effective June 15, 1998 the US Navy Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) is no longer eligible to receive the SAR JROTC (Bronze) Medal. The NSCC is an outstanding program and should be supported by recognizing the Outstanding NSCC Cadet with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. This medal is authorized for presentation to the US Navy Sea Cadet Corps, to an Outstanding Cadet nominated by his/her Commanding Officer. The award is in recognition of the Cadet's Leadership, Military Bearing, and Excellence of Character, Scholarship, and Citizenship. A ribbon bar for the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal is available from Merchandise specifically for use for the Sea Cadets.

## **ENHANCED JROTC PROGRAM**

In 1997, the President General of the SAR authorized the enhancement of the JROTC program. Each SAR Chapter can now select an Outstanding JROTC Cadet and enter that cadet into their State Society's Outstanding JROTC Cadet program. The winner of the State competition will be entered into the National Outstanding JROTC Recognition program. The winner of the national program will receive a special award at the SAR National Congress. The second place winner will receive a \$500 cash award.

The National SAR award is to be presented to the Outstanding Cadet in their next to last year of JROTC (a Third Year Cadet [11th grade] in a four year program). For a two year JROTC program, a Second Year Cadet may be selected.

Whenever possible, presentation will be made by a member of the SAR at the unit's Spring Awards program.

The enhanced JROTC program has several objectives:

1. To identify and recognize Outstanding JROTC Cadets at the Chapter, State Society, and National Society levels. The program has been designed to allow all candidates to be evaluated equally, regardless of the Military Service they represent.
2. To encourage SAR members to make a personal presentation of the JROTC medal to Outstanding JROTC student in the nation
3. To encourage SAR chapters to work with JROTC units to determine how best to encourage and recognize these outstanding student citizens and therefore support this exceptional national youth program.

At the beginning of the school year each Chapter should contact the Senior or District Instructor of the local JROTC unit(s). Throughout the year the chapter should remain in contact with the administrators of the school and the JROTC unit, providing support for other programs and discussing plans for this program. The chapter should have the school administration, along with the instructors of the JROTC unit, evaluate candidates based on the criteria listed below and select one nominee for each JROTC unit (battalion, squadron, etc.). If the chapter supports several JROTC units, it should run a local contest to select the best cadet, since only one cadet per chapter may advance to the state competition. The chapter contest must have only SAR members as judges, and all contests should be administered using the guidelines listed below.

All State Society Contests must be completed and the National Contest entry packet must be forwarded to the NSSAR Executive Director to be in his office No Later than May 1 each year. As soon as the Outstanding Cadet in the Nation is selected the Chapter sponsoring that cadet will be contacted so that it can coordinate the Cadet's travel to the NSSAR Annual Congress.

The winning cadet will attend the NSSAR Congress, receive his/her award, and be recognized by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. The award will be the National JROTC Medallion and a check for \$1000. When attending the Congress, an additional amount of \$1000 will be provided to the Cadet to pay for the combined travel, taxi fare, hotel and related meals for both the Cadet and his/her chaperone. Expenses in excess of the amount provided by the SAR will be the responsibility of the Cadet. It is suggested that additional assistance might be made available from the sponsoring Chapter or Society – but it is not mandatory. The travel expenses related to the respective State Convention will be at the discretion of the said State Societies.

For further details see the JROTC/ROTC Web Page, accessed from the NSSAR Web page.

## **EAGLE SCOUT MEDAL**

The Eagle Scout Medal, established 1988, is awarded by the state society to the Eagle Scout who is the winner of the Eagle Scout Contest in his council. It was authorized in 1981 with a design change in 1988.

The medal is in bronze, with a design identical to the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, with the exception that the words "Eagle Scout" are inscribed at the bottom of the obverse side. It is not available in miniature.

## **THE EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

The National Society's Eagle Scout Committee is responsible for the administration of a unique Eagle Scout Recognition and Scholarship Program. Young men who achieve the rank of Eagle Scout demonstrate their belief in the same principles of Patriotism and American Heritage as the National Society, and are deserving of special recognition for their accomplishments and dedication.

An official NSSAR Certificate of Recognition is available for chapters to use in recognizing Eagle Scouts. These Scouts are given an opportunity to receive awards for participation in the Scholarship Program, at the chapter, state and national level. The winner and runner-up of the national contest are awarded scholarships at the NSSAR Annual Congress. Full particulars are furnished annually to state society presidents as to requirements and procedures to be used in participating in the recognition program.

The costs of materials and awards for this program are underwritten by the proceeds from an Eagle Scout Fund maintained by NSSAR. Contributions to this fund by compatriots, friends, and corporations are encouraged, so that the program can be constantly improved. Many compatriots contribute to this fund for memorials and recognition of honor to their friends and relatives, since the funds are being kept in perpetuity, and can benefit young men of future years.

Questions regarding the National Eagle Scout Recognition and Awards Program may be directed to the chairman of the NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee.

## **GEORGE AND STELLA KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST**

This award, established in 1988, was named in honor of SAR Compatriot Calvin Coolidge who won an SAR essay contest while a student at Amherst. Its name was changed to the George S. and Stella Knight Essay Contest in 1995. The award is to encourage patriotism in young people and to ascertain their ideas and ideals of the present. The contest is open to all high school juniors and seniors.

The essay must be original, in English, typewritten, double spaced and between 800-1200 words. References used should be listed at the end of the essay. Topics may be designated each year, as determined by the national essay committee. Chapters and state societies are encouraged to sponsor essay contests in their areas. State society winners are to be forwarded to the National Knight Essay Contest Committee. State society winners are to be forwarded to the National Knight Essay Contest Committee prior to the deadline established by the Knight Essay Chairman annually, usually March 15.

Each participant should be given a certificate of participation and winners will receive cash awards that may vary from year to year. Winners will be determined by the Knight Essay Contest Committee. Chapter, State, and National winners receive an Olympic sized medal suspended from a neck ribbon.

## **JOSEPH S. RUMBAUGH HISTORICAL PATRIOTIC ORATION CONTEST**

Compatriot Douglas G. High of Cincinnati, Ohio established this event in a Cincinnati Senior High School in 1945. The following year it became a state project of the Ohio Society. In 1947 the National Society decided to sponsor the event on a national level, calling the project the Historical Patriotic Oration Contest and having the first national event in 1949. Compatriot High was the original national chairman serving five terms until his death in June of 1952. The 1953 National Congress memorialized Compatriot High by naming the event for him.

In 1993 the oration contest became known as the Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Patriotic Oration Contest. Compatriot Joseph Simeon Rumbaugh (1911-1998), former President of the Florida Society, was well known for his interest in youth and was very generous in behalf of their welfare. In appreciation of his interest in the NSSAR oratorical event, the contest was renamed for him.

Specific and very current guidance pertaining to the oration contest is best obtained annually by chapters through their state oration contest chairmen. This detailed guidance is formulated and published by the national committee. However some general guidelines may be helpful.

Contestants in the national event are sponsored by their state societies, except in districts where no state society individually acts as a sponsor. Then a district entry is permitted. Each state society or district where authorized, shall make available information through the chapters to senior high history and/or speech teachers, and also to principals early in the school year. If there are more than ten entries on the national level, elimination contests are held at that level.

On the national level, monetary awards are given to the top three winners. All orators are recognized with certificates. Olympic size medals suspended on neck ribbons are awarded to the top three national winners. Similar medals are available for state or chapter first-place winners. These may be purchased from the NSSAR merchandise department.

The national committee for the oration contest determines the rules and policy of the oration contest with the approval of the Executive Committee. The committee meets three times a year: Fall and Spring Leadership Meetings and a working breakfast meeting during the National Congress.

The national chairman has several specific responsibilities. One is obtain approval for the contest to be listed in the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) list of National Contests and Activities. This is essential to obtain the cooperation of the schools in promoting the contest. Second, the chairman should contact state presidents or district vice presidents general where appropriate to obtain the name, address and telephone number of their appointed contest chairmen. In addition, early in the school year, the national chairman should provide state or district chairmen with detailed brochures and instructions pertaining to the contest. Throughout the year the chairman has the responsibility to forward to the state or district, student inquiries which are received directly by the National Headquarters of the SAR. A national committeeman will respond to the student acknowledging the inquiry and passing along the appropriate name and address of the local contest chairman. Finally, the national chairman has overall responsibility to coordinate all aspects of the national contest.

State or district chairmen should maintain close contact with the national chairman. In addition, they should secure from chapter presidents the names and pertinent information regarding chapter contest chairmen. It is particularly important that a constant flow of information from the national level reaches the chapters and that chapter queries are promptly answered. The state or district chairmen are responsible also to coordinate all aspects of their state or district contests.

Finally, chapter chairman make the contacts with the appropriate school authorities within their areas. This authority may vary from area to area to include the principal, history or speech teacher. This contact is important to explain the purpose, and to distribute detailed printed data. He should feel free to contact his state or district chairman for specific guidance if in doubt of procedures and proceed to plan for the chapter contest. If the chapter chairman cannot reach his state or district chairman, the national chairman is always available.

An endowment fund was created to underwrite the financial needs of the oration contest. The investment of the fund is handled by the appropriate financial committee of the NSSAR. The income from the endowment is used by the oration committee for its operation and promotion. Contributions to this fund are tax deductible.

## **NATIONAL SOCIETY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST**

The National Society Elementary School Poster Contest was developed to help stimulate interest in American History in support of the Fourth or Fifth Grade Curriculum. This competition was begun to aid studies at that grade level. If American History is taught in lower grades at selected schools, an entry may be accepted for the competition. All entries will be judged on an equal basis, using criteria developed by the Americanism Committee.

See the NSSAR website for contest details, rules, and entry forms.

## **COMMUNITY AWARDS**

### **TOM AND BETTY LAWRENCE AMERICAN HISTORY TEACHER AWARD**

This award, approved in 2006, recognizes an outstanding history teacher whose instruction on the Revolutionary War era from 1750 - 1800 demonstrates educational efforts in the classroom that exceed and excel above current accepted curriculum requirements. The Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award winner will receive a trip to Freedoms Foundation Summer Teacher Graduate Workshop at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. This award valued at \$1,400.00 will include tuition, and room and board provided through the Freedoms Foundation. Transportation expenses will be limited to \$400.00. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will provide this professional educational opportunity to an educator who will bring back to the classroom a heightened level of creativity and enthusiasm to their students of the American Revolutionary era.

The award program will be conducted in three (3) phases: Local Chapter, State Society and National Society. The applicant must begin the entry process by obtaining an application form and submitting the completed application through a local SAR Chapter. To locate Local Chapters, applicants can go to [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org) and click on their state website.

Those teacher candidates interested in entering the Local Chapter awards contest must complete the required application and submit a written essay, not to exceed 500 words, discussing any extraordinary teaching techniques or innovative projects utilized by the teacher in the past to teach the Revolutionary War. The essay should also discuss why the teacher wants to attend the Valley Forge Summer Teacher Graduate Workshops and how the teacher would take advantage of what is learned at the Workshop in the future. In addition to the application and written essay NSSAR requests from the applicant a one-page autobiography highlighting their educational background and achievements. The essay and autobiography

may be submitted electronically or through the mail. No handwritten or copied material will be accepted. All original award materials will remain the property of NSSAR.

The SAR website should be consulted for further details on entering the competition.

## **OTHER AWARDS**

### **ARTHUR M. KING EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP FUND MEDAL**

The Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Medal is designed to recognize those individuals who make significant financial contributions to the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund. The medal may be presented to the donor or to honor any individual designated by the donor(s) to recognize contributions to Scouting through the BSA.

The medal is suspended from a red, white, & blue drape like the BSA Eagle Scout medal and is a round disk of silver colored metal with the SAR logo on the obverse surrounded by the words "Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund - N.S.S.A.R." The reverse of the medal is left blank for suitable engraving. Additional \$500.00 contributions are recognized by Bronze, Gold, & Silver palms. The medal is available in miniature for formal wear. Distribution of the Medal is through the NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee. Forms are available on request.

## **STREAMER AWARDS**

### **OFFICERS STREAMER AWARD**

An Officers Streamer Award, authorized in 1989, is awarded at each Congress to those state societies whose president and trustee attended the immediate previous Congress and both immediate previous Leadership Meetings.

The streamer is made of cloth, carries the National Society's colors with lettering in gold to state "NSSAR OFFICER AWARD" and the year presented. It is approximately 2 1/2" wide and 3' in length, with a grommet in the end so that the award may be affixed to the top of the state society's flagstaff. Winners are determined by the Executive Director.

### **PRESIDENT GENERAL'S COLOR GUARD TROPHY**

The President General's Color Guard Trophy of the National Society was authorized in 1998 shall be awarded annually to the color guard of that state society or chapter that earns the most points during the year.

### **COLOR GUARD STREAMER AWARD**

A Color Guard Streamer Award, authorized in 1989, is awarded at a Congress to the society or societies whose Color Guard participated in an event of national importance.

The streamer is made of cloth, is solid blue in color, with lettering in gold to state "NSSAR COLOR GUARD AWARD" and the year presented. It is approximately 2 1/2" wide and 3' in length, with a grommet in the end so that the award may be affixed to the top of the society's flagstaff.

Determination of the winners will be made by the Color Guard Committee and the Executive Committee. All recommendations for the award must be presented to the Executive Director at least four weeks prior to one of the three annual meetings of the Color Guard Committee.

### **N.S.C.A.R. ACTIVITY STREAMER**

This award shall be given to a State Society which meets the criteria that relates to giving assistance to C.A.R. in their state within the calendar year preceding Congress. These criteria are specified on the C.A.R. Activity Award Application located on the C.A.R. Committee website. Each State Society will file their report to the Chairman of the NSSAR C.A.R. Committee by the date specified on the report. This award consists of a certificate and a 36" streamer imprinted with "N.S.C.A.R. Activities" and the date covered by the award. It is to be attached to the SAR Flag of the State Society along with any other streamer.

### **USS STARK MEMORIAL STREAMER**

Chapter flag streamers are part of the awards for winners of the USS Stark Chapter contest for assistance to veterans. This contest is described under the Handbook section "Awards for Specific Activities other than Membership."

### **ADMIRAL WILLIAM R. FURLONG MEMORIAL STREAMER**

This streamer was authorized in 1992 and is awarded to state societies which have presented NSSAR flag certificates to persons or organizations. The criteria for qualification are described under the Handbook section "Awards for Specific Activities other than Membership."

## **AWARDS FOR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

Awards are presented by the National Society at the Annual Congress. National Headquarters compiles the information submitted by the state societies for the previous year and determines the winner of each of the awards.

### **PRESIDENT GENERAL'S STATE SOCIETY AND CHAPTER ACTIVITIES COMPETITION AWARD**

The President General's State Society and Chapter Activities Competition Award was initiated in 1978. Chapters and state societies that may compete for the award by accumulating points awarded for various program activities for period beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of the previous calendar year. Total points for a participating chapter or state society should be reported to the Executive Director in accordance with the contest guidelines set forth by the Americanism Committee. A Score Sheet is available from the Executive Director or may be downloaded from the Americanism Committee Web Page on the NSSAR Web Site. The Score Sheet must be submitted to enter this competition.

Awards will recognize the most active state societies and the most active chapters. Four first place awards for state and chapter will be offered by membership size: States - 10 to 199, 200-499, 500-999, over 1000 members; Chapters - to 49, 50-99, 100-199, over 200.

A President General's Streamer is awarded to the winner of each category. The streamer is made of cloth, carries the National Society's colors with lettering in gold to state "President General's Activities Award" and the years involved. It is approximately 2 1/2" wide and 3' in length, with a grommet in the end so that the award may be affixed to the top of the society's or chapter's flagstaff. A certificate signed by the President General accompanies the streamer.

These awards are presented by the National Society at an Annual Congress for the most complete SAR program. Activities should conform to the chartered purposes and to the type of activity suggested in the SAR Handbook.

### **PRESIDENT GENERAL'S CUP**

The President General's Cup was originated by Former President General Edgar Williamson, Jr. in February 1956. It was essentially a scrapbook contest but the rules were changed in 2008 to omit the scrapbook entry. The award is currently presented to a chapter (or a state society having no chapters) which presents evidence of the most complete program of activities for the previous calendar year, beginning January 1 and ending December 31. To qualify for consideration chapters must participate in at least 75% of the 29 activities listed in the President General's Chapter Activities Competition Award. The Score Sheet for this award is found on the Americanism Page of the NSSAR Web Site. The winner will be determined by dividing the total number of points by the number of members in the chapter as of January 1 of the contest year. This will provide a points per member ratio and the chapter with the highest points per member will be the winner.

No separate entry form is necessary. The winner will be determined from the entries submitted for the President General's Chapter Activities Competition Award. The same chapter may not win two years in a row and is therefore ineligible the year following a year in which that chapter won the President General's Cup. The Americanism Committee will judge the entries and select the winner.

## **COLORADO AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society with the highest percentage of increase in membership among states with MORE than 100 members.

## **HOUSTON CHAPTER AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society which enrolled the largest percentage of new members transferred from the C.A.R.

## **KENTUCKY CUP**

This award is presented to the Membership Chairman of that state society which enrolled the largest percentage of new members.

## **EUGENE C. McGUIRE AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society enrolling the largest number of sons, grandsons and nephews of SAR and DAR members.

## **WILLIAM M. MELONE AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society which has the largest number of new and approved supplemental memberships.

## **OHIO AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society which enrolled the highest percentage of new members under 30 years of age.

## **MATTHEW B. SELLERS, III AWARD**

This award is presented to the Vice President General who makes the best percentage over quota based on last year's membership results. The quota is to be established by the chairman of the NSSAR Membership Committee.

## **LEN YOUNG SMITH AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society which enrolled the largest number of new members under 40 years of age.

## **ROBERT L. SONFIELD AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society with the largest numerical increase of members at the end of that year.

## **WALTER G. STERLING AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society which enrolled the largest number of new members transferred from the Children of the American Revolution.

## **SENATOR ROBERT A. TAFT AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society which enrolled the largest number of new members.

## **TEXAS AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society with the highest percentage of increase in membership among states with less than 100 members.

## **RICHARD H. THOMPSON, JR. AWARD**

This award is presented to that state society which has at year's end the smallest number of members dropped from the rolls by reason of failure to pay the National SAR dues in conjunction with the largest membership.

## **ARTHUR J. TREMBLE AWARD - THE 1776 TROPHY**

This award is presented to the state society which reinstated the largest number of dropped and resigned members.

# **AWARDS FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN MEMBERSHIP**

## **NEWSLETTER AND PERIODICAL AWARDS**

All newsletters or periodicals for judging should be sent to the Chairman of the Newsletters and Periodicals Committee by December 15. Those issues produced during the previous year will be judged by the NSSAR committee prior to the Spring Leadership Meeting for presentation at the upcoming Congress. Specific guidelines are available on the SAR web site or from the committee chairman.

## **GRAHAME T. SMALLWOOD, JR. AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society with over 500 members judged having the best periodical or newsletter with more than 10 pages. A cash award will be presented for first place and honorable mention from the proceeds of the endowment fund established by Mrs. Eleanor B. Niebell in recognition of her brother, Grahame Thomas "Chips" Smallwood, Jr. (1919-2000), former Librarian General and Genealogist General and recognized leader in the hereditary society community.

## **JENNINGS H. FLATHERS AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society with fewer than 500 members judged having the best periodical or newsletter. It is named for Jennings Harvel Flathers (1911-1989), a member of the Virginia Society. A cash award will be presented for first place and honorable mention from the proceeds of the endowment fund established by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Caldwell Flathers, in memory and recognition of his work and devotion to the improvement of state and chapter newsletters as chairman of the Newsletters and Periodicals Committee.

## **PAUL M. NIEBELL, SR. AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society with over 500 members judged having the best periodical or newsletter with up to ten pages. A cash award will be presented for the first place and honorable mention from the proceeds of the endowment fund established by Mrs. Eleanor Smallwood Niebell in recognition of her husband, Paul Milton Niebell, Sr. (1901-1995), and his continuous support and many outstanding contributions to the SAR.

## **CARL F. BESSENT AWARD**

This award is presented to the chapter editor producing the best multiple sheet periodical or newsletter. A certificate will be presented for first place and honorable mention.

This award is also presented to the chapter editor producing the best single sheet periodical or newsletter. A certificate will be presented for first place and honorable mention.

## **ELEANOR SMALLWOOD NIEBELL AWARD**

This award is presented to the State and Local Societies of the Children of the American Revolution who have been judged by the National Society Children of the American Revolution to have the best newsletter. A cash award will be presented for the first place award.

## **MARIAN L. BROWN EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**

The Marian L. Brown Eagle Scout Award, authorized in 1989, is presented at the Annual Congress to the society that sponsors the winner of the NSSAR Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition. The award consists of a three dimensional bronze eagle mounted on a wooden base.

## **JOHN C. HAUGHTON ENHANCED JROTC AWARD**

The John Haughton Enhanced JROTC Award, authorized in 2005, is presented at the Annual Congress to the society that sponsors the winner of the Enhanced JROTC Competition. The award consists of a certificate.

## **ADMIRAL WILLIAM R. FURLONG MEMORIAL AWARD**

This award is presented annually at the SAR Congress to the state societies which have fulfilled the qualifications during the previous year.

To qualify each state society and the majority of its chapters must present, during the previous year, at least one NSSAR Flag Certificate to a person or organization who qualifies.

State societies are to advise the chairman of the Flag Committee of their qualifications by April 15 each year. Societies which qualify will be selected and their names sent to the President General for awarding.

The first year, a certificate and streamer will be awarded to the state society. The streamer is thirty-six (36) inches in length and one and one-half (1 1/2 ) inches wide with parallel red, white and blue stripes of equal width with a grommet at the top. Each succeeding year that a society qualifies, it will receive a certificate and a white star one (1) inch in diameter to be placed at the top of the streamer.

### **ALLENE WILSON GROVES AMERICANISM AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society, which conducted outstanding programs or activities during the course of the year that created, supported or promoted a better understanding in its own community of such SAR resolutions and of the fundamental American traditions which governed their formulation and adoption. The award is divided into two membership size categories for State awards. The Americanism Committee determines the winning societies at the Spring Trustee meeting, and this award is presented at Annual Congress. An Americanism Streamer will be presented to the winner of each membership category.

This contest runs January 1 to December 31 of the previous year. Deadline for entry is February 1 the following year (example Feb 1, 2003 for the contest year 2002).

Individual State Societies should consult the NSSAR Americanism Web Site for the Entry Form which may be downloaded at the SAR website. Entry is to be mailed to the Executive Director and a copy to the Chairman of the Americanism Committee not later than February 1 to permit judging.

The award was named for Allene Wilson Groves (1896-1986) of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, who was President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution (1956-1959).

### **LIBERTY BELL AMERICANISM AWARD**

This award is presented to the Chapter which conducted outstanding programs or activities during the course of the year that created, supported or promoted a better understanding in its own community of such SAR resolutions and of the fundamental American traditions which governed their formulation and adoption. This award, began in 1993 and revised in 2002, was presented the first time at the 1994 Congress. The award is divided into four membership categories for chapters. The Americanism Committee determines the winning Chapters at the Spring Trustee meeting, and this award is presented at Annual Congress. An Americanism Streamer will be presented to the winner of each membership category.

This contest runs January 1 to December 31 of the previous year. Deadline for entry is February 1 the following year (example Feb 1, 2003 for the contest year 2002).

Individual chapters should consult the NSSAR Americanism Web Site for the Entry Form which may be downloaded at the SAR website. Entry is to be mailed to the Executive Director and a copy to the Chairman of the Americanism Committee not later than February 1st to permit judging by the national committee.

## **SAR LEGISLATOR'S AWARD**

This plaque is awarded for outstanding service to the Nation by a member of the United States Congress. It may be presented only by the President General (or his designated representative) at an Annual Congress or at an appropriate special function.

## **WIN WILLIAMS SAR MAGAZINE AWARD**

This award is presented by the National Society at an Annual Congress to the state society which tendered the most cooperation in supplying usable magazine material. Recommendation for the award is the responsibility of *THE SAR MAGAZINE* Editor. In 2008, the award was named for Winston C. Williams of the WISSAR, who was the longest serving editor of *THE SAR MAGAZINE* (1978-2007).

## **USS STARK MEMORIAL AWARD**

The USS Stark Memorial Award, authorized in 1988 (revised 2003), was established to memorialize those brave men and women who continue to stand at the forefront to preserve the freedoms our patriotic ancestors fought so long and hard to achieve. Its purpose is to recognize outstanding chapters and the most outstanding state society within the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for their participation with the Veteran community, and supporting activities of the NSSAR Veteran's Committee.

The reporting period for the USS Stark Award competition is January 1 through December 31 of the previous year. Total points for a participating chapter or society should be reported to the NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman and Executive Director no later than February 1. This report should be made on the form located on the SAR website. Supporting documentation may be asked for, if needed.

Awards will recognize the most active state society and/or most active chapters. First place streamer and certificate awards for Chapters will be offered by membership size: 1 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to 199, over 200, and one first place award for a State Society (will be judged using weighted equation on a per member basis). A USS Stark Streamer is awarded to the winner of each Chapter category and one State Award may not be won for two consecutive years. An Honorable Mention Streamer may possibly be awarded at the discretion of the Veteran's Committee.

## **GENERAL WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND AWARD**

This award, authorized in 1996, is presented to the SAR member who has the most outstanding record of service as a VA Volunteer donating time to veterans in the VA hospital. This award is a certificate signed by the PG and a special gold version of the Service to Veterans Medal. It is presented to only one person per year selected by the Veterans committee. A Compatriot may receive this medal only once in a lifetime. Nominations for this award may be submitted by a state society or chapter utilizing the entry on the form that is available from the SAR website. The deadline is January 1.

## **PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM AWARD**

This award, initiated in 2007, is presented to any Chapter or State Society that documents and reports working with a veterans group on a program that furthers the goals and objectives of the group and the SAR. Reports and documentation should be submitted to the Partners in Patriotism Chairman by June 1 of each year.

## **SYRACUSE AWARD**

This award is presented to the state society which chartered the most new chapters during the past year.

## **MINNESOTA SOCIETY STEPHEN TAYLOR AWARD**

This award is presented to the compatriot who by research and writings has made a significant contribution to the preservation of the history of the American Revolution era, and its patriots. The winner is determined by the National Society Historian General.

## **EDWIN B. GRAHAM PLAQUE**

This plaque hangs in the alcove at the south end of the Trustee Hall in the headquarters building. Each year the names of the winning orator and sponsoring state society are inscribed.

## **HAROLD L. PUTNAM AWARD**

This award is given to the state society or state chairman responsible for the winner of the oration contest.

## **GEORGE S. & STELLA M. KNIGHT AWARD**

This award is given to the state society sponsoring the winner of the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest.

## **THOMAS JEFFERSON BOND, JR. MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARD**

This award was created and funded by Wilma ‘Sunni’ M. Bond as a memorial to Thomas J. Bond, Jr. (1936-1997). The annual award shall recognize and reward the compatriot whose photographic entry is selected as the most representative of patriotism. The money given to NSSAR by Mrs. Bond is to be invested in such a manner as to yield at least \$1,000 annually in earnings, said earnings up to \$1,000 to be presented to the winner. If the earnings in any year are less than \$1,000, the award shall be given in increments of \$100; i.e., \$900. Any excess earnings shall be added to the principal. An SAR certificate, appropriately embossed, shall accompany the award. Incidental administrative expenses, i.e., the cost of the certificate, may be deducted from earnings prior to any excess reverting to principal. Should the name of this award ever be changed by NSSAR, the original \$20,000 donation shall revert to the Bond Memorial Trust as of the date of any such name change.

Entries are to be 5”x7” in size, unmattd and unframed, and may be in color or black-and-white. Only one entry per compatriot will be accepted. Entries are to be sent to NSSAR Headquarters for judging during the Spring Leadership Meeting. All photos to be considered must be received by the Executive Director no later than February 15 of each calendar year.

Judges shall be the SAR Magazine Editor, Historian General and the Chairman (Chairmen) of the Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee(s). If the latter is unavailable or if that committee is ever absorbed by some other entity, the other two shall select the individual(s) to serve as the third judge with preference being given to the chair of a committee devoted to patriotism. Judges will reach their decision in whatever manner they deem appropriate, so long as only one picture is selected as the winner. Announcement of the winner and presentation of the check and certificate will occur at Recognition Night during the Annual Congress each year. The SAR Magazine Editor is requested to run a reproduction of the winning photo each year in the issue of the SAR Magazine in which Congress events are reported.

All entries become the property of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution and will not be returned. The award was first presented in 1998.

### **COLONEL STEWART BOONE McCARTY AWARD**

This award is presented to the compatriot who has best furthered the preservation of United States History and its traditional teaching in our schools. The award was first given in 1996.

### **ROBERT B. VANCE AWARD**

This award is given to the State Society and Chapter which presents the best example of an SAR website during the year, based on established criteria. The entry form is on the SAR website. The deadline for entry is April 1.

### **HOWARD F. HORNE, JR. AWARD**

This award is presented to the State Society who has recruited the most new George Washington Fellows as an annual percentage increase of George Washington Fellows as compared to the total membership of the State Society. The first award was made in 2000.

### **WALTER BUCHANAN “BUCK” MEEK AWARD**

This award is presented to the State Society who has recruited the most new George Washington Fellows. The award was first made in 2008 and is named for Compatriot Walter Buchanan “Buck” Meek (1926-2006) of the Mississippi Society who devoted a large part of his SAR career to promoting and building the George Washington Endowment Fund.

### **DAR/SAR AWARD**

This award, authorized in 1990, is presented to the DAR State Society that recruits the most members to SAR. The award consists of a certificate and a \$500 cash prize paid to the winning DAR State Society. The competition runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year. In order to be counted, a DAR Finder Report Form, available on the SAR website, must be attached to the application packet. The NSSAR Staff Registrar uses these forms to determine the winner. Applications without the form cannot be counted toward the competition.

### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY AWARD**

This award is presented to the State Society with the largest recruitment of Friends of the Library as a percentage increase of Friends of the Library members as compared to the State Society’s total membership as of December 31 of each year. Tabulations and calculations for this award will be made by the Librarian General and forwarded to the Chairman of the Library Committee before February 1 for final approval at the Spring Leadership Meeting. Any State Society or Chapter that becomes a Friend of the Library member will be counted as the equivalent of one individual. Awards will be made for State Societies with memberships of 499 or less and State Societies with memberships greater than 500. The award will consist of a certificate, cash award, and a “Franklin Flyer” Streamer.

## SUMMARY OF CONTEST AWARDS

### CONTEST AWARDS FOR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SUBMITTED TO</u>	<u>JUDGED BY</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
President General – State Society Activities	Societies	NSSAR ED	Americanism Committee	May 1
President General – Chapter Activities	Chapters	NSSAR ED	Americanism Committee	May 1
President General's Cup	Chapters	NSSAR ED	Americanism Committee	May 1
All other awards	Societies STATISTICAL DATA ONLY	NSSAR ED	NSSAR Staff	February 1

### CONTEST AWARDS FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN MEMBERSHIP

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SUBMITTED TO</u>	<u>JUDGED BY</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
Newsletter & Periodicals, Graham T. Smallwood, Jr. Jennings H. Flathers, Carl F. Bessent, Paul Niebell	Societies and Chapters	Newsletters & Periodicals Committee Chairman	Newsletters and Periodicals Committee	December 15
Eleanor Smallwood Niebell	n/a	n/a	N.S.C.A.R.	n/a
Robert B. Vance	Societies and Chapters	IT Committee Chairman	IT Committee	April 1
Admiral William F. Furlong	Societies	Flag Committee Chairman	Flag Committee	April 15
Partners in Patriotism	Societies and Chapters	Partners in Patriotism Chairman	Partners in Patriotism Committee	June 1
Allene Wilson Groves Americanism	Societies	Americanism Committee Chairman	Americanism Committee	February 1
Liberty Bell Americanism	Chapters	Americanism Committee Chairman	Americanism Committee	February 1
Win Williams SAR Magazine Award	Society	<i>SAR Magazine</i> Editor	<i>SAR Magazine</i> Editor	February 1
U.S.S. Stark Memorial	Societies and Chapters	NSSAR Executive Director	Veterans Committee	February 1
Minnesota Society, Stephen Taylor Award	Societies	NSSAR Historian General	Historian General	February 1
All Other Awards	Society Reports	NSSAR Executive Director & Office of the Registrar General	NSSAR Executive Director and Deputy Director	varies

## REVISIONS TO THE SAR HANDBOOK

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Changes to the SAR Constitution and Bylaws must be processed according the amendment provisions contained within those documents. Changes to SAR Medals or Awards must be processed and approved through the Medals and Awards Committee's procedure. Changes to administrative procedures (dates, forms, etc.) must be submitted to the Handbook Committee from the Chairman of the responsible SAR Committee.

The SAR Handbook Committee welcomes all other suggestions from the membership as we look for ways to continuously improve the SAR Handbook.

### REVISION HISTORY

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
01 Nov 2007	Rebaselined existing edition of the handbook.
01 Oct 2008	Added EMS Medal in order of precedence; added the Congress of Paris and Paix de 1783 Medals; renamed the SAR Magazine Award; updated the President Generals Cup criteria; changed typeface size; various typographical and grammatical edits; updated criteria and dates for UUS Stark and Westmoreland Awards.
09 Aug 2009	Corrected typographical errors; updated C.A.R. Activities Award description; corrected name of SAR Distinguished Patriotic Leadership Award; added information about Florence Kendall, Joseph Rumbaugh, Paul Niebell, and Grahame T. Smallwood; added War Service Medal bars for Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Global War of Terror (authorized Spring 2009); added Aide-de-Camp Badge (approved April 2009); modified Minuteman criteria (authorized Congress 2009); updated criteria of Paul M Niebell Award; removed scoring details from USS Stark Award; added NSSAR Medal and Insignia Standard Specification to the State Society Medals section.