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PREFACE

The *NSSAR Handbook* contains the governing documents and official policies, procedures and protocol of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. It provides official guidance to all Compatriots at the National, State Society and Chapter levels on the operations, programs and activities of the Sons of the American Revolution. Compatriots should regularly review the *NSSAR Handbook*.

The development and publication of the *NSSAR Handbook* is the responsibility of the Handbook Committee, whose members are appointed by the President General pursuant to Bylaw No. 19, Section 1(f). The Handbook Committee is currently composed of the following individuals.

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The table of contents for each volume of the *Handbook* details the contents of that volume. The *Handbook* consists of eight volumes, titled as follows: VOLUME I: *Governing Documents*; VOLUME II: *Organization*; VOLUME III: *Membership, Compliance & Other Policies*; VOLUME IV: *Insignia, Protocol, Ceremonies & Rituals*; VOLUME V: *Individual Medals & Awards*; VOLUME VI: *Youth Programs, State Society & Chapter Awards*; VOLUME VII: *Summary History of the SAR*; and VOLUME VIII: *Historical Roster of SAR General Officers*.

The *NSSAR Handbook*'s content is established by the: (1) Annual Congress, (2) Board of Trustees, (3) Executive Committee, (4) National Headquarters staff and (5) Standing, Special Advisory and Program Committees. Revisions to the *NSSAR Handbook* may be made as follows:

- The NSSAR Charter may be modified only by the United States Congress;
- The NSSAR Constitution & Bylaws may be modified only as provided in those documents;
- An Annual Congress, the Board of Trustees, or the Executive Committee may implement, amend or abolish a policy by voting on such changes and submitting the policy to the Handbook Committee for inclusion in the next edition of the *NSSAR Handbook*.
- Program Committees retain responsibility for developing, implementing, amending or abolishing policies within their purview. Any such updates should be provided to the Handbook Committee for inclusion in the next edition of the *NSSAR Handbook*. These changes must be approved by the Executive Committee prior to publication.
- Changes to existing SAR medals or awards are generally processed and approved by the responsible Program Committee; *provided* that major changes to design or criteria must be approved by the Medals & Awards Committee.
- New National Society or State Society medals or awards must be processed according to the Medals & Awards Committee's procedures.

Questions on *Handbook* interpretation or application should be directed to the Handbook Committee Chair or the responsible Program Committee Chair.

Each volume of the *NSSAR Handbook* is reviewed annually, typically after the Annual Congress, to ensure the content found in that volume reflects current SAR practices. The Executive Committee annually approves publication of the *NSSAR Handbook* at the Fall Leadership Meeting. Volumes may be updated several times throughout the year to reflect changes provided following the Fall and Spring Leadership meetings. The *NSSAR Handbook* and its periodic revisions are maintained in electronic format only, available at: http://www.sar.org/SAR_Handbook. The electronic version of the *NSSAR Handbook*, as published on the above website, supersedes all prior electronic and paper versions. Each volume of the *NSSAR Handbook* identifies its effective date. Compatriots are encouraged to

download the latest editions of the *NSSAR Handbook*. The last five years of the revision history for this volume, if available, is provided below.

The *NSSAR Handbook* reflects hundreds of hours of work and could not have been realized without the valuable assistance of the general officers, committees and Compatriots of the NSSAR. The Handbook Committee greatly appreciates the assistance provided.

REVISION NOTES

Date	Description
01 Feb 2026	Revised the procedures for New Medal, Insignia, Certificate & Other Award requests to reflect current practice; revised the procedures for Modifying Medal, Insignia, Certificate & Other Award requests to reflect current practice; revised Precedence Chart (Compatriots and Ladies) to reflect updates; added medal description for Gold and Silver Council of States Presidents' medals; added General Casimir Pulaski Founders Medal; added Caleb Gibbs State Color Guard Commander Medal; revised authorized presenters and presentation guidelines for Bronze Good Citizenship Medal; updated the Law Enforcement Commendation, Fire Safety Commendation, and EMS Commendation Medals to reflect allowance for multiple awards; added the Sarah Fulton Color Guard Medal (Ladies); added the Lucy Knox, Deborah Sampson, and Abigail Adams DAR Finder Form Award Medals; added the SAR Town Crier Medal for Video Contest; added the SAR America 250th Fundraising Medal; revised authorized presenters and description of the Flag Certificate and the Flag Retirement Certificate.
10 Oct 2024	Updated District, State Society, and Chapter Meritorious Service Medal descriptions to reflect authorization to award times.
08 Sept 2024	Added SAR Nathan Hale Medal for Teaching History; revised "State Society Medals & Requirements" and "Wear of State Society Emblems, Badges & Pins" sections to address the National Society's exclusive use of neck ribbons; revise size of stars used for district medals; acknowledge miniature version of Heroism Medal.
01 Jan 2024	Revised awarding and presentation procedures for the Gold, Silver, & Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medals; revised authorized presentations of Silver & Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medals; revised oak leaf cluster policy for the Gold, Silver, & Bronze Liberty Medals; added language clarifying oak leaf cluster policy on the District, State, & Chapter-level Meritorious Service Medals; added Silver Eagle Scout Medal (State Contest Winner); added Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary Commemorative Medal; added First Continental Congress 250th Anniversary Commemorative Medal; added Cmte. De Vergennes 2024 France trip medal; added SAR Historical Preservation Medal; developed separate descriptions for the Salute to the Netherlands Medal, The Recognition of Spain Medal, and the Honoring German Patriots Medal; deleted generic "Specialty Medal" description; revised precedence list to address newly added medals.
24 Apr 2023	Revised approving authority for National Meritorious Service Medal (Medals & Awards).
31 Mar 2023	Added Henry Knox Achievement Medal (National, District, State, Chapter); added Youth Color Guard Medal; revised descriptions for the Molly Pitcher, Von Steuben, Silver, and

Bronze Color Guard Medals to address addition of Youth Color Guard Medal; revised precedence list to address additional medals.

25 Jan 2023 Revised "Additional Awards of the Same Medal" section to reflect authorization miniature oak leaf clusters for miniature medals; revised descriptions of District Meritorious Service Medal and Roger Sherman Medal to reflect use of silver star devices on full-size and miniature medals; revised criteria and precedence (Compatriots and Ladies) for the Gold, Silver and Bronze 250th Anniversary Recognition Medals.

21 Dec 2022 Updated Compatriot Medal Precedence List, added the Ladies Medal Precedence List, and restructured volume to match these revised precedence lists; added Gold and Silver Liberty Medals; revised description of Bronze Liberty Medal; added Youth Education Medal; updated Meritorious Service Medal Descriptions to account for Gold (National), Silver with Silver Star (District), Silver (State), and Bronze (Chapter) medals; added Committee Service Certificate and Years of Service Certificate; added Memorial Certificate.

06 Feb 2022 Revised the Summary and Special Application Required paragraphs for the General William C. Westmoreland Award.

19 July 2021 Updated War Service and Military Service Medals to permit posthumous presentations (Veterans Recognition); added Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin Outstanding Youth Member Medal (National, State, and Chapter); updated medal precedence chart.

01 Mar 2021 Added Posthumous Presentation Policy for SAR Medals (Medals & Awards); updated service necessary for State Distinguished Service Medal (Medals & Awards).

01 Feb 2021 Updated Silver Good Citizenship, Bronze Good Citizenship, Daughters of Liberty, SAR Medal of Appreciation, and Martha Washington Medals to require President General approval before presenting these awards to National Officers of other organizations (Medals & Awards); updated Gold Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal requirements (Congress Review); updated Patriot Gravemarking and Compatriot Gravemarking Medals to permit presentation to C.A.R. Members (Patriot Records).

21 Sept 2019 Updated Westmoreland Award requirements (Veterans); added Benjamin Franklin Medal (Library & Archives).

15 July 2019 Revised chart regarding presentation of Military Service Medal (Veterans Recognition); added SAR Trip to Scotland Medal; modified requirements of SAR Patriot Medal to remove special application and Executive Director reporting requirements; modified requirements of State Distinguished Service Medal to remove special application requirement; updated Patriot Grave Marking and Compatriot Grave Marking Medals to reflect NSSAR Patriot Records Committee as overseeing committee; updated Minuteman Award description to remove silk requirement.

28 Sept 2018 Updated SAR Foundation, Inc. Lamplighter Award information (SAR Foundation); revised requirement 3.a. of Patriot Grave Marking Medal and requirement 2.a. of Compatriot Grave Marking Medal (Medals & Awards/Executive Committee).

03 Mar 2018 Updated authorized presentations of Silver and Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medals; added 250th Anniversary Recognition Award; added Flag Retirement Certificate (Medals & Awards/Executive Committee).

15 July 2017 Noted Sterling Silver option for Patriot Medal (Medals & Awards/Executive Committee).

05 Mar 2017 Added SAR Life Saving Medal and Compatriot Grave Marking Medal; revised precedence for Patriot Medal and State Distinguished Service Medal; added precedence for Annual Congress Attendance Medals (Medals & Awards/Executive Committee).

01 Oct 2016 Revised annual authorizations for National Medal for Distinguished Service (Medals & Awards).

11 May 2015 Revised General Comments on Precedence (Handbook); revised application period for National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement (Color Guard); revised Silver Council of State Presidents Medal requirements (Council of State Presidents); clarified campaign medal requirements in War Service Medal (Medals & Awards); revised Bronze Good Citizenship Medal criteria for U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps recipients (ROTC/JROTC).

27 Sept 2014 Revised description of Thomas Jefferson Medal for support of the Knight Essay Contest (Knight Essay and Medals & Awards); added precedence reference for NSSAR District Service & Membership Medals (Medals & Awards); updated presentation criteria for Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award (Eagle Scout); added Purple Heart pin to War Service Medal and Military Service Medal descriptions (Medals & Awards); added authorization for War Service Medal and Military Service Medal ribbon bars (Medals & Awards).

07 Mar 2014 Revised War Service Medal and Military Service Medal language (Medals & Awards, Executive Committee); revised Gold Roger Sherman Medal requirements (Medals & Awards, Executive Committee); added Retroactive Effectiveness rule to Chapter Distinguished Service Medal and Lydia Darragh Medal (Medals & Awards, Executive Committee); corrected prior Handbook edition regarding incorrect Silver ROTC Medal requirements (Handbook Committee); added Americanism Youth Contest Award Medal (Medals & Awards, Executive Committee); added Certificate of Patriotism for Veterans Service (Veterans Recognition).

30 Jan 2014 Created new volume of Handbook and removed Insignia to Volume III and Youth Awards, State Society and Chapter Awards to Volume V; added Chapter Distinguished Service Medal, Roger Sherman Medal, Lydia Darragh Medal, SAR 125th Anniversary Medal and Commodore John Barry Medal (Medals & Awards/Executive Committee).

MEDALS AND AWARDS

Authority

For the purposes of this Handbook, 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 to determine that the proposed recipient is qualified, 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 recipient 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 wear their medals with pride and in the correct manner. Medals and awards presentations are discussed further in this volume.

The National Society retains the authority present all of the awards and medals listed in this volume <u>except</u> for those medals or awards specifically reserved to a State Society or Chapter.

Submission of Nominations for Medals and Awards

Awarding Medals
The Executive Director, unless otherwise stated in the description for the award, must receive any nomination for an award of a medal for presentation at an Annual Congress, 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.

Awards for National Officers of Organizations by State Society or Chapter must be approved by the President General. Award requests will be submitted to the Executive Director at least 30 days prior to the ceremony so that the President General can approve of the presentation and so that the proper certificate and engraving can be completed.

Awarding Certificates
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.

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 to the recipient, 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 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.

Additional Awards of the Same Medal (Oak Leaf Clusters)

A member may be awarded several National Society medals more than once: *Meritorious Service Medal (Gold, Silver w/ Star, Silver, and Bronze)*, *Roger Sherman Medal (Gold, Silver w/ Star, Silver, and Bronze)*, *Henry Knox Achievement Medal (Gold, Silver w/ Star, Silver, and Bronze)*, *Medal for Heroism*, *Bronze Good Citizenship Medal*, *Liberty Medal (Gold, Silver, and Bronze)*, *C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Gold, Silver, and Bronze)*, *Samuel Adams Congress Planning*

Medal (Gold, Silver, and Bronze), *Service to Veterans Medal*, and the *Florence Kendall Award*. Please refer to the specific medal in the Handbook for the specific criteria, including number and placement of oak leaf clusters, and/or multiple awards permitted for each medal. Multiple awards of state society medals should use the oak leaf cluster system.

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 two sizes and may be worn on either full size or miniature medals. Full size medals should use a 3/16" Oak Leaf Cluster. Miniature medals should use a 13/32" inch Oak Leaf Cluster.

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.

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.

If 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.

Requests for New Insignia, Medals, Certificates, and Other Awards

All new insignia, medals, certificates, and awards must be approved by the Medals and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee. ***This includes any and all insignia or medals that a State Society or Chapter intends to present in the name of the Sons of the American Revolution, regardless of whether it is designed to be presented to the public or to a Compatriot.***

To initiate the approval process, a State Society (through the State Society President) or National Committee (though its Chair) must submit a Proposed Award Submission Form to the Chair of the Medals & Awards Committee. The Proposed Award Submission must include the following information:

1. The completed cover report for the proposed award. The information required in the cover report includes:
    a. The name of the proposed award with an explanation of the selected name.
    b. A detailed description of the recommended criteria or requirements for receiving the award.
    c. A funding proposal for implementing the award.
    d. An explanation detailing how the proposed award will further either (i) the accomplishment of the SAR's educational, historical, and patriotic objectives, (ii) a component of the National Society SAR's approved strategic or operating plans; or (iii) the incumbent President General's initiatives.
    e. A summary of any overlap with an existing National Society, State, or Chapter award.
2. A manufacturer's rendering or line art depiction of the award.

3. An exemplar of the certificate that will accompany the award.
4. If the award is to be a recurring award managed by the National Society, the recommendation(s) and approval(s) of the Merchandise Committee and any National Society committee intended to have oversight of the proposed award.
5. A detailed proposed Handbook description that follows the current Handbook format.

The cover report form is available from the Executive Director.

Please note:

1. The proposed award's proponent (or his designee) must present the award to the Medals & Awards Committee. If the proponent does not make the presentation, the proposed award will not be considered by the Medals & Awards Committee. A proponent's second failure to make such a presentation will result in the proposed award being referred back to the proposing entity.
2. There are no national funds available for funding new medals, awards, insignia, certificates, or a monetary award given with an award or certificate. The requestor will provide source of funding for any costs to maintain and issue an award, medal, certificate, or insignia.
3. All requests must be sent at least thirty days prior to a Leadership Meeting. It should be noted that the approval, implementation, and manufacturing process normally takes eight to twelve months.

The Medals & Awards Committee may take the following actions with respect to a proposed award:

1. Approve the proposed award;
2. Reject the proposed award;
3. Modify the proposed award on its own initiative;
4. Refer the proposed award back to the proposer or to another committee for additional review or comment with a specific return date.

If the proposed award is rejected by the Medals & Awards Committee, then any proposal similar, related to, or the same as the rejected proposed award will not be considered for 1-year following the rejection.

If the proposed award is approved by the Medals & Awards Committee, then the Chair of the Medals & Awards Committee will present the proposed award to the National Executive Committee for final approval. The National Executive Committee may take the following actions with respect to a proposed award:

1. Approve the proposed award;
2. Reject the proposed award;
3. Refer the proposed award back to the Medals & Awards Committee with instructions. Such instructions may include (but is not limited to): amendments, modifications, or revisions to the proposed award, additional information, or review and approval by other committees.

Once approved by the Executive Committee, the award's description will be updated in the

appropriate volume of the *NSSAR Handbook* by the Chair of the Medals & Awards Committee or his designee. The Medals & Awards Committee will have oversight and editing responsibility for the medals & awards volume of the *NSSAR Handbook*.

Modifications to Approved Insignia, Medals, Certificates, and Other Awards

Existing insignia, medals, certificates, and other awards may be modified by the Executive Committee, a National Society committee, or a State Society (if it is a State or Chapter created insignia or medal) following the same submission process discussed in the previous section.

The approval process and *NSSAR Handbook* updating will also follow the procedure discussed in the previous section. Funding for any currently authorized medal, award, certificate, or insignia is subject to review by the Medals and Awards committee for possible deletion unless the requestor or its representative provides adequate funding.

State Society Medals & Requirements

All state societies are authorized to issue their own medals for service within their societies upon approval by the National Medals & Awards Committee and the National Executive Committee; Chapters may do the same if approved by the State Society and the National Medals & Awards Committee and the National Executive Committee. Any State Society or Chapter medal that did not comply with this approval procedure ***may not be presented as an official medal of the Sons of the American Revolution***. To avoid confusion as well as inappropriate designs, State Society and chapter medals must meet the following requirements:

1. Be suspended from a chest ribbon;
2. **To avoid conflict with the National Society's Minuteman Award, no State Society or Chapter medal may be worn suspended from a neck ribbon;**
3. 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;
4. 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;
5. Be produced in accordance with the NSSAR Medal and Insignia Specification Standard—

Large Medals:

Diameter:	1-1/4 inches (32 millimeters)
(Ladies Medals)	1-1/8 inches (28 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)

The order of precedence for wearing National Society and state society medals (including wearing medals awarded by multiple state societies) appears on the following pages.

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

Wear of State Society Emblems, Badges & Pins

State-created former state society president or chapter president pins and other state or chapter 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. Only NSSAR approved pins may be worn on the official neck ribbon. All state badges, emblems, pins, etc., must follow the above-described requirements pertaining to design, reason for presentation, etc. ***State Society and Chapter medals are to be worn consistent with the original proposal and may not be changed without the approval of the National Society Medals & Awards Committee and National Executive Committee. Any State Society or Chapter medal grandfathered by the Medals & Awards Committee and National Executive Committee may only be worn at State Society or Chapter functions consistent with the approval provided by the Medals & Awards Committee and National Executive Committee.***

Posthumous Presentation Policy

Deceased members and memorial members may NOT receive SAR Medals, unless posthumous presentation is specifically authorized under the individual medal description. If authorized, a posthumous award shall be made ONLY in cases where all the requirements for the medal being awarded were completed during the life of the deceased or memorial member.

PRECEDENCE

General Comments on Precedence

The position of honor is on the wearer's right and on the top. The general rule of precedence when SAR medals are worn with other medals follows, but an individual should refer to the relevant publication for specific precedence for his military branch, governmental department, or the specific requirements of the individual award. Miniature medals are not worn without their ribbons as the ribbon forms an integral part of the decoration.

1. **Federal Decorations**: Consult the most current relevant publication for medal precedence for proper sequence.
2. **Federal Campaign Medals**: Consult the most current relevant publication for medal precedence for proper sequence.

3. **Foreign Military and Civilian Decorations**: *For foreign campaign decorations*, consult the most current relevant publication for medal precedence for proper sequence. *For foreign civilian decorations,* consult the relevant publication or the specific requirements of the decoration, honor or award. If no relative order of precedence is available, foreign civilian decorations should be ordered from right to left by the date on 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 Medals**: Medals awarded for service to SAR or its constituent organizations should be worn in the order of precedence established in the following pages.
6. **Insignia and Medals of Other Hereditary, Patriotic and Veterans Societies**: Insignia are worn in chronological order of precedence according to the year of establishment of such organization. Medals awarded for service to a particular organization (such as the medals described herein) should be placed immediately following the insignia of the respective organization in the order of precedence established by that organization (for SAR Medals, the order of precedence is specified in the following pages).

Compatriots: Medals and Awards Summary and Precedence Table

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

Rank	Medal	Notes	Awarded By	Approved By	Presented By	Purchased By
1.	SAR Badge *[unless on neck ribbon]*		NSSAR	4	25	24 or 26
2.	Minuteman Award *[unless on neck ribbon]*	‡	NSSAR	5	2	1
3.	Good Citizenship Medal (Gold)	‡	NSSAR	3 **and** 6	2, 19, or 22	1, 18, or 21
4.	War Service Medal **or**	§	All	7, 21, or 24	2, 22, or 25	1, 18, 21, 24, or 26
	Military Service Medal	§	All	7, 21, or 24	2, 22, or 25	1, 18, 21, 24, or 26
5.	National Distinguished Service Medal (Gold)		NSSAR	2	2	1
6.	Meritorious Service Medal (Gold)	§	NSSAR	2	2	1
7.	Roger Sherman Commendation Medal (Gold)	§	NSSAR	2	2	1
8.	Henry Knox Achievement Medal (Gold)	§	NSSAR	2	2	1
9.	Florence Kendall Medal	§	NSSAR	4	2	1
10.	Color Guard Medal (Gold)		NSSAR	9	1 or 2	1
11.	Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Gold)	§	NSSAR	3	2	1
12.	William C. Westmoreland Award Medal	‡	NSSAR	11	11	1
13.	Outstanding Young Member Medal (Gold)	‡	NSSAR	3 **and** 12	2	12
14.	Von Steuben Medal	‡	NSSAR	10 **and** 20 or 23	2 or 10**	21 or 26
15.	Liberty Medal (Gold) **or**	§	NSSAR	4	22	1
	Liberty Medal (Silver) **or**	§	NSSAR	4	22	1
	Liberty Medal (Bronze)	§	NSSAR	4	22	1
16.	Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Silver)	§	NSSAR	8	2 or 8	1
17.	Color Guard Medal (Silver)	‡	NSSAR	10 **and** 20 or 23	2 or 10**	21 or 26
18.	Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal	§	NSSAR	4	1, 2, 22, or 25	1
19.	Patriot Grave Marking Medal	‡ §	NSSAR	13 **and** 21	2, 19, or 22	21 or 26
20.	Compatriot Grave Marking Medal	‡ §	NSSAR	13 **and** 21	2, 19, or 22	21 or 26
21.	Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Bronze)	§	NSSAR	8	2 or 8	1
22.	Council of State Presidents Medal (Gold)		NSSAR	1	1 or 2	1

Rank	Medal	Notes	Awarded By	Approved By	Presented By	Purchased By
23.	Council of State Presidents Medal (Silver)		NSSAR	1	26	26
24.	250th Anniversary Award (Gold)	‡	NSSAR	14	2, 19, 22, or 25	1, 18, 21, or 24
25.	Meritorious Service Medal (Silver w/ star)	§	District	19	19	18
26.	Roger Sherman Medal (Silver w/ star)	§	District	19	19	18
27.	Henry Knox Medal (Silver w/ star)	§	District	19	19	18
28.	Patriot Medal	‡	State	21	22	21
29.	State Distinguished Service Medal (Silver)		State	21	22	21
30.	Meritorious Service Medal (Silver)	§	State	21	22	21
31.	Roger Sherman Commendation Medal (Silver)	§	State	21	22	21
32.	Henry Knox Achievement Medal (Silver)	§	State	21	22	21
33.	Good Citizenship Medal (Silver)		State	21	22	21
34.	Outstanding Young Member Medal (Silver)	‡	State	21	22	21
35.	General Casimir Pulaski Founders Medal	‡	State	4	22	21
36.	Service to Veterans Medal	‡ §	State	21	22	21
37.	Caleb Gibbs Color Guard Commander Medal	§	State	23	22 or 23	21
38.	Color Guard Medal (Bronze)		State	23	22 or 25	21 or 25
39.	Youth Education Medal	§	State	21	22	21
40.	250th Anniversary Award (Silver)	‡	State	21	22	21
41.	Chapter Distinguished Service Medal (Bronze)		Chapter	24	25	24
42.	Meritorious Service Medal (Bronze)	§	Chapter	24	25	24
43.	Roger Sherman Medal (Bronze)	§	Chapter	24	25	24
44.	Henry Knox Achievement Medal (Bronze)	§	Chapter	24	25	24
45.	Good Citizenship Medal (Bronze)	§	Chapter	24	25	24
46.	Outstanding Young Member Medal (Bronze)	‡	Chapter	24	25	24

Rank	Medal	Notes	Awarded By	Approved By	Presented By	Purchased By
47.	250th Anniversary Award (Bronze)	‡	Chapter	24	25	24
48.	Medal for Heroism	§	All	1, 21, or 24	2, 22, or 25	1, 21, or 24
49.	Life Saving Medal	§	All	1, 21, or 24	2, 22, or 25	1, 21, or 24
50a.	Law Enforcement Commendation Medal	§	All	1, 21, or 24	2, 22, or 25	1, 21, or 24
50b.	Fire Safety Commendation Medal	§	All	1, 21, or 24	2, 22, or 25	1, 21, or 24
50c.	EMS Commendation Medal	§	All	1, 21, or 24	2, 22, or 25	1, 21, or 24
51.	ROTC Medal (Silver)		State/Chapter	21 or 24	21 or 24	21 or 25
52.	ROTC Medal (Bronze)		State/Chapter	21 or 24	21 or 24	21 or 24
53.	CAR-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Gold)	§	NSSAR	3 **and** 16	2	1
54.	Robert E. Burt BSA Volunteer Award	‡	NSSAR	17 **and** 19 or 22	17	26
55.	CAR-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Silver)	§	State	16 or 21	1 or 22	21
56.	CAR-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Bronze)	§	State/Chapter	16 or 24	25	24
57.	Silver Eagle Scout Medal	§	State	21	22	21
58.	Bronze Eagle Scout Medal	§	Chapter	24	25	24
59.	Youth Color Guard Medal	‡	Chapter	21 or 24	22 or 25	21 or 24
60.	SAR International Medal	*	NSSAR	2	2 or Gen. Off.	1
61.	NSSAR 250th Anniv. Commemorative Medals	N. 1	NSSAR	1	26	26
62.	NSSAR Special & Commemorative Medals	N. 2	NSSAR	1	1	1 or 26
63.	NSSAR Fundraising Medals	N. 3	NSSAR	1	1	1 or 26
64.	NSSAR District Medals	N. 4	District	18	19	18 or 26
65.	SAR State Society Medals	N. 5	State	6, then 21	21	21 or 26
66.	SAR Chapter Medals	N. 6	Chapter	6 **&** 21, then 24	25	24
67.	Annual Congress Medals	N. 7	State	6, then 21	21	26

Ladies: Medals and Awards Summary and Precedence Table

If choosing to wear any SAR medals, a lady will generally wear them on the right shoulder. The medals may be affixed to a piece of fabric to minimize damage to formal attire. See Special Note † regarding the *Daughters of Liberty Medal*, *Lydia Darragh Medal*, *Medal of Appreciation*, and *Martha Washington Medal*. Medals are worn in the following order of precedence from the wearer's right to left:

Rank	Medal	Notes	Awarded By	Approved By	Presented By	Purchased By
1.	Good Citizenship Medal (Gold)	‡	NSSAR	3 **and** 6	2, 19, or 22	1, 18, or 22
2.	Daughters of Liberty Medal	§ †	NSSAR	1	2	1
3.	Lydia Darragh Medal	§ †	NSSAR	2	2	1
4.	Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal	§	NSSAR	4	1 or 22	1
5.	Medal of Appreciation	§ †	NSSAR	1	2	1
6.	Martha Washington Medal	§ †	NSSAR	1	2	1
7.	Henry Knox Appreciation Medal (Gold)	§	NSSAR	1	2	1
8.	Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Gold)	§	NSSAR	3	2	1
9.	The Molly Pitcher Medal	‡	NSSAR	9 **and** 20 or 23	1, 19 or 22	21 or 26
10.	Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Silver)	§	NSSAR	1	8	1
11.	Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Bronze)	§	NSSAR	1	8	1
12.	250th Anniversary Award (Gold)	‡	NSSAR	14	2, 19, 22, or 25	1, 18, 21, or 24
13.	Daughters of Liberty Medal	†	District	19	19	18
14.	Lydia Darragh Medal	§ †	District	19	19	18
15.	Medal of Appreciation	§ †	District	19	19	18
16.	Martha Washington Medal	§ †	District	19	19	18
17.	Henry Knox Medal (Silver w/ Star)	§	District	19	19	18
18.	Daughters of Liberty Medal	†	State	21	22	21
19.	Lydia Darragh Medal	†	State	21	22	21
20.	Good Citizenship Medal (Silver)		State	21	22	21
21.	Medal of Appreciation	§ †	State	21	22	21

Rank	Medal	Notes	Awarded By	Approved By	Presented By	Purchased By
22.	Martha Washington Medal	§ †	State	21	22	21
23.	Sarah Fulton Color Guard Medal		State/Chapter	23 (21); 26 (24)	22 or 25	21 or 24
24.	Henry Knox Appreciation Medal (Silver)	§	State	21	22	21
25.	Lucy Knox DAR Finder Form Medal	§	State	21	22 or 25	21
26.	Deborah Sampson DAR Finder Form Medal	§	State	21	22 or 25	21
27.	Abigail Adams DAR Finder Form Medal	§	State	21	22 or 25	21
28.	Youth Education Medal (Lifetime Ach.)		State	15	22	21
29.	250th Anniversary Award (Silver)	‡	State	21	22	21
30.	Lydia Darragh Medal	†	Chapter	24	25	24
31.	Good Citizenship Medal (Bronze)		Chapter	24	25	24
32.	Medal of Appreciation	§ †	Chapter	24	25	24
33.	Martha Washington Medal	§ †	Chapter	24	25	24
34.	Henry Knox Appreciation Medal (Bronze)	§	Chapter	24	25	24
35.	250th Anniversary Award (Bronze)	‡	Chapter	24	25	24
36.	Medal for Heroism	§	All	1, 21, or 24	2, 22, or 25	1, 21, or 24
37.	Life Saving Medal	§	All	1, 21, or 24	2, 22, or 25	1, 21, or 24
38a.	Law Enforcement Commendation Medal	§	All	1, 21, or 24	2, 22, or 25	1, 21, or 24
38b.	Fire Safety Commendation Medal	§	All	1, 21, or 24	2, 22, or 25	1, 21, or 24
38c.	EMS Commendation Medal	§	All	1, 21, or 24	2, 22, or 25	1, 21, or 24
39.	ROTC Medal (Silver)		State	21	21	21
40.	ROTC Medal (Bronze)		State/Chapter	21 or 24	21 or 24	21 or 24
41.	CAR-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Gold)	§	NSSAR	3 **and** 16	2	1
42.	CAR-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Silver)	§	State	16 or 21	1 or 22	17
43.	CAR-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Bronze)	§	State/Chapter	16 or 21 or 24	22 or 25	21 or 24
44.	Silver Eagle Scout Medal	§	State	21	22	21

Rank	Medal	Notes	Awarded By	Approved By	Presented By	Purchased By
45.	Chapter Eagle Scout Medal	§	Chapter	24	25	24
46.	Youth Color Guard Medal	‡	State/Chapter	21 or 24	22 or 25	21 or 24
47.	SAR International Medal	*	NSSAR	2	2 or Gen. Off.	1
48.	NSSAR 250th Anniv. Commemorative Medals	N. 1	NSSAR	1	27	27
49.	NSSAR Special Service & Commemorative Medals	N. 2	NSSAR	1	2	1 or 27
50.	NSSAR Fundraising Medals	N. 3	NSSAR	1	1	1 or 27
51.	SAR State Society Ladies Medals	N. 5	State	6, then 21	22	21 or 24
52.	Annual Congress Medals	N. 7	State	6, then 21	21	27

KEY TO NUMBERS USED:

1. NSSAR
2. President General
3. Executive Committee
4. Executive Director
5. Minuteman Committee
6. Medals & Awards Committee
7. Veterans Recognition Committee
8. National Congress Planning Committee Chairman
9. Color Guard Committee
10. National Color Guard Commander
11. Veterans Committee
12. Young Members Committee
13. Patriot Records Committee
14. America 250th SAR Committee
15. National Education Committee
16. CAR Liaison Committee
17. Eagle Scout Committee
18. District
19. Vice President General
20. District Color Guard Commander
21. State Society
22. State Society President
23. State Color Guard Commander
24. Chapter
25. Chapter President
26. Chapter Color Guard Commander
27. Individual

NOTES

* Presented only to a foreign dignitary or other non-citizen of the United States.

** Under special circumstances, may be presented by the District Vice President General, State President, District Color Guard Commander, or State Color Guard Commander (as appropriate).

‡ Special Form or Application Available – Please see detailed description of medal for more information. Award forms are available at: http://www.sar.org/NSSAR-Forms

§ Subsequent Presentations Authorized – Please see detailed description of medal for specific qualifications and additional information.

† For medals without a physical distinction as to level of award (*e.g.*, gold, silver, or bronze), the medal is to be worn according to the level of awarding authority. Therefore, a Chapter level medal is worn according to Chapter level ranking, a State level medal is worn according to State level ranking, etc. If a medal is awarded from an additional level, then the medal is worn according to the rank of the highest awarding level with the appropriate number of oak leaf clusters.

[1] In order of precedence from a wearer's right to left: (i) Boston Tea Party Commemorative Medal (2023); (ii) First Continental Congress Commemorative Medal (2024); (iii) Shot Heard Round the World (Lexington & Concord) Commemorative Medal (2024).

[2] In order of precedence for a COMPATRIOT from right to left: (i) Treaty of Paris Medal (1983); (ii) The United Kingdom Congress Medal (1986); (iii) The SAR Centennial Medal (1987); (iv) The Salute to the Netherlands Medal (1996); (v) The Recognition of Spain Medal (1997); (vi) George Washington Bicentennial Medal (1998); (vii) Honoring German Patriots Medal (1998); (viii) Congress of Paris Medal (2003); (ix) Charter Centennial Medal (2006); (x) the Paix de 1783 Medal (2008); (xi) España 2010 Medal (2010); (xii) SAR 125th Anniversary Medal (2013); (xiii) Commodore John Barry Medal (2013); (xiv) the SAR Trip to Scotland Medal (2019); and (xv) Cmte. de Vergennes France Trip Medal (2024).

In order of precedence for a LADY from right to left: (i) Treaty of Paris Medal (1983); (ii) The United Kingdom Congress Medal (1986); (iii) The Salute to the Netherlands Medal (1996); (iv) The Recognition of Spain Medal (1997); (v) Honoring German Patriots Medal (1998); (vi) Congress of Paris Medal (2003); (ix) the Paix de 1783 Medal (2008); (xi) España 2010 Medal (2010); (vii) Commodore John Barry Medal (2013); (viii) SAR Trip to Scotland Medal (2019); and (ix) Cmte. de Vergennes France Trip Medal (2024).

These medals are not available for purchase.

[3] In order of precedence from wearer's right to left: (i) Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Contest Medal; (ii) JROTC Endowment Medal (2010); (iii) Dr. Joseph Warren Medal for Orations (2012); (iv) Thomas Jefferson Medal for Support of the Essay Contest (2012); (v) Americanism Youth Awards Medal (2014); (vi) Benjamin Franklin Medal (2019); (vii) Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin Outstanding Youth Member Supporter Medal (2021); (viii) SAR Historic Preservation Medal; (ix) SAR Nathan Hale Medal for Teaching History; (x) SAR Town Crier Medal for Video Contest; (xi) SAR America 250th Fundraising Medal; and (xii) SAR Foundation Lamplighter Award Medal.

[4] The order of precedence for wearing NSSAR District Service & Membership Medals within that District is determined by the individual District. When a Compatriot wears medals from multiple districts, the district medals are ordered based on the district order of precedence and then grouped by district based on the geographical listing of districts as detailed in the Protocol section (*see* Volume IV).

[5] The order of precedence for wearing SAR State Society Medals within that State Society is determined by the individual State Society. When a Compatriot wears medals from multiple state societies, the state society medals are ordered based on the state society order of precedence and then grouped by state society based on the chartering date of each state society (*see* Volume II).

[6] The order of precedence for wearing SAR Chapter Medals shall be determined by the State Society chartering that particular Chapter. When a Compatriot wears medals from multiple state societies or chapters, the chapter medals are ordered based on the chartering state society's order of precedence (or if none exists, the issuing chapter's order of precedence) and then grouped by state society chartering date (*see* Volume II).

[7] The order of precedence would be from wearer's right to left, with the most recent Annual Congress medal having the lower precedence (*i.e.*, the farthest left).

NATIONAL SOCIETY MEDALS

Minuteman Award

Precedence: 2 (immediately following SAR Badge)
Year Authorized: 1952
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Minuteman Committee

Summary: The Minuteman Award is the highest award presented to a Compatriot for active and distinguished service rendered to the National Society. Annually at the Spring Leadership Meeting, the Minuteman Committee (appointed by the President General from members holding the award) will select and announce no more than six award recipients for the current year. The President General presents the award during the Minuteman Ceremony at each Annual Congress; it is not presented *in abstentia* unless authorized by the President General. At the Minuteman Ceremony, all current and prior recipients of the award attend dressed in white dinner jackets. A previous recipient of the Minuteman Award, chosen by the honoree, escorts the new honoree to the dais.

Description: The award and consists of a rectangular medal, struck in sterling silver suspended from a neck ribbon of light blue material. The obverse depicts a Minuteman holding a rifle with a plow in the background along with the Liberty Bell. The reverse is inscribed "*Highest Award of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. Presented to (Name, Year)*." A certificate accompanies the medal. A miniature version is available.

Criteria: A nominee must have a minimum of <u>five years</u> of active and distinguished service to the National Society. He must have served at least <u>three years</u> in a National elective office (General Officer, Vice President General, Trustee, Alternate Trustee, or SAR Foundation Board); as well as having served as a Committee or Task Force Chairman/Vice Chairman for at least <u>three years</u>. All requirements should be thoroughly reviewed before making the nomination.

Specific Guidelines: Guidelines for Submission of the Nomination Form.

1. Only the national activity of the nominee will be considered. State, Chapter or Community activities are not to be included in the supporting documentation. Service to the Society while being a member of the paid NSSAR staff will not be considered. National service prior to employment and during non-working hours may be considered for qualification for the award.
2. For the office held, elected, or appointed, the year of the election or appointment must be shown. (*i.e.* National Trustee – 2010; not National Trustee – 2010-2011).
3. The Minuteman Committee will consider numerous criteria including, but not limited to, the following service to the National Society:
    a. Elected service such as General Officer, President of the SAR Foundation, Vice President General, Trustee and Alternate Trustee. [See ¶ 9]
    b. Member of the Nominating Committee
    c. Member of Executive Committee or elected members of SAR Foundation Board. [See ¶ 9]

d. Chairman or Vice Chairman of a National Committee/Taskforce
e. Member of a National Committee/Task Force, (list Committee(s)/Task Force) [See ¶ 9]
f. Attendance at National Congresses
g. Attendance at National Leadership Meetings – Spring and Fall. [See ¶ 9]
h. First line signer of new members. [A list with new member's name, SAR National Number, and the date of admission is required.]
i. Organization of new chapter(s) by the nominee. Provide the name(s) of the chapter(s) and the dates of charter(s). Chapter(s) must be active, successful, and viable at time of application.
j. Development of new program(s) 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.]
k. Other significant service to the National Society such as, but not limited to, PG Travel Coordinator. [Documentation required]
l. Monetary donations to any of the NSSAR's or SAR Foundation's endowment or operating funds. [Documentation required]

4. For clarity of understanding by the Minuteman Committee, the nomination form and all documentation must be typed or computer-generated using a word processor. For convenience, an electronic version is available for downloading from the SAR website.
5. Letters of endorsement are not necessary and should not be submitted.
6. Nominations must be received at the National Headquarters no later than January 1 of the year of consideration.
7. Nominations are for the current year only and will not be carried forward to subsequent years.
8. The applicant along with the President or Secretary of the State Society of which the nominee is a member must sign the nomination form.
9. The Minuteman Committee will not consider membership in more than five committees in any year. Membership on the Executive or Nominating committees is considered an elective office and is exempt 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 within the same calendar year is required to get credit for one year of committee leadership/membership. Elected National Officer credit(s) for Trustee and Alternate Trustee are limited to a maximum of three years for each office.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Gold Good Citizenship Medal

Precedence: 3
Year Authorized: 1954
Presented By: National Society or State Society. A Chapter may present this medal only if approved by its state society.
Approved By: NSSAR Medals & Awards Committee *and* NSSAR Executive Committee; State Society if request made by Chapter

Summary: The Gold Good Citizenship Medal is awarded for outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service of national importance to persons of prominence on a national level in the areas of government (including military service), religion, education, business and other professions, and other fields of endeavor.

Description: The award consists of a circular medal, struck in gold and suspended from a ribbon of the society's colors. The obverse of the medal depicts a minuteman standing in front of a plow with an image of the Liberty Bell and the date "1776" surrounded by the words "THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION®" and "GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL." The reverse is inscribed with the phrase "OUR INSPIRATION IS FROM THE PAST, OUR DUTY IS IN THE PRESENT, OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE. AWARDED TO" and includes a space for engraving, all surrounded by laurel leaves. The certificate that accompanies the Gold Good Citizenship Medal should be completed, signed, and presented at the time of the award, preferably framed. A miniature version of the medal is also available.

Approval Requirements: The National Society's Medals and Awards Committee and Executive Committee must approve the Gold Good Citizenship Medal. Nominations for the award can be made by the National Society, a state society, or by a chapter (only if approved by its state society). All nominations should be submitted on the standard Gold Good Citizenship application form. The conferring authority should carefully read the form and follow the instructions relative to the type of supporting documentation needed. The application packet should be submitted to the Executive Director no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to a scheduled meeting of the Medals and Awards Committee and Executive Committee (usually at the NSSAR Leadership Meetings and NSSAR Congress) to allow time for dissemination and review. If the application is not submitted by the deadline, it will be carried over until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Payment for the medal should accompany the nomination, but this is not required. If payment does not accompany the nomination, the medal will not be shipped until payment is received. Please consult the Executive Director for the current price of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal.

After review by the Medals and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee, the requesting society or chapter will be notified within two weeks as to the decision on the nomination. If approved, the medal will be mailed to the submitter: (i) immediately, if payment accompanied the nomination or (ii) upon receipt of payment. If disapproved, any payment accompanying the nomination will be returned to the submitter. A letter of explanation from the Executive Director will accompany all disapprovals.

Limitations on Presentation: A maximum of two Gold Good Citizenship Medals may be presented by a state society (including chapters within its society) each year. It may only 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 National Society maintains a record of all past recipients of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal, which should be consulted in advance to avoid an invalid request.

Presentation to President General: A President General may be awarded this medal upon conclusion of his term of service, but the request must be processed as any other. Other SAR members may receive the medal if they meet the requirements established for all applicants.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: An individual may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Additional Notes: Since this is one of the NSSAR's highest awards, plans for presentation should be made sufficiently in advance to allow time for award approval, participation by society leadership, and arrangements for publicity.

War Service Medal

Precedence: 4
Year Authorized: 1899
Presented By: National Society, State Society, Chapter (or purchased by a Compatriot)
Approved By: NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee, State Society or Chapter

Summary: The War Service Medal was first authorized in 1899 for members who served in the Spanish-American War. It was subsequently authorized for members who served in World War I and World War II. Following World War II, the NSSAR authorized a generic War Service Medal with specific service periods indicated by bronze bars.

Description: The medal is bronze in color. The medal is available in miniature. A War Service Medal certificate is available. Bronze Service Bars or Oak Leaf Clusters may be attached to the ribbon drape as described below.

Proof of Service: Proof of service, in the form of a copy of the member's discharge (or other U.S. or Allied Government proof in the case of a member in active service), must be presented to the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee, State Society Secretary or Chapter secretary (depending on presenting authority) before the medal can be purchased and/or worn. Such proof must show that the Compatriot:

1. served, or is serving, honorably in:
    a. the armed forces of the United States,
    b. the military forces of a country allied with the United States, or
    c. a United Nations Peace Keeping Force; and
2. served against a common enemy in a war or action recognized by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

3. received a campaign medal, combat ribbon or badge as shown on the DD-214 form (or equivalent). ***Note***: The National Defense Service Medal ***is not*** considered a campaign medal for purposes of qualifying for the War Service Medal.

Medal Devices & Attachments: The following attachments are authorized for wear with the full-sized War Service Medal:

- *Bronze Service Bars* indicate that a Compatriot received an authorized campaign medal during a specific qualifying period. Available bronze bars include: WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Southwest Asia, Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Global War on Terrorism (for service associated with the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal).
- *Oak Leaf Clusters* may be worn (1) to recognize participation in a war or action for which a specific Bronze Service Bar is not available, or (2) in lieu of a Bronze Service Bar or multiple Bronze Service Bars (at the Compatriot's discretion).
- A *Purple Heart Pin* may be worn by a Compatriot who received the Purple Heart from one of the United States' Armed Forces.

***Cloth Ribbon*:** A ribbon bar in the colors of the medal drape with a "W" device may be worn by a Compatriot whose uniformed organization permits wear of such ribbons.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive additional Bronze Service Bars or Oak Leaf Clusters for subsequent qualifying war service.

Posthumous Presentation Authorized*:* The medal and any authorized appurtenances may be presented posthumously.

Special Note on Precedence: The War Service Medal and Military Service Medal have equivalent precedence. However, Compatriots who qualify for the War Service Medal should wear the War Service Medal. A Compatriot may **not** wear both the Military Service Medal and the War Service Medal.

Military Service Medal

Precedence: 4
Year Authorized: 2006
Presented By: National Society, State Society, Chapter (or purchased by a Compatriot)
Approved By: NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee, State Society or Chapter

Summary: The Military Service Medal may be presented to a Compatriot in recognition of military service which does not otherwise qualify for the War Service Medal.

Description: The medal is available in miniature. A Military Service Medal Certificate is available.

Proof of Service: Proof of service, in the form of a copy of the member's discharge (or other U.S. or Allied Government proof in the case of a member in active service), must be provided to the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee, State Society Secretary or Chapter secretary (depending on presenting authority) before the medal can be purchased and/or worn. Such proof

must show that the Compatriot served, or is serving, honorably in: (1) the armed forces of the United States, (2) the military forces of a country allied with the United States, or (3) a United Nations Peace Keeping Force.

Medal Devices & Attachments: A *Purple Heart Pin* may be worn on the full-sized Military Service Medal by a Compatriot who received the Purple Heart from one of the United States' Armed Forces.

***Cloth Ribbon*:** A ribbon bar in the colors of the medal drape with an "M" device may be worn by a Compatriot whose uniformed organization permits wear of such ribbons.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Posthumous Presentation Authorized*:* The medal and any authorized appurtenances may be presented posthumously.

National Distinguished Service Medal

Precedence: 5
Year Authorized: 1998
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: President General

Summary: The National Distinguished Service Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered particularly distinguished service to the incumbent President General during his term of service. The distinguished service rendered should be stated in the citation.

Description: The National Distinguished Service Medal ("NDSM") is diamond shaped with a blue SAR insignia surmounted on a white enamel background and trimmed in gold hanging from a drape of solid maroon ribbon. A miniature medal is available.

Authorized Presentations: The incumbent President General may present up to two NDSM's during his tenure (ideally, at the conclusion of his tenure). The Compatriot(s) receiving this award are recognized for conspicuous service to the National Society during the President General's administration. The President General presents this Medal at his discretion; no other approval is required.

Special Presentation on Behalf of the National Society: One NDSM may be presented within any given calendar year on behalf of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution only upon satisfaction of the following requirements: (1) the Medal is presented to a salaried employee who (a) is retiring or otherwise leaving the SAR's employment under favorable conditions; (b) was employed by the SAR for at least ten years; and (c) is a member in good standing with the Sons of the American Revolution; and (2) the employee's service is generally considered to have been exemplary, even invaluable, in advancing the mission, objectives and programs of the SAR. To receive the Medal under this provision, (1) the retiring employee must be nominated by the current President General upon the written recommendation of the employee's

supervisor and verification of exemplary service and (2) the nomination must be approved by both the Medals & Awards Committee and the Executive Committee.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

National Meritorious Service Medal

Precedence: 6
Year Authorized: 1980; 2022
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: President General

Summary: The National Meritorious Service Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered long, faithful, and meritorious service to the National Society. The meritorious service rendered should be stated in the citation.

Description: The medal has a gold finish and bears on the obverse a relief of Thomas Jefferson. The ribbon drape is of the same style used for the membership insignia drape. The ribbon drape includes a gold bar inscribed with "MERITORIOUS SERVICE." The reverse includes a space to insert the recipient's name and the date of presentation, surrounded by laurel leaves. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: The Incumbent President General may make multiple presentations of the National Meritorious Service Medal to an individual without referral to any committee. The meritorious service rendered should be stated in the citation. Oak leaf clusters are authorized for subsequent awards by the National Society.

National Roger Sherman Commendation Medal

Precedence: 7
Year Authorized: 2013
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: President General

Summary: The National Roger Sherman Commendation Medal may be awarded by the National Society to a Compatriot in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding service that does not meet the requirements for the Meritorious Service Medal. It should be awarded in place of the Bronze and Silver Good Citizenship Medals, which cannot be awarded for service to the SAR. General Officers and National Society Committee Chairman may recommend Compatriots who have served as (i) an active officer for a minimum of two years, (ii) an active committee chairman or vice chairman for a minimum of three years, or (iii) an active member of a committee for a minimum of four years to the President General for recognition at the President General's discretion. In addition, the President General may present this medal to those Compatriots providing significant service to the National Society during his term of office.

This Medal is named after Roger Sherman (1721-1793), who was a founding father, and the only person to sign all four Congressional papers of the United States: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.

Description: The medal is gold in color and bears on the obverse a portrait of Roger Sherman, with the inscription "Roger Sherman Medal." The reverse of the medal is inscribed "In Appreciation for Service to the SAR." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of blue, white and red. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may be recommended for and receive this medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for an additional two years of active service as an officer, chairman or committeeman. The service is counted cumulatively rather than consecutively, and may not be added concurrently for multiple offices, committee chairmanships, or committee memberships. Multiple oak leaf cluster recognition shall follow NSSAR policy.

National Henry Knox Achievement Medal

Precedence: 8
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: President General

Summary: The National Henry Knox Achievement Medal may be awarded by the National Society to a Compatriot or non-SAR member to recognize a specific outstanding contribution, achievement, accomplishment, deed, performance, or effort that advances the mission, governance, programs, or activities of the National Society. This award is not limited by a specific time of service requirement and may be presented to recognize a singular act or multiple acts. The President General may present this medal to individuals providing significant service to the National Society during his term of office; General Officers and National Society Committee Chairman may make nominations to the President General.

Named for Henry Knox (1750-1806), the medal honors Knox's completion of a seemingly impossible task: successfully completing General Washington's order to move Fort Ticonderoga's captured heavy artillery to Boston. Knox moved 58 pieces of artillery—mostly 12-pounder and 18-pounder cannons, but also one 5,000 pound 24-pounder cannon called "Old Sow"—approximately 300 miles away. Weighing over 60 tons, Knox moved this artillery train—including ordinance and powder—by crossing ice-covered Lake George and crossing the Hudson River four times. In forty days, Knox and his men completed this singular achievement and positioned the cannons on Dorchester Heights. British General William Howe commented, "these fellows have done more work in one night than I could make my army do in three months."

Description: The medal is gold in color and features a portrait of Henry Knox on the obverse. It bears the inscription "Henry Knox Achievement Medal" on the top perimeter and "Sons of the American Revolution®" on the bottom perimeter. The reverse features a cannon and the phrase, "For Exceptional Achievement." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of Kelly green.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot or non-SAR member may be recommended for and receive this medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for an additional, qualifying achievement. Multiple oak leaf cluster recognition shall follow NSSAR policy.

Florence Kendall Award Medal

Precedence: 9
Year Authorized: 1939
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Executive Director

Summary: The Florence Kendall Award is awarded 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. 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 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.

Description: The award consists of a gold medal of oval shape with the SAR Badge surmounted on a red-enameled 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. A miniature medal is available.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Gold NSSAR Color Guard Medal

Precedence: 10
Year Authorized: 1998
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: National Color Guard Committee

Summary: The SAR Gold Color Guard Medal may be awarded for SAR Color Guard service at the National level. The National Color Guard Committee will be the final judge of who is qualified to be awarded the Gold Color Guard Medal. Waivers to these requirements will be granted only under very special circumstances, and requests for such waivers must be submitted in writing to the National Color Guard Commander for committee consideration.

Authorized Presentations: The Gold Color Guard Medal is awarded as follows:

A. *To the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year*. Each year, there shall be no more than

one (1) SAR Color Guardsman of the Year. He shall be selected pursuant to procedures set forth by the National Color Guard Committee. An SAR Color Guardsman must have both the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals before he can be considered for SAR Color Guardsman of the Year. The Gold Color Guard Medal should be presented by the President General during the Annual Congress Awards Night Program. To be considered for SAR Color Guardsman of the Year, a Color Guardsman must have completed three years of service at the National level. Each State Society and Chapter Color Guard may nominate one compatriot each year for the SAR Color Guardsman of the Year. State Societies and Chapters should consider that Compatriot who best exemplifies both the spirit of the Sons of the American Revolution and the use of Color Guards to display that spirit. The SAR Color Guardsman of the Year must attend the SAR National Congress at which he is awarded the Gold Color Guard Medal, and is expected to attend the subsequent National Congress as well. For the year following his election, the Color Guardsman of the Year will carry the National SAR flag at all National events.

B. For service in a leadership capacity at the National level. The Gold Color Guard Medal is usually presented to the outgoing National Color Guard Commander by the President General at the Color Guard Change-of-Command Ceremony. To qualify for the Gold Color Guard Medal for service in a leadership capacity, a Color Guardsman must have served at least one year as Vice Commander and two years as Commander of the SAR National Color Guard. If the National Color Guard Commander has not served at least one year as Vice Commander, he must serve at least three years as Commander in order to qualify for the Gold Color Guard Medal.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Gold Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal

Precedence: 11
Year Authorized: 2001
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Executive Committee

Summary: The Gold Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal recognizes the NSSAR Congress Planning Committee Chairman and no more than one additional volunteer (*regardless of gender*) who provided distinguished service in hosting the Annual Congress.

Description: The award consists of a circular medal, gold in color, suspended from a ribbon of crimson with thin, white stripes on either end. The obverse of the medal depicts an image of Samuel Adams. The reverse is inscribed with the phrase "NSSAR In Appreciation for Congress Service." The certificate that accompanies the medal should be completed, signed, and presented at the time of the award. The medal is available only in miniature.

Procedure: Sufficiently in advance of the start of the Annual Congress, the Executive Committee shall consider approving the Gold Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal to the NSSAR Congress Planning Committee Chairman. The NSSAR Congress Planning Committee Chairman, at his discretion, may recommend one additional individual to the Executive Committee for approval. Once approved by the Executive Committee, the Secretary General will forward the name(s) of the recipient(s) to NSSAR headquarters to prepare the certificate.

Annual authorization: At least one (1), and no more than two (2).

Presentation: The recipient(s) of the Gold Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal are recognized at the closing banquet of the Annual Congress.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot or recipient may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of miniature oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

General William C. Westmoreland Award

Precedence: 12
Year Authorized: 1996
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: NSSAR Veterans Committee

Summary: This award is presented to the SAR member who has the most outstanding record of service in the following areas: the number of hours volunteered for serving Veterans; service on Veterans committees at the chapter, state and national levels; miles driven to help Veterans; the value of items and cash contributions made to Veterans Services; association with other organizations that work with Veterans; and sponsorship of Veteran events at SAR events. It is presented to only one person per year as selected by the Veterans Committee.

Description: This award a special gold version of the Service to Veterans Medal. A certificate accompanies the medal.

Special Application Required: Nominations for this award may be submitted by a chapter or state society no later than January 15. Please use the form available at the NSSAR Website.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

National Outstanding Young Member Medal

Precedence: 13
Year Authorized: 2021
Presented By: President General
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee **and** NSSAR Younger Members Committee

Summary: The National Outstanding Young Member Medal is awarded to a member of the National Society who is 40 years old or younger. The recipient shall have exhibited continued,

exemplary service to the Society at all levels—Chapter, State, District, and National—especially focused on leadership and service to youth and younger members.

The medal is named for Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin, who enlisted at the young age of 16, and served for the duration of the war, fighting in many notable campaigns, being mustered out in 1783. This young man, dedicated to seeing the war through to the end, is a Patriot that all our younger members should emulate.

Description: The National Outstanding Young Member Medal (OYMM) is gold in color and bears on the obverse a depiction of Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin in front of a circle of 13 five pointed stars. The reverse is inscribed "For the Duration—Outstanding Young Member" and a space to engrave the recipient's name and date of presentation. The medal is suspended from a ribbon drape of navy blue, buff, old glory blue, white, and old glory red. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Approval Requirements: The National Society's Younger Members Committee will make recommendations to the EXCOM or the award of the Gold Outstanding Young Member Medal. Nominations for the award shall be made by the State Society. All nominations should be submitted the standard Outstanding Young Members Medal application form. The recommending authority carefully read the form and follow the instructions relative to the type of supporting documentation needed. The application packet should be submitted to the Executive Director no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to a scheduled meeting of the Young Members Committee (usually at the NSSAR Leadership Meetings and NSSAR Congress) to allow time for dissemination and review. If the application is not submitted by the deadline, it will be carried over until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

The Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard

Precedence: 14
Year Authorized: 2012
Presented By: District Vice President General, State President, or by the District or State Color Guard Commander (as appropriate). Under special circumstances, the President General or the National Color Guard Commander may present this award.
Approved By: State or District Color Guard Commander <u>and</u> National Color Guard Commander

Summary: The National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard, authorized 2 March 2012 by the NSSAR Executive Committee, may be awarded for sustained service to the Society as a Color Guardsman at the National or District Levels. Recipients must already have been awarded the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals.

Description: The National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard is gold in color, and depicts a likeness of Baron Friederich von Steuben.

Special Application Required: SAR Color Guardsmen who believe they qualify for the National

Von Steuben Medal must complete the appropriate form, setting forth their qualifications. This form is available on the SAR website and must be submitted to the State or District Color Guard Commander for review and recommendation, and then to the National Color Guard Commander for final authorization to award the National Von Steuben Medal.

Special Restriction for Youth Color Guard Medal: Double-counting events/points is not permitted. Any events used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard Medal may not be used simultaneously to qualify for this medal. Additional qualifying events over and above those used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard must be used to earn the Von Steuben Medal.

Qualifications: A Guardsman must employ one of the following systems for earning the National Von Steuben Medal. The first system is based on points; the second system is based on the number of events in which a Guardsman participates.

A. Points System

1. To earn the National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard, a Color Guardsman must serve at least five (5) years after the date his application for the Silver Color Guard Medal was approved, and he must accrue at least five hundred (500) points by participating in uniform at qualifying National or District Color Guard events. Color Guardsmen may take longer than five years to accrue at least five hundred points but may not be awarded the National Von Steuben Medal earlier than five years after the date his application for the Silver Color Guard Medal was approved.
2. A Color Guardsman shall earn twenty (20) points for his participation in uniform in each District or National event. (*Mileage may also count, as currently set forth in the NSSAR Color Guard Handbook.*)
3. For Color Guardsmen whose State societies employ the point system, they may also earn points based on mileage, whether such miles are traveled by driving or by flying. (*Please see the NSSAR Color Guard Manual for updated numbers).*
   - Up to 100 miles, 0 points;
   - From 101 to 200 miles, 5 points;
   - From 201 to 999 miles, 10 points;
   - From 1,000 miles and over, 20 points.

B. Events System

1. To earn the National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard, a Color Guardsman must serve at least five years after the date his application for the Silver Color Guard Medal was approved, and he must participate in at least twenty-five (25) National and/or District Color Guard events. The five years' service does not have to be continuous. Color Guardsmen may take longer than five years to participate in twenty-five (25) qualifying events but may not be awarded the National Von Steuben Medal earlier than five years after the date his application for the Silver Color Guard Medal was approved.

2. The same events that count toward earning the Silver Color Guard Medal shall also count toward earning the National Von Steuben Medal. (*See* National Color Guard Events *under MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION at the back of the Color Guard Handbook*.)

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Retroactive Effectiveness: *SAR Color Guardsmen who were active at the time this Medal was approved by the NSSAR Color Guard Committee (July 2011), and who had previously been awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal, may count the points earned or the events attended, depending on the system used, in which they participated during the two (2) year period prior to the NSSAR Color Guard Committee approval, or from the date they were awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal, whichever is more recent, toward earning the National Von Steuben Medal*.

Gold Liberty Medal

Precedence: 15
Year Authorized: 2022
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Executive Director

Summary: The Gold Liberty Medal is presented for recruiting new members to the SAR. This medal is presented to any Compatriot who signed as a first-line sponsor on the membership application of at least two hundred (200) new members.

Description: The medal is gold in color and commemorates the restoration of the Statue of Liberty by depicting 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.

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

Presentation: The National Society tracks a Compatriot's qualifying members on a calendar year basis for presentation at the Annual Congress in the year following when the Compatriot is credited with meeting a milestone. For example, if a Compatriot is credited with his 200th new member on February 2, 2023, he would receive his Liberty Medal at the 2024 Annual Congress. If a recipient is not present at the Annual Congress, the Liberty Medal will be mailed to his State Society following the Annual Congress.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot will receive a bronze oak leaf cluster for each additional ten (10) new members sponsored by a Liberty Medal holder as a first-line sponsor; a

silver oak leaf cluster will be used in place of five bronze oak leaf clusters and a gold oak leaf cluster will be used in place of five silver oak leaf clusters. The certificate presented with oak leaf clusters will specify the total number of new members sponsored to qualify for the last oak leaf cluster presented. A recipient of the Gold Liberty Medal qualifies for a bronze bar inscribed with "500" after sponsoring a total of five hundred (500) new members. Therefore, the maximum configuration of oak leaf clusters on the Gold Liberty Medal would be 1 Gold OLC and 4 Bronze OLCs before being replaced with the "500" Bar. A recipient of the Gold Liberty Medal qualifies for a bronze bar inscribed with "1,000" after sponsoring a total of one thousand (1,000) new members. Therefore, the maximum configuration of oak leaf clusters on the Gold Liberty Medal would be the "500" Bar, plus 1 Gold OLC, 4 Silver OLCs, and 4 Bronze OLCs before being replaced with the "1,000" Bar. Above 1,000 new members, recipients of the Gold Liberty Medal would follow the oak leaf cluster instructions above, with no limit to the number of oak leaf clusters that may be worn in addition to the "1,000" Bar.

Special Note on Precedence: The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Liberty Medals have the same precedence and only one of these medals may be worn.

Silver Liberty Medal

Precedence: 15
Year Authorized: 2022
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Executive Director

Summary: The Silver Liberty Medal is presented for recruiting new members to the SAR. This medal is presented to any Compatriot who signed as a first-line sponsor on the membership application of at least one hundred (100) new members.

Description: The medal is silver in color and commemorates the restoration of the Statue of Liberty by depicting 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.

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

Presentation: The National Society tracks a Compatriot's qualifying members on a calendar year basis for presentation at the Annual Congress in the year following when the Compatriot is credited with meeting a milestone. For example, if a Compatriot is credited with his 100th new member on February 2, 2023, he would receive his Silver Liberty Medal at the 2024 Annual Congress. If a recipient is not present at the Annual Congress, the Liberty Medal will be mailed to his State Society following the Annual Congress.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot will receive a bronze oak leaf cluster for each additional ten (10) new members sponsored by a Liberty Medal holder as a first-line sponsor; a silver oak leaf cluster will be used in place of five bronze oak leaf clusters. The certificate presented with oak leaf clusters will specify the total number of new members sponsored to qualify for the last oak leaf cluster presented. A Compatriot qualifies for the Gold Liberty Medal after sponsoring a total of two hundred (200) new members. Therefore, the maximum configuration of oak leaf clusters on the Silver Liberty Medal would be 1 Silver OLC and 4 Bronze OLCs (representing an additional ninety new members, or one hundred and ninety new members in total).

Special Note on Precedence: The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Liberty Medals have the same precedence and only one of these medals may be worn.

Bronze Liberty Medal

Precedence: 15
Year Authorized: 1987
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Executive Director

Summary: The Bronze Liberty Medal is presented for recruiting new members to the SAR. This medal is presented to any Compatriot who signed as a first-line sponsor on the membership application of at least ten (10) new members. The Bronze Liberty Medal is also awarded to any Compatriot who received the Florence Kendall Award at or before the 1986 Annual Congress (held in Tampa, Florida).and is presented for.

Description: The medal is bronze in color and commemorates the restoration of the Statue of Liberty by depicting 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.

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

Presentation: The National Society tracks a Compatriot's qualifying members on a calendar year basis for presentation at the Annual Congress in the year following when the Compatriot is credited with meeting a milestone. For example, if a Compatriot is credited with his 10th new member on February 2, 2023, he would receive his Liberty Medal at the 2024 Annual Congress. If a recipient is not present at the Annual Congress, the Liberty Medal will be mailed to his State Society following the Annual Congress.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be presented for each additional ten (10) new members sponsored by a Liberty Medal holder as a first-line sponsor; a silver oak leaf cluster will be used in place of five

bronze oak leaf clusters. The certificate presented with oak leaf clusters will specify the total number of new members sponsored to qualify for the last oak leaf cluster presented. A Compatriot qualifies for the Silver Liberty Medal after sponsoring a total of one hundred (100) new members. Therefore, the maximum configuration of oak leaf clusters on the Bronze Liberty Medal would be 1 Silver OLC and 3 Bronze OLCs (representing an additional eighty new members, or ninety new members in total).

Special Note on Precedence: The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Liberty Medals have the same precedence and only one of these medals may be worn.

Silver Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal

Precedence: 16
Year Authorized: 2001
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: NSSAR Congress Planning Committee Chairman

Summary: The Silver Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal recognizes those volunteers providing outstanding service in hosting the Annual Congress. The medal is presented to persons that held prominent positions during the Annual Congress or who rendered sufficient service in planning the Congress, *regardless of gender*. Recipients may include the society host, co-host or deputy host, or any other person as the host shall recommend as providing outstanding service.

Description: The award consists of a circular medal, silver in color, suspended from a ribbon of crimson with thin, white stripes on either end. The obverse of the medal depicts an image of Samuel Adams. The reverse is inscribed with the phrase "NSSAR In Appreciation for Congress Service." The certificate that accompanies the medal should be completed, signed, and presented at the time of the award. The medal is available only in miniature.

Annual Authorization: Up to six (6) Silver Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medals may be awarded annually.

Approval Procedure: Not later than 45 days prior to the start of the Annual Congress, the host society (or district) congress planning chair will provide his initial recommendations for the Silver Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal to the NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman. Presenting all available medals is not a requirement; a host society (or district) may recommend fewer than the annually allotted amount. The NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman may recommend additional individuals for discussion. A final list of proposed recipients will be prepared by the host society (or district) congress planning chair, for approval by the NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman, not later than the close of the second business session of the Annual Congress. Once approved by the NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman, the list of recipients will be forwarded to NSSAR headquarters to prepare the certificate.

Recommended Presentation: With the concurrence of the President General, recipients of the Silver Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal should be recognized at the closing banquet of the Annual Congress.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of miniature oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Silver NSSAR Color Guard Medal

Precedence: 17
Year Authorized: 1998
Presented By: District Vice President General, State President, or by the District or State Color Guard Commander (as appropriate). Under special circumstances, the President General or the National Color Guard Commander may present this award.
Approved By: State or District Color Guard Commander and National Color Guard Commander

Summary: The Silver Color Guard Medal is for service at the District and National levels. The medal is awarded for at least three years of service at the applicable level. The three years may be broken, not continuous. Award of each medal may be for retroactive service, so that any living compatriot may receive it, even if he cannot march anymore. *An SAR Color Guardsman must have the Bronze Color Guard Medal before he can be awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal.*

Special Application Required: SAR Color Guardsmen who believe they qualify for the Silver Color Guard Medal must complete the appropriate form, setting forth their qualifications. This form is available on the SAR website and must be submitted to the State or District Color Guard Commander for review and recommendation, and to the National Color Guard Commander for final authorization to award the Silver Color Guard Medal.

Special Restriction for Youth Color Guard Medal: Double-counting events/points is not permitted. Any events used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard Medal may not be used simultaneously to qualify for this medal. Additional qualifying events over and above those used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard must be used to earn the Silver Medal.

Qualifying Events: The SAR National Congress and semi-annual Leadership Meetings are National events, and Color Guardsmen are strongly encouraged to participate in them. Other qualifying events which may be substituted for National Congresses and Leadership Meetings shall include:

- An historic commemoration recognized by the NSSAR Historic Sites and Celebrations Committee (e.g., Point Pleasant, the Cowpens, Yorktown, etc.);
- An Annual State Meeting at which the President General is present;
- An Annual District Meeting or Annual District Conference;
- Any National or District event at which the President General is present;
- Any event specifically determined by the National Color Guard Committee to be a qualifying event, including Washington's Birthday Parade in Laredo, Texas, and the George Washington Massing of the Colors in Los Angeles, California. (*See* National Color Guard Events *under MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION at the back of the Color Guard Handbook.*)
- Other events may be determined by the National Color Guard Committee to be qualifying events on a case-by-case basis.

Qualifications: Each State Society shall determine for itself whether to employ one of the

following systems for earning the Silver Color Guard Medal. The first system is based on points; the second system is based on the number of events in which a Guardsman participates.

A. Points System

1. To earn an SAR Silver Color Guard Medal, a Color Guardsman must have participated in at least nine (9) District and/or National events (*see above*). In addition, the Color Guardsman should earn a minimum of 500 points (*i.e.*, 200 points for participation in District and/or National events in addition to the 300 points required for the Bronze Color Guard Medal). For those events that are both state and National events (*e.g.*, Kettle Creek, Guilford Courthouse or Yorktown), it is the policy of the NSSAR Color Guard Committee that any such event can be counted only once each year toward either the Bronze or Silver Color Guard Medal. The Color Guardsman will determine toward which medal his participation in an event will be counted.
2. A Color Guardsman shall earn twenty (20) points for his participation in uniform in each District or National event.
3. For Color Guardsmen whose State societies employ the point system, they may also earn points based on mileage, whether such miles are traveled by driving or by flying. (*Please see the NSSAR Color Guard Manual for updated numbers).*
   - Up to 100 miles, 0 points;
   - From 101 to 200 miles, 5 points;
   - From 201 to 999 miles, 10 points;
   - From 1,000 miles and over, 20 points.

B. Events System

1. To earn an SAR Silver Color Guard Medal, a Color Guardsman must participate in at least three District and/or National events in each of three years, which do not need to be continuous. A year shall be any period of twelve consecutive months.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Lafayette Volunteer Service Award

Precedence: 18
Year Authorized: 2011
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: President General & Executive Director

Summary: The National Society presents the Lafayette Volunteer Service Award to an individual for volunteer service performed at the NSSAR Headquarters in Louisville, KY or other significant volunteer work as determined by the President General. The award is presented when forty (40) hours of volunteer service have been accumulated. The Executive Director will provide a list of projects requiring volunteer assistance. Volunteers must meet acceptable experience criteria and

will be supervised by a department head. Department heads and volunteers must ensure that the volunteer service form is completed at the end of each day that service is performed. The Executive Director will be responsible for maintaining a volunteer service file.

Description: The award consists of a medal, gold in color, bearing a relief of General Lafayette on the obverse. The reverse is inscribed "NSSAR" with room for engraving. A certificate accompanies the medal. A miniature medal is available.

Presentation Not Restricted to Members: The award is available to all volunteers, not just Compatriot volunteers. General Officers are not eligible to earn credit for the award during their term of office.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Oak-leaf clusters will be awarded for each additional forty (40) hours of volunteer service. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Patriot Grave Marking Medal

Precedence: 19
Year Authorized: 2012
Presented By: National Society, District Vice President General or State Society President
Approved By: NSSAR Patriot Records Committee & State Society (President or state chairman)

Summary: The Patriot Grave Marking Medal recognizes both past efforts to identify and report data on Revolutionary War graves and to encourage new efforts to identify graves. The data generated by these efforts will meet educational objectives by continuing to build and improve the existing database on these patriots by listing their final resting places. It meets historical objectives by providing data to potential members and by identifying these significant places so that they may not be lost to future generations.

Description: The medal is suspended from a purple and black drape and is a round disk of silver color. The obverse depicts a cemetery with a picket fence, with a rifle leaning against the fence, a Betsy Ross flag, and a cloudy sky. The words "1775 Patriot" appear at the bottom. The reverse has the words "Services for Those Who Served" flanked by laurel leaves, with space for inscription. The medal is available in full size and miniature. A certificate is available for presentation.

Requirements for Earning the Patriot Grave Marking Medal:

1. A Patriot Grave Marking involves a ceremony as defined in the Patriot Grave Marking Manual published by the NSSAR Patriot Records Committee. The requirement for the placement of an SAR marker or a tablet/plaque with the SAR logo (hereinafter referred to collectively as "an SAR marker"), may be waived if the marking takes place at a National Cemetery or other cemetery where an SAR marker placement is prohibited by the owner.

2. The Patriot(s) being honored must be prominently recognized in the service and printed program with a brief biography that includes the type of service during the Revolution. The

program may be used to document attendance and/or participation in the grave marking.

3. To qualify for the Patriot Grave Marking Medal, the following criteria must be met:

   a) The Compatriot/C.A.R. Member must have participated in a prominent role during the planning and execution of the grave marking. This includes, but is not limited to, researching/finding the grave, paying for or placing the SAR marker, or being the Master of Ceremonies and Speaker/Presenter. If the member is paying for the marker his contribution towards the marker must be at least $60 per marker. With respect to the researching or paying for the SAR marker, a compatriot does not need to be a resident of the state in which the grave is located to conduct these activities.

   b) The Compatriot/C.A.R. Member must have participated, as defined above, in at least fifteen (15) grave marking events with a look-back period to 1 March 2011. For the purposes of this requirement, if a mass grave is marked or if multiple graves are marked in a single cemetery, the Compatriot/C.A.R. Member will be allowed to count a maximum of five (5) patriots towards this requirement.

   c) Up to, but no more than, 50% of the submitted grave markings may be without the placement of an SAR marker.

   d) The Compatriot/C.A.R. Member must have submitted data on the Grave location, including but not limited to providing photographs, address, GPS location and such other data as required by the NSSAR Patriot Records Committee, to both their State Patriot Graves Committee (if one is established) and the NSSAR Patriot Records Committee prior to applying for the medal.

Special Application Required: Compatriots/C.A.R. Members who believe they qualify for the medal must complete the appropriate form setting forth their qualifications and including the supporting documentation. This form is available on the SAR website and must be signed by either the state society president or the state patriot graves committee chairman (as reported to the NSSAR Patriot Records Committee). The form must be submitted to the NSSAR Patriot Records Committee.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: The medal may be awarded multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster shall be awarded for each additional fifteen (15) grave markings meeting the requirements listed above. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Compatriot Grave Marking Medal

Precedence: 20
Year Authorized: 2017
Presented By: National Society, District Vice President General or State Society President
Approved By: NSSAR Patriot Records Committee & State Society (President or state chairman)

Summary: The Compatriot Grave Marking Medal recognizes each Compatriot's contributions to the Sons of the American Revolution and honors our deceased Compatriots (while simultaneously

honoring each Compatriot's Patriot Ancestor) while publicizing the value of membership to their descendants.

Description: The medal is suspended from a purple and black drape and is a round disk of bronze color. The obverse depicts a cemetery with a picket fence, with a rifle leaning against the fence, a Betsy Ross flag, and a cloudy sky. The words "April 30, 1889 Compatriot" appear at the bottom. The reverse has the words "Services for Those Who Served" flanked by laurel leaves, with space for inscription. The medal is available in full size and miniature. A certificate is available for presentation.

Requirements for Earning the Compatriot Grave Marking Medal:

1. The Compatriot being honored must be prominently recognized in the service and printed program with a brief biography that includes his type of service to the SAR. The program may be used to document attendance and/or participation in the grave marking.

2. To qualify for the Compatriot Grave Marking Medal, the following criteria must be met:

    a. The Compatriot/C.A.R. Member must have participated in a prominent role during the planning and execution of the grave marking. This includes, but is not limited to, research/finding the grave, paying for or placing the SAR Member Marker, the Master of Ceremonies, or as a Speaker/Presenter. If the member is paying for the marker his contribution towards the marker must be at least $60 per marker. With respect to the research or paying for the SAR Member Marker, a Compatriot/C.A.R. Member does not need to be a resident of the state in which the grave is located to conduct these activities.

    b. The Compatriot/C.A.R. Member must have participated, as defined above, in at least fifteen (15) member grave marking events with a look back period to 1 January 2012.

Special Application Required: Compatriots/C.A.R. Members who believe they qualify for the medal must complete the appropriate form setting forth their qualifications and including the supporting documentation. This form is available on the SAR website and must be signed by either the state society president or the state patriot graves committee chairman (as reported to the NSSAR Patriot Records Committee). The form must be submitted to the NSSAR Patriot Records Committee.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: The medal may be awarded multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster shall be awarded for each additional fifteen (15) grave markings meeting the requirements listed above. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal

Precedence: 21
Year Authorized: 2001
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: NSSAR Congress Planning Committee Chairman

Summary: The Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal recognizes those volunteers providing significant service in hosting the Annual Congress. The medal is presented to persons that held important positions during the Annual Congress or who rendered sufficient service in planning the Congress, *regardless of gender*. Recipients may include committee chairs, day captains, speakers/presenters, tour planners, general congress volunteers, or any other person as the host shall recommend as providing significant service.

Description: The award consists of a circular medal, bronze in color, suspended from a ribbon of crimson with thin, white stripes on either end. The obverse of the medal depicts an image of Samuel Adams. The reverse is inscribed with the phrase "NSSAR In Appreciation for Congress Service." The certificate that accompanies the medal should be completed, signed, and presented at the time of the award. The medal is available only in miniature.

Annual Authorization: Up to forty (40) Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medals may be awarded annually.

Approval Procedure: Not later than 45 days prior to the start of the Annual Congress, the host society (or district) congress planning chair will provide his initial recommendations for the Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal to the NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman. Presenting all available medals is not a requirement; a host society (or district) may recommend fewer than the annually allotted amount. The NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman may recommend additional individuals for discussion. A final list of proposed recipients will be prepared by the host society (or district) congress planning chair, for approval by the NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman, not later than the close of the second business session of the Annual Congress. Once approved by the NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman, the list of recipients will be forwarded to NSSAR headquarters to prepare the certificate.

Recommended Presentation: With the concurrence of the President General, recipients of the Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal should be recognized at the Annual Congress. However, based on scheduling considerations, recipients of the Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal may be recognized at a subsequent district-level or state-level meeting.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of miniature oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Gold Council of State Presidents' Medal

Precedence: 22
Year Authorized: 1996
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Council of State Presidents

Summary: Past or present Council of State Presidents officers may wear the Council of State Presidents Gold Medal.

Description: The award consists of a circular medal, gold in color, suspended from a white ribbon. The obverse features a circle of twelve stars surrounding a thirteenth center star, all the same size. The upper perimeter features the text "National Society Sons of the American Revolution®" and the lower perimeter features the text "Council of State Presidents." The reverse is blank. The medal is available in full size and miniature.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Silver Council of State Presidents' Medal

Precedence: 23
Year Authorized: 1996
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Council of State Presidents

Summary: Present or past members of the Council of State Presidents may wear the Council of State Presidents Silver medal. To qualify, a Council member (as defined by the Council of State Presidents' Bylaws) must attend four business meetings of the Council of State Presidents. Such business meetings are normally held at Annual Congresses or Leadership Meetings.

Description: The award consists of a circular medal, silver in color, suspended from a white ribbon. The obverse features a circle of twelve stars surrounding a thirteenth center star, all the same size. The upper perimeter features the text "National Society Sons of the American Revolution®" and the lower perimeter features the text "Council of State Presidents." The reverse is blank. The medal is available in full size and miniature.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Gold 250th Anniversary Recognition Award

Precedence: 24
Year Authorized: 2018
Presented By: National Society, District Vice President General
Authorized By: 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Committee

Summary: The medal is designed recognize those compatriots, chapters, societies and partner organizations who participate in local, state, national and international events which recognize and

honor our Patriot ancestors and the events of the American Revolution. The Anniversary period begins in 2014, with the 250th Anniversary of Parliament's passage of the Sugar Act, and extends to 2033, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris. Celebrations are encouraged to honor and recognize Patriot Ancestors or significant events during public education events. All references to the 250th Anniversary at public celebrations are encouraged to give the broadest exposure to this significant time in our history. Medal points are earned for taking part in each celebration that brings attention to the 250th Anniversary period of 2014 through 2033.

Description: The medal is gold in color and suspended from a drape (patterned red/white/blue/white/red). The obverse is the official SAR logo for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. The reverse is blank and suitable for engraving. A certificate is available for presentation. A miniature medal is available.

Requirements for Earning the Gold 250th Anniversary Recognition Medal:

1. A formal score sheet will be made available for the calculation of the levels. The following should be kept in mind:
   a. An "event" may refer to an event which may be part of an ongoing program (repetitive events) or activity focused on the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution or events that led up to the Revolution, in accordance with the time period listed above.
   b. Points are cumulative, so a compatriot may earn points for multiple aspects of the event and subsequent events.
   c. Extra points are awarded for color guard performance and for attendance in colonial attire.
   d. Attending a Chapter, State, District or National meeting only counts towards award points if it includes a specific 250th Anniversary event.
2. Awards are based on activity and the awarding of points for each type of activity:
   a. Directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event or sub-committee for the duration of the event. (20 points)
   b. Participation in the planning, financing, promotion or conduct of an event other than directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event. Those that do direct, chair or co-chair and event and also serve as a regular member of a committee or sub-committee in a non-leadership role, may also earn points. (10 points)
   c. Attending an Event (3 points)
   d. Attending an event in Colonial Attire (5 points)
3. SAR Members may be awarded the Gold 250th Anniversary Recognition Medal for achieving a total of 150 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district, or national society. This is 90 points over and above the points required for the Silver Medal. Events used to qualify for the Bronze and Silver Medal may be counted towards qualification for the Gold Medal. There is no requirement for a member to earn the Bronze or Silver Medals before submitting for the Gold Medal.
4. The President General may award the Gold 250th Anniversary Recognition Medal to a Non-SAR member, or to one of its Partners in Patriotism, who has significantly assisted in the SAR's celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: Individuals may receive ***only one*** medal for each level (*i.e.*, one Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze). Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized. The Challenge Coin may only be earned once.

DISTRICT MEDALS

District Meritorious Service Medal

Precedence: 25
Year Authorized: 1980; 2022
Presented By: District Vice President General
Approved By: District Vice President General

Summary: The District Meritorious Service Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered long, faithful and meritorious service to their district. The meritorious service rendered should be stated in the citation.

Description: The medal has a silver finish and bears on the obverse a relief of Thomas Jefferson. The ribbon drape is of the same style used for the membership insignia drape, with a 5/16" silver star affixed to the center of the ribbon drape. The ribbon drape includes a silver bar inscribed with "MERITORIOUS SERVICE." The reverse includes a space to insert the recipient's name and the date of presentation, surrounded by laurel leaves. It is available in miniature with a 1/4" silver star and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: The Incumbent Vice President General may make multiple presentations of the District Meritorious Service Medal. A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times at the district level. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for additional presentations of the medal. Presentation and wear of multiple oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

District Roger Sherman Commendation Medal

Precedence: 26
Year Authorized: 2013
Presented By: District Vice President General
Approved By: District Vice President General

Summary: The District Roger Sherman Commendation Medal may be awarded to a compatriot in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to a District. The medal is presented to a compatriot for significant service which lacks the requirements for the Meritorious Service Medal. It should be awarded in place of the Bronze and Silver Good Citizenship Medals, which cannot be awarded for service to the SAR. The recipient must have served as an active officer for a minimum of two years, as an active committee chairman for three years, or as an active member of a committee for four years.

This Medal is named after Roger Sherman (1721-1793), who was a founding father, and the only person to sign all four Congressional papers of the United States: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.

Description: The medal is antique silver in color and bears on the obverse a portrait of Roger Sherman, with the inscription "Roger Sherman Medal." The reverse of the medal is inscribed "In Appreciation for Service to the SAR." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of blue, white and red;

a 5/16" silver star is affixed to the center of the ribbon drape. It is available in miniature with a 1/4" silver star and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for an additional two years of active service as an officer, chairman or committeeman. The service is counted cumulatively rather than consecutively, and may not be added concurrently for multiple offices, committee chairmanships, or committee memberships. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

District Henry Knox Achievement Medal

Precedence: 27
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: District Vice President General
Approved By: District Vice President General

Summary: The District Henry Knox Achievement Medal may be awarded by a District to a Compatriot or non-SAR member to recognize a specific outstanding contribution, achievement, accomplishment, deed, performance, or effort that advances the mission, governance, programs, or activities of that District. This award is not limited by a specific time of service requirement and may be presented to recognize a singular act or multiple acts. The Vice President General may present this medal to individuals providing significant service to the District during his term of office.

Named for Henry Knox (1750-1806), the medal honors Knox's completion of a seemingly impossible task: successfully completing General Washington's order to move Fort Ticonderoga's captured heavy artillery to Boston. Knox moved 58 pieces of artillery—mostly 12-pounder and 18-pounder cannons, but also one 5,000 pound 24-pounder cannon called "Old Sow"—approximately 300 miles away. Weighing over 60 tons, Knox moved this artillery train—including ordinance and powder—by crossing ice-covered Lake George and crossing the Hudson River four times. In forty days, Knox and his men completed this singular achievement and positioned the cannons on Dorchester Heights. British General William Howe commented, "these fellows have done more work in one night than I could make my army do in three months."

Description: The medal is silver in color and features on the obverse a portrait of Henry Knox. It bears the inscription "Henry Knox Achievement Medal" on the top perimeter and "Sons of the American Revolution®" on the bottom perimeter. The reverse features a cannon and the phrase, "For Exceptional Achievement." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of Kelly green; a 5/16" silver star is affixed to the center of the ribbon drape. It is available in miniature with a 1/4" silver star and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot or non-SAR member may be recommended for and receive this medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for an additional, qualifying achievement. Multiple oak leaf cluster recognition shall follow NSSAR policy.

STATE SOCIETY MEDALS

Patriot Medal

Precedence: 28
Year Authorized: 1964
Presented By: State Society
Approved By: State Society

Summary: The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by a State Society and recognizes long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the state and/or chapter level. The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a State Society and may be presented only to an individual. Service at the national level is not considered in making the award. It is desirable that it be presented at the annual meeting of the State Society. A representative cannot accept the Patriot Medal. All requirements should be thoroughly reviewed before requesting this medal.

Description: The medal has a silver finish 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. Compatriot MacArthur selected the design for the medal just prior to his death. 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 medal is also available from SAR Merchandise in Sterling Silver as a Special Order item.*

Limitations on Presentation: 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. The cutoff date for determining the number of medals that a society may award in the following year is 31 December of the prior calendar year.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

State Distinguished Service Medal

Precedence: 29
Year Authorized: 1998
Presented By: State Society
Approved By: Society President

Summary: The State Distinguished Service Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered particularly distinguished service to the incumbent State Society President during his term of service. The distinguished service rendered should be stated in the citation.

Description: The State Distinguished Service Medal ("SDSM") is diamond shaped with a blue SAR insignia surmounted on a white enamel background and trimmed in silver hanging from a drape of solid maroon ribbon. A miniature medal is available.

Authorized Presentation: The incumbent State President may present one medal during his term (or each year of his term if elected to a multiyear term) at the Society's Annual Meeting to a Compatriot in recognition for that Compatriot's conspicuous service to the State Society during his administration. The SDSM is awarded by a State Society President at his discretion; no other approval is required.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

State Meritorious Service Medal

Precedence: 30
Year Authorized: 1980
Presented By: State Society
Approved By: State Society

Summary: The State Meritorious Service Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered long, faithful and meritorious service to their state society. The meritorious service rendered should be stated in the citation.

Description: The medal has a silver finish and bears on the obverse a relief of Thomas Jefferson. The ribbon drape is of the same style used for the membership insignia drape. The ribbon drape includes a silver bar inscribed with "MERITORIOUS SERVICE." The reverse includes a space to insert the recipient's name and the date of presentation, surrounded by laurel leaves. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: The State Society may make multiple presentations of the State Meritorious Service Medal consistent with the State Society's award procedures. A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times at the state level. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for additional presentations of the medal. Presentation and wear of multiple oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

State Roger Sherman Commendation Medal

Precedence: 31
Year Authorized: 2013
Presented By: State Society
Approved By: State Society

Summary: The State Roger Sherman Commendation Medal may be awarded to a compatriot in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to a State Society. The medal is presented to a compatriot for significant service which lacks the requirements for the Meritorious Service Medal. It should be awarded in place of the Bronze and Silver Good Citizenship Medals,

which cannot be awarded for service to the SAR. The recipient must have served as an active officer for a minimum of two years, as an active committee chairman for three years, or as an active member of a committee for four years.

This Medal is named after Roger Sherman (1721-1793), who was a founding father, and the only person to sign all four Congressional papers of the United States: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.

Description: The medal is antique silver in color and bears on the obverse a portrait of Roger Sherman, with the inscription "Roger Sherman Medal." The reverse of the medal is inscribed "In Appreciation for Service to the SAR." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of blue, white and red.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for an additional two years of active service as an officer, chairman or committeeman. The service is counted cumulatively rather than consecutively, and may not be added concurrently for multiple offices, committee chairmanships, or committee memberships. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

State Henry Knox Achievement Medal

Precedence: 32
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: State Society
Approved By: State Society

Summary: The State Henry Knox Achievement Medal may be awarded by a State Society to a Compatriot or non-SAR member to recognize a specific outstanding contribution, achievement, accomplishment, deed, performance, or effort that advances the mission, governance, programs, or activities of that State Society. This award is not limited by a specific time of service requirement and may be presented to recognize a singular act or multiple acts.

Named for Henry Knox (1750-1806), the medal honors Knox's completion of a seemingly impossible task: successfully completing General Washington's order to move Fort Ticonderoga's captured heavy artillery to Boston. Knox moved 58 pieces of artillery—mostly 12-pounder and 18-pounder cannons, but also one 5,000 pound 24-pounder cannon called "Old Sow"—approximately 300 miles away. Weighing over 60 tons, Knox moved this artillery train—including ordinance and powder—by crossing ice-covered Lake George and crossing the Hudson River four times. In forty days, Knox and his men completed this singular achievement and positioned the cannons on Dorchester Heights. British General William Howe commented, "these fellows have done more work in one night than I could make my army do in three months."

Description: The medal is silver in color and features on the obverse a portrait of Henry Knox. It bears the inscription "Henry Knox Achievement Medal" on the top perimeter and "Sons of the American Revolution®" on the bottom perimeter. The reverse features a cannon and the phrase, "For Exceptional Achievement." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of Kelly green. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot or non-SAR member may be recommended for and receive this medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for an additional, qualifying achievement. Multiple oak leaf cluster recognition shall follow NSSAR policy.

Silver Good Citizenship Medal

Precedence: 33
Year Authorized: 1939
Presented By: National Society or State Society. A Chapter may present this medal only if approved by its state society.
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee or State Society (based on presenting authority)

Summary: The Silver Good Citizenship Medal recognizes outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service that is of a more local degree (state or regional 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 other professions, and other fields of endeavor. Since it recognizes extensive service, a biographical sketch of the candidate should accompany the request for a medal. There is no requirement that persons must be awarded a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal before they may be awarded a Silver Good Citizenship Medal.

Description: The award consists of a circular medal, silver in color, suspended from a ribbon of the society's colors. The obverse of the medal depicts a minuteman standing in front of a plow with an image of the Liberty Bell and the date "1776" surrounded by the words "THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION®" and "GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL." The reverse is inscribed with the phrase "OUR INSPIRATION IS FROM THE PAST, OUR DUTY IS IN THE PRESENT, OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE. AWARDED TO" and includes a space for engraving, all surrounded by laurel leaves. A certificate suitable for engrossing is available. A miniature medal is also available.

Non-member Service Requirements: In the case of a non-member, the National Society or a state society determines the qualifications. ***Awards of this medal to a national officer of organizations must be approved by the President General before a district, state or chapter makes the award.***

Compatriot Service Requirements: In the case of a Compatriot, in order to have uniform criteria, the requirement has been established that the 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.).

SAR Service Restriction: The Silver Good Citizenship Medal **is not** used to recognize service to the SAR. SAR service is only recognized by the service medals identified in this handbook and any nationally approved District or State Society service medal.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: An individual (including Compatriots) may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

State Outstanding Young Member Medal

Precedence: 34
Year Authorized: 2021
Presented By: State Society
Approved By: Society President

Summary: The Silver Outstanding Young Member Medal is awarded to a member of the State Society who is 40 years old or younger. The recipient shall have exhibited continued, exemplary service to the Society at the State level, especially focused on leadership and service to youth and younger members.

The medal is named for Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin, who enlisted at the young age of 16, and served for the duration of the war, fighting in many notable campaigns, being mustered out in 1783. This young man, dedicated to seeing the war through to the end, is a Patriot that all our younger members should emulate.

Description: The State Outstanding Young Member Medal (OYMM) is silver in color and bears on the obverse a depiction of Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin in front of a circle of 13 five pointed stars. The reverse is inscribed "For the Duration—Outstanding Young Member" and a space to engrave the recipient's name and date of presentation. The medal is suspended from a ribbon drape of navy blue, buff, old glory blue, white, and old glory red. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Approval Requirements: The State President shall approve the award of the medal. Nominations for the award shall be made by the State Society. All nominations should be submitted on the standard Outstanding Young Members Medal application form. The recommending authority should carefully read the form and follow the instructions relative to the type of supporting documentation needed.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

General Casimir Pulaski Founders Medal

Precedence: 35
Year Authorized: 2025
Presented By: State Society
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Director

Summary: The General Casimir Pulaski Founders Medal may be awarded by a State Society to a Compatriot who is a founding member of a new chapter (for example, this medal can be presented to the primary chartering members of any new chapter). General Casimir Pulaski, a volunteer from Poland, is considered the Founder of the US Cavalry. The medal was created to foster the same esprit de corps within the founders of these new chapters as has historically been evident in

the esprit de corps of the US Cavalry.

Description: The medal is silver in color and is suspended from a chest ribbon of red and white divided in half horizontally. *Obverse:* A portrait of General Casimir Pulaski surrounded by a red, enameled ring with the inscription "Casimir Pulaski Founders Medal" on the top perimeter and "Sons of the American Revolution®" on the bottom perimeter. *Reverse*: The reverse features crossed sabers with space for engraving and the letters "SAR". It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Awarding Procedure: The State Society decides who is to be awarded the medals, based on the initial signers of the Chapter Charter on the date it is chartered. The formation of a new chapter must meet all State Society chartering criteria. In addition, new chapters, and those applying for the medal retroactively under the "Look Back Period" provision, will be required to submit their request using the Chapter Charter Form (Registrar Form 1.2025).

The Society Secretary will forward the Society President's approval of the Charter, a list of Charter members, and a check in the amount of purchase to the NSSAR Staff Registrar. The Staff Registrar will update the member database and forward the information to the Executive Director to affirm and approve the awards. The approved list will be sent to Merchandise who will print standard SAR award certificates and send them and the Medal Sets (one Full Size Medal and one Miniature Medal) to the Society to schedule a presentation. The medals will be given by the State at their Annual Conference or other State event as they see fit.

Authorized Look Back Period: Compatriots forming a new chapter after January 1, 2025 may qualify for this award.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: An individual (including Compatriots) may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Service to Veterans Medal

Precedence: 36
Year Authorized: 2002
Presented By: State Society or Chapter
Approved By: State Society or Chapter Veterans Committee

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

Description: 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 of the medal is inscribed "Awarded for Voluntary Service" with the awardee's name and date. The medal is suspended from a blue, white and red (from left to right) vertically draped ribbon. A certificate will accompany each medal and cluster.

Requirements: 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 following the Chapter Veteran Committee Chairman's (or State Veteran Committee Chairman, as necessary) approval of the member's documentation. 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.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. A Bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded for each multiple of 3,000 points earned after the first award. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Caleb Gibbs State Color Guard Commander Medal

Precedence: 37
Year Authorized: 2025
Presented By: State President or State Color Guard Commander
Approved By: State Color Guard Commander

Summary: The Caleb Gibbs State Color Guard Commander's Medal is awarded to a State Color Guard Commander after completion of 2 years in office. The State Color Guard Commander will send a letter to the State President certifying 2 years of service. Major Gibbs was the Commander of Washington's Guard from May 1776 – January 1781.

Description: The medal is silver in color and is suspended from a chest ribbon of blue and buff divided in half vertically. *Obverse:* A portrait of Major Caleb Gibbs surrounded by a blue, enameled ring with the inscription "Color Guard Commander's Medal" on the top perimeter and "Commander, Washington's Guard" on the bottom perimeter. An interior blue enameled rocker placed directly below the likeness of Major Gibbs bears the inscription "Caleb Gibbs". *Reverse*: Blank. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Authorized Look Back Period: Any living former State Color Guard Commander that meets the awarding criteria (including oak leaf clusters) is eligible to receive this award and any earned oak leaf clusters.

Subsequent Presentation is Authorized: An Oak Leaf Cluster will be awarded for each 2 years of additional service as the State Color Guard Commander.

Bronze NSSAR Color Guard Medal

Precedence: 38
Year Authorized: 1998
Presented By: State Society President or Chapter President
Approved By: State Awarding Authority (State Color Guard Commander)

Summary: The Bronze Color Guard Medal is for service at the State and/or Chapter levels. Each medal is awarded for at least three years of service at the applicable level. The three years may be broken, not continuous. Award of each medal may be for retroactive service, so that any living

compatriot may receive it, even if he cannot march anymore.

Special Restriction for Youth Color Guard Medal: Double-counting events/points is not permitted. Any events used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard Medal may not be used simultaneously to qualify for this medal. Additional qualifying events over and above those used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard must be used to earn the Bronze Medal.

Qualifications: Each State Society shall determine for itself whether to employ one of the following systems for earning the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals. The first system is based on points; the second system is based on the number of events in which a Guardsman participates.

A. Point System

1. To earn an SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal, a Color Guardsman must accrue at least three hundred (300) points by participating in uniform at qualifying Chapter and/or State Color Guard events.
2. A Color Guardsman shall earn five (5) points for his participation in uniform in each Chapter event. A Chapter event shall be defined as an event in which a Chapter participates, but to which an invitation has not been extended to the State Color Guard. Examples include, but are not limited to: participation at schools, civic clubs, churches and other public organizations, Chapter meetings, flag retirement ceremonies, local veterans events, local Revolutionary War event celebrations, proclamation ceremonies by local governments, and similar local events. The Chapter President should approve a Chapter event before the event may be counted.
3. A Color Guardsman shall earn ten (10) points for his participation in uniform in each State event. A State event is an event in which the State Color Guard has been requested to participate. Examples include, but are not limited to: Revolutionary battle and historic sites celebrations, grave markings, parades, State Society meetings. The State President should approve a State event before the event may be counted.
4. A Color Guardsman must keep track of the events in which he has participated and must prove that he has accrued 300 points to the State President or State Color Guard Commander, or to such other appropriate State authority.
5. For Color Guardsmen whose State societies employ the point system, they may also earn points based on mileage, whether such miles are traveled by driving or by flying. (*Please see the NSSAR Color Guard Manual for updated numbers).*
   - Up to 100 miles, 0 points;
   - From 101 to 200 miles, 5 points;
   - From 201 to 999 miles, 10 points;
   - From 1,000 miles and over, 20 points.

B. Events System

1. To earn an SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal, a Color Guardsman must

participate in at least 50% of the scheduled Color Guard activities for his State and/or Chapter in each of three years, which do not need to be continuous. A year shall be any period of twelve consecutive months.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Youth Education Medal

Precedence: 39
Year Authorized: 2021
Presented By: State Society
Approved By: State Society

Summary: The NSSAR Youth Education Medal recognizes sustained education of our youth by members of the Sons of the American Revolution. The Compatriot presenting should develop and submit Presenter Data Sheets to the National Education Committee.

Description: The award consists of a medal, bronze in color, suspended from a ribbon of equal parts blue, red, and blue. The obverse of the medal includes a scholastic lamp on a pile of books in the center of a red enameled circle bearing the words "NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION®" and "YOUTH EDUCATION." The reverse has a blank space flanked by laurel leaves for inscription. The medal is available in full size and miniature. A certificate is available for presentation.

Criteria:

1. The Youth Education Medal will be awarded to a Compatriot after fifteen (15) educational presentations have been made.
2. The Compatriot must have completed and currently hold a NSSAR Youth Protection Training certificate.
3. For purposes of this award, a presentation will count if it satisfies the following criteria:
    a. The presentations must be given to preschool or school age children.
    b. The presentations may be given in both public and private schools. The presentations may be given in or out of the classroom.
    c. Presentations made in different classes during the same day, in the same school, may be counted as separate presentations if specific data such as teacher or separate class periods is provided.
    d. Presentations given as part of a 'school day' for living history events are acceptable.
    e. Presentations may also be given to youth groups or organizations such as, but not limited to, the following: Children of the American Revolution, American Heritage Girls, Trail Life, Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H, home school co-ops, church youth groups, etc.
    f. *The presentations must be recorded in the Chapter and Societies' Americanism Report to be used towards the tracking and award of the PG's Education Outreach Streamer.*

Authorized Look-back Period: Presentations made after 1 January 2021 may be used to satisfy the above criteria.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Oak-leaf clusters will be awarded for each additional fifteen (15) presentations given. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy. The presentation(s) must be approved by the State Society Education Program Chairman or equivalent state society committee.

Special Award for Lifetime Achievement: A State Society may present the NSSAR Youth Education Medal with "Lifetime Achievement" Bar upon satisfaction of the following additional criteria:

i. State Societies may present ***only two (2)*** Lifetime Achievement awards each year.
   a. *If presented to a Compatriot:* The Compatriot must have distinguished himself in bringing the history of the American Revolution and the accomplishments of our patriot ancestors to young people by being involved in education or by presenting Education Outreach Programs to our youth for a period of more than 10 years.
   b. *If presented to a Non-SAR Member*: A State Society may nominate a ***non-member*** for the NSSAR Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar. Nominations should be directed to the NSSAR Education Committee via email request; the Education Committee will vote on a case-by-case basis whether to approve the awards for non-SAR persons based on the merits of the nomination and maintain a file of the recipients.
      i. Nominations and must detail the State Society's rationale for the presentation, including (1) the proposed recipient's name and organization; (2) a description detailing what the proposed recipient did to qualify for the award; and (3) an explanation as to why the proposed recipient deserves our recognition.
      ii. ***These non-SAR member awards will count against the State Society's annual allotment of 2 presentations of the Medal for Lifetime Achievement***.
ii. State Societies are responsible for purchasing and reporting the presentation on the Society's Americanism Report.

Silver 250th Anniversary Recognition Award

Precedence: 40
Year Authorized: 2018
Presented By: State Society
Authorized By: State President or State Society 250th Anniversary Chair

Summary: The medal is designed recognize those compatriots, chapters, societies and partner organizations who participate in local, state, national and international events which recognize and honor our Patriot ancestors and the events of the American Revolution. The Anniversary period begins in 2014, with the 250th Anniversary of Parliament's passage of the Sugar Act, and extends to 2033, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris. Celebrations are encouraged to honor and recognize Patriot Ancestors or significant events during public education events. All references to the 250th Anniversary at public celebrations are encouraged to give the broadest exposure to

this significant time in our history. Medal points are earned for taking part in each celebration that brings attention to the 250th Anniversary period of 2014 through 2033.

Description: The medal is silver in color and suspended from a drape (patterned red/white/blue/white/red). The obverse is the official SAR logo for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. The reverse is blank and suitable for engraving. A certificate is available for presentation. A miniature medal is available.

Requirements for Earning the Silver 250th Anniversary Recognition Medal:

1. A formal score sheet will be made available for the calculation of the levels. The following should be kept in mind:
   a. An "event" may refer to an event which may be part of an ongoing program (repetitive events) or activity focused on the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution or events that led up to the Revolution, in accordance with the time period listed above.
   b. Points are cumulative, so a compatriot may earn points for multiple aspects of the event and subsequent events.
   c. Extra points are awarded for color guard performance and for attendance in colonial attire.
   d. Attending a Chapter, State, District or National meeting only counts towards award points if it includes a specific 250th Anniversary event.
2. Awards are based on activity and the awarding of points for each type of activity:
   a. Directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event or sub-committee for the duration of the event. (20 points)
   b. Participation in the planning, financing, promotion or conduct of an event other than directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event. Those that do direct, chair or co-chair and event and also serve as a regular member of a committee or sub-committee in a non-leadership role, may also earn points. (10 points)
   c. Attending an Event (3 points)
   d. Attending an event in Colonial Attire (5 points)
3. SAR Members may be awarded the Silver 250th Anniversary Recognition Medal for achieving a total of 60 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district, or national society. This is 35 points over and above the points required for the Bronze Medal. Events used to qualify for the Bronze Medal may be counted towards qualification for the Silver Medal. There is no requirement for a member to earn the Bronze Medal before submitting for the Silver Medal.
4. The State President may award the Silver 250th Anniversary Recognition Medal to a Non-SAR member, or to one of its Partners in Patriotism, who has significantly assisted in the SAR's celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. A State Society may also nominate one of its Partners in Patriotism to the National Society for higher recognition.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: Individuals may receive ***only one*** medal for each level (*i.e.*, one Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze). Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized. The Challenge Coin may only be earned once.

CHAPTER MEDALS

Chapter Distinguished Service Medal

Precedence: 41
Year Authorized: 2013
Presented By: Chapter
Approved By: Chapter President

Summary: The Chapter Distinguished Service Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered particularly distinguished service to the incumbent chapter president during his term of service. The distinguished service rendered should be stated in the citation.

Description: The Chapter Distinguished Service Medal ("CDSM") is diamond shaped with a blue SAR insignia surmounted on a white enamel background and trimmed in bronze hanging from a drape of solid maroon ribbon. A miniature medal is available. The CDSM is the highest medal that can be awarded by a Chapter President.

Authorized Presentation: The incumbent Chapter President may present one medal during his term (or each year of his term if elected to a multiyear term) at the Chapter's Annual Meeting, to a Compatriot in recognition for that Compatriot's conspicuous service to the Chapter during the president's administration. The Chapter President presents this Medal at his discretion; no other approval is required.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Retroactive Effectiveness*:* Former chapter presidents who have not made a presentation of this award would be eligible to present the medal to a compatriot upon the presentation of a letter to the incumbent Chapter President describing the assistance provided by the member.

Chapter Meritorious Service Medal

Precedence: 42
Year Authorized: 1980; 2022
Presented By: Chapter
Approved By: Chapter

Summary: The Chapter Meritorious Service Medal may be awarded to SAR members who have rendered long, faithful, and meritorious service to their chapter. The meritorious service rendered should be stated in the citation.

Description: The medal has a bronze finish and bears on the obverse a relief of Thomas Jefferson. The ribbon drape is of the same style used for the membership insignia drape. The ribbon drape includes a bronze bar inscribed with "MERITORIOUS SERVICE." The reverse includes a space to insert the recipient's name and the date of presentation, surrounded by laurel leaves. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: The Chapter may make multiple presentations of the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal consistent with the Chapter's award procedures. A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times at the Chapter level. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for additional presentations of the medal. Presentation and wear of multiple oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Chapter Roger Sherman Commendation Medal

Precedence: 43
Year Authorized: 2013
Presented By: Chapter
Approved By: Chapter

Summary: The Chapter Roger Sherman Commendation Medal may be awarded to a compatriot in recognition of, and in appreciation of, outstanding services rendered to a Chapter. The medal is presented to a compatriot for significant service which lacks the requirements for the Meritorious Service Medal. It should be awarded in place of the Bronze and Silver Good Citizenship Medals, which cannot be awarded for service to the SAR. The recipient must have served as an active officer for a minimum of two years, as an active committee chairman for three years, or as an active member of a committee for four years.

This Medal is named after Roger Sherman (1721-1793), who was a founding father, and the only person to sign all four Congressional papers of the United States: the Continental Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.

Description: The medal is antique bronze in color and bears on the obverse a portrait of Roger Sherman, with the inscription "Roger Sherman Medal." The reverse of the medal is inscribed "In Appreciation for Service to the SAR." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of blue, white and red.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for an additional two years of active service as an officer, chairman or committeeman. The service is counted cumulatively rather than consecutively, and may not be added concurrently for multiple offices, committee chairmanships, or committee memberships. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Chapter Henry Knox Achievement Medal

Precedence: 44
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: Chapter
Approved By: Chapter

Summary: The Chapter Henry Knox Achievement Medal may be awarded by a Chapter to a Compatriot or non-SAR member to recognize a specific outstanding contribution, achievement, accomplishment, deed, performance, or effort that advances the mission, governance, programs, or activities of that Chapter. This award is not limited by a specific time of service requirement and may be presented to recognize a singular act or multiple acts.

Named for Henry Knox (1750-1806), the medal honors Knox's completion of a seemingly impossible task: successfully completing General Washington's order to move Fort Ticonderoga's captured heavy artillery to Boston. Knox moved 58 pieces of artillery—mostly 12-pounder and 18-pounder cannons, but also one 5,000 pound 24-pounder cannon called "Old Sow"—approximately 300 miles away. Weighing over 60 tons, Knox moved this artillery train—including ordinance and powder—by crossing ice-covered Lake George and crossing the Hudson River four times. In forty days, Knox and his men completed this singular achievement and positioned the cannons on Dorchester Heights. British General William Howe commented, "these fellows have done more work in one night than I could make my army do in three months."

Description: The medal is antique bronze in color and features on the obverse a portrait of Henry Knox. It bears the inscription "Henry Knox Achievement Medal" on the top perimeter and "Sons of the American Revolution®" on the bottom perimeter. The reverse features a cannon and the phrase, "For Exceptional Achievement." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of Kelly green. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot or non-SAR member may be recommended for and receive this medal multiple times. A bronze oak leaf cluster may be awarded for an additional, qualifying achievement. Multiple oak leaf cluster recognition shall follow NSSAR policy.

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

Precedence: 45
Year Authorized: 1895; converted to medal in 1932
Presented By: National Society, State Society, Chapter, or Individual
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee, State Society, Chapter, or Individual (based on presenting authority)

Summary: The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal is a multi-purpose award designed to recognize individuals whose community (*i.e.*, school, locality, or state) achievements are noteworthy. It can be presented to anyone (including youth) subject to the below presentation guidelines and limitations. These restrictions must be strictly adhered to.

Description: The award consists of a circular medal, bronze in color, suspended from a ribbon of the society's colors. The obverse of the medal depicts a minuteman standing in front of a plow with an image of the Liberty Bell and the date "1776" surrounded by the words "THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION®" and "GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL." The reverse is inscribed with the phrase "OUR INSPIRATION IS FROM THE PAST, OUR DUTY IS IN THE PRESENT, OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE. AWARDED TO" and includes a space for engraving, all surrounded by laurel leaves. A certificate suitable for engrossing is available. A miniature medal is also available.

Non-Compatriot Presentation Suggestions: The following are some examples:

1. *Community Involvement:* An individual who has made an important contribution to the community that is not as significant as those contributions that would qualify for the Silver Good Citizenship Medal.
2. *School Involvement:* 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 high school senior or junior based on overall scholarship and citizenship, a high school student with the highest grades in American history, or a high school student with the best record in citizenship, etc.)
3. *U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC):* This medal is authorized for presentation to an Outstanding Cadet of the U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC), as nominated by his/her Commanding Officer. **Eligibility criteria**: The award is presented to a cadet who (1) is in the NSCC Program (not the NLCC Program), (2) is in the last, or next to last, year in the NSCC program, (3) is at least a Petty Officer Second Class; (4) is in good standing militarily and scholastically at the time of selection and presentation; (5) demonstrates a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and excellence in the performance of duties; (6) has the potential for greater leadership responsibilities; and (7) is recommended by the unit Commanding Officer. (*See Bronze ROTC Medal summary for more information*).

Presentation Guidelines:

1. *National Officers of Non-SAR Organizations.* Prior Approval from the President General is ***REQUIRED*** before a District, State, Chapter, or Individual makes this award to any national officer of a non-SAR organization.
2. *SAR Service Not a Basis for Award.* The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal **is not** used to recognize service to the SAR. SAR service is only recognized by the service medals identified in this handbook and any nationally approved District or State Society service medal.
3. *SAR Compatriot Presentation Requirements.* A Compatriot may be awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal if either (1) he has served, subject to the restriction described immediately below, in at least four of the leadership capacities covered under the Silver Good Citizenship Medal (see above), or (2) he qualifies by some other outstanding achievement in his community. Subsequent awards must be for different service than the service used for prior awards. Presentation to a Compatriot ***must be approved by the Chapter, State or National Societies***. *It is not authorized for an Individual SAR member to award this medal to another SAR Member.*
4. *Individual SAR Members are Authorized to Present this Award.* Subject to the above limitations, individual SAR Members may authorize and present the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal as an impact award to a member of the Community without approval by the Chapter. When done it should be done at an appropriate ceremony and with press coverage to publicize the SAR's commitment to recognizing those within the community who have an impact in the lives of our Nation's citizens. Individuals are encouraged to report these presentations to their Chapter and State Society for inclusion in the annual Americanism competitions.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: An individual may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Chapter Outstanding Young Member Medal

Precedence: 46
Year Authorized: 2021
Presented By: Chapter
Approved By: Chapter President

Summary: The Chapter Outstanding Young Member Medal is awarded to a member of the Chapter who is 40 years old or younger. The recipient shall have exhibited continued, exemplary service to the Society at the Chapter level, especially focused on leadership and service to youth and younger members.

The medal is named for Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin, who enlisted at the young age of 16, and served for the duration of the war, fighting in many notable campaigns, being mustered out in 1783. This young man, dedicated to seeing the war through to the end, is a Patriot that all our younger members should emulate.

Description: The Chapter Outstanding Young Member Medal (OYMM) is bronze in color and bears on the obverse a depiction of Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin in front of a circle of 13 five pointed stars. The reverse is inscribed "For the Duration—Outstanding Young Member" and a space to engrave the recipient's name and date of presentation. The medal is suspended from a ribbon drape of navy blue, buff, old glory blue, white, and old glory red. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Approval Requirements: The Chapter President shall approve the award of the medal. Nominations for the award shall be made by the Chapter. All nominations should be submitted on the standard Outstanding Young Members Medal application form. The recommending authority should carefully read the form and follow the instructions relative to the type of supporting documentation needed.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Bronze 250th Anniversary Recognition Award

Precedence: 47
Year Authorized: 2018
Presented By: Chapter
Authorized By: Chapter President

Summary: The medal is designed recognize those compatriots, chapters, societies and partner organizations who participate in local, state, national and international events which recognize and honor our Patriot ancestors and the events of the American Revolution. The Anniversary period begins in 2014, with the 250th Anniversary of Parliament's passage of the Sugar Act, and extends to 2033, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris. Celebrations are encouraged to honor and recognize Patriot Ancestors or significant events during public education events. All references to the 250th Anniversary at public celebrations are encouraged to give the broadest exposure to

this significant time in our history. Medal points are earned for taking part in each celebration that brings attention to the 250th Anniversary period of 2014 through 2033.

Description: The medal is bronze in color and suspended from a drape (patterned red/white/blue/white/red). The obverse is the official SAR logo for the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. The reverse is blank and suitable for engraving. A certificate is available for presentation. A miniature medal is available.

Requirements for Earning the Bronze 250th Anniversary Recognition Medal:

1. A formal score sheet will be made available for the calculation of the levels. The following should be kept in mind:
   a. An "event" may refer to an event which may be part of an ongoing program (repetitive events) or activity focused on the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution or events that led up to the Revolution, in accordance with the time period listed above.
   b. Points are cumulative, so a compatriot may earn points for multiple aspects of the event and subsequent events.
   c. Extra points are awarded for color guard performance and for attendance in colonial attire.
   d. Attending a Chapter, State, District or National meeting only counts towards award points if it includes a specific 250th Anniversary event.
2. Awards are based on activity and the awarding of points for each type of activity:
   a. Directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event or sub-committee for the duration of the event. (20 points)
   b. Participation in the planning, financing, promotion or conduct of an event other than directing, chairing, or co-chairing an event. Those that do direct, chair or co-chair and event and also serve as a regular member of a committee or sub-committee in a non-leadership role, may also earn points. (10 points)
   c. Attending an Event (3 points)
   d. Attending an event in Colonial Attire (5 points)
3. SAR Members may be awarded the Bronze 250th Anniversary Recognition Medal for achieving a total of 25 promotion points as certified by his chapter, state, district, or national society.
4. The Chapter President may award the Bronze 250th Anniversary Recognition Medal to a Non-SAR member, or to one of its Partners in Patriotism, who has significantly assisted in the SAR's celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. A Chapter may also nominate one of its Partners in Patriotism to the National Society or their State Society for higher recognition.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: Individuals may receive ***only one*** medal for each level (*i.e.*, one Gold, one Silver, and one Bronze). Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

PUBLIC SERVICE MEDALS

Heroism Medal

Precedence: 48
Year Authorized: 1985
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Summary: 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 that would have been covered by armed forces medals for valor. The medal may also be presented posthumously.

Description: 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 engrossing. A miniature medal is available.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: An individual may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Publication: 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.

SAR Life Saving Medal

Precedence: 49
Year Authorized: 2017
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Summary: The SAR Life Saving Medal is presented to those individuals who have acted to save a human life ***without*** necessarily placing their own life or themselves in imminent danger.

Description: The medal is gold in color. The obverse depicts a green cross in the center enclosed within a green circle. Within the green circle, the words "Sons of the American Revolution" appear on top and "Life Saving" appears on the bottom. It is worn from a chest ribbon of red halved with white. The medal is accompanied by a half red, half white enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engrossing. A miniature medal is available.

Criteria: The medal is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform, *however*, police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical personal, lifeguards, and SAR Compatriots are not excluded from receiving this award. The medal is not intended to recognize acts that would

otherwise qualify for military or another organization's valor medals and, in all cases, the fact that the actions of the rescuer saved the life of the victim must be validated by EMS or medical personnel. Lifesaving examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Performing the Heimlich maneuver or other first aid to prevent a person from choking;
2. Saving a person from drowning by bringing the person to safety;
3. Performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or rescue breathing until the person breathes normally; or
4. Performing CPR or applying an automated external defibrillator (AED) on an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest before EMS arrival.

The medal is intended to recognize the actions of any person: (1) who was directly responsible for the saving of a human life or (2) who prolonged a human life to the extent that the victim was still alive upon transfer to the care of medical authorities, even though the victim might expire later.

Only one award will be awarded for each incident regardless of the number of victims involved. Nominations will not be considered after a lapse of 24 months of the incident.

***Posthumous Presentation Authorized**:* The medal may be presented posthumously.

Publication: 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.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Precedence: 50a
Year Authorized: 1967
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Summary: The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal is presented 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.

Description: 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 engrossing. A miniature medal is available.

***Posthumous Presentation Authorized**:* The medal may be presented posthumously.

Publication: 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.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Fire Safety Commendation Medal

Precedence: 50b
Year Authorized: 1993
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Summary: The Fire Safety Commendation Medal is presented 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.

Description: The obverse of the medal depicts a fireman's badge with a flame in the center. The medal is accompanied by an enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engrossing. A miniature medal is available.

***Posthumous Presentation Authorized**:* The medal may be presented posthumously.

Publication: 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.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal

Precedence: 50c
Year Authorized: 2005
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Summary: The Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal is presented 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.

Description: The obverse of the medal depicts an EMS badge. The medal is accompanied by an enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engrossing. A miniature medal is available.

Posthumous Presentation Authorized*:* The medal may be presented posthumously.

Publication: 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.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

YOUTH PROGRAM MEDALS

Silver ROTC Medal

Precedence: 51
Year Authorized: 1933
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Summary: The National Society, a state society, or a chapter, may present this award **only** to students enrolled in a college or university ROTC program.

Description: The medal is silver in color, suspended from a ribbon of the SAR colors. The obverse depicts a Minuteman holding a rifle, with a plow and the Liberty Bell in the background and is inscribed "ROTC." The reverse is inscribed "Awarded for Leadership, Soldierly Bearing and Excellence to _____." A ribbon bar in the SAR colors with a silver sword device is included and a certificate is available. Miniature is not available.

Qualifications: The medal endeavors to foster the principle of "citizen-soldier" exemplified by the Minutemen and recipients should be selected by the commanding officer of the ROTC unit based on their military bearing, leadership potential, attitude, scholastic achievements, and general excellence. Commanding officers should be given full latitude in selecting an outstanding ROTC cadet.

Limitations on Presentation: 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.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A cadet may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Bronze ROTC Medal

Precedence: 52
Year Authorized: 1965
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee, State Society or Chapter (based on conferring authority)

Summary: The National Society, a state society, or a chapter, may present this award **only** to students enrolled in a high school or secondary school JROTC program.

Description: The medal is bronze in color, suspended from a ribbon of the SAR colors. The obverse depicts a Minuteman holding a rifle, with a plow and the Liberty Bell in the background

and is inscribed "ROTC." The reverse is inscribed "Awarded for Leadership, Soldierly Bearing and Excellence to _____." A ribbon bar in the SAR colors is included and a certificate is available. Miniature is not available.

Qualifications: The medal endeavors to foster the principle of "citizen-soldier" exemplified by the Minutemen and recipients should be selected by the commanding officer of the ROTC unit based on their leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. Although commanding officers should be given full latitude in making the selection, the following specific criteria must be met:

1. The cadet must be currently enrolled in the JROTC Program;
2. The cadet should be a third-year cadet in a four-year program or a second-year cadet in a three-year program;
3. The cadet must be in the top 10% of his or her JROTC class;
4. The cadet must be in the top 25% of his or her overall class; and
5. The cadet may not have received the Bronze ROTC Medal previously from the Sons of the American Revolution.

Limitations on Presentation: One medal will normally be awarded each year in JROTC 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 JROTC 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 JROTC program as well.

Special Note Regarding the US Navy Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC): Sea Cadets are no longer eligible to receive the SAR Bronze Medal. The NSCC should be supported by recognizing the Outstanding NSCC Cadet with the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. A ribbon bar for the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal is available from Merchandise specifically for use for the Sea Cadets.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A cadet may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Gold Children of the American Revolution –
Sons of the American Revolution Medal of Appreciation

Precedence: 53
Year Authorized: 1999
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee **and** the NSSAR C.A.R. Liaison Committee

Summary: The National Society may present the Gold C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation 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 medal shall be awarded for documented services rendered and not by tradition or as an entitlement of office.

Description: The Gold C.A.R.-SAR Medals of Appreciation is gold in color and bears 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." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors. A certificate accompanies the medal. A miniature medal is available.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award Medal

Precedence: 54
Year Authorized: 2006
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee

Summary: The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award is a BSA-recognized Community Organization Award presented to members of the SAR in good standing who have displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting Program. Award criteria are based on work accomplishment and dedication rather than specific length of service time. The medal is awarded by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution upon nomination by a state society.

Description: 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. A certificate and the BSA COA square knot, for wear on the Scout field uniform, accompany the medal. The medal is available in miniature for formal wear.

Limitations on Presentation: Each state society may nominate two (2) awardees per calendar year. At the Spring NSSAR Leadership Meeting, the Eagle Scout Committee will determine whether a state society may nominate additional awardees during that calendar year using a formula based on each state's membership as of January 31st of that year. Awards not presented may not be carried over to subsequent years.

Special Application Required: Nomination and application forms are available on the website.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Silver Children of the American Revolution –
Sons of the American Revolution Medal of Appreciation

Precedence: 55
Year Authorized: 1999
Presented By: National Society or State Society
Approved By: NSSAR C.A.R. Liaison Committee or State Society

Summary: The National Society or a State Society may present the Silver C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation 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.

Description: The Silver C.A.R.-SAR Medals of Appreciation is silver in color and bears 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." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors. A certificate accompanies the medal. A miniature medal is available.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Bronze Children of the American Revolution –
Sons of the American Revolution Medal of Appreciation

Precedence: 56
Year Authorized: 1999
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: NSSAR C.A.R. Liaison Committee, State Society or Chapter

Summary: The National Society, a State Society, or a local Chapter, may present the Bronze C.A.R-SAR Medal of Appreciation 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.

Description: The Bronze C.A.R.-SAR Medals of Appreciation is bronze in color and bears 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." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors. A certificate accompanies the medal. A miniature medal is available.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Silver Eagle Scout Medal

Precedence: 57
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: State
Approved By: State Eagle Scout Chairman

Summary: A state may award this medal annually to the Eagle Scout who is the winner of the State Society's Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition.

Description: The award consists of a circular medal, silver in color, suspended from a ribbon of the society's colors. The obverse of the medal depicts a minuteman standing in front of a plow with an image of the Liberty Bell and the date "1776" surrounded by the words "THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION®" and "EAGLE SCOUT." The reverse is inscribed with the phrase "OUR INSPIRATION IS FROM THE PAST, OUR DUTY IS IN THE PRESENT, OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE. AWARDED TO" and includes a space for engraving, all surrounded by laurel leaves. A certificate suitable for engrossing is available. It is not available in miniature.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: An Eagle Scout may receive this medal multiple times if the scout competes in and wins the State Society's scholarship competition in subsequent years. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Bronze Eagle Scout Medal

Precedence: 58
Year Authorized: 1981
Presented By: Chapter
Approved By: Chapter Eagle Scout Chairman

Summary: A chapter may award this medal annually to the Eagle Scout who is the winner of the chapter's Eagle Scout Scholarship Competition.

Description: The award consists of a circular medal, bronze in color, suspended from a ribbon of the society's colors. The obverse of the medal depicts a minuteman standing in front of a plow with an image of the Liberty Bell and the date "1776" surrounded by the words "THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION®" and "EAGLE SCOUT." The reverse is inscribed with the phrase "OUR INSPIRATION IS FROM THE PAST, OUR DUTY IS IN THE PRESENT, OUR HOPE IS IN THE FUTURE. AWARDED TO" and includes a space for engraving, all surrounded by laurel leaves. A certificate suitable for engrossing is available. It is not available in miniature.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: An Eagle Scout may receive this medal multiple times if the scout competes in and wins the chapter's scholarship competition in subsequent years. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Youth Color Guard Medal

Precedence: 59
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: State President or Chapter President
Approved By: State Color Guard Commander (or State Society); Chapter Color Guard Commander (or Chapter)

Summary: The Youth Color Guard Medal is earned for participation in SAR Color Guard events (National, District, State or Chapter) by any youth in colonial uniform or attire.

Description: The medal is silver in color with a blue outer ring. It features on the obverse a color guardsman and drummer. It bears the inscription "SAR Youth" on the top perimeter and "Color Guard" on the bottom perimeter. The reverse features a wreath on the outer perimeter and blank spaces for name and date of presentation. It is suspended from a chest ribbon with equal stripes of red, white, and blue centered on a blue and buff ribbon. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Qualifications: This medal may be presented to any individual who, while under the age of 18 years old, participates in a minimum of three events per year for a minimum of three years. The years do not need to be continuous. Any SAR event that includes a Color Guard at National, District, State or Chapter may be counted towards the award. The youth must be in uniform or colonial dress and participate as a member of the color guard.

Special Application Required: Youth who believe they qualify for the Youth Color Guard Medal must complete the appropriate form setting forth their qualifications. This form is available on the SAR website and must be submitted to the Chapter or State Color Guard Commander for review and approval.

Restriction on Events: Double-counting events is not permitted. Any events used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard Medal may not be used simultaneously to qualify for any other Color Guard Medal (Molly Pitcher, Von Steuben, Silver, or Bronze). Additional qualifying events over and above those used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard must be used to earn the other Color Guard Medals.

Special Look Back Period: An individual may count events from 2018 forward so long as that individual was a youth (under 18 years old) when the individual completed the required service. Events may not be double counted; if an individual counted events attended as a youth toward any other Color Guard Medal (Molly Pitcher, Von Steuben, Silver, or Bronze), then those same events may not be used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard Medal.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A youth may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

LADIES MEDALS

The following medals do not have a physical distinction as to level of award (*e.g.*, gold, silver, or bronze): Daughters of Liberty Medal, Lydia Darragh Medal, Medal of Appreciation, and the Martha Washington Medal. These medals are worn according to the level of awarding authority. Therefore, a Chapter level medal is worn according to Chapter level ranking, a State level medal is worn according to State level ranking, etc. If a medal is awarded from an additional level, then the medal is worn according to the rank of the highest awarding level with the appropriate number of oak leaf clusters.

Example: Assume a lady has been awarded the Daughters of Liberty Medal from a State Society, a Lydia Darragh Medal from the District, State Society, and Chapter, the Medal of Appreciation from the Chapter, the Martha Washington Medal from the State Society, and a Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Medal. In such a situation, the lady would wear the medals as follows: Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Medal, Lydia Darragh Medal (with two bronze oak leaf clusters), Daughters of Liberty Medal, Martha Washington Medal, then the Medal of Appreciation.

Gold Good Citizenship Medal

Precedence: 1
Year Authorized: 1954
Presented By: National Society or State Society. A Chapter may present this medal only if approved by its state society.
Approved By: NSSAR Medals & Awards Committee *and* NSSAR Executive Committee; State Society if request made by Chapter

Please see description and requirements on page 18 of this Volume.

SAR Daughters of Liberty Medal

Precedence: 2, 13, or 18 (dependent upon awarding authority)
Year Authorized: 1992
Presented By: National Society, District or State Society.
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee, District Vice President General or State Society (depending on presenting authority).

Summary: The Daughters of Liberty Medal may be presented 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 SAR. ***Awards of this medal to a national officer of any organization must be approved by the President General before a district, state or chapter makes the award.*** This is the highest lady's medal and consideration in awarding this medal should be given only after the SAR Medal of Appreciation or the Martha Washington Medal has been presented. ***Chapters:*** A Chapter may nominate a lady for this medal ***but it must be approved by*** the State Society; a Chapter may presented the approved Daughters of Liberty Medal ***if authorized by the State Society***.

Description: The medal is gold in color, and depicts Sybil Ludington riding a galloping horse, commemorating her heroic ride of April 26, 1777, to warn of the approach of British forces and symbolizing the contribution of the many women who aided in the struggle for American independence. The medal is suspended from a drape of blue, yellow and blue bands of equal width. The medal is available in miniature. A certificate to be completed, signed, and presented with the medal accompanies the medal.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A lady may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Lydia Darragh Medal

Precedence: 3, 14, 19, or 30 (dependent upon awarding authority)
Year Authorized: 2013
Presented By: National Society, District, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: President General, Vice President General, State Society President or Chapter President (depending on conferring authority)

Summary: The Lydia Darragh Medal may be awarded by the incumbent President General, Vice President General, State Society President or Chapter President to the lady who has provided significant service to him during his term. The medal will recognize the assistance of the ladies who work behind the scenes supporting SAR programs, but whose service does not meet the requirements for the Martha Washington Medal. It may only be presented once per year at the discretion of the President General, a Vice President General, State Society President or Chapter President. The medal should be presented at the annual society by the outgoing President General, Vice President General, State Society President or Chapter President, and the service citation should be read at the time of presentation.

This Medal is named after Lydia Darragh (1729-1789), who crossed British lines in 1777 during the British occupation of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to deliver information to George Washington. As did Lydia Darragh, many ladies have had to courageously adapt to various circumstances in an effort to work side by side with Presidents General and State Society and Chapter Presidents.

Description: The medal is gold in color and bears on the obverse a colonial woman passing military information to a colonial officer mounted on horseback somewhere on a country road. Around the top edge of the medal will read "LYDIA DARRAGH MEDAL" and at the bottom edge of the medal will read "SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION." It is suspended from a chest ribbon of light blue.

Subsequent Presentations: A lady may receive this medal only once from a chapter, a state society or a district, however, the National Society (through the incumbent President General) may make multiple presentations of the medal to a lady without referral to any committee.

Special Note Regarding Oak Leaf Clusters: Although a lady may receive the award multiple times from the National Society, and once from each of a district, a state society or a chapter, only one Darragh Medal is worn. Once a lady has received the Darragh Medal, subsequent awards by

additional conferring authorities are represented by oak leaf clusters (regardless of the conferring authority).

Retroactive Effectiveness: Former presidents general, vice presidents general, state society presidents, and chapter presidents who have not made a presentation of this award would be eligible to present the medal to a lady upon the presentation of a letter to the incumbent President General, Vice President General, State Society President or Chapter President describing the assistance provided by the lady.

Lafayette Volunteer Service Award

Precedence: 4
Year Authorized: 2011
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: President General & Executive Director

Please see description and requirements on page 34 of this Volume.

SAR Medal of Appreciation

Precedence: 5, 15, 21, or 32 (dependent upon awarding authority)
Year Authorized: 1960
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter.
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee, State Society or Chapter (depending on presenting authority).

Summary: The SAR Medal of Appreciation may be presented to a member of the DAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to the SAR. ***Awards of this medal to a national officer of any organization must be approved by the President General before a district, state or chapter makes the award.*** 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.

Description: 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 completed, signed, and presented with the medal. The medal is available in miniature.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A lady may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Martha Washington Medal

Precedence: 6, 16, 22, or 33 (dependent upon awarding authority)
Year Authorized: 1971
Presented By: National Society, District, State Society or Chapter.
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee, District Vice President General, State Society or Chapter (depending on presenting authority).

Summary: The Martha Washington Medal may be presented to a woman over 18 years of age in recognition of outstanding service to SAR. A DAR may receive the Martha Washington Medal and the SAR Medal of Appreciation (on separate occasions) if her service warrants it. ***Awards of this medal to a national officer of any organization must be approved by the President General before a district, state or chapter makes the award.***

Description: 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 completed, signed, and presented with the medal. The medal is available in miniature.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A lady may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

National Henry Knox Achievement Medal

Precedence: 7
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: President General

Please see description and requirements on page 23 of this Volume.

Gold Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal

Precedence: 8
Year Authorized: 2001
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Executive Committee

Please see description and requirements on page 25 of this Volume.

The Molly Pitcher Medal

Precedence: 9
Year Authorized: 2012
Presented By: District Vice President General, State President, or by the District or State Color Guard Commander (as appropriate). Under special circumstances, the President General or the National Color Guard Commander may present this award.
Approved By: State or District Color Guard Commander <u>and</u> National Color Guard Commander

Summary: Many women who are the wives, daughters, sisters, girlfriends, and other female

relatives and companions of SAR Color Guardsmen routinely and with great dedication support their SAR Color Guardsman and the SAR Color Guard. The Molly Pitcher Medal may be awarded to women who have supported the SAR Color Guard at the State, District and National Levels.

Description: The Medal is silver in color and depicts a likeness of Molly Pitcher. It is available only in miniature.

Special Application Required: Women who believe they qualify for the Molly Pitcher Medal must complete the appropriate form, setting forth their qualifications. The form may also be completed by their husband or other male companion. This form is available on the SAR website and must be submitted to the State or District Color Guard Commander for review and recommendation, and then to the National Color Guard Commander for final authorization to award the Molly Pitcher Medal.

Special Restriction for Youth Color Guard Medal: Double-counting events/points is not permitted. Any events used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard Medal may not be used simultaneously to qualify for this medal. Additional qualifying events over and above those used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard must be used to earn the Molly Pitcher Medal.

Requirement of Silver Color Guard Medal: Before a woman may be awarded the Molly Pitcher Medal, her husband or other male companion must have been awarded the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal.

Qualifications: To earn the Molly Pitcher Medal, a woman must be present at, and support, the SAR Color Guard at qualifying SAR Color Guard events. The same events that count toward earning the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal for SAR Color Guardsmen shall also count toward earning the Molly Pitcher Medal. In addition, participation in, and support of, State events, such as a State Society Annual Meeting or a State Society Board of Managers/Governors Meeting, shall also count toward earning the Molly Pitcher Medal.

A. Point System

1. To earn the Molly Pitcher Medal, a woman must accrue at least three hundred (300) points by participating in qualifying State, District and National Color Guard events for at least three (3) years. She may take longer to accrue the requisite 300 points, but even if she accrues 300 points or more within three years, she may not be awarded the Molly Pitcher Medal for less than three years of service. The requisite three years do not need to be continuous; a year shall be any period of twelve consecutive months. A woman supporting an SAR Color Guardsman shall earn ten (10) points for her presence and support at each qualifying State Color Guard event, twenty (20) points for her presence and support at each qualifying District and National Color Guard event.
2. For Color Guardsmen whose State societies employ the point system, they may also earn points based on mileage, whether such miles are traveled by driving or by flying. (*Please see the NSSAR Color Guard Manual for updated numbers).*

- Up to 100 miles, 0 points;
- From 101 to 200 miles, 5 points;
- From 201 to 999 miles, 10 points;
- From 1,000 miles and over, 20 points.

B. Events System

1. To earn the Molly Pitcher Medal, a woman must participate in at least three (3) State, District, or National events in each of three (3) years. The requisite three years do not need to be continuous; a year shall be any period of twelve (12) consecutive months.

Support Defined: A woman may be said to 'support' the SAR Color Guard by participating in SAR Color Guard events wearing Revolutionary-era attire, or by bringing refreshments for participating SAR Color Guardsmen, or by providing some other tangible support for her SAR Color Guardsman. However, merely attending an SAR Color Guard event shall not be deemed as 'support' for the purposes of earning the Molly Pitcher Medal.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A lady may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Retroactive Effectiveness: *Women who were actively supporting an SAR Color Guardsman and the SAR Color Guard at the time this Medal was authorized* (28 September 2012 by the NSSAR Executive Committee) *may count any qualifying SAR Color Guard event in which they participated during the two (2) year period prior to the authorization date toward earning the Molly Pitcher Medal.*

Silver Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal

Precedence: 10
Year Authorized: 2001
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: NSSAR Congress Planning Committee Chairman

Please see description and requirements on page 32 of this Volume.

Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal

Precedence: 11
Year Authorized: 2001
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: NSSAR Congress Planning Committee Chairman

Please see description and requirements on page 38 of this Volume.

Gold 250th Anniversary Recognition Award

Precedence: 12
Year Authorized: 2018
Presented By: National Society, District Vice President General, State Present, Chapter President
Authorized By: 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Committee

Please see description and requirements on page 39 of this Volume.

District Henry Knox Achievement Medal

Precedence: 17
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: District Vice President General
Approved By: District Vice President General

Please see description and requirements on page 43 of this Volume.

Silver Good Citizenship Medal

Precedence: 20
Year Authorized: 1939
Presented By: National Society or State Society. A Chapter may present this medal only if approved by its state society.
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee or State Society (based on presenting authority)

Please see description and requirements on page 47 of this Volume.

Sarah Fulton Color Guard Medal

Precedence: 23
Year Authorized: 2025
Presented By: State President or Chapter President
Approved By: State Color Guard Commander (or State Society); Chapter Color Guard Commander (or Chapter)

Summary: The Sarah Fulton Color Guard Medal is earned for participation in SAR Color Guard events (National, District, State or Chapter) by any female over the age of 18 in colonial uniform or attire.

Named for Sarah Bradlee Fulton, 1740-1835, was born in Dorchester (Boston) Massachusetts and in 1765 she played a significant role in establishing the "Daughters of Liberty". This group of women aimed to support the American Revolution by organizing boycotts of British goods and promoting domestic production. In 1766 the Daughters of Liberty formalized female political agency with Patriot Sam Adams famously declaring "With ladies on our side, we can make every Tory tremble". For her part in helping to disguise Sons of Liberty members as Mohawks, she is sometimes referred to as the "Mother of the Boston Tea Party". After the battle of Bunker Hill in June 1775, because so few surgeons were available, Sarah helped to coordinate several women who did their best as nurses at a makeshift field hospital by Wades Tavern. In March of 1776, Sarah again answered the call of duty and delivered an important dispatch to General George

Washington at the Charlestown war front, crossing enemy lines and returning home safely.

Description: The medal is light antique brass in color with a rose outer ring. It features on the obverse a likeness of Sarah Fulton. It bears the inscription "Sarah Fulton Medal" on the top perimeter and "Sons of the American Revolution" on the bottom perimeter. The reverse features a wreath on the outer perimeter and blank space for engraving. It is suspended from a chest ribbon with equal stripes of rose, white, blue, white and rose centered on a blue and buff ribbon. It is only available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Qualifications: This medal may be presented to any female over the age of 18 who, participates in a minimum of three events per year for a minimum of three years. The years do not need to be continuous. Any SAR event that includes a Color Guard at National, District, State or Chapter may be counted towards the award. The female must be in uniform or colonial dress and participate along with a member of the color guard.

Special Application Required: Females who believe they qualify for the Sarah Fulton Color Guard Medal must submit their application request with a listing of qualifying events to the Chapter or State Color Guard Commander for review, verification of qualifications and approval.

Restriction on Events: Double-counting events is not permitted. Any events used to qualify for the Sarah Fulton Medal may not be used simultaneously to qualify for any other Color Guard Medal (Molly Pitcher). Additional qualifying events over and above those used to qualify for the Sarah Fulton Color Guard Medal must be used to earn the other Color Guard Medals.

Special Look Back Period: An individual may count events from 2018 forward so long as that individual was a female (over 18 years old) when the individual completed the required service. Events may not be double counted; if an individual counted events attended for any other Color Guard Medal (Molly Pitcher), then those same events may not be used to qualify for the Sarah Fulton Medal.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A female may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

State Henry Knox Achievement Medal

Precedence: 24
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: State Society
Approved By: State Society

Please see description and requirements on page 46 of this Volume.

Lucy Knox DAR Finder Form Medal

Precedence: 25
Year Authorized: 2025
Presented By: State Society President or Chapter President
Approved By: State Society

Summary: The Lucy Knox DAR Finder Form Medal may be awarded by a State Society to a DAR member for successfully recruiting a total of eight (8) new SAR Compatriots (including applications included toward earning the Deborah Sampson and Abigail Adams Medals).

Description: The medal is gold in color and is suspended from a chest ribbon of blue, green, and blue divided equally in thirds vertically. *Obverse:* A portrait of Lucy Knox surrounded by a blue, enameled ring with the inscription "National Society SAR" on the top perimeter and "Lucy Knox Medal" on the bottom perimeter. *Reverse*: Blank. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Procedure: The State Society tracks DAR Finder Forms for purposes of awarding this medal. This is not a National SAR reporting function. To earn credit for this award, a DAR Finder Form must be submitted by the State Society at the time a new SAR application is submitted to the National Society. A DAR Finder Form is only counted toward this award if the affiliated SAR Application is approved by the National Society.

Authorized Look Back Period: DAR Finder Forms submitted to a State Society after January 1, 2025 may be counted toward this.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: This medal may be awarded multiple times and an oak leaf cluster will be award for each additional eight (8) DAR Finder Forms submitted on an NSSAR-approved application (i.e., oak leaf clusters presented at 16, 24, 32, etc. total successful DAR Finder Forms). Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Deborah Sampson DAR Finder Form Award Medal

Precedence: 26
Year Authorized: 2025
Presented By: State Society President or Chapter President
Approved By: State Society

Summary: The Deborah Sampson DAR Finder Form Medal may be awarded by a State Society to a DAR member for successfully recruiting a total of five (5) new SAR Compatriots (including applications included toward earning the Abigail Adams Medal).

Description: The medal is gold in color and is suspended from a chest ribbon of blue, green, and blue divided equally in thirds vertically. *Obverse:* A portrait of Deborah Sampson surrounded by a white, enameled ring with the inscription "National Society SAR" on the top perimeter and "Deborah Sampson Medal" on the bottom perimeter. *Reverse*: Blank. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Procedure: The State Society tracks DAR Finder Forms for purposes of awarding this medal. This is not a National SAR reporting function. To earn credit for this award, a DAR Finder Form must be submitted by the State Society at the time a new SAR application is submitted to the National Society. A DAR Finder Form is only counted toward this award if the affiliated SAR Application is approved by the National Society.

Authorized Look Back Period: DAR Finder Forms submitted to a State Society after January 1, 2025 may be counted toward this.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: This medal may be awarded multiple times and an oak leaf cluster will be award for each additional eight (8) DAR Finder Forms submitted on an NSSAR-approved application (i.e., oak leaf clusters presented at 13, 21, 29, etc. total successful DAR Finder Forms). Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Abigail Adams DAR Finder Form Award Medal

Precedence: 27
Year Authorized: 2025
Presented By: State Society President or Chapter President
Approved By: State Society

Summary: The Abigail Adams DAR Finder Form Medal may be awarded by a State Society to a DAR member for successfully recruiting a total of two (2) new SAR Compatriots.

Description: The medal is gold in color and is suspended from a chest ribbon of blue, green, and blue divided equally in thirds vertically. *Obverse:* A portrait of Abigail Adams surrounded by a red, enameled ring with the inscription "National Society SAR" on the top perimeter and "Abigail Adams Medal" on the bottom perimeter. *Reverse*: Blank. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Procedure: The State Society tracks DAR Finder Forms for purposes of awarding this medal. This is not a National SAR reporting function. To earn credit for this award, a DAR Finder Form must be submitted by the State Society at the time a new SAR application is submitted to the National Society. A DAR Finder Form is only counted toward this award if the affiliated SAR Application is approved by the National Society.

Authorized Look Back Period: DAR Finder Forms submitted to a State Society after January 1, 2025 may be counted toward this.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: This medal may be awarded multiple times and an oak leaf cluster will be award for each additional eight (8) DAR Finder Forms submitted on an NSSAR-approved application (i.e., oak leaf clusters presented at 10, 18, 26, etc. total successful DAR Finder Forms). Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar

Precedence: 28
Year Authorized: 2021
Presented By: State Society
Approved By: National Society

Summary: The NSSAR Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar recognizes sustained education of our youth.

Description: The award consists of a medal, bronze in color, suspended from a ribbon of equal parts blue, red, and blue. The obverse of the medal includes a scholastic lamp on a pile of books in the center of a red enameled circle bearing the words "NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION®" and "YOUTH EDUCATION." A bronze bar inscribed with "LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT" is mounted on the ribbon. The medal reverse has a blank space flanked by laurel leaves for inscription. The medal is available in full size and miniature. A certificate is available for presentation.

Criteria: A State Society may nominate a non-member for the NSSAR Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar. Nominations and must detail the State Society's rationale for the presentation, including (1) the proposed recipient's name and organization; (2) a description detailing what the proposed recipient did to qualify for the award; and (3) an explanation as to why the proposed recipient deserves our recognition.

Authorized Look-back Period: Presentations made after 1 January 2021 may be used to satisfy the above criteria.

National Approval Required: Nominations should be directed to the NSSAR Education Committee via email request; the Education Committee will vote on a case-by-case basis whether to approve the awards for non-SAR persons based on the merits of the nomination and maintain a file of the recipients.

Special Restriction on Presentation: A State Society may present ***only two (2)*** NSSAR Youth Education Medal with "Lifetime Achievement" Bar awards each year. ***Non-SAR member awards <u>will count</u> against the State Society's annual allotment.***

Silver 250th Anniversary Recognition Award

Precedence: 29
Year Authorized: 2018
Presented By: National Society, District Vice President General, State Present, Chapter President
Authorized By: 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Committee

Please see description and requirements on page 53 of this Volume.

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

Precedence: 31
Year Authorized: 1895
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Please see description and requirements on page 57 of this Volume.

Chapter Henry Knox Achievement Medal

Precedence: 34
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: Chapter
Approved By: Chapter

Please see description and requirements on page 56 of this Volume.

Bronze 250th Anniversary Recognition Award

Precedence: 35
Year Authorized: 2018
Presented By: National Society, District Vice President General, State Present, Chapter President
Authorized By: 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution Committee

Please see description and requirements on page 59 of this Volume.

Heroism Medal

Precedence: 36
Year Authorized: 1985
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Please see description and requirements on page 61 of this Volume.

SAR Life Saving Medal

Precedence: 37
Year Authorized: 2017
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Please see description and requirements on page 61 of this Volume.

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Precedence: 38a
Year Authorized: 1967
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Please see description and requirements on page 62 of this Volume.

Fire Safety Commendation Medal

Precedence: 38b
Year Authorized: 1993
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Please see description and requirements on page 63 of this Volume.

Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal

Precedence: 38c
Year Authorized: 2005
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Please see description and requirements on page 64 of this Volume.

Silver ROTC Medal

Precedence: 39
Year Authorized: 1933
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Please see description and requirements on page 65 of this Volume.

Bronze ROTC Medal

Precedence: 40
Year Authorized: 1965
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee, State Society or Chapter (based on conferring authority)

Please see description and requirements on page 65 of this Volume.

Gold Children of the American Revolution –
Sons of the American Revolution Medal of Appreciation

Precedence: 41
Year Authorized: 1999
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee **and** the NSSAR C.A.R. Liaison Committee

Please see description and requirements on page 66 of this Volume.

Silver Children of the American Revolution –
Sons of the American Revolution Medal of Appreciation

Precedence: 42
Year Authorized: 1999
Presented By: National Society or State Society
Approved By: NSSAR C.A.R. Liaison Committee or State Society

Please see description and requirements on page 67 of this Volume.

Bronze Children of the American Revolution –
Sons of the American Revolution Medal of Appreciation

Precedence: 43
Year Authorized: 1999
Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter
Approved By: NSSAR C.A.R. Liaison Committee, State Society or Chapter

Please see description and requirements on page 68 of this Volume.

Silver Eagle Scout Medal

Precedence: 44
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: State

Please see description and requirements on page 69 of this Volume.

Bronze Eagle Scout Medal

Precedence: 45
Year Authorized: 1981
Presented By: Chapter

Please see description and requirements on page 69 of this Volume.

Youth Color Guard Medal

Precedence: 46
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: State President or Chapter President
Approved By: State Color Guard Commander (or State Society); Chapter Color Guard Commander (or Chapter)

Please see description and requirements on page 70 of this Volume.

SPECIAL SERVICE OR COMMEMORATIVE EVENT MEDALS (COMPATRIOTS & LADIES)

SAR International Medal

Precedence: 60 (Compatriot); 47 (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 1992
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: President General

Summary: The SAR International Medal is presented only to a foreign dignitary or a non-citizen of the United States. The medal can only be approved by the President General and must be presented by a National Society General Officer.

Description: 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.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: An individual may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Boston Tea Party 250th Anniversary Commemorative Medal

Precedence: 61(i) (Compatriots); 48(i) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: National Society or Individual

Summary: The Boston Tea Party Medal commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, which occurred on December 13, 1773.

Description: The medal is silver in color suspended from a ribbon of yellow, blue, and yellow fabric with a white star centered on the blue band. The obverse of the medal bears custom artwork of the Boston Tea Party, with the notation "Boston Tea Party 1773" and the words "250th Anniversary 1776-2026" across the top and "Sons of the American Revolution" across the bottom of a blue ring. The reverse of the medal bears the SAR Eagle Logo in color on a white background inside a blue ring with the inscription of "United States of America" across the top and "Sons of the American Revolution" across the bottom.

First Continental Congress 250th Anniversary Commemorative Medal

Precedence: 61(ii) (Compatriots); 48(ii) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: National Society or Individual

Summary: The First Continental Congress Medal commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the First Continental Congress, held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from September 5, 1774 to October 26, 1774.

Description: The medal is silver in color suspended from a blue ribbon with three yellow stars over two thin, horizontal yellow stripes. The obverse of the medal bears custom artwork of the Carpenters' Hall, with the notations "We ask for but Peace, Liberty & Safety" and "First Continental Congress, 1774" within the artwork and the words "250th Anniversary 1776-2026" across the top and "Sons of the American Revolution" across the bottom of a blue ring. The reverse of the medal bears the SAR Eagle Logo in color over bare medal.

The Shot Heard Round the World 250th Anniversary Commemorative Medal

Precedence: 61(iii) (Compatriots); 48(iii) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2024
Presented By: National Society or Individual

Summary: The Shot Heard Round the World Medal commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, which occurred on April 19,1775.

Description: The medal is silver in color suspended from a ribbon with a navy stripe flanked by two equal maroon stripes; a vertical yellow depiction of a sword is centered on the navy stripe. The obverse of the medal bears custom artwork of the Battle of Lexington, with the notation "The Shot Heard Round the World 1775" and the words "250th Anniversary 1776-2026" across the top and "Sons of the American Revolution" across the bottom of a blue ring. The reverse of the medal bears the SAR Eagle Logo in color on a white background inside a blue ring with the inscription of "United States of America" across the top and "Sons of the American Revolution" across the bottom.

Treaty of Paris Medal

Precedence: 62(i) (Compatriots); 49(i) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 1983
Presented By: OBSOLETE

Summary: The Treaty of Paris Medal 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. 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.

Description: 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.

United Kingdom Congress Medal

Precedence: 62(ii) (Compatriots); 49(ii) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 1986
Presented By: OBSOLETE

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

Description: 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. Any member of the party present at the Congress may wear it.

SAR Centennial Medal

Precedence: 62(iii) (Compatriots)
Year Authorized: 1987
Presented By: OBSOLETE

Summary: The SAR Centennial Medal commemorates the one hundredth anniversary of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Only a member who was a dues-paying member between the dates of January 1, 1989, and the end of the 1990 Congress may wear it. The rose was selected because 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.

Description: 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.

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.

The Salute to the Netherlands Medal

Precedence: 62(iv) (Compatriots); 49(iii) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 1996
Presented By: OBSOLETE

Summary: The Salute to the Netherlands Medal commemorates the special visit to the Netherlands.

Description: The medal is a Dutch guilder coin suspended from a ribbon drape.

The Recognition of Spain Medal

Precedence: 62(v) (Compatriots); 49(iv) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 1997
Presented By: OBSOLETE

Summary: The Recognition of Spain Medal commemorates the special visit to Spain and commemorates Spain's recognition of the American Colonies' independence from Great Britain.

Description: The medal is a Spanish peseta coin suspended from a ribbon drape.

George Washington Bicentennial Medal

Precedence: 62(vi) (Compatriots)
Year Authorized: 1998
Presented By: OBSOLETE

Summary: The George Washington Bicentennial Medal 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. Only a member who was a dues-paying member of the NSSAR between January 1, 1999, and the end of the 2000 Congress may wear it.

Description: 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.

The Honoring German Patriots Medal

Precedence: 62(vii) (Compatriots); 49(v) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 1998
Presented By: OBSOLETE

Summary: The Honoring German Patriots Medal commemorates the German-American and Franco-German Patriots who served in support of American Independence during the American Revolution.

Description: The medal is a German mark coin suspended from a ribbon drape.

Congress of Paris Medal

Precedence: 62(viii) (Compatriots); 49(vi) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2003
Presented By: OBSOLETE

Summary: The Congress of Paris Medal commemorates the special visit to France for the 225th Anniversary of the Treaty of Alliance between France and the United States.

Description: The medal is gold suspended from a red, white, and blue ribbon and bears the portraits of Benjamin Franklin and King Louis XVI. Any member of the party present during the visit may wear it.

SAR Charter Centennial Medal

Precedence: 62(ix) (Compatriots)
Year Authorized: 2006
Presented By: OBSOLETE

Summary: The SAR Charter Centennial Medal commemorates the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Congressional Charter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Only a member who was a dues-paying member between the dates of January 1, 2006, and December 31, 2006, may wear it. In addition, new members whose applications had been submitted during that time may also wear it.

Description: 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.

Paix de 1783 Medal

Precedence: 62(x) (Compatriots); 49(vii) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2008
Presented By: OBSOLETE

Summary: The Paix de 1783 Medal commemorates the special visit to France for the 225th Anniversary of the Treaty of Paris which ended the American Revolution. Any member of the party present during the visit may wear it.

Description: 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.

España 2010 Medal

Precedence: 62(xi) (Compatriots); 49(viii) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2010
Presented By: OBSOLETE

Summary: The España 2010 Medal commemorates the special visit to Spain to commemorate Spain's contributions to the American Revolution and to charter the Spain Society. Any member of the party present during the visit or any member of the Spain Society may wear it.

Description: The medal is antique copper suspended from a red and yellow ribbon symbolizing the colors of the Spanish flag. The medal bears the image of King Carlos III.

SAR 125th Anniversary Medal

Precedence: 62(xii) (Compatriots)
Year Authorized: 2013
Presented By: OBSOLETE

Summary: The SAR 125th Anniversary Medal commemorates the one hundredth and twenty-fifth anniversary of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Only a member who was a dues-paying member between January 1, 2014, and December 31, 2014, may wear it. In addition, new members whose application had been submitted during that time may also wear it.

Description: The medal is bronze in color and features the likeness of President George Washington (2014 is also the 225th anniversary of George Washington's inauguration). The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of blue, buff, and white. A miniature medal is available.

Commodore John Barry Medal

Precedence: 62(xiii) (Compatriots); 49(ix) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2013
Presented By: OBSOLETE

Summary: The Commodore John Barry Medal commemorates the special visit to Ireland to commemorate the contributions of Irish and Scots Irish Patriots in the American Revolution. Any member of the party present during the visit may wear it.

Description: The medal is gold in color suspended from a green, white, and orange ribbon symbolizing the colors of the Irish Republic flag. The obverse of the medal bears the image of Commodore Barry with the words "Commodore John Barry" across the top and "Father of the American Navy" across the bottom of a blue ring. The reverse of the medal has the inscription "In honor of Irish and Scots Irish Patriots of the American Revolution."

SAR Trip to Scotland Medal

Precedence: 62(xiv) (Compatriots); 49(x) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2019
Presented By: OBSOLETE

Summary: The SAR Trip to Scotland Medal commemorates the special visit to Scotland to honor the Scottish Patriots of the American Revolution. Any member of the party present during the visit may wear it.

Description: The medal is gold in color suspended from a red and yellow ribbon symbolizing the colors of the Royal Banner of Scotland (the "Lion Rampant of Scotland"). The obverse of the medal bears the image of Reverend John Witherspoon with the words "Rev. John Witherspoon" across the top and "SAR Trip to Scotland 2019" across the bottom of a blue ring. The reverse of the medal bears an image of the arms of the Kingdom of Scotland on a white background inside a blue right with the inscription "Honoring Scottish Patriots of the American Revolution."

Cmte. de Vergennes France Trip Medal

Precedence: 62(xv) (Compatriots); 49(ix) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: OBSOLETE

Summary: The Cmte. de Vergennes France Trip Medal commemorates the 2024 special visit to France during President General John Dodd's term. Any member of the party present during the visit may wear it.

Description: The medal is antiqued gold in color suspended from a blue, white, and red ribbon symbolizing the modern French flag. The obverse of the medal bears the image of the Comte de Vergennes with the words "Charles Gravier Comte de Vergennes" across the top and "SAR Trip to France 2024" across the bottom of a blue ring. The reverse of the medal bears an image of the royal arms of King Louis XVI of France during the American Revolution on a white background inside a blue ring with the inscription of "Honoring the French Alliance During the American Revolution."

FUNDRAISING MEDALS
(COMPATRIOTS & LADIES)

Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Contest Medal

Precedence: 63(i) (Compatriots); 50(i) (Ladies)
Year Authorized:
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Eagle Scout Committee

Summary: The Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Contest Medal is designed to recognize those individuals who make significant financial contributions to the Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest. 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 issued for an initial donation of $500; additional $500.00 contributions are recognized by Bronze, Gold, & Silver palms.

Description: 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 Fund - N.S.S.A.R." The reverse of the medal is left blank for suitable engraving. The medal is available in miniature for formal wear.

JROTC Endowment Medal

Precedence: 63(ii) (Compatriots); 50(ii) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2010
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: ROTC/JROTC & Service Academies Liaison Committee

Summary: The JROTC Endowment Medal is designed to recognize those individuals who make significant financial contributions to the JROTC Endowment Fund. Any SAR member may present the award at a suitable award ceremony to the qualified recipient. The medal can be given to anyone who supports the program.

To qualify for the award, individuals must donate $1,000 to the JROTC Endowment Fund. This donation may be given over a five-year period; however, the donor is eligible to purchase the medal set (current cost $25) once he has contributed at least $200. Additional donations in increments of $1,000 will receive a bronze oak leaf cluster; a silver oak leaf cluster is presented for the sixth donation of $1,000.

Description: The medal is suspended from a red and silver drape and is a round disk of bronze colored metal with the American Eagle logo on the obverse surrounded by the words "Sons of the American Revolution-Building Better Citizens" on the rim and JROTC and Leadership Excellence on the inner part with the eagle. The back lists Four Character Traits in the center and on the rim are the words "Our Purpose-Serving the Nation." The medal is available in miniature. Distribution of the medal is through the ROTC/JROTC/Service Academies Committee.

Dr. Joseph Warren Medal for Orations

Precedence: 63(iii) (Compatriots); 50(iii) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2012
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Rumbaugh Orations Committee

Summary: The Dr. Joseph Warren Medal for Orations or "The Warren Medal" is designed to recognize those individuals who make significant contributions to the endowment fund. The Medal may be presented to the donor or to honor any individual designated by the donor(s) in recognition of their contributions to the National Oration Contest. Dr. Joseph Warren, a Boston doctor, was selected to commemorate the anniversary of the Boston Massacre. Because unforgiving British officers and sympathizers would heckle the orator, Warren presented his oration with a steady and firm voice. Warren's stirring oratory skill recruited more patriots and moved others to support the Revolution.

Distribution of the Medal is through the National Rumbaugh Orations Committee. Donor forms are available on the NSSAR website under Orations. Contributions of $250 or more will be recognized with this Medal (with miniature). Contributions of at least $1,000 or more will be recognized with a Campaign Bar as described below:

Contribution (at least)	Campaign Bar Description
$ 1,000	"Patron" flanked by gold stars
$ 2,500	"Patron" flanked by sapphire jewel chips
$ 5,000	"Patron" flanked by ruby jewel chips
$10,000	"Patron" flanked by clear jewel chips

Description: The medal is suspended from a blue, gold, and white drape and is a round disk of gold color with the face and name of Dr. Joseph Warren surrounded by the "National Society Sons of the American Revolution". The back of the medal has a famous statement from his 1775 oration surrounded by the words "NSSAR Orations Contest Supporter". The famous statement is, "*On you depends the fortunes of America. You are to decide the important question on which rest the happiness and liberty of millions yet unborn. Act worthy of yourselves.*"

Thomas Jefferson Medal for Support of the Essay Contest

Precedence: 63(iv) (Compatriots); 50(iv) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2012
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Knight Essay Contest Committee

Summary: The Jefferson Essay Medal is awarded by the National Society to recognize financial support for the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. The funds generated by sales of the medal are used to increase the endowment for the scholarships awarded to the national essay contest winners.

The medal may be presented to an individual to recognize their respective contribution. Medals may be presented to someone other than the contributor. Any SAR member may present the medal

and certificate signed by the current president general. It is recommended that it be done at an appropriate meeting such as state society meeting, NSSAR leadership meeting, or prominent local event. The medal is available in full size and in miniature.

The medal is awarded following a donation of $250 or more to the George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest Fund. Bronze oak leaf clusters are awarded for each additional $250 donation up to $1,250. Contributions of $1,500 or more will be recognized with a Campaign Bar with the word "*Patron*" on the Campaign Bar. Additional bronze or silver oak leaf clusters are awarded for additional donations of $250 or $1,000, respectively.

Description: The obverse features a picture of Thomas Jefferson, one of the most important writers of the Revolutionary Era, surrounded by the words on top "National Society Sons of the American Revolution," and on the right side "Thomas Jefferson." The reverse has the words on top "Knight Essay Contest Scholarship Supporter," an eight-pointed star with the words down the center of the medal "*The Children Of The Rising Generation Are To Be The Leaders Of The Next And The Sole Guardians Of The Principles We Deliver Over To Them. Thomas Jefferson Feb. 12, 1810.*" The drape or ribbon is a red stripe flanked by blue stripes, representing the colors in the coat of arms used by Thomas Jefferson.

SAR Americanism Youth Awards Medal

Precedence: 63(v) (Compatriots); 50(v) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2014
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Americanism Committee

Summary: The Americanism Youth Awards Medal is awarded by the National Society to recognize financial support for the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest and the Sergeant Moses Adams Middle School Brochure Contest. The funds generated by sales of the medal are used to increase the endowment for the cash awards presented by these contests. The medal is awarded following a donation of $250 or more.

Description: The medal is gold in color. The obverse features a picture of Benjamin Franklin, surrounded by the words "Americanism Youth Contests" on top and "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest" on the bottom. The reverse has the words "National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The drape or ribbon contains equal red, yellow and blue stripes, representing the Americanism contests' focus on primary education. The medal is available in full size and in miniature.

SAR Benjamin Franklin Medal

Precedence: 63(vi) (Compatriots); 50(vi) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2019
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Library & Archives Committee

Summary: The Benjamin Franklin Medal is awarded by the National Society to recognize financial support for the SAR Genealogical Library. The funds generated by sales of the medal are used to

increase the endowment and provide funds for additional library and genealogical acquisitions. The medal is awarded to those Compatriots and non-members who become Benjamin Franklin Subscribers of the SAR Genealogical Research Library by donating $300 or more.

Contributions of at least $500 or more will be recognized with a Campaign Bar as described below:

Contribution (at least)	Campaign Bar Description	Library Donation Level
$ 300	No bar	Benjamin Franklin Subscriber
$ 500	"Endowment"	Library Endowment Fund
$ 1,000	"Life Member"	Life Friends of the Library Member
$ 2,000	"Benefactor"	Robert Morris Benefactor

Description: The medal is gold in color. The obverse features a picture of Benjamin Franklin sitting at a desk holding a quill. The reverse has the words "For Support of the SAR Genealogical Research Library." The drape or ribbon is dark blue with thin white and yellow equal lines defacing the drape in following pattern: dark blue, white, yellow, dark blue, white, yellow, dark blue. The medal is available in full size and in miniature.

Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin Outstanding Young Member Supporter Medal

Precedence: 63(vii) (Compatriots); 50(vii) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2021
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Younger Members Committee

Summary: The Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin Outstanding Young Member Supporter Medal is awarded by the National Society to recognize financial support for the Younger Members Committee. The funds generated by sales of the medal are used fund the awarding of the Younger Members awards. The medal may be presented to an individual to recognize their respective contribution. Medals may be presented to someone other than the contributor. Any SAR member may present the medal and certificate signed by the current president general. It is recommended that it be done at an appropriate meeting such as state society meeting, NSSAR leadership meeting, or prominent local event.

The medal is awarded following a donation of $250 or more to the Younger Members Committee. Bronze oak leaf clusters are awarded for each additional $250 donation up to $1,250. Contributions of $1,500 or more will be recognized with a Campaign Bar inscribed with "*Patron*". Additional bronze or silver oak leaf clusters are awarded for additional donations of $250 or $1,000, respectively.

Description: The Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin Outstanding Young Member Supporter Medal is copper in color and bears on the obverse a depiction of Sgt. Joseph Plumb Martin in front of a circle of 13 five pointed stars. The reverse is inscribed "For the Duration-Outstanding Young Member." The medal is suspended from a dark green ribbon drape. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

SAR Historic Preservation Medal

Precedence: 63(viii) (Compatriots); 50(viii) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2023
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: History Committee

Summary: The SAR Historic Preservation Medal is awarded by the History Committee to recognize financial support for the SAR Historic Preservation Award and other programs and activities of the History Committee. The medal is awarded following a donation of $250.

Description: The medal is suspended from a green, blue and white drape and is a round disk with a raised 3D UV print with the face and name of Robert Morris surrounded by the words "National Society Sons of the American Revolution" on top and the words "Preserving Our Nation's Founding History" on bottom based on the History Committee mission statement.

SAR Nathan Hale Medal for Teaching History

Precedence: 63(ix) (Compatriots); 50(ix) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2024
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: American History Teacher Committee

Summary: The SAR Nathan Hale Medal for Teaching History is awarded by the National Society to recognize financial support for the Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award. Distribution of the Medal is through the National American History Teacher Committee. Contributions of $500 or more will be recognized with this Medal. A miniature medal is available, along with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

Contributions of at least $1,000 or more will be recognized with the following Campaign Bars:

Contribution (at least)	Campaign Bar Description
$ 1,000	"Scholar"
$ 1,500	"Professor"
$ 2,000	"Tenured"

Description: The SAR Nathan Hale Medal for Teaching History is bronze in color and bears on the obverse a stylized depiction of a flaming torch and book, symbolizing education's purpose of illuminating history's importance on the path toward a bright future. The torch and book are surrounded by the text: "NSSAR® Nathan Hale Medal" on the top and "Teaching History" on the bottom. The reverse is blank. The medal is suspended from a purple ribbon drape.

SAR Town Crier Medal for Video Contest

Precedence: 63(x) (Compatriots); 50(x) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2025
Presented By: National Society
Approved By: Youth Video Contest Committee

Summary: The SAR Town Crier Medal for Video Contest is awarded by the National Society to recognize financial support for the SAR Youth Video Contest. The town crier was a common asset in colonial America. He was an immediate and animate source of information. This was an essential alternative to the written word at a time when many of the populace were illiterate. Funds raised from donations toward the medal will be used to increase the endowment fund which will provide resources for the contest operations. The medals are available in full size and miniature. A certificate is also available and should be presented with the medal.

Contributions will be recognized with the following Campaign Bars:

Contribution (at least)	Campaign Bar Description
$ 500	no bar
$ 1,000	"Producer"
$ 2,000	"Director"

Description: The SAR Town Crier Medal for Video Contest is antique brass in color and features on the obverse a generic town crier. He is elaborately dressed, holds a bell above his head, and stands beneath a streetlamp. On the upper perimeter are the words "Sons of the American Revolution®" and on the lower perimeter are the words "Youth Video Contest." The reverse features the words "For Support of the SAR Youth Video Contest" surrounded by laurel branches. The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon that features two vertical navy-blue stripes on an emerald green field.

SAR America 250th Fundraising Medal

Precedence: 63(xi) (Compatriots); 50(xi) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: 2026
Presented by: National Society
***Approved by*:** 250th Committee

Summary: The SAR America 250th Fundraising Medal is awarded by the America 250 Committee to recognize financial support for the NSSAR's 250th Anniversary programs and activities. The medal is awarded following a donation of at least $250.

Contributions exceeding $250 will be recognized with a Campaign Bar as described below:

Contribution (at least)	Campaign Bar Description
$ 500	"DRAFTER" flanked by gold stars
$ 1,000	"SIGNER" flanked by gold stars
$ 2,500	"FOUNDER" flanked by gold stars

Description:
The medal is suspended from a red, white and blue drape and is a round disk with a 3D UV print of John Trumbull's Declaration of Independence painting surrounded by the words "250th Anniversary 1776-2026" on top and the words "Sons of the American Revolution" on bottom.

The medal is silver in color and is suspended from a chest ribbon of blue with a vertical center red stripe flanked by white stripes. *Obverse:* A 3D, ultraviolent print of a portion of John Trumbull's painting "*Declaration of Independence*" is depicted, surrounded by a blue, enameled ring with the inscription "250th Anniversary" on the top perimeter and "Sons of the American Revolution®" on the bottom perimeter. An interior silver rocker placed directly above the image bears the inscription "Declaration of Independence". *Reverse*: SAR Eagle Logo. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be completed, signed, and presented with the medal.

No Look Back Period: There is no look back period for this medal. Prior donations to the 250th Committee Funds do not qualify for this medal.

SAR Foundation Lamplighter Award Medal

Precedence: 63(xii) (Compatriots); 50(xii) (Ladies)
Year Authorized: OBSOLETE
Presented By: President, SAR Foundation, Inc.
Approved By: SAR Foundation, Inc.

Summary: The SAR Foundation Lamplighter Award Medal is designed to recognize those individuals who contributed to the SAR Foundation's Lamplighter Campaign. The medal is no longer presented and included here for precedence purposes.

Description: The medal is a round disk of colored metal suspended from a solid green ribbon with a depiction of a torch above the letters "SAR". The medal is only available in miniature for formal wear. A corresponding lapel pin is provided for informal wear.

MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE CERTIFICATES

Certificates are available to recognize a Compatriot's service to the SAR members or to recognize the public for exceptional patriotism. Blank Certificates that can be tailored to meet individual needs are also available. Blue presentation folders with a gold embossed SAR insignia are available for all certificates and should be used, unless a certificate is presented framed.

President General's Distinguished Service Citation

The President General may award Distinguished Service Citations annually 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 incoming President General presents the Former President General Certificate, authorized in 1988, to the outgoing President General at the Annual Congress.

Former Vice President General Certificate

The National Society presents the Former Vice President General Certificate, authorized in 2006, to the outgoing Vice Presidents General at the Annual Congress.

Former State Society President Certificate

The Former State Society President Certificate, authorized in 1988, is signed by the President General and Secretary General and is presented by the incoming state president at the state society's annual meeting. The Former Society President Pin is usually presented at the same time.

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. The Former Chapter President Pin is usually presented at the same time.

Committee Service Certificate

The President General may present these certificates annually to those individuals who serve on National standing, special, advisory, program, or ad hoc committees.

Years of Service Certificate

Certificates are available to recognize, in five-year increments, a Compatriot's cumulative membership time in the SAR. Corresponding lapel pins are also available for presentation.

Memorial Certificate

A Memorial Certificate is available to recognize a Compatriot's membership at the time of his passing. This certificate is to be signed by the state society or chapter president for presentation to the deceased Compatriot's family at an appropriate time.

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 identify the awarding authority. 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.

Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Certificate

The Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Certificate is awarded to the committee, staff, volunteers, or others rendering assistance or service to an Annual Congress, regardless of gender. Approval required: NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman.

SAR Congress Attendance Certificate

A certificate may recognize members who have attended ten (10) annual SAR Congresses. The member maintains a record of his own attendance and the certificate may be requested by the individual or by his chapter or state society or by the National Society. The requesting authority will bear the cost of the certificate. The certificate will be signed by the President General.

Certificate of Patriotism for Veterans Service

Compatriots eligible to join the World War I Veterans Corps, the World War II Veterans Corps, the Korean Service Veterans Corps, the Vietnam War Veterans Corps, the Special Operations Veterans Corps, the Southwest Asia (Middle East/Afghanistan) Veterans Corps, or the Military Service Veterans Corps receive a Certificate of Patriotism signed by the incumbent President General. Additional information on the Veterans Corps and the Certificate of Patriotism may be requested from the Veterans Recognition Committee. This Certificate of Patriotism is separate and distinct from the certificate that accompanies either the War Service Medal or the Military Service Medal.

Blank Certificate

The Blank Certificate is another multi-purpose certificate that is available and is like 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.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

SAR Distinguished Patriot Award

Year Authorized: 1987
Presented By: President General
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee

The SAR Distinguished Patriot Award may be presented up to four (4) times during the tenure of a President General to an American citizen for outstanding patriotism to his country. It is a framed certificate. It is presented at the discretion of the incumbent President General with approval of the Executive Committee.

SAR Distinguished Patriotic Leadership Award

Year Authorized: 2005
Presented By: President General
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee

The SAR Distinguished Patriotic Leadership Award may be presented up to four (4) times during the tenure of a President General to a business, organization, or group for outstanding patriotism. It is a framed certificate. It is presented at the discretion of the incumbent President General with approval of the Executive Committee.

SAR Legislator's Award

Year Authorized:
Presented By: President General
Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee

A member of the United States Congress may receive this plaque for outstanding service to the Nation. It is presented at the discretion of the incumbent President General with approval of the Executive Committee. It should be presented by the President General (or his designated representative) at an Annual Congress or at an appropriate special function.

Outstanding Citizenship Award Lapel Pin

Year Authorized: 1992
Presented By: National Society, State Society, Chapter
Approved By: National Society, State Society, Chapter

Summary: A chapter, state society or the National Society may present the lapel pin 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.

Description: The Outstanding Citizenship Award Lapel Pin 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.

Outstanding Citizenship Certificate

Year Authorized: 1989
Presented By: National Society, State Society, Chapter
Approved By: National Society, State Society, Chapter

The multipurpose certificate 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.

Certificate of Appreciation

Year Authorized: 1987
Presented By: National Society, District, State Society, Chapter
Approved By: National Society, District, State Society, Chapter

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

Flag Certificate

Year Authorized: 1987
Presented By: National Society, State Society, Chapter, or Individual SAR member
Approved By: National Society, State Society, Chapter, or Individual SAR member

The Flag Certificate is presented to any individual, company, authority, or agency that flies 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. The certificate has a line for the presenter signature and the date of presentation.

Flag Retirement Certificate

Year Authorized: 2018
Presented By: National Society, State Society, Chapter, or Individual SAR member
Approved By: National Society, State Society, Chapter, or Individual SAR member

The Flag Retirement Certificate is presented to any individual or organization that participates in the collection and destruction of worn, soiled, or otherwise unserviceable United States Flags. The certificate has a line for the presenter signature and the date of presentation.

SAR Wounded Warrior Certificate & Coin

Year Authorized: 2008
Presented By: National Society, State Society, Chapter
Approved By: National Society, State Society, Chapter

The Wounded Warrior Certificate & Coin can be presented to any member of the U.S. Military injured in the line of duty. SAR membership is not required for presentation.

Partnership for Good Citizenship Patch

Year Authorized: 2009
Presented By: National Society, State Society, Chapter, Compatriot
Approved By: National Society, State Society, Chapter, Compatriot

This 4-inch round, fully embroidered patch, contains the SAR and Boy Scouts of America logos overlaying a red, white and blue striped background with the words Partnership for Good Citizenship. The patch celebrates the relationship between the NSSAR and the BSA. The users for this patch are not limited to any specific contest, award or activity. This patch may be presented to any member of the Boy Scouts of America, regardless of whether the recipient is a scout or adult scouter