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This Handbook is dedicated to our nation's American Revolutionary heroes, whose wisdom and courage established our nation, and also to today's compatriot members of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. These loyal compatriots of today carry on the principles of our fore bearers, and bring the spirit of patriotism, history and education into the communities in which they live.

The first edition of the NSSAR Handbook was published in 1956 with subsequent editions issued. As our National Society requires dynamic action to meet new challenges, so will our handbook change to reflect our steps to meet them.

This NSSAR Handbook is divided into four Volumes which will easily allow the issue of a revised volume when required without having to reissue the complete Handbook. Volume I is the History, Constitution and Bylaws of the NSSAR and is issued annually after the Congress. Volume II is the Organization of the SAR and Protocol. Volume III is Insignia, Medals and Awards. Volume IV is Recognition for SAR programs. Each Volume will contain a separate index.

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INSIGNIA, MEDALS, AND AWARDS

AUTHORITY

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

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

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

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

NSSAR INSIGNIA

SAR BADGE

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

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

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

SAR LOGO

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

SAR CHEST AND NECK RIBBON

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

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

The only insignia worn on the neck ribbon are supplemental stars and approved NSSAR officer emblems. There are five officer emblems—in order of precedence: the former President General pin, the Vice President General pin, the National Trustee pin, the Past State Society President pin, and the Past Chapter President pin. No more than three NSSAR officer emblems may be worn on the neck ribbon. The emblem with highest precedence is worn near the

“V” or honor point of the neck ribbon. If the wearer is authorized to wear two emblems, the second emblem in precedence is worn on the ribbon to the wearer’s right of center; the third emblem—if authorized—is worn on the wearer’s left.

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

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

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

ROSETTE

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

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

BROAD SASH

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

SUPPLEMENTAL STAR

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

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

FORMER PRESIDENT'S EMBLEMS

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

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

TRUSTEE'S EMBLEM

The National Trustee pin, authorized 1987, consists of the SAR badge, without the eagle, in gold, in the same size as the miniature badge, and with a gold scroll beneath bearing in black letters the word "TRUSTEE."

The National Trustee pin may be worn by an incumbent or former National Trustee on the neck ribbon as described above or on the left lapel of the day suit coat in lieu of the SAR rosette. Alternate Trustees are not entitled to wear the National Trustee pin.

VICE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S EMBLEM

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

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

STATE SOCIETIES' PRESIDENT'S BADGE

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

A Society may purchase a SAR State Society President's badge to be worn by the sitting (incumbent) society president. **Former society presidents may not wear the badge.** The badge may be worn only on the SAR neck ribbon, suspended from the center point. This badge is worn in lieu of the society president's membership badge normally suspended from the neck ribbon. The society's badge should be transferred to his successor by the installing officer during the installation ceremony for the newly elected society officers.

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP PIN

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

OTHER PINS

The George Washington Fellow Pin, the Outstanding Citizenship Pin, the Five-year or higher year Membership Pin, and the SAR Library Donor pins are authorized to be worn on the lapel of a suit or tuxedo to inform the public about the SAR honors conferred. State Society pins may also be worn.

MEDALS AWARDED FOR SERVICE TO THE SAR

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FOR AN AWARD OF A MEDAL

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

MINUTEMAN AWARD

The Minuteman Award is the highest award presented to a member by the National Society. It is presented for distinguished service rendered to the SAR on the national level. Members are selected by the Minuteman Committee which is appointed by the President General from previous recipients of the medal. The medal is presented by the President General at an Annual Congress to not more than six recipients. It is not presented in absentia. It was authorized in 1952.

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

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

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

Guidelines for Nomination are:

1. Only the national activity of the nominee will be considered. **State or Chapter activities are not to be included in the supporting documentation.**
2. For the office held, elected or appointed to, the year of the election or appointment must be shown. (e.g. National Trustee –2002. Not National Trustee 2002-2003).
3. The Minuteman Award selection committee will consider numerous criteria including, but not limited, to the following service to the National Society:
 - a. General Officer, including VPG, Trustee & Alternate Trustee Years served:
 - b. Chairman of a committee(s). Enumerate the committee(s) Years served:
 - c. Member of the Nominating Committee Years served:
 - d. Member of the Executive Committee Years served:
 - e. Member of a committee(s). Enumerate the committee(s) Years served:
 - f. Attendance at National Congress(s) Years attended:
 - g. Attendance at National Trustee Meetings – Spring and Fall Years attended:
 - h. First line signer of new member applications. Attach list with new member's name, SAR number, and the date of admission. NSSAR Headquarters will not provide this information.
 - i. New chapters organized by the nominee. Provide the name(s) of the chapter(s) and the date of charter(s).
 - j. Outstanding program(s) developed by the nominee during the five (5) 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 outstanding contributions of service to the National Society. Documentation must be attached.
1. For clarity of complete understanding by the Minuteman Award selection committee, the nomination form and all documentation must be typed or computer generated using a word processor program. For convenience a disk version is available for downloading from the SAR Website.
2. Letters of endorsement are not necessary and **will not be considered.**
3. Nominations **must** be received at the National Headquarters no later than January 1 of the year of consideration. (January 1, 2003 for consideration at the Spring Trustees' meeting in 2003).
4. Nominations are for the current year only. Nominations will not be carried forward to subsequent years.
5. The nomination form **must** be signed by the President of the State Society of which the nominee is a member. Any state society or compatriot other than the nominee may make a nomination.

NATIONAL SOCIETY MEDAL OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

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

STATE MEDAL OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

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

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

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

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

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

PATRIOT MEDAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

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

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

LIBERTY MEDAL

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

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

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

Recipients of the Florence Kendall Award who have received the Liberty Medal may wear a bar on the ribbon inscribed "Florence Kendall."

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

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

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

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

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

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

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

FLORENCE KENDALL AWARD

The Florence Kendall Award is given annually at the SAR Congress to the top three members who were the first-line sponsor for the largest number of new members during the previous year. The award consists of a gold medal of oval shape with the SAR Badge surmounted on a red-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. 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.

TREATY OF PARIS MEDAL

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

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

UNITED KINGDOM CONGRESS MEDAL

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

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

SAR CENTENNIAL MEDAL

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

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

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

Gold palm leaf decorations may be worn on the drape of the medal to indicate attendance at specific centennial events. A gold palm leaf may be worn for each of the events attended: the April 1989 Centennial Gala held in

Louisville; the July 1989 San Francisco Congress to celebrate the NSSAR's Centennial Congress, and the June 1990 Louisville Congress. The palm leaves are to be worn in a horizontal position.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL MEDAL

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

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

SAR INTERNATIONAL MEDAL

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

SAR SPECIALTY MEDAL(S)

The SAR Specialty Medal was authorized in 1999, and is for those periodically conducted official SAR visits. Only those participating in the visit, Compatriot and his lady, are authorized to wear a medal commemorating the visit. The medal is a coin of the place visited suspended from an appropriate drape. The cost of the medal shall be borne by the participants and is not available for sale through the SAR Merchandising Department. Examples of this type of medal include -Treaty of Paris Medal (1983); The United Kingdom Congress Medal (1986); The Salute to the Netherlands Medal (1996); The Recognition of Spain Medal (1997) and the Honoring German Patriots Medal (1998).

SAR DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY MEDAL

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

SAR MEDAL OF APPRECIATION

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

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

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

MARTHA WASHINGTON MEDAL

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

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

COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENTS GOLD MEDAL

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

COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENTS SILVER MEDAL

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

SAMUEL ADAMS CONGRESS APPRECIATION MEDAL

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

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

The Silver Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal is awarded to the society host and co-host or deputy host, regardless of gender. Annual authorization is (2). Approval required: NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman.

The Bronze Samuel Adams Congress Appreciation Medal is awarded to committee chairman or equivalent, regardless of gender. Annual authorization is (24). Approval required: NSSAR Congress Planning Chairman.

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

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

The National Society presents the medal, along with the certificate, and the Certificates of Appreciation.

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

SERVICE TO VETERANS MEDAL

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

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

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

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

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

MEDALS AWARDED FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FOR AN AWARD OF A MEDAL

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

GOLD GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL

The Gold Good Citizenship Medal is awarded for **OUTSTANDING AND UNUSUAL** patriotic achievement and service of **NATIONAL IMPORTANCE**. It may be presented only once to any individual. This medal was authorized in 1951.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SILVER GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL

The Silver Good Citizenship Medal was authorized in 1939 and recognizes outstanding service that is of a more local degree than required for the Gold Good Citizenship Medal. Since it recognizes extensive service, a biographical sketch of the candidate should accompany the request for a medal.

In the case of a non-member, the qualifications are determined by the National Society or a state society.

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

The Medal might be presented to an SAR member who has been or is a Governor, U.S. Representative, Senator, high ranking military officer, or some similar post which has allowed him to perform outstanding service to his state or country. In addition, a member who has performed similar outstanding service as a member of the professional or religious community may be considered.

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

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

BRONZE GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL

The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal was authorized in 1895 and recognizes persons whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state. This medal, the ROTC Medals and the Medal for Heroism are the only SAR medals awarded to both adults and/or minors. It is a multi-purpose medal serving many functions, and is awarded to the following:

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

Citizenship Medal.

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

WAR SERVICE MEDAL

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

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

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

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

MEDAL FOR HEROISM

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

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

The 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: Heroism Committee and should arrive no later than May 1st each year. The report format is available on the SAR web site.

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMENDATION MEDAL

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

The medal may be presented only to an individual and only once. Chapters and state societies should consider sending their most outstanding nominations forward to the National Committee to compete for the National Law Enforcement Commendation presented annually by the President General at the annual congress. Since an individual may receive only one award, deserving individuals who have received this award from a chapter or a state society are not eligible for the national award. The medal may be presented posthumously based on the recommendation of a chapter, approval by a state society, and approvals by the National Fire Safety and Law Enforcement Commendation Committee, Medals and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee.

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

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

FIRE SAFETY COMMENDATION MEDAL

The Fire Safety Commendation Medal may be presented by the National Society, a state society or a chapter to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The award is not limited to firefighters. It may be presented to recognize a variety of fire safety and service that has evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal - protect human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals. It may be presented only to an individual and may be only presented once.

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMENDATION MEDAL

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

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

NSSAR COLOR GUARD MEDAL(S)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Bronze C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation was authorized in 1999 and may be presented by the National Society or a State Society to a member of the C.A.R. in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to the SAR. 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 and C.A.R. members who have otherwise significantly aided SAR programs. The medal is for members of C.A.R. only!

The medal is bronze in color and bears on the obverse a relief of the C.A.R. National Emblem and is circumscribed with the legend, "SAR C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation." The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors. The medal is accompanied by a certificate which should be engrossed and presented with the medal. A miniature medal is available for those that have received the large medal.

The Silver C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation was authorized in 1999 and may be presented by the National Society or a State Society to a member of the SAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to the C.A.R. upon the recommendation of a C.A.R. Chapter, State Society or the National Society Children of the American Revolution. A letter to the Executive Director must accompany the order to the merchandise department outlining the service rendered and signed by the President of the recommending C.A.R. body. The medal is silver in color and bears on the obverse a relief of the C.A.R. National Emblem and is circumscribed with the legend, "SAR C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation." The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors. The medal is accompanied by a certificate which should be engrossed and presented with the medal. A miniature medal is available for those that have received the large medal.

Oak Leaf Clusters may be presented to an individual if he qualifies by service to C.A.R. at each level, but for different services outlined in any other presentation.

The Gold C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation was authorized in 1999 and may be presented only by the National Society to a member of the SAR in good standing in recognition of and in appreciation for outstanding services rendered to the C.A.R. upon the recommendation of the C.A.R.-National Society Children of the American Revolution. The recipient must have received the Bronze and Silver C.A.R.-SAR Medals prior to receiving the Gold C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation. An exception to this rule may be made by the Executive Committee, NSSAR upon the recommendation of the N.S.C.A.R. Board of Governors. The medal is gold in color and bears on the obverse a relief of the C.A.R. National Emblem and is circumscribed with the legend, "SAR-C.A.R. Medal of Appreciation." The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors. The medal is accompanied by a certificate which should be engrossed and presented with the medal. A miniature medal is available for those that have received the large medal

ADDITIONAL AWARDS OF THE SAME MEDAL (OAK LEAF CLUSTERS)

A member may be awarded six National Society medals more than once: Meritorious Service Medal, War Service Medal, Medal for Heroism, Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, Liberty Medal and the Florence Kendall Award.

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

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

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

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

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

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

It should be noted that no SAR medal, other than the Medal for Heroism and Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, may be awarded more than once to any person outside of the SAR.

OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AWARD LAPEL PIN

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

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

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

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

SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FOR AN AWARD OF A CERTIFICATE

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

SAR DISTINGUISHED PATRIOT AWARD

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

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

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CITATION

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

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CERTIFICATE

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

FORMER PRESIDENT GENERAL CERTIFICATE

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

FORMER STATE SOCIETY PRESIDENT CERTIFICATE

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

FORMER CHAPTER PRESIDENT CERTIFICATE

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

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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

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

OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP CERTIFICATE

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

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

FLAG CERTIFICATE

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

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

SAR CONGRESS ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE

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

BLANK CERTIFICATE

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

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

CODE FOR WEARING MEDALS, DECORATIONS, BADGES AND INSIGNIA

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

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

another.

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

The NSSAR insignia and decorations worn vary with the type of dress. The term formal dress includes both the tail coat and white tie in the evening and the cutaway with ascot or four-in-hand for day wear; as well as the black (tuxedo) or white dinner jacket, black tie and cummerbund. They are hereafter referred to as either "white tie" or "black tie".

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

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

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

SAR BADGE AND FULL SIZE MEDALS

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

MINIATURE MEDALS

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

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

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

PRECEDENCE OF MEDALS

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

DETAIL OF MEDAL PRECEDENCE

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

SAR MEDALS

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| 6. SAR Badge | 26. Bronze ROTC Medal |
| 7. Minuteman Award | 27. Eagle Scout Medal |
| 8. Gold Good Citizenship Medal | 28. Service to Veterans Medal |
| 9. Daughters of Liberty | 29. SAR Medal of Appreciation |
| 10. War Service Medal | 30. Martha Washington Medal |
| 11. National Medal of Distinguished Service | 31. SAR Centennial Medal |
| 12. Patriot Medal | 32. George Washington Bicentennial Medal |
| 13. State Medal of Distinguished Service | 33. SAR Color Guard Medal (Gold) |
| 14. Medal for Heroism | 34. Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Gold) |
| 15. SAR Meritorious Service Medal | 35. SAR Color Guard Medal (Silver) |
| 16. Silver Good Citizenship Medal | 36. Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Silver) |
| 17. Florence Kendall Medal | 37. SAR Color Guard Medal (Bronze) |
| 18. Law Enforcement Medal | 38. Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Bronze) |
| 19. Fire Safety Commendation Medal | 39. Council of State Presidents (Gold) |
| 20. C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Gold) | 40. Council of State Presidents (Silver) |
| 21. C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Silver) | 41. NSSAR Specialty Medals * |
| 22. C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Bronze) | 42. SAR State Society Medals |
| 23. Liberty Medal | 43. |
| 24. Bronze Good Citizenship Medal | |
| 25. Silver ROTC Medal | |

* NSSAR Specialty Medals include: Treaty of Paris Medal (1983); The United Kingdom Congress Medal (1986); The Salute to the Netherlands Medal (1996); The Recognition of Spain Medal (1997), Honoring German Patriots Medal (1998), and the Salute to France Medal (2000) and other medals for SAR tours to foreign national societies. These medals were awarded to Compatriots who accompanied the Presidents General on these important tours to recognize significant contributions of our Revolutionary allies and other significant events associated with the War for Independence.

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

FEDERAL DECORATIONS: Consult the most current DOD publication for medal precedence for proper sequence.

FEDERAL CAMPAIGN MEDALS. Consult the most current DOD publication for medal precedence for proper sequence.

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

U.S. STATE DECORATIONS; U.S. STATE CAMPAIGN MEDALS; U.S. STATE ORGANIZATIONAL AND LONG SERVICE MEDALS.

SAR INSIGNIA AND INSIGNIA OF OTHER HEREDITARY, PATRIOTIC AND VETERANS

SOCIETIES, should be worn in chronological order of precedence according to the year of establishment of such groups. This category includes SAR Medals.

ORDERING AND PRESENTING MEDALS AND AWARDS

1. All awards and medals are presented in the name of the National Society, SAR. The presentation should be made publicly with appropriate ceremony befitting the dignity and honor of the occasion.
2. Medals and awards should be presented in person with the recipient on hand, except under such extenuating circumstances as illness of the recipient, in which case a representative may accept it. Certain medals require special arrangements at NSSAR level for posthumous or representational acceptance. These cases are outlined under the individual medal descriptions. A medal or award should not be mailed to a recipient.
3. All SAR medals, with the exception of the Medal for Heroism, ROTC medals and the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal are awarded only to adults.
4. 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, SAR Centennial Medal, gold palm leaves or oak leaf clusters.
5. It is recommended that each state society centralize the purchasing of medals and awards through its secretary or treasurer.
6. 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.
7. Miniature medals and oak leaf clusters may be purchased and presented with full size medals at the discretion of the presenter.
8. All medals and insignia are available from SAR Headquarters. Current prices are published frequently in ***THE SAR MAGAZINE***. Full payment is required at the time of ordering.
9. 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 with the exception of the Eagle Scout Medal, which is provided by the National Society.

CARE OF INSIGNIA AND MEDALS

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

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

REQUESTS FOR NEW INSIGNIA, MEDALS AND AWARDS

All new medals, awards, insignia, and applicable changes in criteria, require approval of the Medals and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee. Requests must be submitted over the state society's president's signature or of the national committee chairman's signature and sent to the Executive Director.

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

All requests should be sent at least sixty days prior to a Trustees' Meeting. The Executive Director will forward the request to the appropriate committee chairman for the committee's consideration and approval. Requests should have a committee's approval prior to submission to the Medals and Awards committee for consideration. After approval of all concerned, it should be noted that implementation normally takes eight to twelve months.

Correspondence other than that covered above should be sent directly to the Chairman, Medals and Awards Committee.

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

A form is available to submit proposals for new medals and awards. The same form should be used to propose changes to existing awards. This is available from the Executive Director.

SAR STATE SOCIETY MEDALS AND EMBLEMS

MEDALS

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

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

It is recommended that SAR state society medals:

1. Be struck in a size not to exceed 40mm in diameter;
2. Be suspended from a chest ribbon (never 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.

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

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

EMBLEMS, BADGES, PINS

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

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

SUMMARY TABLE OF INSIGNIA, MEDALS AND AWARDS

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

- 5. President General
- 6. Executive Committee
- 7. Minuteman Committee
- 8. NSSAR
- 9. Medals & Awards Committee

- 10. Executive Director
- 11. State Society
- 12. Chapter
- 13. Individual Member
- 14. District

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

** No longer available

YOUTH CONTESTS, STREAMER AWARDS AND CONTESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND NONMEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

YOUTH AWARDS

ROTC/JROTC MEDAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE ENHANCED JROTC PROGRAM

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

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

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

The enhanced JROTC program has several objectives:

1. To identify and recognize Outstanding JROTC Cadets at the Chapter, State Society, and National Society levels. The program has been designed to allow all candidates to be evaluated equally, regardless of the Military Service they represent.
2. To encourage SAR members to make a personal presentation of the JROTC medal to Outstanding JROTC student in the nation

3. To encourage SAR chapters to work with JROTC units to determine how best to encourage and recognize these outstanding student citizens and therefore support this exceptional national youth program.

Timetable for the Contest

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

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

The cadet will be flown to the NSSAR Congress to attend, receive his/her award, and be recognized by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. The award will be the National JROTC Medallion and a check.

An additional amount of expense money will be provided to pay for the combined travel, taxi to and from the airport, hotel and related meals for both the Cadet and his/her chaperone. Expenses in excess of the amount provided by the SAR will be the responsibility of the Cadet. It is suggested that additional assistance might be made available from the sponsoring Chapter or Society - but it is not mandatory. The travel expenses related to the respective State Conventions will be at the discretion of the said State Societies.

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

EAGLE SCOUT MEDAL

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

The medal is in bronze, with a design identical to the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, with the exception that the words "Eagle Scout" are inscribed at the bottom of the obverse side. It is provided without charge by the National Society to the state societies. It is not available in miniature.

THE EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

GEORGE AND STELLA KNIGHT ESSAY CONTEST

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

The contest is open to all high school juniors and seniors. The contest is ideal for students who do not feel comfortable giving an oration and are not enrolled in scouting but who can write what they feel is going to happen to this country in the future.

The essay must be original, in English, typewritten, double spaced and not more than 500 words. References used should be listed at the end of the essay. Topics may be designated each year, as determined by the national essay committee. Chapters and state societies are encouraged to sponsor essay contests in their areas. State society winners are to be forwarded to the National Knight Essay Contest Committee. They must be received no later than 1 April.

Each participant will receive a certificate award from NSSAR and the winners will receive cash awards that may vary from year to year. Winners will be determined by the Knight Essay Contest Committee.

The George S. and Stella M. Knight Award will be presented to the Society that sponsors the winning essay on the national level contest.

JOSEPH S. RUMBAUGH HISTORICAL PATRIOTIC ORATION CONTEST

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

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

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

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

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

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

The national chairman has several specific responsibilities. One is obtain approval for the contest to be listed in the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) list of National Contests and Activities. This is essential to obtain the cooperation of the schools in promoting the contest. Second, the chairman should contact state presidents or

district vice presidents general where appropriate to obtain the name, address and telephone number of their appointed contest chairmen. In addition, early in the school year, the national chairman should provide state or district chairmen with detailed brochures and instructions pertaining to the contest. Throughout the year the chairman has the responsibility to forward to the state or district, student inquiries which are received directly by the National Headquarters of the SAR. A national committeeman will respond to the student acknowledging the inquiry and passing along the appropriate name and address of the local contest chairman. Finally, the national chairman has overall responsibility to coordinate all aspects of the national contest.

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

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

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

STREAMER AWARDS

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S STREAMER AWARD

The President General's Streamer Award was authorized in 1978 is awarded each Congress to those societies and chapters that have been the most active in the various categories as stated under "The President General's State Society and Chapter Activities Competition Award."

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

Determination of the winners will be made by the Medals and Awards Committee.

OFFICERS STREAMER AWARD

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

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

PRESIDENT GENERAL'S COLOR GUARD TROPHY

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

COLOR GUARD STREAMER AWARD

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

The streamer is made of cloth, is solid blue in color, with lettering in gold to state "NSSAR COLOR GUARD AWARD" and the year presented. It is approximately 2 ½" wide and 3' in length, with a grommet in the end so that the award may be affixed to the top of the society's flagstaff.

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

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

This award shall be give to a State Society of NSSAR which meets seven of the following nine criteria related to giving assistance to C.A.R. in their state. The award is a SAR General Officer's ribbon imprinted with "N.S.C.A.R Activities" and the date covered by the award approximately 36" in length. It is to be attached to the SAR Flag of the State Society along with any other streamer.

Criteria for the N.S.C.A.R. Activity Streamer Award are:

Each state society of NSSAR will report to the Chairman of the NSSAR CAR Committee on the activities of the state society in supporting C.A.R. in their state. The report should cover each of the following criteria. Some activity in at least seven of the nine criteria is needed to be considered for this award. The CAR committee wishes to recognize all state societies of SAR which reach a level of activity as defined by the following criteria:

1. Appointment or election of a C.A.R. Committee Chairman or C.A.R. Liaison Officer.
2. List all C.A.R. Societies in the state with their location, name, address and telephone number of the Senior President or contact person as well as the Senior State President.
3. List of SAR members in the state serving as senior C.A.R. leaders.
4. Submit articles supporting or publicizing C.A.R. in state and local publications.
5. List financial support for C.A.R. at the state and local levels.
6. List joint meeting and activities between C.A.R. and SAR within the state.
7. Provide reports given at any local or state meetings publicizing C.A.R.
8. Report any assistance to C.A.R. by SAR members such as obtaining members for C.A.R., providing programs, financial assistance and patriotic celebrations.
9. Indicate which chapters of SAR in their state have organized or sponsored local C.A.R. societies.

USS STARK MEMORIAL STREAMER

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

GENERAL WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND AWARD

The award is given each year in recognition to an outstanding SAR Veterans Volunteer. This award was authorized in 1996.

ADMIRAL WILLIAM R. FURLONG MEMORIAL STREAMER

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

AWARDS FOR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

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

The Medals and Awards Committee is authorized to recommend to the Executive Committee that an SAR Honorary

Outstanding Certificate be awarded to a state society or chapter for their conspicuous and long standing effort in a particular program.

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S STATE SOCIETY AND CHAPTER ACTIVITIES COMPETITION AWARD

This award was initiated in 1978, for chapters and state societies that may compete for the award by accumulating points awarded for various program activities and reported for the period April 1 through March 31 of the previous year. Total points for a participating chapter or society should be reported to the Executive Director not later than 1 May. A four-page form with the point system is available from the Executive Director and must be completed for this competition.

Awards will recognize the most active state societies and the most active chapters. Four first place awards for state and chapter will be offered by membership size: States - 10 to 199, 200-499, 500-999, over 1000 members; Chapters - to 49, 50-99, 100-199, over 200. A President General's Streamer is awarded to the winner of each category.

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

1. Newspaper or periodical publicity. For each inch about an SAR chapter
2. Television coverage. For each mention of SAR
3. Membership. For each increase in membership over the previous year.
4. Delinquents. For each return to active status of each dues delinquent.
5. Dues. For prompt remittance of dues by required date to state and national
6. Secretarial returns. For prompt remittance
7. Attendance. For each delegate attending a National Congress
8. Attendance. For each delegate attending state meetings
9. Programs. Each historical program presented
10. Programs. Each educational program presented
11. Programs. Each patriotic program presented
12. Liaison. Each meeting with DAR
13. Liaison. Each meeting with C.A.R.
14. For contributions to C.A.R.
15. For each dollar given for contributions to the SAR. Each acceptable book for the library or each piece of acceptable furniture
16. Each special observances Washington's Birthday program, Memorial Day program, Flag Day, July 4, Constitution Day, Yorktown Day, and other historic or patriotic observances
17. For each set of gifts donated to veterans in Veterans Administration hospitals
18. For each Revolutionary grave marked
19. For each historic site marked
20. For establishing and publicizing a Speakers Bureau of SAR Members to deliver patriotic, historical and educational talks to other organizations
21. For featured speeches made by SAR Members to other organizations and so recognized
22. For awarding each SAR medal
23. For granting college scholarships
24. For each advertisement purchased in **THE SAR MAGAZINE** by a chapter or state society, or by a member in behalf of a business concern, per column inch
25. For each lineage research workshop presented.

THE PRESIDENT GENERAL'S CUP

The President General's Cup was originated by Former President General Edgar Williamson, Jr. in February 1956. It is awarded to the chapter (or a state society having no chapters) which presents evidence of the most complete program of activities for the previous year, beginning 1 April and ending 31 March. These seventeen activities are listed in the organization of Chapters section of the Handbook under "Chapter Activities." Credit will also be given for any additional activities consistent with the objectives of the National society.

The evidence submitted may include photographs, newspaper or magazine articles, notices, schedules, programs and letters. It should be assembled in a binder, such as a scrapbook, in a concise and chronological order and include an index.

Entries are to be submitted to the Executive Director a minimum of two days prior to the convening of the Annual Congress. The NSSAR Medals and Awards Committee will judge all entries. The award is presented by the President General on Recognition Night of the Annual Congress.

THE COLORADO AWARD

To the state society with the highest percentage of increase in membership among states with MORE than 100 members.

THE HOUSTON CHAPTER AWARD

To the state society which enrolled the largest percentage of new members transferred from the C.A.R.

THE FLORENCE KENDALL AWARD

To the compatriot who recruited and sponsored the most new members during the past year.

THE KENTUCKY CUP

To the Membership Chairman of that state society which enrolled the largest percentage of new members.

THE EUGENE C. McGUIRE AWARD

To the state society enrolling the largest number of sons, grandsons and nephews of SAR and DAR members.

THE WILLIAM M. MELONE AWARD

To the state society which has the largest number of new and approved supplemental memberships.

THE OHIO AWARD

To the state society which enrolled the highest percentage of new members under 30 years of age.

THE MATTHEW B. SELLERS III AWARD

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

THE LEN YOUNG SMITH AWARD

To the state society which enrolled the largest number of new members under 40 years of age.

THE ROBERT L. SONFIELD AWARD

To the state society with the largest numerical increase of members at the end of that year.

THE WALTER G. STERLING AWARD

To the state society which enrolled the largest number of new members transferred from the Children of the American Revolution.

THE SENATOR ROBERT A. TAFT AWARD

To the state society which enrolled the largest number of new members.

THE TEXAS AWARD

To the state society with the highest percentage of increase in membership among states with less than 100 members.

THE RICHARD H. THOMPSON JR. AWARD

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

THE ARTHUR J. TREMBLE AWARD - THE 1776 TROPHY

To the state society which reinstated the largest number of dropped and resigned members.

AWARDS FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN MEMBERSHIP

NEWSLETTER AND PERIODICAL AWARDS

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

GRAHAME T. SMALLWOOD JR. AWARD

To the state society with over 500 members judged having the best periodical or newsletter with more than 10 pages. A cash award will be presented for first place and honorable mention from the proceeds of the endowment fund established by Mrs. Eleanor B. Niebell in recognition of her brother's continuous support and many outstanding contributions to the SAR.

To the state society with over 500 members judged having the best periodical or newsletter with fewer than 10 pages. A certificate award will be presented for first place and honorable mention.

THE JENNINGS FLATHERS AWARD

To the state society with fewer than 500 members judged having the best periodical or newsletter. A cash award will be presented for first place and honorable mention from the proceeds of the endowment fund established by his widow Mrs. Elizabeth Flathers in the memory and recognition of his work and devotion to the improvement of state and chapter newsletters as chairman of the Newsletters and Periodicals Committee.

THE PAUL M. NIEBELL, SR. AWARD

To the state society with over 500 members judged having the best periodical or newsletter with fewer than ten pages. A cash award will be presented for the first place (and honorable mention) from the proceeds of the endowment fund established by Mrs. Eleanor Smallwood Niebell in recognition of her husband's continuous support and many outstanding contributions to the SAR

THE ELEANOR SMALLWOOD NIEBELL AWARD:

To the State Society of the Children of the American Revolution and Local Chapter of the C.A.R. who have to judge to have the best newsletter by the guidelines set up by the National Society Children of the American Revolution. A cash award will be presented for the first place award.

THE CARL F. BESSENT AWARD

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

To the chapter editor producing the best single sheet periodical or newsletter. A certificate will be presented for first place and honorable mention.

THE MARIAN L. BROWN EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

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

THE JOHN HAUGHTON ENHANCED JROTC AWARD

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

THE ADMIRAL WILLIAM R. FURLONG MEMORIAL AWARD

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

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

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

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

THE ALLENE WILSON GROVES AMERICANISM AWARD

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

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

Individual State Societies should consult the NSSAR Americanism Web Site for the Entry Form which may be downloaded at www.sar.org/amerensm/americanism_awards.htm. Entry is to be mailed to the Executive Director and a copy to the Chairman of the Americanism Committee not later than February 1st to permit judging

THE LIBERTY BELL AMERICANISM AWARD

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

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

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

SAR LEGISLATOR'S AWARD

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

THE SAR MAGAZINE AWARD

This award is presented by the National Society at an Annual Congress to the state society which tendered the most cooperation in supplying usable magazine material. Recommendation for the award is the responsibility of *THE SAR MAGAZINE* Editor.

THE WILLIAM Y. PRYOR AWARD

This award is presented to a state society by the National Society to encourage attendance at an Annual Congress under the following rules:

1. The award shall be made to the state society scoring the largest number of points in accordance with these rules.
2. The word "member", as used herein, means a member of the SAR in good standing who is in attendance at an Annual Congress and who has registered with the Registration and/or Credentials Committee.
3. The word "guest", as used herein, means a person (male or female) who has registered as the guest of a member at an Annual Congress.
4. Points shall be credited to each state society as the total of (a) and (b), as follows:
 - (a) One point for each 250 miles or (fraction thereof) traveled by each member or guest from his state to the Annual Congress; and
 - (b) One point for each member of such state society who is attending the Congress.
5. In the event of a tie, paragraph 4 shall be recalculated on the basis of two points for each member and one point for each guest.
6. In computing the mileage in 4 (a) above, each 250 mile interval shall be determined by inscribing a series of concentric circles on a map of the United States with the location of the Congress as the center of such circles. The number of points allocable to a state society is determined by the circle in which its State Capitol falls, regardless of the actual address of a member or guest.
7. Highway mileage is not to be used, since there may be several available routes, which may vary because of type of road, traffic conditions, or for other reasons.
8. All scoring will be determined by the Medals and Awards Committee, and in all cases the interpretation of these rules by that committee shall be final.

THE USS STARK MEMORIAL AWARD

This award, authorized 1988, memorializes those brave men who continue to stand at the forefront to preserve the

freedoms our patriotic ancestors fought so long and hard to achieve; and to recognize outstanding chapters of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for their participation in Veterans Committee activities.

The period of program activities will be from April 1 through March 31 of the previous year. Detail of the activities should be reported by the state society and chapter to the Executive Director by May 1st. Submissions to be judged by the Veterans Committee.

Awards will recognize the state society whose chapters collectively participate most actively with the programs of the Veterans Committee by having its name and year engraved on a plaque and a streamer issued for attaching to the state SAR flagstaff. First place streamers will be awarded to the most active chapters by the following membership size: 10 to 49, 50-99, 100-199, over 200, for the following activities:

1. Chapter member(s) appointed to the local Veterans Council or equivalent organization (submit names) 25
2. Each hour served in the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services (VAVS) approved program.
Participation must be verified by local VA Medical Center report.
3. For each SAR member visiting a veteran in VA Hospital, nursing home or his home 10
4. For each mile traveled round trip to/ from VA Hospital, nursing home or home of a confined veteran 1
5. For each patched or crocheted lap robe made and donated to a veteran in a VA Hospital or nursing home 10
6. For each gift donated to a veteran in VA Hospital or nursing home. (Toilet article, item of clothing, deck of cards) 10
7. For each pair of crutch pads, ditty bag, etc. made and donated to a veteran in a VA Hospital. 5
8. For each dollar donated to VAVS for coupon books. 1
9. For each publication donated to a Veterans hospital library, reading room or equivalent facility that is accepted by the VA (i.e. 1-yr. subscription = 12 points) 1
10. For each veteran party, barbecue, outing, boat ride or similar event that includes Veteran patients
 - 1-10 patients 10
 - 11-25 patients 15
 - 26-50 patients 20
 - 51+ patients 25
11. Special observance attending in cooperation with veteran organizations attending* 10
12. Special observances sponsored by your chapter with other veteran organizations attending* 25
13. Marking Revolutionary War Veteran graves. 25
14. Used Clothing Donation for Men and Women:
 - Men's Dress Shirt 5
 - Men's Casual Shirt 2
 - Men's Sport Jacket 5
 - Men's Trousers Jeans 5
 - Men's Sweater 5
 - Men's Overcoats 10
 - Men's Light weight Jacket 2
 - Men's Robe 3
 - Men's Suit 10
 - Men's Heavy Overcoat 10
 - Ladies Pant Suit 8
 - Ladies Slacks 5
 - Ladies Blouse 3
 - Ladies Coat 5
 - Ladies Shoes 5
 - Ladies Purse 2
 - Ladies Dress 5
 - Ladies Sweat Suit 10
15. All used big-ticket items such as TV's, Computer's, VCR's, Radio's, etc. The points allowed are equal to 1/3 of the original purchase price. If a used item cost \$1,000.00 new then 333 points would be given for the donation. If the same item were purchased new and given directly, then 1,000 points would be given for this donation.

GENERAL WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND AWARD

This award to an individual was authorized in 1996. The state society submits the name along with a short story of the individual's work with veterans which is judged by the Veterans Committee. The award is given each year in recognition to an outstanding SAR Veterans Volunteer.

THE SYRACUSE AWARD

To the state society which chartered the most new chapters during the past year.

THE GEORGE E. TARBOX, JR. AWARD

To the state society, exclusive of the host state, which has the highest percentage of eligible delegates at an Annual Congress. Winner determined by Medals and Awards Committee.

MINNESOTA SOCIETY STEPHEN TAYLOR AWARD

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

EDWIN B. GRAHAM PLAQUE

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

HAROLD L. PUTNAM AWARD

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

THOMAS JEFFERSON BOND, JR. MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARD

To the Compatriot whose photographic entry is selected as most representative of patriotism. Award details are available by contacting the NSSAR executive director. First awarded in 1998.

COL. STEWART BOONE McCARTY AWARD

To the compatriot who has best furthered the preservation of United States History and its traditional teaching in our schools. First awarded in 1996.

HOWARD F. HORNE, JR. AWARD

To the State Society who has recruited the most George Washington Fellows as an annual percentage increase of George Washington Fellows as compared to the total SAR membership. The first award was in 2000.

THE DAR/SAR AWARD

To the DAR State Society that recruits the most members to SAR.

AWARDS SUMMARY

AWARDS FOR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SUBMITTED TO</u>	<u>JUDGED BY</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
President General – State Society Activities	Societies	NSSAR Executive Director	Americanism Committee	1 February
President General – Chapter Activities	Chapters	NSSAR Executive Director	Americanism Committee	1 February
President General's Cup	Chapters	SSAR Executive Director	Americanism Committee	30 Days Prior to Congress
All other awards	Societies STATISTICAL DATA ONLY	NSSAR Executive Director	NSSAR Executive Director	1 February

AWARDS FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN MEMBERSHIP

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>SUBMITTED BY</u>	<u>SUBMITTED TO</u>	<u>JUDGED BY</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
Newsletter & Periodicals, Graham T. Smallwood, Jr. Jennings Flathers, Carl F. Bessent, Paul Niebell and Eleanor Smallwood Niebell	Societies and Chapters	Newsletters & Periodicals Committee Chairman	Newsletters and Periodicals Committee	15 December
Admiral William F. Furlong	Societies	Flag Committee Chairman	Flag Committee	1 February
Allene Wilson Groves Americanism	Societies	Americanism Committee Chairman	Americanism Committee	1 February
Liberty Bell Americanism	Chapters	Americanism Committee Chairman	Americanism Committee	1 February
SAR Magazine Award	Society	<i>SAR Magazine</i> Editor	<i>SAR Magazine</i> Editor	1 February
William Y. Pryor	N/A	N/A	Medals and Awards Committee	30 Days prior to NSSAR Congress
U.S.S. Stark Memorial	Societies and Chapters	NSSAR Executive Director	Veterans Committee	1 February
George E. Tarbox Award	N/A	N/A	Medals and Awards Committee	30 Days prior to NSSAR Congress
Minnesota Society, Stephen Taylor Award	Societies	NSSAR Historian General	Historian General	1 February
George and Stella Knight Essay Contest	Societies	NSSAR Executive Director	Essay Contest Committee	1 February
Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Patriotic Oration Contest	Societies	NSSAR Executive Director	Rumbaugh Orations Committee	1 February
All Other Awards	Society Reports	NSSAR Executive Director & Office of the Registrar General	NSSAR Executive Director and Deputy Director	1 April