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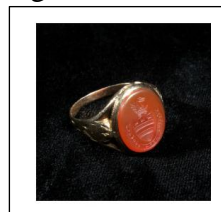
SAR Strength Resides in our Continuity of Command.



Newly installed President General Thomas E. Lawrence addresses Compatriots and their ladies at the 1 July 2015 formal Installation Banquet, concerning his initiatives during 2015-2016. These points of focus will be published shortly on the SAR Website (www.sar.org).

President General Lawrence is a veteran; he serviced as a member of the United States Coast Guard. As such, his name has been added to the list of Compatriots who comprise the membership of the National SAR Military Service Veterans Corps. At the Fall Leadership Conference and Trustees Meeting during September 2015, President General Lawrence will receive a Certificate of Patriotism in grateful recognition for his service to country.

One of the most significant moments of the Induction Banquet is the George Washington Seal Ring Ceremony, which gives honor to continuity of command from the American War of Independence to the present. During the ceremony, the Seal Ring is paraded under guard to the front of the banquet hall, where it's removed from its holding box and placed on the finger of the incoming President General.



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George Washington's Seal Ring Legend

According to President General Howard L. Hamilton* (1982-1983), the single most valuable property owned by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is not its Headquarters building nor even its Permanent Fund. It's a small circular object, about 7/8" in diameter, which rests in darkness, untouched for 364 days of the year, emerging for only one night when a new President General is installed. It shares its space in a safety deposit box with the deed to the Headquarters Building, an insurance policy, some certificates of stock, and an affidavit about the ring's origin.

This precious possession is the Seal Ring owned and worn by General George Washington. The ring itself is of gold, with a thin band and delicate shank. It's a perfect size 10 on a modern mandrel. There is no maker's mark or any inscription whatsoever on the inside. On each outer surface, the metal of the shank is deeply incised to give in raised relief a stem, three leaves, and a three-part bud or flower at the top, too worn to identify. The annulus of the crown is oval, surrounding and holding in place the setting of light orange carnelian in which is incised the Washington crest consisting of a shield with three stars at the top and two transverse bands beneath, surmounted by a crown containing a griffin, and underlain by a ribbon bearing the Latin words, "EXITUS ACTA PROBAT." These words come from line 85 of the second Heroides of Ovid, and are translated literally as "The outcome proves the deed." A more common variation is "The end justifies the means."



Washington's Crest

"EXITUS ACTA PROBAT—the end justifies the means."

*PG Hamilton's original text is at <http://www.sar.org/node/1664>

George Washington's Seal Ring March-On was led by past NSSAR Color Guard Commander and Newly Elected Secretary General J. Michael Tomme, Sr.



Continuity of Command is represented here, from the holding box to the slipping of the George Washington Seal Ring onto the finger of the 2015-2016 President General Thomas E. Lawrence.



Retiring President General Lindsey C. Brock places the George Washington Seal Ring on the hand of President General Thomas E. Lawrence.

In trail of the Secretary General is Mrs. Cilla Leed Tomme, carrying the Lady Washington Cameo Broach, attached to the ring bearer's pillow.



Sons of the American Revolution First Lady Mickey Jo and the 112th President General Thomas E. Lawrence

For some men, nothing is written unless THEY write it.
T. E. Lawrence (of Arabia before Aqaba 1917)

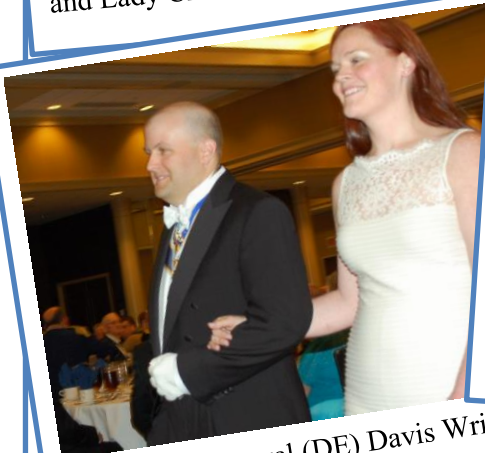
The President General's Staff & their Ladies -- *They Make Things Happen*



Secretary General (GA) J. Michael Tomme, Sr., and Lady Cilla



Treasurer General (GA) Larry T. Guzy and Lady Karin



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Historian General (NH) Jack Manning and Lady Sheila



Librarian General (AL) Bruce Pickett and Lady Rita



Surgeon General (AL) Larry M. Leslie, M.D. and Lady Lynn

**2015-2016
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Proposed Update for the SAR Committees Webpage at <http://www.sar.org/Committees>.

(Information below is static. Action request sent to Chairman of the Technology Committee to make the proposed updates.)

Veterans Recognition Committee

Posted Mon,
Last updated:

VRC Mission Statement. Provide recognition to living NSSAR Veterans, by awarding the NSSAR Certificates of Patriotism. Ensure the work of the VRC not only has a legacy dimension, but is also visionary and administratively sound, so that the incumbent President General can expand the Veterans Corps to include service to country during periods of peace, war and/or armed conflict.

- To join one or more SAR Veterans Corps, complete the Survey Form found [here](#)
- To read the VRC Charter, click [here](#)



PG Sympson



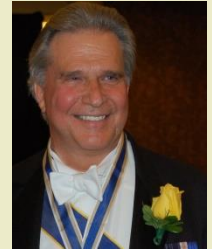
PG Leishman



PG Dooley



PG Brock



PG Lawrence

The VRC provides recognition to NSSAR Veterans. Currently the VRC has five Veterans Corps, established as follows: At the 120th Annual SAR Congress during June 2010, in Cleveland, Ohio, President General J. David Sympson (2010-2011) created the World War II Veterans Corps. Following the 122nd Annual SAR Congress during July 2012, in Phoenix, Arizona, President General Stephen A. Leishman (2012-2013) established the Korean Service Veterans Corps. At the 123rd Annual SAR Congress during July 2013 in Kansas City, Missouri, President General Joseph A. Dooley (2013-2014) established the Vietnam War Task Force to bring on line the Vietnam War Veterans Corps. And at his induction ceremony at the 124th Annual SAR Congress on 23 July 2014, in Greenville, SC, President General Lindsey C. Brock (2014-2015) announced initiatives for the VRC; namely, the VRC Charter remains in effect, to include prior Presidents Generals' decisions concerning the establishment, administration, and management of the National SAR Veterans Corps. Further, on 30 January 2015 President General Lindsey Brock brought on-line the Military Service Veterans Corps. On 1 July 2015 at the 125th Annual SAR Congress in Louisville, Kentucky, Judge Thomas E. Lawrence was inducted as the 112th President General of the Sons of the American Revolution. During his 2015-2016 tenure as President General the VRC will continue the Grateful Nation Remembers Program, which honors the World War II Veteran Corps Compatriots who are still with us; continue the publishing of the SAR Veterans Bugle Newsletter; join the Military Service Veterans Corps Task Force, with all its functions and responsibilities, to the standard components of the Veterans Recognition committee alongside the other SAR Veterans Corps; Continue VRC vetting and processing of Certificates of Patriotism for all SAR Veterans Corps; vet and process Certificates of Patriotism for Compatriots joined to all newly created Task Forces; Standup a Special Ops Veterans Corps Task Force so as to accommodate the processing of Certificates of Patriotism for past, current and future operations which are associated with less known campaign, service and/or expeditionary medals; and standup the Southwest Asia Task Force to accommodate the processing of Certificates of Patriotism for past, current and future conflicts in select countries of the Middle East and East Africa.

[Special Note: To access and successfully use the fillable, savable, and mail-able Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form you must have installed the latest version of Adobe Reader on your PC. At this juncture the preferable Adobe Reader is Version 11.]

President General Thomas E. Lawrence's guidance to the VRC for 2015-2016

- a. *Continue the Grateful Nation Remembers Program until the last Compatriot of the World War II Veterans Corps passes-on or until this program is dissolved at the discretion of the incoming President General.*
- b. *Continue the publishing of the NSSAR Veterans Bugle newsletter under the name of The SAR Veterans Bugle, until this task is dissolved at the discretion of the incoming President General.*
- c. *The Military Service Veterans Corps Task Force is dissolved, with all its functions and responsibilities becoming standard components of the Veterans Recognition Committee alongside the other NSSAR Veterans Corps. These Veterans Corps are: (1) The World War II Veterans Corps; (2) The Korean Service Veterans Corps; (3) The Vietnam War Veterans Corps; and (3) The Military Service Veterans Corps.*
- d. *Continue VRC vetting and processing of Certificates of Patriotism for all NSSAR Veterans Corps; vet and process Certificates of Patriotism for Compatriots joined to the newly created Task Forces.*
- e. **[New Initiative]** *Standup the Special Ops Veterans Corps Task Force under the VRC so as to accommodate the processing of Certificates of Patriotism for past, current and future operations which are associated with less known campaign, service and/or expeditionary medals. After July 2016, this task force may be dissolved at the discretion of the incoming President General, and the inclusion of qualifying SAR Compatriots in this TF Veterans Corps may become a standard component of the Veterans Recognition Committee.*
- f. **[New Initiative]** *Standup the Southwest Asia (SW Asia) Task Force (TF) under the VRC to accommodate the processing of Certificates of Patriotism for past, current and future conflicts in the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR), which consists of 18 countries in the Middle East and East Africa. These countries include: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, U.A.E., Uzbekistan, and Yemen. After July 2016, this task force may be dissolved at the discretion of the incoming President General, and the inclusion of qualifying SAR Compatriots in this TF may become a standard component of the Veterans Recognition Committee.*

The immediate purpose of this TF is to verify service by SAR Compatriots in SW Asia so as to recommend to the President General that a Compatriot be presented a Certificate of Patriotism and have his name added to the NSSAR SW Asia Veterans Corps. The verifying instrument shall be the appropriate campaign medal, service medal, or expeditionary medal as associated with a particular operation and/or several operations in the CENTCOM AOR. Currently the following medals and operations qualify for the SW Asia Veterans Corps:



#1 is the Southwest Service Medal. It recognizes military service during the Persian Gulf War, which is also known as the First Gulf War. Specific Campaigns for the awarding of this medal are the Defense of Saudi Arabia (August 2, 1990 – January 16, 1991); Liberation and Defense Kuwait (January 17, 1991, -- April 11, 1991); and Southwest Asia Cease-Fire (April 12, 1991 – November 30, 1995)

#2 is the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. It recognizes military service in support of specific operations in the Persian Gulf and/or Southwest Asia. These operations included the following: (1) Operation Earnest Will (July 24, 1987, -- August 1, 1990); (2) Operation Southern Watch (December 1, 1995, -- March 18, 2003); (3) Maritime Intercept Operation (December 1, 1995, -- March 18, 2003); (4) Operation Vigilant Sentinel (December 1, 1995, -- February 15, 1997); (5) Operation Northern Watch (January 1, 1997, -- March 18, 2003); (6) Operation Desert Thunder (November 11, 1988, -- December 22, 1998); (7) Operation Desert Fox (December 16, 1998, -- December 22, 1998); (8) Operation Desert Spring (December 31, 1998, -- March 18, 2003).

#3 is the Afghanistan Campaign Medal. It recognizes military service during the conduct of combat operations from September 11, 2001, to a date to be determined.

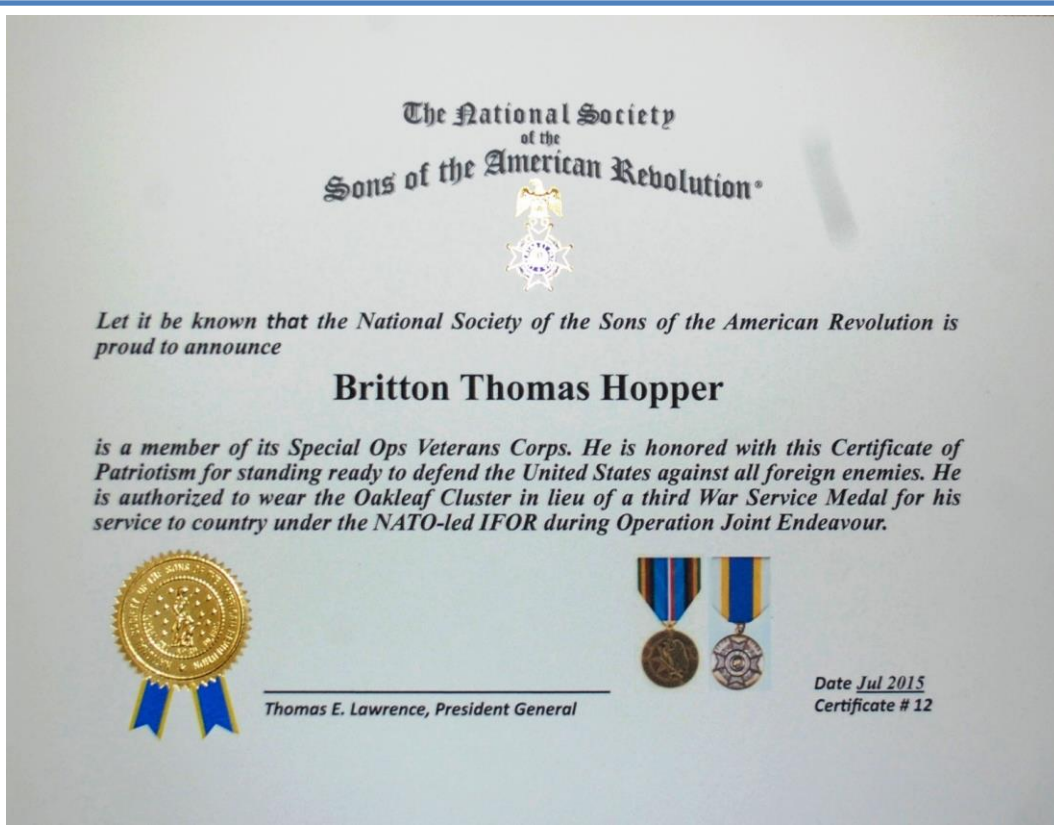
#4 is the Iraq Campaign Medal. It recognizes military service during the conduct of combat operations during the Second Gulf War from March 19, 2003, to December 31, 2011. The Second Gulf War is also known as Operation Iraqi Freedom.

#5 is the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. It recognizes armed forces service of members who have deployed overseas in direct support of the War on Terror from September 11, 2001, to a date to be determined. [Further, the official name used by the government of the United States to describe the overseas Global War on Terrorism is Operation Enduring Freedom. Subordinate operations to Operation Enduring Freedom are: (1) Operation Enduring Freedom—Afghanistan (September 11, 2001, to December 31, 2014). The US uses the Operation Enduring Freedom—Afghanistan to officially describe the War in Afghanistan from October 2001 to December 2014. Continued operations in Afghanistan by US military forces, both non-combat and combat now occur under the name Operation Freedom's Sentinel; (2) Operation Enduring Freedom—Philippines; (3) Operation Enduring Freedom—Horn of Africa; (4) Operation Enduring Freedom—Pankisi Gorge; (5) Operation Enduring Freedom—Trans Sahara, to include the Insurgency in the Maghreb; (6) Operation Enduring Freedom—Caribbean and Central America; and Operation Enduring Freedom—Kyrgyzstan.]

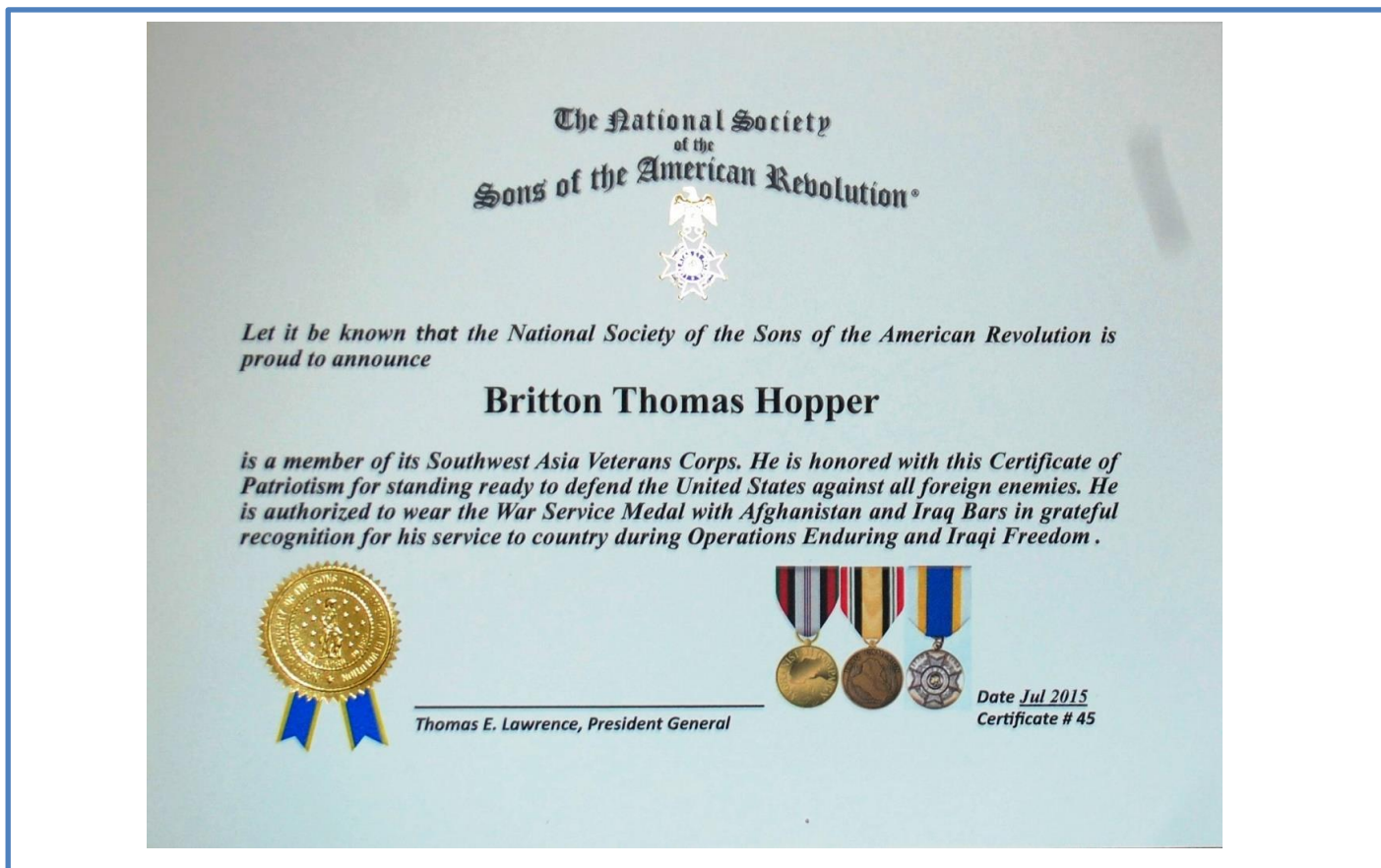
Executive Summary of Proposed 2015-2016 VRC Initiatives

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- b. Continue the publishing of the NSSAR Veterans Bugle Newsletter.
- c. Join the Military Service Veterans Corps Task Force, with all its functions and responsibilities, to the standard components of the Veterans Recognition Committee alongside the other NSSAR Veterans Corps.
- d. Continue VRC vetting and processing of Certificates of Patriotism for all NSSAR Veterans Corps; vet and process Certificates of Patriotism for Compatriots joined to the newly created Task Forces.
- e. [New Initiative] Standup the Special Ops Veterans Corps Task Force under the VRC so as to accommodate the processing of Certificates of Patriotism for past, current and future operations which are associated with less known campaign, service and/or expeditionary medals. See sample Certificates of Patriotism for this VetCorps on page 8.
- f. [New Initiative] Standup the Southwest Asia Task Force under the VRC to accommodate the processing of Certificates of Patriotism for past, current and future conflicts in select countries of the Middle East and East Africa. See a sample Certificate of Patriotism for this VetCorps on page 8 for service in Afghanistan and Iraq on page 8.

Examples of Certificates of Patriotism for operations which are associated with less known awarded campaign, service, and/or expeditionary medals.



Example of a Certificate of Patriotism associated with service in SW Asia—e.g. Afghanistan and Iraq during Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.



Compatriots! Join the Sons of the American Revolution Veterans Corps.



There are five SAR Military Veterans Corps. If you served in the Armed Forces of the United States, received a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable, and you are a SAR Member in good standing complete the Multi-Corps Survey Form. When done return the survey form to the SAR Veterans Recognition Committee at VetCorps@sar.org. After being approved, a Certificate of Patriotism for your service to country will be signed by the President General and sent to your chapter, through the Secretary of your State Society. At an appropriate chapter, state or national meeting the Certificate of Patriotism will be presented to you.

The SAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form is down-loadable to your computer. To get it click on this link: http://saramanasar.org/VRC_Survey_Form.html

Essential Instructions for Completing the Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form

From time to time, Compatriots voice a concern that they cannot save, send, and/or email the SAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form successfully. This problem occurs frequently when a Compatriot in haste fails to read, understand, or follow directions regarding how to use a fillable, savable, and email-able SAR PDF Form. What follows therefore is a checklist that solves this problem.

1. Please know some computer software manufactures install alternative software to the “FREE” Adobe Reader. While these PDF viewers will open and let you read the Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form, they will NOT allow you to complete it successfully. Therefore it’s essential that you have an authentic Adobe Reader X, XI or later loaded on your computer, and that any other version of a PDF reader on your computer be removed, deactivated, or programmed so it won’t step on the proper PDF reader software. Also ensure you have downloaded the appropriate PC version of Adobe Reader so as to harmonize successfully with your computer system, i.e., Windows or Apple.

2. Once the proper version of the Adobe Reader has been loaded to your computer, save file “Universal VetCorps Survey Form 4Jul 2015—Secure” to your computer in a folder that you know you’ll be able to find subsequently. (It’s suggested you make a folder entitled VRC Survey Forms in your document library; then save the file “Universal VetCorps Survey Form 4 Jul 2015—Secure” in that folder.)

3. Go to your VRC Survey Forms folder, which you just created and saved in step 2. Open file “Universal VetCorps Survey Form 4 Jul 2015—Secure”. ***Read the first six sentences on that form. This is most critical. If you don’t do this and understand what you have read, nothing will be saved properly at the end of your effort. Move diligently through the following instructions, step by step:***

A. Again, re-read the first six sentences on the SAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form.

B. Click on “Click to Save to Your PC,” which illuminates the file name “Universal VetCorps Survey Form 4 Jul 2015—Secure.” Change that file name to “Universal VetCorps Survey Form Compatriot Me;” where “me” is your name. Save and then close that new personalized file to your VRC Survey Forms folder created in step two.

C. Now go to your VRC Survey Forms Folder, and open your personalized Universal VetCorps Survey Form file. Begin filling in the blanks.

D. Once the form is completely filled out, save it. Print yourself a copy.

E. If your computer isn’t interfaced to an email provider that recognizes the code that the VRC uses to make the “Click to Email” button work, send your work in an email the old fashion way. Namely, send an email with your personalized Universal VetCorps Survey Form attached to Veterans Recognition Committee at VetCorps@sar.org .

Turn to page 11 to see a static view of the SAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form. To get the current down-loadable version of the SAR Multi-Corps Survey for your computer click on the link following: http://saramanasar.org/VRC_Survey_Form.html.

The SAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form

BEFORE starting this SAR Veterans Corps Survey Form, follow the "Save" instructions and understand by forwarding a completed form to the Veterans Recognition Committee you are giving publication consent.

Use the "Save to Your PC" button. Add the Veteran's Name to the front of the Saved file Name. For example, "George Compatriot SAR VetCorps Survey Form.PDF."

Now **CLOSE** this web page and **OPEN** the saved File on your PC to Continue.

[Click to Save to Your PC](#)

When you place your mouse over most of the "text" data entry fields below, a feature called a "tooltip" will display as a window/popup to give you additional instructions concerning what should be entered in that field.

Place an "x" in the box or boxes below and the appropriate dates of service for the SAR Veterans Corps you wish to join and for which you wish to receive a Certificate of Patriotism signed by the President General issued to you.

World War II Veterans Corps. WW II Service dates from: to

Korean Service Veterans Corps. Korean Service dates from: to

Vietnam War Veterans Corps. RVN War Service dates from: to

Southwest Asia Veterans Corps. SWA Campaigns dates from: to

Special Ops Veterans Corps. Special Ops Campaign dates from: to

If eligible for one of the Veterans Corps above, don't place an "x" in the Military Service Veterans Corps box below.

Military Service Veterans Corps. Military Service dates from: to

Name: NSSAR #

Address: Phone #

City: State: Zip+4:

State Society: Chapter:

Email Address:

Service Branch during your service: Rank held at end of your service:

Except for WW II Veterans, list all Medals, Awards, and/or Decorations as shown on your DD-214. Then tell us about your service.

Chapter President or his designee's Endorsement: I certify that the subject Compatriot is a member in good standing, that his discharge was other than dishonorable, and that his discharge papers indicate he is entitled wear all the medals, awards, and/or decorations listed in the box immediately above this endorsement.

Chapter President Signature: Date signed:

The typed signature above is my authorized signature.

Email Address: Chapter:

Once this form is completed and saved, "**Click to Print**" to create a paper copy for your records. Use "**Click to Email**" to facilitate the sending of your survey to the SAR Veterans Recognition Chairman. Or create an email with this form as an attachment. Then send it to VetCorps@sar.org.

[Click to Print](#)

[Click to Email](#)

If "Click to Email" fails, send Survey as email attachment manually.

Please request a "Read Receipt" so that you will know that your file was received.

President General's Hail and Farewell at the 125th Congress...



President General Lindsey C. Brock and First Lady Billie (2014-2015); First Lady Mickey Jo and President General Thomas E. Lawrence (2015-2016). President General Brock is a member of the SAR Korean Service Veterans Corps. President General Lawrence is a member of the SAR Military Service Veterans Corps.



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