

World War II Veterans Corps.

In the words of Tom Brokaw, which come from his book, *The Greatest Generation*, every generation has its share of men who fully lived the art of manliness. But there may never have been a generation when the ratio of honorable men to slackers was higher than the one born between 1914 and 1929. These were the men and women that grew up during the Great Depression. They are those who went off to fight the Big One. And they are the men and women who came home from that war and built the nations of the Western World into economic powerhouses. They knew the meaning of sacrifice, both in terms of material possessions and of real blood, sweat, and tears. They were humble men and women who never bragged about what they had done or been through. They were loyal, patriotic, and level-headed. They were our Greatest Generation.

The NSSAR is proud of our World War II Veterans. Their service remains permanently etched in our hearts and in granite at the entrance to our nation's World War II Memorial: "we honor those twentieth century Americans who took up the struggle during the Second World War and made the sacrifice to perpetuate the gift our forefathers entrusted to us – a nation conceived in liberty and justice."



Picture of WWII Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.



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Thank you Veterans; Lest we forget.

World War II Victory Medal



Any SAR Veteran that has received the World War II Victory Medal is automatically eligible to be a member of the NSSAR Veterans Committee World War II Veterans Corps.

The Congressional authorization for the medal specified that it was to be awarded to any member of the United States military, including members of the armed forces of the Government of the Philippine Islands, who served on active duty, or as a reservist, between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946, both dates inclusive.

Proof of Service: Proof of service, in the form of a copy of the member's discharge, DD-214 or other U.S. or Allied Government proof, especially in the case of a member in active service, must be presented to the NSSAR Veterans Recognition Committee, State Society Secretary or Chapter secretary (depending on presenting authority) before the medal can be purchased and/or worn. Such proof must show that the Compatriot:

1. served, or is serving, honorably in:
 - a. the armed forces of the United States,
 - b. the military forces of a country allied with the United States, or
 - c. a United Nations Peace Keeping Force; and
2. served against a common enemy in a war or action recognized by a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States; and
3. received a campaign medal, combat ribbon or badge as shown on the DD-214 form (or equivalent).

Note: The National Defense Service Medal ***is not*** considered a campaign medal for purposes of qualifying for the War Service Medal.

After reading this, if you believe that you may qualify for the World War II Veterans Corps, please submit a current *NSSAR Veterans Multi-Corps Recognition Form* and Proof of Service, as shown in military documentation or in the form of a redacted copy of the member's discharge, typically a Form DD-214. If you feel that some other Medal/Award qualifies you for the World War II Veterans Corps, please send that information in with a current *NSSAR Veterans Multi-Corps Recognition Form* and Proof of Service. The Veterans Recognition Committee will do our best to work with you. To receive a savable, fillable and emailable copy of that form, request the same via email addressed to VetCorps@sar.org.

“Lest we forget” has roots in Rudyard Kipling’s “Recessional” poem to spare England from oblivion or profanity. With the passage of time, these three words have become renown across most countries to show remembrance of those who have fought and/or served. It’s a plea not to forget past sacrifices; else passing out of existence befalls even the most powerful people, armies and nations.