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PREFACE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Each volume of the *NSSAR Handbook* is reviewed annually, typically after the Annual Congress, to ensure the content found in that volume reflects current SAR practices. The Executive Committee annually approves publication of the *NSSAR Handbook* at the Fall Leadership Meeting. Volumes may be updated several times throughout the year to reflect changes provided following the Fall and Spring Leadership meetings. The *NSSAR Handbook* and its periodic revisions are maintained in electronic format only, available at: http://www.sar.org/SAR_Handbook. Paper copies may be purchased from

SAR Merchandise, although such copies are not regularly updated. The electronic version of the *NSSAR Handbook*, as published on the above website, supersedes all prior electronic and paper versions. Each volume of the *NSSAR Handbook* identifies its effective date. Compatriots are encouraged to download the latest editions of the *NSSAR Handbook*. The last five years of the revision history for this volume, if available, is provided below.

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

REVISION NOTES

Date	Description
15 Aug 2023	Added the descriptions of the Council of Youth Programs Outstanding Participation Award and Historic Preservation Awards
01 June 2023	Revised the description of the President General's Education Outreach Streamer and the Ohanesian History Presentation Award
06 Feb 2022	Revised the description of the Stark Memorial Award
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15 July 2019	Added Registrar General's Award for Retention; added U.S. Flag Retirement Streamer Award; added description for President General's Education Outreach Streamer.
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03 Mar 2018	Updated DAR/SAR Award description (DAR Liaison/Medals & Awards); added Sestercentennial (250th Anniversary) Recognition Award description (250th Anniversary)
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27 Sept 2014	Updated Vance Award to include social media sites (Medals & Awards, Congress 2014)
30 Jan 2014	Created new handbook volume containing Youth Awards, State Society & Chapter Awards; Deleted President General's Color Guard Trophy and Color Guard Streamer Awards (Color Guard Committee, March 2013); revised criteria for Thomas J. Bond Photographic Award (Historian General, 2012); revised Stewart Boone McCarty award description (Historian General, 2012)

SUMMARY OF YOUTH, MEMBERSHIP & ACTIVITY AWARDS

Youth Awards & Education Awards National Contests

AWARD	SUBMITTED BY	SUBMITTED TO	JUDGED BY	DEADLINE
Enhanced JROTC National Contest	State Society	Executive Director **and** Chairman, ROTC, JROTC & Service Academies Liaison Committee	ROTC, JROTC & Service Academies Liaison Committee	May 1
Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate	No submission to NSSAR required.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout National Contest	State Society	Chairman, Eagle Scout Committee	Eagle Scout Committee	February 15
George & Stella Knight Essay National Contest	State Society	Chairman, Knight Essay Committee	Knight Essay Committee	February 28
Joseph S. Rumbaugh National Oration Contest	State Society	Chairman, Rumbaugh Orations Committee	Competition held at Congress	NLT four (4) weeks before Congress
Elementary School Poster Contest	State Society	Executive Director or Americanism Committee	Americanism Committee	Bring to Congress
Middle School Brochure Contest	State Society	Executive Director or Americanism Committee	Americanism Committee	Bring to Congress
Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award	State Society	Executive Directors	National History Teacher Award Committee	February 5
President General's Education Outreach Streamer	Chapter	Education Director and Chairman, Education Committee	National Education Committee	June 10
Ohanesian History Presentations Award	Chapter	Education Director and Chairman, Education Committee	National Education Committee	June 10

Council of Youth Programs Outstanding Participation Award	No submission to NSSAR required	N/A	Council of Youth Programs	June 10
Historic Preservation Award	Chapter or State Society	Vice-Chairman, History Committee	History Committee	May 1

Contest Awards for Membership Activities

AWARD	SUBMITTED BY	SUBMITTED TO	JUDGED BY	DEADLINE
President General – State Society Activities Streamer	State Society	Chairman, Americanism Committee	Americanism Committee	March 1
President General – Chapter Activities Streamer	Chapter	Chairman, Americanism Committee	Americanism Committee	March 1
Allene Wilson Groves Americanism Award	State Society	Chairman, Americanism Committee	Americanism Committee	March 1
Liberty Bell Americanism Award	Chapter	Chairman, Americanism Committee	Americanism Committee	March 1
President General's Cup	Chapter	Chairman, Americanism Committee	Americanism Committee	March 1
Genealogist General's Award	NSSAR Genealogy Staff	Executive Director	Genealogist General	December 31
Registrar General's Award for Retention	NSSAR Staff Registrar	Executive Director	Registrar General	March 31
All other awards*	State Society Reports and/or other data from NSSAR HQ	Executive Director	NSSAR Staff	February 1

* Includes the following: William M. Melone Award; Matthew B. Sellers, III Award; Richard H. Thompson, Jr. Award; Kentucky Cup; Eugene C. McGuire Award; DAR/SAR Award; Arthur J. Tremble Award – The 1776 Trophy; Walter G. Sterling Award; Len Young Smith Award; Ohio Award; Colorado Award; Texas Award; Houston Chapter Award; Robert L. Sonfield Award; and Senator Robert A. Taft Award.

Contest Awards for Specific Activities Other Than Membership

AWARD	SUBMITTED BY	SUBMITTED TO	JUDGED BY	DEADLINE
N.S.C.A.R. Activity Streamer	State Society	Chairman, C.A.R. Liaison Committee	C.A.R. Liaison Committee	April 1
Youth Contest Sponsors Awards†	Respective Youth Contest Committee	N/A	N/A	Congress
Thomas J. Bond, Jr. Photographic Award	Individuals	Executive Director	Historian General, *SAR Magazine* Editor **and** Chairman, Historic Sites & Celebrations Committee	February 15
Win Williams *SAR Magazine* Award	Society	*SAR Magazine* Editor	*SAR Magazine* Editor	February 1
Jennings H. Flathers Award	State Society (<500 members)	Chairman, Newsletters & Periodicals Committee	Newsletters & Periodicals Committee	December 15
Paul Niebell Award	State Society (>500 members)	Chairman, Newsletters & Periodicals Committee	Newsletters & Periodicals Committee	December 15
Graham T. Smallwood, Jr. Award	State Society (>500 members)	Chairman, Newsletters & Periodicals Committee	Newsletters & Periodicals Committee	December 15
Eleanor Smallwood Niebell Award	n/a	n/a	N.S.C.A.R.	n/a
Carl F. Bessent Award	Chapter	Chairman, Newsletters & Periodicals Committee	Newsletters & Periodicals Committee	December 15
Colonel Stewart Boone McCarty Award		Historian General	Historian General	February 1
Minnesota Society, Stephen Taylor Award	Societies	Historian General	Historian General	February 1

† Includes the following: Harold L. Putnam Award; Edwin B. Graham Plaque; John C. Haughton Enhanced JROTC Award; George S. & Stella M. Knight Award; and the Marian L. Brown Eagle Scout Award.

AWARD	SUBMITTED BY	SUBMITTED TO	JUDGED BY	DEADLINE
Admiral William F. Furlong	State Society	Chairman, Flag Committee	Flag Committee	April 15
U.S. Flag Retirement Award	State Society	Chairman, Flag Committee	Flag Committee	
U.S.S. Stark Memorial	Societies and Chapters	Executive Director **and** Chairman, Veterans Committee	Veterans Committee	February 1
Robert B. Vance	State Society and Chapter	Chairman, IT Committee	IT Committee	April 1
Partners in Patriotism	State Society and Chapter	Chairman, Patriotic Outreach Committee	Patriotic Outreach Committee	June 1
Friends of the Library Award	State Society	Librarian General **and** Chairman, Library Committee	Library Committee	February 1
Sestercentennial (250th Anniversary) Recognition Award	State Society and Chapter	Chairman, 250th Anniversary Committee	250th Anniversary Committee	December 31
State Veterans Service Award	State Society	Chairman, Veterans Committee	Veterans Committee	February 1
All Other Awards‡	State Society Reports and/or other data from NSSAR HQ	NSSAR Executive Director & Office of the Registrar General	NSSAR Executive Director	varies

‡ Includes the following: Syracuse Award; Howard F. Horne, Jr. Award; the Walter Buchanan "Buck" Meek Award; and the Officers' Streamer Award.

YOUTH AWARDS

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.

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

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

The winning cadet will attend the NSSAR Congress, receive his/her award, and be recognized by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. The award includes the National JROTC Outstanding Cadet Medallion and a cash prize in an amount determined annually by the ROTC/JROTC/Service Academies committee. Awards for second, third, and subsequent places may be made at the discretion of, and in such amounts as may be determined by, the

ROTC/JROTC/Service Academies Committee; however, these recipients do not travel to the Annual Congress. All prize amounts may be taken in cash or, if affirmatively elected by the recipient, a scholarship. College plans do not have to be completed to receive the cash prize or elect the scholarship.

When attending the Congress, an additional amount to be fixed by the committee may be provided to the National JROTC Outstanding Cadet to pay for a portion of the combined travel, transportation, hotel, and related meals for both the Cadet and his/her chaperone. Expenses more than the amount provided by the SAR will be the responsibility of the Cadet. It is suggested that additional assistance might be made available from the sponsoring Chapter or Society – but it is not mandatory. The travel expenses related to the respective State Convention will be at the discretion of the said State Societies.

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

The Eagle Scout Recognition Program

The National Society's Eagle Scout Committee is responsible for the administration of the Eagle Scout Recognition 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 and state societies to use in recognizing Eagle Scouts.

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 Program may be directed to the chairman of the NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee.

The Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest

The Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Contest is an annual contest open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. The application year is the calendar year, 01 January to 31 December. The year that the Eagle rank was awarded is not restricted; an Eagle Scout may apply more than one year provided the age requirements are satisfied.

The competition is conducted in three phases: Chapter, State Society, and National. The competition is usually entered through the Chapter level but may be entered at the State level. There are no National at-large entrants to the competition. Each state society’s winning Eagle Scout packet is due to the Chairman of the Eagle Scout Committee no later than February 15th.

Entrants must complete an application, which consists of three parts:
1) Eagle Scout Contest Application Form
2) Four Generation Ancestor Chart
3) 500-word Patriotic Themed Essay

The winning Eagle Scout will attend the NSSAR Congress to receive the award and be recognized by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. The award includes a cash prize in an amount determined annually by the Eagle Scout committee. Awards for second, third, and subsequent places may be made at the discretion of, and in such amounts as may be determined by, the Eagle Scout Committee. Regardless of the number of times an individual competes in the contest, an Eagle Scout may not receive total cash awards more than the first-place award established by the Eagle Scout Committee.

All prize amounts may be taken in cash or, if affirmatively elected by the recipient, a scholarship. College plans do not have to be completed to receive the cash prize or elect the scholarship. Prizes and recognitions may also be awarded at the Chapter and State level.

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

George & Stella Knight Essay Contest

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

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

Each participant should be given a certificate of participation and winners will receive cash awards that may vary from year to year. The winner will attend the NSSAR Congress, receive his/her award, and be recognized by the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. The award includes the National Knight Essay Winner Medallion and a cash prize in an amount determined annually by the Knight Essay Committee. Awards for second, third, and subsequent places may be made at the discretion of, and in such amounts as may be determined by, the Knight Essay Committee; however, these recipients do not travel to the Annual Congress. All prize amounts may be taken in cash or, if affirmatively elected by the recipient, a scholarship. College plans do not have to be completed to receive the cash prize or elect the scholarship.

Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Patriotic Oration Contest

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

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

Chapters, through their state oration contest chairmen, may obtain annually the latest guidance pertaining to the oration contest. 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 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, 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 from the NSSAR merchandise department for state or chapter first-place winners). Nationally, cash prizes for first, second, and third places, are determined annually by the Rumbaugh Orations Committee. Awards for subsequent places may be made at the discretion of, and in such amounts as may be determined by, the Rumbaugh Orations Committee. All prize amounts may be taken in cash or, if affirmatively elected by the recipient, a scholarship. College plans do not have to be completed in order to receive the cash prize or elect the scholarship.

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

The national chairman has several specific responsibilities. One is to 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 chairmen 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 of the award and inform the educator of the criteria and information available on the NSSAR website. 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 appropriate financial committee of the NSSAR handles the investment of the fund. The oration committee uses the income from the endowment for its operation and promotion.

The Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest

The National Society Elementary School Poster Contest was developed to help stimulate interest in American History in support of the Fourth or Fifth Grade Curriculum. This competition was begun to aid studies at that grade level. If American History is taught in lower grades at selected schools, an entry may be accepted for the competition. Home-schooled children also are eligible to participate, based on age equivalency to grade level. All entries will be judged on an equal basis, using criteria developed by the Americanism Committee. See the NSSAR website for contest details, rules, and entry forms.

The Sergeant Moses Adams Middle School Brochure Contest

The National Society Middle School Brochure Contest was developed to help stimulate interest in American History in support of the Sixth through the Nine Grade Curriculum. This competition was begun to aid studies at the school grades following elementary school and before the sophomore grade in high school. If the American Revolution period of American History is technically not specifically covered during these middle school grades, an entry will still be accepted for the competition by the state society. All entries will be judged on an equal basis, using criteria approved by the Americanism Committee. See the NSSAR website for contest details, rules, and entry forms.

This National Brochure Contest will be formally named: “The Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest.” Sgt. Adams was with the 13th Massachusetts Regiment. He

died at Valley Forge. He did not do anything historically significant other than to give his life for our freedom, along with 25,000 other men. This contest is so named in their honor, and the families who suffered their loss for generations. It is hoped that when a young contestant asks, "Who was Moses Adams?" it will become a teaching moment for the men of our society and classroom teachers to expound upon the ultimate sacrifice so many men have made in the service of our country.

YOUTH EDUCATION RECOGNITION AWARDS

Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award

The Dr. Tom and Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award, approved in 2006, recognizes an outstanding history teacher whose instruction on the Revolutionary War Era from 1750-1800 demonstrates educational efforts in the classroom that exceed and excel above current accepted curriculum requirements. The award winner will receive his or her choice of one of the following educational seminars: a trip to the Freedoms Foundation Summer Teacher Graduate Workshop at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; a trip to the Colonial Williamsburg Summer Teacher Workshop in Williamsburg, Virginia; the Jefferson Symposium at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia; or the SAR Annual Conference on the American Revolution. This award is valued annually by the American History Teacher Award Committee and may be used to reimburse the winner for expenses including tuition, room and board and transportation. The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will provide this professional educational opportunity to an educator who will bring back to the classroom a heightened level of creativity and enthusiasm to their students of the American Revolutionary War Era.

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

Those teacher candidates interested in entering the chapter awards contest must complete the required application and submit a written essay, not to exceed 500 words, discussing any extraordinary teaching techniques or innovative projects utilized by the teacher in the past to teach the history of the Revolutionary War. The essay should also discuss why the teacher wants to attend an educational seminar and how the teacher would take advantage of what is learned at the seminar in the future. In addition to the application and written essay, NSSAR requests from the applicant a one-page autobiography highlighting his or her educational background and achievements. The essay and autobiography may be submitted electronically or through the mail. No handwritten or copied material will be accepted. All original award materials will remain the property of NSSAR.

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

NSSAR Youth Education Medal (See Vol. V, p. 46)

The NSSAR Youth Education Medal was established in 2021 to recognize sustained education of our youth by members of the Sons of the American Revolution.

To receive the Youth Education Medal, the following criteria must be met:

1. The Youth Education Medal will be awarded to a Compatriot after 15 educational presentations have been made. The look-back period for qualifying presentations will extend to 1 January 2021.
2. The presentations must be given to preschool or school age children.
3. The presentations may be given in both public and private schools. The presentations may be given in or out of the classroom.
4. Presentations made in different classes during the same day, in the same school, may be counted as separate presentations if specific data such as teacher or separate class periods is provided.
5. Presentations given as part of a 'school day' for living history events are acceptable.
6. The presentations may also be given to youth groups or organizations such as, but not limited to the following: Children of the American Revolution, American Heritage Girls, Trail Life, Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H, home school COOPS, church youth groups, etc.

The Medal may be awarded multiple times.

1. After the initial Medal has been received, the recipient will receive a bronze oak leaf cluster for each additional 15 presentations given.
2. Five Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters can be replaced with one silver oak leaf cluster. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.
3. The presentation(s) must be approved by the Society Education Program Chairman or equivalent committee within the society.

NSSAR Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar (See Vol. V, pp. 47 and 72)

The Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar was approved in 2022 for award to Compatriots who have distinguished themselves in the education arena over the course of their SAR Service. State Societies can award The NSSAR Youth Education Medal with 'Lifetime Achievement' Bar to not more than two individuals annually.

1. Presenter and Lifetime Achievement Medals will be purchased by the Society or Chapter from SAR Merchandise.
2. Recipients will be reported to the National Education Committee by the Society Education Program Chair. Recipients will be recognized annually at Congress by having their names listed by society in the Awards Program.
3. The Education Committee will consider special presentations of Youth Education Medals with Lifetime Achievement Bars to Non SAR Members on a case by case basis. Awards to Non SAR Members will be purchased and provided by the Education Committee.

To be considered for the Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar the following criteria must be met:

1) An SAR Compatriot must have distinguished themselves in bringing the history of the American Revolution and the accomplishments of our patriot ancestors to young people by being involved in education or by presenting Education Outreach Programs to our youth for a period of more than 10 years.
2) Special Awards of The NSSAR Youth Education Medal with Lifetime Achievement Bar to non - SAR persons can be nominated by State Societies to the Education Committee via email request. Requests will detail their rationale for the presentation and must include:
   a) who the proposed recipient is
   b) what they did to earn it
   c) why they deserve our recognition.

The Education Committee will vote on a case-by-case basis whether to approve the awards for non-SAR persons based on the merits of the nomination and will maintain a file of the recipients. These non-SAR member awards will count against the State Society's annual allotment of 2 presentations of the Medal for Lifetime Achievement.

President General's Education Outreach Streamer

The President General's Education Outreach Streamer, approved in 2019, is presented to those chapters whose compatriots engage in a certain number of new Historical Presentations or to present an existing presentation in a new venue or to a new audience. Examples of Historical Presentations include, but are not limited to, a Revolutionary War Battle or Campaign; a significant Personality or Founding Father; a political event or process; life as a soldier (uniforms, weapons, camp life, etc); life as a colonist (clothing, money, community and religion, etc.); life on the frontier (clothing, Native American relations, living conditions, etc.); life as an indentured servant or as a slave; period flags; period music, etc. It should be left to the chapter Education Team Leader and the State Education Outreach Coordinator to make the call on what constitutes an appropriate presentation. A new venue or audience is just that. If you have a presentation you have done for your chapter and go do it for another chapter, the local DAR Chapter or the Lions Club those are new venues. If you have a class you do for the local 5th Grade Class every year then that is a new audience every year.

The number of presentations required is based on the size of the chapter. The larger the chapter the more presentations required to earn the streamer. The reason is that a larger chapter has more compatriots who can give presentations and therefore more opportunities than the smaller chapters. The objective of the PG's Program is to recognize those chapters who are taking education outreach to the American people and raising the profile of the SAR in their communities. Program Streamer Requirements:

Chapter with less than 41 Members:	3 Presentations
Chapters with 41 to 80 Members:	5 Presentations
Chapters with 81 to 120 Members:	7 Presentations
Chapters with more than 120 Members:	9 Presentations

The reporting period is 1 January to 31 December annually and the award winners are derived from information provided in the annual Americanism Report.

Ohanesian History Presentations Award

The Ohanesian History Presentations Award, approved in 2020, is presented to those chapters whose members collectively, make the most oral presentations on any aspect of the American Revolution to classes/groups in schools (K-12) (75% public & 25% other educational institutions) in their respective geographic service areas. Those chapter members making such presentations should wear some interpretive version of a uniform worn by patriots. The award was created to encourage more chapters to conduct Education Outreach in schools across the country.

This award is a $500 cash award to the top chapter in each of the following categories. In the event of a tie in a category, each chapter so "tied" shall receive $500. The award cannot be won two (2) years in a row. Awards are presented ***to chapters only*** for the following categories: 10 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to 199, and 200 or more members. Award winners are derived from information provided in the annual Americanism Report.

The Council of Youth Programs Outstanding Participation Award

This award is presented annually at the SAR Congress to the state societies that have fulfilled the qualifications during the previous year. To qualify each state society must submit state entries to at least six (6) of the seven (7) national youth contests (King Eagle Scout, Rumbaugh Orations, Knight Essay, JROTC, Sgt. Adams Brochure, Americanism Poster and American History Teacher).

States societies will receive a certificate and streamer each year that they qualify for the award.

The Council of Youth Programs determines which state societies have qualified.

The Historic Preservation Award

The Historic Preservation Award, approved in 2023, is awarded to a State Society or Chapter which has made a significant contribution to the historic preservation of the American Revolution, its patriots and the heritage of our nation's founding era. The award will recognize contributions made during the period from May 1 to April 30 each year.

Up to three awards will be presented in each of three regions: East, Central, and West. Awards will be presented during the Annual Congress Awards Program. The East Region is comprised of the New England, North Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, and South Atlantic SAR Districts. The Central Region is comprised of the Central, Southern, Great Lakes, North Central, and South Central SAR Districts. The West Region is comprised of the Rocky Mountain, Intermountain, Pacific, Western, European, and International SAR Districts.

Entries will be judged by a panel of at least 3 and no more than 5 members of the History Committee as appointed by the Historian General at the Spring Trustees Meeting. The results will

be consolidated by the Vice-Chair of the History Committee and submitted to the Historian General for approval and forwarding to the National Society Executive Director no later than 1 June.

AWARDS FOR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

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

President General's State Society and Chapter Activities Streamer Award

The President General's State Society and Chapter Activities Streamer Award was initiated in 1978. State Societies and chapters competed for the award by accumulating points awarded for various program activities during the previous calendar year (January 1 to December 31).

In 2008, the Americanism Committee began the process of revising the criteria for this contest at the suggestion of the Medals and Awards Committee. Beginning with the 2009 contest, the President General's State Society and Chapter Activities Streamer Award is awarded to the State Societies and Chapters that demonstrate the best program of administrative support of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The deadline for submission is March 1. Participating chapters and state societies report accumulated points to the Americanism Committee Chairman in accordance with the contest guidelines set forth by the Americanism Committee and published as part of the Americanism Award / President General's Streamer Combined Score Sheet. This Score Sheet may be downloaded from the Americanism Committee Web Page on the NSSAR Web Site. The Score Sheet must be submitted in its entirety to qualify as a valid entry for this competition.

Awards recognize the most active state societies and chapters. Four first place awards for state societies and chapters will be offered based on membership size:

State Societies: 10 to 199, 200 to 499, 500 to 999, and 1,000 or more members;
Chapters: 10 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to 199, and 200 or more members.

Determination of which category an entrant competes in will be determined by membership on January 1 of the contest year.

The Americanism Committee judges the contest at the Spring Leadership meeting and the awards are presented at the following Annual Congress.

A President General's Streamer is awarded to the winner of each category. The streamer is made of cloth, carries the National Society's colors with lettering in gold stating "President General's Activities Award" and the years involved. It is approximately 1 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.

Allene Wilson Groves Americanism Award

This award, named for Allene Wilson Groves (1896 – 1986) of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, who was President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution (1956 – 1959), is presented to the State Society which conducted the most complete programs or activities during the previous calendar year (January 1 to December 1) 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.

In 2008, the Americanism Committee began the process of revising the criteria for this contest at the suggestion of the Medals and Awards Committee. Beginning with the 2009 contest year, the Allene Wilson Groves Americanism Award is awarded to the State Societies that demonstrated the best program of outreach to their local community in support of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The award is divided into four categories based on membership size: 10 to 199, 200 to 499, 500 to 999, and 1,000 or more members. Determination of which category an entrant competes in will be determined by membership on January 1 of the contest year.

The Americanism Committee judges the contest at the Spring Leadership meeting and the award is presented at the following Annual Congress. An Americanism Streamer will be presented to the winner of each membership category. The streamer is made of cloth, carries the National Society's colors with lettering in gold to state "Allene Wilson Groves Americanism Award" and the years involved. It is approximately 1 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.

The deadline for submission is March 1. Participating state societies and chapters report accumulated points to the Americanism Committee Chairman in accordance with the contest guidelines set forth by the Americanism Committee and published as part of the Americanism Award / President General's Streamer Combined Score Sheet. This Score Sheet may be downloaded from the Americanism Committee Web Page on the NSSAR Web Site. The Score Sheet must be submitted in its entirety to qualify as a valid entry for this competition.

Liberty Bell Americanism Award

This award is presented to the Chapter that conducted the most complete programs or activities during the previous calendar year (January 1 to December 1) that created, supported or promoted a better understanding in its own community of such SAR resolutions and of the fundamental American traditions that governed their formulation and adoption.

In 2008, the Americanism Committee began the process of revising the criteria for this contest at the suggestion of the Medals and Awards Committee. Beginning with the 2009 contest year, the Liberty Bell Americanism Award is awarded to the Chapter that demonstrated the best program of outreach to their local community in support of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The award is divided into four categories based on membership size: 10 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to

199, and 200 or more members. Determination of which category an entrant competes in will be determined by membership on January 1 of the contest year.

The Americanism Committee judges the contest at the Spring Leadership meeting and the award is presented at the following Annual Congress. An Americanism Streamer will be presented to the winner of each membership category. The streamer is made of cloth, carries the National Society's colors with lettering in gold to state "Allene Wilson Groves Americanism Award" and the years involved. It is approximately 1 1/2" wide and 3' in length, with a grommet in the end so that the award may be affixed to the top of a society's or chapter's flagstaff. A certificate signed by the President General accompanies the streamer.

The deadline for submission is March 1. Participating state societies and chapters report accumulated points to the Americanism Committee Chairman in accordance with the contest guidelines set forth by the Americanism Committee and published as part of the Americanism Award / President General's Streamer Combined Score Sheet. This Score Sheet may be downloaded from the Americanism Committee Web Page on the NSSAR Web Site. The Score Sheet must be submitted in its entirety to qualify as a valid entry for this competition.

President General's Cup

Former President General Edgar Williamson, Jr. originated the President General's Cup in February 1956. It was essentially a scrapbook contest but the rules were changed in 2008 to omit the scrapbook entry since the documentation collected on the Score Sheets used for the Americanism and President General's Streamer contests document the activities of the Chapter in a manner similar to and, in some cases, in a more complete manner than a traditional scrapbook. It is the opinion of the Americanism Committee that the President General's Cup remains a type of scrapbook contest without the requirement of a physical book being produced.

This award is presented to the Chapter (or State Society having no chapters) that conducted the best overall programs and activities during the previous calendar year (January 1 to December 1) that created, supported or promoted a better understanding in its own community of such SAR resolutions and of the fundamental American traditions that governed their formulation and adoption.

The deadline for submission is March 1. Participating state societies and chapters report accumulated points to the Americanism Committee Chairman in accordance with the contest guidelines set forth by the Americanism Committee and published as part of the Americanism Award / President General's Streamer Combined Score Sheet. This Score Sheet may be downloaded from the Americanism Committee Web Page on the NSSAR Web Site. The Score Sheet must be submitted in its entirety to qualify as a valid entry for this competition. No separate entry form is necessary as the already submitted President General's Chapter Activities Competition Award and the Allene Wilson Groves and Liberty Bell Americanism Awards score sheets will be used.

The award is divided into four categories based on membership size: 10 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to 199, and 200 or more members. Determination of which category an entrant competes in will be

determined by membership on January 1 of the contest year.

The Americanism Committee judges the contest at the Spring Leadership meeting and the award is presented at the following Annual Congress. To qualify for consideration for this award, the entrant must have reported points in at least 75% of the categories listed on the Score Sheet. The winner will be determined through a formula that includes consideration of a cap of points allowed in any single activity as well as a points-per-member ratio based on membership of the chapter at December 31. The chapter with the highest points per member based on this calculation will be the winner. The same chapter may not win two years in a row.

Genealogist General's Award

The purpose of this award is to incentivize state societies to submit to the National Society only such membership applications that comply with SAR genealogy standards and are fully documented by primary sources. Such applications may be reviewed and approved by the Genealogy Staff quickly.

This award is presented to the three state societies with the lowest percentages of pended applications for the year. These three state societies shall each be awarded a streamer.

The Genealogist General's award is based on the number of applications still pended at the end of a calendar year, as a percentage of the total number of applications submitted from a state society during the same calendar year. For example, given Calendar Year X and the total number of applications submitted from a state society during Calendar Year X, what percentage of these applications are pended by the Genealogy Staff, and remain pended after the Genealogy Staff completes its review of all applications received during Calendar Year X?

Applications received within the year that are pended, but are subsequently approved within the same calendar year, shall not be included in the calculation of pended applications as a percentage of the total applications received within that year. But once the Staff's review of all applications received through December is complete, the opportunity to correct pended applications shall have passed with regard to the calculation of pended applications as a percentage of the total applications received within that year. This means that applications that are received early in the year and are pended stand a better chance to be corrected and approved by the end of the year, than applications that are received in the latter part of the year and are pended. Regarding this award, for those applications that are received in the latter part of the year and pended, there may not be an opportunity to correct them and have them approved before the Staff finishes its review of all applications received through December.

The total number of applications shall include applications for new members, new junior members, memorial applications, supplemental applications, and junior supplemental applications.

The calculation of the percentage of pended applications for the year shall be to two places to the right of the decimal point (e.g., 2.59, not 2.593).

In the event of a tie, that state society with the greater number of applications received during the calendar year shall be the winner.

Only those state societies shall be eligible to compete that submit a total number of applications equal to, or greater than, the greater of 25 or 7% of the respective state society's membership as of December 31 of the preceding year, as reported on the state society's annual report.

The Genealogist General shall be the final arbiter of the winners.

Registrar General's Award for Retention

The purpose of this award is to incentivize state societies for the "retention" of membership as well as to complete their Annual Reconciliation Reports. The award consists of a certificate signed by the President General, a check for $100, and a flag streamer. It is presented to the three state societies with the highest ranking within their size category for retention over the past five year period as described below. In the event of a tie in ranking of any of the top three places, all state societies involved (e.g., four state societies) would receive the award. The Registrar General is the final arbiter of all winners.

The Registrar General's Award for Retention is based on ranking of the average of the percentages of the starting (post-annual reconciliations) and ending (pre-annual reconciliations) membership figures of the five most recent years, as maintained by the Staff Registrar. For example, calendar years 2013-2017 would be used for the awards to be given at the 2018 Congress. The percent Retention is first computed for each of the five years; those percentages are then averaged and the resulting average is ranked. Three state societies with the highest percentage of retention are selected within the categories of less than 100 members, 101-499 members, and 500+ members.

Using five years provides a broader basis and a longer term view of retention upon which the awards are made. An Excel spreadsheet has been created in which all calculations are done by formulas, so that no manual calculations are necessary. Calculations are made four places to the right of the decimal point. The spreadsheet is compiled by the Staff Registrar and Operations Director to determine the awards for presentation at Congress.

Annual Reconciliation Reports are due from the state societies to NSSAR by January 31. Those states for which the Reconciliation process is incomplete by March 31 would be ineligible for this award. All State Societies regardless of size are eligible. State societies may be repeat winners within their size category from year to year as a reflection of attaining the goal of the highest percentage of retention.

William M. Melone Award

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

Matthew B. Sellers, III Award

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

Richard H. Thompson, Jr. Award

This award is presented to the state society which has the smallest number of members dropped from the rolls by reason of failure to pay dues.

Kentucky Cup

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

Eugene C. McGuire Award

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

DAR/SAR Award

This award, authorized in 1990 and revamped in 2018, recognizes D.A.R. State Societies for their contributions in identifying prospective SAR members and assisting those individuals identified with researching information necessary to complete the SAR membership application.

There are two separate calculations to this award:

1. *By Percentage*: To the D.A.R. State Society recruiting new SAR Compatriots calculated as a percentage of the respective SAR State Society's membership as of December 31st of the contest year; or
2. *By Raw Number*: To the D.A.R. State Society recruiting new SAR Compatriots calculated based on the total number of DAR Finder Forms submitted by the SAR State Society.

For each award, the award consists of a certificate to the SAR State Society and a cash prize to the respective D.A.R. State Society as follows: 1st place, $300.00; 2nd place, $200.00; 3rd place, $100.00. A total of six (6) awards are presented annually.

The competition runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year. To be counted, a DAR Finder Report Form, available on the SAR website, must be attached to the application packet; the forms must be filled out and submitted with the new member application. The NSSAR Staff Registrar uses these forms to determine the winner. Applications without the form cannot be counted toward the competition. A separate form must be included with each application received and will be counted toward the contest after the application is approved. Multiple applications cannot be applied to one form.

Arthur J. Tremble Award - The 1776 Trophy

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

Walter G. Sterling Award

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

Len Young Smith Award

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

Ohio Award

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

Colorado Award

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

Texas Award

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

Houston Chapter Award

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

Robert L. Sonfield Award

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

Senator Robert A. Taft Award

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

AWARDS FOR SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN MEMBERSHIP

N.S.C.A.R. Activity Streamer

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

Harold L. Putnam Award

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

Edwin B. Graham Plaque

This plaque hangs in the headquarters building and is inscribed annually with the names of the winning orator and sponsoring state society.

John C. Haughton Enhanced JROTC Award

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

George S. & Stella M. Knight Award

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

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 national winner of the SAR Eagle Scout Contest. The award consists of a three-dimensional bronze eagle mounted on a wooden base.

Thomas Jefferson Bond, Jr. Memorial Photographic Award

This award was created and funded by Wilma 'Sunni' M. Bond as a memorial to Thomas J. Bond, Jr. (1936-1997). The annual award shall recognize and reward the compatriot whose photographic entry is selected as the most representative of patriotism. The money given to NSSAR by Mrs. Bond is to be invested in such a manner as to yield at least $1,000 annually in earnings, said

earnings up to $1,000 to be presented to the winner. If the earnings in any year are less than $1,000, the award shall be given in increments of $100 (i.e., $900). Any excess earnings shall be added to the principal. An SAR certificate, appropriately embossed, shall accompany the award. Incidental administrative expenses, i.e., the cost of the certificate, may be deducted from earnings prior to any excess reverting to principal. Should the name of this award ever be changed by NSSAR, the original $20,000 donation shall revert to the Bond Memorial Trust as of the date of any such name change.

Entries are to be no greater than 8½" x 11" in size, unmatted and unframed, and may be in color or black-and-white. Only one entry per compatriot will be accepted. Entries are to be sent to NSSAR Headquarters for judging during the Spring Leadership Meeting. All photos to be considered must be received by the Executive Director no later than February 15 of each calendar year.

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

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

The Winston C. Williams SAR MAGAZINE Award

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

Jennings H. Flathers Award

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

All newsletters or periodicals for judging should be sent to the Chairman of the Newsletters and Periodicals Committee by December 15. Those issues produced during the previous year will be

judged by the NSSAR committee prior to the Spring Leadership Meeting for presentation at the upcoming Congress. Specific guidelines are available on the SAR web site or from the committee chairman.

Eleanor Smallwood Niebell Award

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

Paul M. Niebell, Sr. Award

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

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

Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr. Award

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

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

Carl F. Bessent Award

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

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

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

Colonel Stewart Boone McCarty Award

This award, first presented in 1996, is presented to the compatriot who has best furthered the preservation of United States History and its traditional teaching in our schools. The winner of this contest receives a monetary award.

Minnesota Society Stephen Taylor Award

This award, first authorized in 1979, is presented to the Compatriot who by research and writings has made a significant contribution to the preservation of the history of the American Revolutionary era and its patriots. The National Society Historian General determines the winner.

Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award

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

To qualify each state society and at least 50% of its chapters must present at least one NSSAR Flag Certificate to a person or organization who qualifies during the previous calendar year. 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.

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

U.S. Flag Retirement Award

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

To qualify each state society and at least 50% of its chapters must present at least one NSSAR U.S. Flag Retirement Certificate to a person or organization who qualifies during the previous calendar year.

State societies are to advise the chairman of the Flag Committee of their qualifications by April 15 each year. Societies that 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.

USS Stark Memorial Award

The USS Stark Memorial Award, authorized in 1988 and revised in 2021, was established to memorialize those brave men and women who continue to stand at the forefront to preserve the freedoms our patriotic ancestors fought so long and hard to achieve. Its purpose is to recognize outstanding chapters and state societies within the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for their participation with the Veteran community and supporting activities of the NSSAR Veterans Committee.

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

Awards will recognize the most active chapters and state societies. First place certificates will be awarded to chapters based on membership size: 10 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to 199, and 200 or more, using a weighted equation on a per member basis. First place certificates will be awarded to state societies based on membership size: 10 to 199, 200 to 499, 500 to 999 and 1,000 or more using a weighted equation on a per member basis. The chapter and state awards cannot be won for two consecutive years. An Honorable Mention Certificate may be awarded at the discretion of the Veterans Committee.

State Veterans Service Award

The State Veterans Service Award, authorized in 2021, is to provide recognition to the state societies based on the percentage of their chapters submitting reports for the USS Stark Memorial Award. This program runs from 01 January to 31 December of each year. The report is due to the Veterans Committee chairman no later than February 1. A certificate will be awarded to each qualifying state society annually at the SAR National Congress. To qualify for the award, a state society must meet the following requirements:

1. the state society submits a USS Stark Memorial score sheet,
2. the state society's chapters submit USS Stark Memorial Award score sheets meeting the applicable criteria in the following:
    a. *for societies with no chapters*: society only submit a USS Stark Memorial Award score sheet with a minimum of 50 points; or

b. *for societies with one (1) or more chapters*: at least 50% of the state society's chapters must submit a USS Stark Memorial Award score sheet each with a minimum of 50 points; and

3. all USS Stark Memorial score sheets for the state society and its chapters shall be sent prior to the contest deadline. Only those score sheets for the state society and its chapters sent prior to the contest deadline will be considered towards this award.

Syracuse Award

This award is presented to the state society that chartered the highest number of new chapters during the past year.

Robert B. Vance Award

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

Howard F. Horne, Jr. Award

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

Walter Buchanan "Buck" Meek Award

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

Friends of the Library "Franklin Flyer" Award

This award is presented to State Societies, according to size category, with the largest recruitment of Friends of the Library as a percentage increase of Friends of the Library members as compared to the State Society's total membership as of December 31 of each year. Tabulations and calculations for this award will be made by the Librarian and forwarded to the Librarian General who shall confirm the findings and forward results to the Chairman of the Library Committee before February 1 for final approval by the Committee at the Spring Leadership Meeting. After approval, the Chairman will inform the Director of Operations who prepares the award material for presentation at the National Congress. In addition to individual SAR members, any State Society or Chapter that becomes a Friend of the Library member will be counted as the equivalent of one individual. Four first place awards will be made to State Societies based on membership sizes of 10 to 199, 200 to 499, 500 to 999, and 1,000 or more members. The same State Society for its size category may not win two years in a row. The award will consist of a certificate, cash award of $100, and a "Franklin Flyer" Streamer.

Officers Streamer Award

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

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

Partners in Patriotism Streamer Award

NSSAR Partners in Patriotism program is for the SAR to partner with any Veterans organization i.e. American Legion, VFW, AMVETS or one of the numerous others veterans groups in grave rededications, grave markings, parades, flag retirements or any program that the SAR conducts with the help from the Veterans or any Veterans organization that ask the SAR for help in conducting an event. Most important thing is to report the event to the Patriotic Outreach Committee Chairman or the Partners in Patriotism Vice Chairman. This program runs from 01 June to 31 May of each year. The report is due to the Patriotic Outreach committee chairman no later than June 1.

Sestercentennial (250th Anniversary) Recognition Award

State Societies and Chapters are encouraged to participate in local, state, national and international events which publically educate, and recognize, honor, and celebrate our Patriot ancestors during the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution (2014 to 2033). Streamers will be awarded based on the level of Compatriot participation in action events, excluding planning and event execution.

The streamer will be patterned red/white/blue/white/red and contain the following words in bronze, silver or gold, depending on the level achieved, in the blue portion of the streamer: “The SAR Promotes America's 250th Anniversary”. Subsequent years in which the chapter maintains that level will be awarded stars affixed to the streamer.

Streamers shall be awarded based on a count of total participation points earned by all Compatriots for whom a chapter is their home chapter, following the first event conducted. Points will be averaged by the size of the chapter at the start of the year in which the event is held. Subsequent awards are based on the participation in events in that calendar year, averaged by the number of members at the start of each subsequent year.

a. Bronze Streamer: an average of 10% participation.
b. Silver Streamer: an average of 25% participation.
c. Gold Streamer: an average of 50% participation.

For more information, please see additional information contained in Volume V.