

Liberty's Legacy National Program Packet



2026-2027

The National Society
of the
Children of the American Revolution



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Dear C.A.R. Members,

Two hundred and fifty years ago, young boys and girls played a quiet but powerful role in the fight for American independence. Too young to hold official rank and often overlooked by history, they served as messengers, drummers, nurses, and even spies. Their courage and dedication helped sustain the patriot cause throughout the American Revolution, demonstrating a deep commitment to the ideals of liberty and service. Though their stories are not always widely known, their sacrifices and contributions remain an important part of our nation's founding.

This year, C.A.R. will explore the theme of "**Liberty's Legacy**" by recognizing and honoring the role children played during the American Revolution. As our nation continues the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America, we are proud to partner with the National Park Service in support of the creation of interactive panels recognizing the contributions of youth during the American Revolution. The first two panels will be placed in Yorktown, helping educate visitors about the lasting impact children had on the patriot cause during our nation's fight for independence. We will also continue strengthening the future of C.A.R. through support of the N.S.C.A.R. Operating Fund, ensuring the legacy of our organization for generations to come.

Please use this National Program Packet to guide you through an exciting and educational year celebrating **Liberty's Legacy!** Members are encouraged to make history engaging and meaningful through creative and hands-on activities. The suggestions provided with each program are merely ideas for possible activities, and your society is encouraged to develop new imaginative programs.

Together, we will celebrate **Liberty's Legacy** and preserve the stories of the young patriots who helped shape our nation, ensuring their legacy continues to inspire future generations.

William Elston
National President
2025–2026

National Contest Entry Instructions

Contests may be entered via U.S. postal mail **OR** email **OR** online submission.

- Use the National Contest Entry Form for ALL contests.
- Use only one entry for each individual contest within each committee.
- Entries are limited to 8 single-sided pages and 4MB
- Contest reporting period: March 1, 2026 – February 28, 2027.

U.S. POSTAL MAIL ENTRIES:

Any entry that is submitted non-electronically will need to be sent to the member and senior chairs. If there are multiple chairs, all need to receive a copy. The addresses can be found in the roster distributed with the packet or on the website under the eCAR tab. Contest entries **WILL NOT** be judged if sent to C.A.R. National Headquarters. Please call (202-638-3153) or e-mail hq@nscar.org if you cannot locate the address for an entry.

**All mailed entries MUST BE POSTMARKED
on or before March 8, 2027.**

EMAIL ENTRIES:

Each electronic entry **MUST BE E-MAILED** to the seniors and members (if there are co-chairs or senior co-chairs send it to all people) and contests@nscar.org on or before March 8, 2027, by 11:59 pm in your time zone.

Please submit as ONE PDF file including the National Contest Entry Form as the cover page and all supporting documentation per contest. Files are still limited to 8 supporting pages. Click on this link [Contest Entry Form](#) for a Google Doc entry form. You can also find it on the website.

Videos may be submitted (you must still have contest entry form completed and be less than 3 minutes) with a clickable hyperlink available on the contest entry PDF. Videos must be accessible without special login credentials.

You will receive a confirmation email of submission when they get processed by the awards chairs and when received by the member and senior chairs. The contest e-mail is checked during business hours. Please do not send multiple e-mails if you do not receive immediate confirmation.

**All emailed entries MUST BE RECEIVED by 11:59 pm
in your time zone on or before March 8, 2027.**

ONLINE ENTRIES

Each online entry may be submitted online through www.nscar.org on or before March 8, 2027, by 11:59 pm in your time zone.

Only Senior Society Presidents can submit here at this time.

To enter:

- Visit www.nscar.org and log in to your account.
- Click the resources tab
- Choose Society Administration from the drop-down menu.
- Scroll all the way down to the bottom of the page
- Click 'Select Society for Contests'.
- Choose your society. If your society is not listed, you are not able to enter at this time.
- Select committee
- Select contest type
- Upload your contest entry

Entry has to be in PDF format AND maximum file size is 4 MB

Your entry has now been submitted. The member(s) and seniors(s) will receive notification that your entry has been submitted and is available for retrieval.

Your entry will then be listed on the submission page. (This may not show immediately.)

**All online entries MUST BE RECEIVED by 11:59 pm
in your time zone on or before March 8, 2027.**

National Contest Entry Form

Office or Committee			
Contest			
Society		State	
# members		# participating, total	
# prospective members		# guests	
Society President		Senior Society President	
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City		City	
State	ZIP + 4® Code	State	ZIP + 4® Code
E-mail		E-mail	
<p>Documentation of your program is required. Please attach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Photographs of displays, projects, and events - Scripts of original programs - Proof of financial and/or material donations - Verification of ALL volunteer hours - All other documentation of your required work to accomplish this program 			
I do NOT wish to have my entry posted on the N.S.C.A.R. website			
Details of donations (material and/or financial, number of volunteer hours)			
Details of how this officer's or committee's program was accomplished			
Statement written by a member (or transcribed for younger members) about what they learned or were excited about while participating in this program			

National Theme & Project

National President
Will Eston

Senior National President
Jamie Durham Burchfield

This year, the National Project will partner with the National Park Service to recognize and honor the contributions of youth during the American Revolution. Funds raised through the National Project will support the creation of interactive educational panels in Yorktown that highlight the important but often overlooked role children played in the fight for American independence. These panels will help bring this history to life for visitors as our nation continues the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the United States.

This year's National Theme is "*Liberty's Legacy*." The theme was chosen to recognize the service, leadership, and patriotism demonstrated by the young people of the Revolutionary era while connecting their example to the members of C.A.R. today. Through this project, members are encouraged to explore how youth shaped our nation's founding and how they can continue that legacy within their own communities.

As a National Society, we will work toward the goals of raising \$50,000 for the interactive panel initiative and \$10,000 for the N.S.C.A.R. Operating Fund to help ensure the continued success of our organization. Members are also encouraged to participate in the Leadership Legacy Campaign by completing service hours, leadership development activities, and individual fundraising efforts throughout the year. For more information, visit nscar.org, and look under the National Project and Program tab.

Program: Learn about and present programs on the important role children played during the American Revolution and how young people contributed to the patriot cause through service, leadership, and sacrifice. Celebrate America 250 with C.A.R. by registering for the Leadership Legacy Campaign.

National President Award *(continued)*

Suggested program topics may include:

- Young messengers, drummers, nurses, and spies of the Revolution
- Families and children during the Revolutionary War
- The effects of the Revolutionary War on Indigenous children and families

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Participate in the Leadership Legacy Campaign
2. Create a presentation or poster highlighting the role children played during the American Revolution.
3. Host a trivia night, scavenger hunt, or interactive game focused on youth during the Revolutionary era.
4. Visit a local historical site, battlefield, or museum connected to the American Revolution and discuss how young people may have experienced or contributed to events there.
5. Organize a community service project that demonstrates how members can continue *Liberty's Legacy* through leadership and service today.

Contest:

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$70
Second Place	\$50
Third Place	\$30
Fourth Place	\$20
Fifth Place	\$10

National Merit Award

Chair
Sam Schenck

Senior Chair
Gwen Parks

Purpose: Promote the National Programs and National Project for the current year.

Program: Use *Liberty's Legacy* within your local society to complete all requirements to achieve Gold Merit Award.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Use the National Merit requirements to structure your C.A.R. year.
2. Host a planning meeting to encourage members and prospective members to get more involved with the 2026-2027 National Program Packet.
3. Focus on time management. Create a schedule for sending newsletters, dues, and donations.
4. Create a newsletter template that satisfies all requirements to ensure correct publication.
5. Recruit new members.
6. Encourage new or existing members to become Life Members. *There is a discount for paying life membership*
7. Provide information about the different funds C.A.R. supports so members and seniors understand the significance of the donations.
8. Submit articles, games, or activities to the *Children of the American Revolution Magazine*.

National Merit Award (*continued*)

Participate in as many National Programs and Contests as possible, to aid in supporting the National Project of *Liberty's Legacy*. Participation in-person, hybrid, and online is encouraged, whatever works for your society!

Gold Merit Award

280 Points

Blue Merit Award

230 Points

Red Merit Award

180 Points

Honorable Mention

130 Points

Certificate of Appreciation

All Submissions

SEE PAGE 30 FOR NATIONAL MERIT AWARD GUIDELINES

The National and Senior National Chairs are happy to answer any questions. All relevant contact information may be found in the National Roster.

Please scan your Merit Award entry before you submit it. They WILL NOT be returned.

Mail in deadline March 3, 2027

Electronic deadline March 8, 2027

America 250

Chair
Gray Bobo

Senior Chair
Nancy Tims

Purpose: To commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. Members are encouraged to plan and participate in celebrations and programs that mark significant events during the American Revolution.

Program: All societies are encouraged to dive into history between March 1, 1776, and June 30, 1777.

1776:

- June 7, 1776: The Lee Resolution is proposed to the Second Continental Congress
- June 28, 1776: The British begin bombardment of Fort Sullivan in Charleston harbor. Failing to take the Fort, the British retreated to New York.
- July 4, 1776: Congress adopts the Declaration of Independence
- July 8, 1776: The Declaration of Independence is publicly read for the first time in Philadelphia.
- July 9, 1776: Sons of Liberty topple the statue of King George III in Bowling Green, New York City.
- August 27, 1776: Battle of Long Island, NY becomes the largest battle of the Revolutionary War.
- September 19, 1776: The Continental Congress officially names the nation the “United States of America.”
- September 21, 1776: Nathan Hale is captured by British forces while gathering information for the Continental Army.
- October 11, 1776: Battle of Valcour Island is fought on Lake Champlain.
- October 28, 1776: Battle of White Plains, NY.
- December 25–26, 1776: Washington crosses the Delaware River and defeats Hessian forces at the Battle of Trenton, NJ.

1777:

- January 3, 1777: American forces defeat the British at the Battle of Princeton, NJ.
- March 12, 1777: The Continental Congress adopts a flag featuring thirteen stars and thirteen stripes as a naval ensign.
- April 27, 1777: Battle of Ridgefield, CT.

1777, cont.:

- May 14, 1777: British General John Burgoyne begins his campaign south from Canada.
- June 14, 1777: Congress adopts the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.
- June 30, 1777: American forces continue defensive preparations against British advances in the northern colonies during the Saratoga campaign.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Attend/organize an event celebrating America 250.
2. Learn about the adoption of the Stars and Stripes and the history of the American flag.
3. Recreate one of the battles from 1776 – 1777 to engage your society in an immersive America 250 experience.
4. Visit in person or virtually historical sites of the American Revolution.
5. Host/attend the planting of a Liberty Tree or gather at a Liberty Tree planted in your area for a society meeting.
6. Record volunteer service hours in collaboration with the America 250 Commission’s “America Gives” initiative.

These are just SOME ideas for possible activities for this contest. We encourage and would like to see you create something new and exciting with your society for your submission.

Contest:

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$70
Second Place	\$50
Third Place	\$30
Fourth Place	\$20
Fifth Place	\$10

American Heroes

Chair
Rachel McKinnon

Senior Chair
Suzanne Young

Purpose: Honor American heroes past and present, from military service to local first responders. Members are encouraged to support their local heroes, service members both near and abroad who are serving now, as well as thank veterans, who have served in the past.

Program: Celebrate and honor veterans, active-duty military, first responders, and their role in protecting *Liberty's Legacy*.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Interview first responders in your area- what they do, what made them want to serve, etc.
2. Donate treat bags to local fire and police stations (don't forget the canine units).
3. Send care packages and/or create cards for active-duty service members.
4. Invite veterans to a local society meeting to give a program about their time and experience in the service.
5. Create a display recognizing local veterans or first responders in your community.
6. Honor the victims, survivors, first responders, and service members in remembrance of the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

These are just SOME ideas for possible activities for this contest. We encourage and would like to see you create something new and exciting with your society for your submission.

Contest:

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$70
Second Place	\$50
Third Place	\$30
Fourth Place	\$20
Fifth Place	\$10

American History

Chair
Elizabeth Young

Senior Chair
Christina Manero

Purpose: To focus on people, places, landmarks, symbols, dates, and events significant in American history. Members are encouraged to learn about the development of our country from colonial times to the present.

Program: Learn about the children who exemplified *Liberty's Legacy* during the American Revolution, the events and more that forwarded the patriot cause. Some examples are Daniel Applegate, Andrew Jackson, Sybil Ludington, and Caleb Stark.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Identify young patriots and learn about how their service propelled *Liberty's Legacy*.
2. Design artwork and displays that highlight the impact of youth in the American Revolution to showcase in your community.
3. Write letters as if you were a young patriot during the American Revolution and imagine how your life changed during the war.
4. Rewrite the Declaration of Independence from the perspective of a child living during the American Revolution or a child of today.
5. Create and play games educating members on the impact of children in the American Revolution and/or the Declaration of Independence.

These are just SOME ideas for possible activities for this contest. We encourage and would like to see you create something new and exciting with your society for your submission.

Contest:

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$70
Second Place	\$50
Third Place	\$30
Fourth Place	\$20
Fifth Place	\$10

American Traditions

Chair
Bailey Callahan

Senior Chair
Aimee Callahan

Purpose: To understand the customs, values, work, and achievements in American culture and to create a deeper understanding of family research and genealogical studies.

Program: Learn about the pastimes enjoyed by children of the revolutionary era.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Research the toys and games played by children in the Revolutionary Era. Are these games still played today? How are they the same, or how have they changed?
2. Visit a local museum, historic site, or reenactment event to learn about early family life and customs.
3. Create a game based on the games that would have been played in the Revolutionary Era or one that teaches about children in the revolutionary era.
4. Replicate a toy or game played in the revolutionary era, examples could be corn husk or rag dolls, cup and ball, stitchery, marbles, whittling, fifes, drums, etc.
5. Create a video of your society members playing revolutionary games
6. Research the music of the time and learn songs that were popular during the Revolutionary Era.
7. Hold a birthday party or other celebration using pastimes of the revolutionary period.

These are just SOME ideas for possible activities for this contest. We encourage and would like to see you create something new and exciting with your society for your submission.

Contest:

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$70
Second Place	\$50
Third Place	\$30
Fourth Place	\$20
Fifth Place	\$10

Community Impact

Chair
Daniel Klinkenberg

Senior Chair
Emily Tindall

Purpose: To participate in projects and activities that benefit the community. Members are encouraged to give back throughout their communities using the skills they have learned in C.A.R., including participation in the C.A.R. Day of Service on or around April 5 of each year, and supporting the C.A.R. supported schools.

Program: Learn about resource disparities and work to ease the impact of these issues. In addition, participate in the Annual C.A.R. Day of Service as a direct way to give your time and effort towards developing greater connection across the nation and celebrate our society's founding.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Assemble and distribute personal care packages to veterans, homeless, and women's shelters.
2. Volunteer and donate to your local food pantry or food drive.
3. Donate school supplies, clothing, and hygiene products to a local school.
4. Learn about educational and agricultural programs used in the C.A.R. supported schools and contribute to those schools' needs.
5. Participate in the third annual Founder's Day 5k with your society members.
 - a. Consider adding a service opportunity like a highway cleanup to your 5K!

These are just SOME ideas for possible activities for this contest. We encourage and would like to see you create something new and exciting with your society for your submission.

Contest:

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$70
Second Place	\$50
Third Place	\$30
Fourth Place	\$20
Fifth Place	\$10

C.A.R. Supported Schools Contact List

Berry College

2277 Martha Berry Hwy NW
Mount Berry, GA 30149-9707
706-232-5374

www.berry.edu/giving

Crossnore Communities for Children

PO Box 249
100 DAR Drive
Crossnore, NC 28616-0249
828-733-4305

www.crossnore.org/donate

Hillside School

404 Robin Hill Road
Marlborough, MA 01752-8013
508-485-2824

www.hillsideschool.net/giving/ways-to-give

Hindman Settlement School

PO Box 844
56 Education Lane
Hindman, KY 41822-0844
606-785-5475

www.hindman.org/donate/

Kate Duncan Smith DAR School, Inc.

6077 Main Street
Grant, AL 35747-8333
256-728-4236

<https://kdsdar.org/> - Click on “Support”

Conservation

Chair
Lily Wright

Senior Chair
Eva Bogino

Purpose: To build awareness about the importance of protecting natural resources and to encourage active participation with sustainable, responsible conservation practices.

Program: Make a positive impact on the environment and create a lasting *Legacy* of conservation and responsibility for future generations.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Work with your community to organize local clean-up projects to help protect parks, waterways, and community spaces.
2. Reduce waste by promoting reusable items and environmentally friendly habits and organize recycling or donation drives to reduce landfill waste.
3. Share conservation awareness through social media, newsletters, and community outreach.
4. Plan educational programs focused on natural resources and environmental issues, such as the impact of technology on our natural resources.
5. Make society meetings more environmentally friendly by reducing paper use, recycling supplies, and using reusable materials when possible.

These are just SOME ideas for possible activities for this contest. We encourage and would like to see you create something new and exciting with your society for your submission.

Contest:

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$70
Second Place	\$50
Third Place	\$30
Fourth Place	\$20
Fifth Place	\$10

Government Studies

Chair
Drew Page

Senior Chair
Kristie Campbell

Purpose: To know and understand how local, state, and federal governments work.

Program: Learn about the evolution of early American government and its lasting *Legacy* on governing today.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Create a timeline of the local or state governments and offices in your community since its founding.
2. Take a field trip to your city, county, or state government buildings, reach out to an elected official to arrange a tour of government buildings.
3. Participate in local or state government proceedings and share your experiences.
4. Explore the ways youth assisted the nation's emerging government.
5. Investigate the Declaration of Independence and the grievances against the government presented by the colonists.

These are just SOME ideas for possible activities for this contest. We encourage and would like to see you create something new and exciting with your society for your submission.

Contest:

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$70
Second Place	\$50
Third Place	\$30
Fourth Place	\$20
Fifth Place	\$10

Indigenous History

Chair
Hillary Bowman

Senior Chair
Rebecca Slaughter

Purpose: Study various aspects of Native American history, heritage and culture (e.g., food, family, agriculture, art, music, and storytelling) and tribal impact (e.g., migration, political, military) on our nation's history.

Program: Explore how Indigenous children and their communities were involved in and impacted by the Revolutionary War.

Ideas for Possible Activities:

1. Explore revolutionary period art, and how Indigenous cultures used art to express themselves and create your own.
2. Describe the daily life of Indigenous children during the colonial period, i.e. timeline, chore chart, journal entry, or drawings.
3. Discover why Indigenous nations participated in the Revolutionary War and the factors that influenced their decisions.
4. Learn about Indigenous tribes in your region and their contributions to local culture.
5. Acknowledge the ways the American Revolution changed the course of history for Indigenous children.

These are just SOME ideas for possible activities for this contest. We encourage and would like to see you create something new and exciting with your society for your submission.

Contest:

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$70
Second Place	\$50
Third Place	\$30
Fourth Place	\$20
Fifth Place	\$10

Communications

Chair
Kristen Meilahn

Senior Chair
Aryssa Damrom

Purpose: To have an informed membership in all aspects of C.A.R. work at the local, state, and national levels and to effectively communicate the work of C.A.R. and promote our activities and accomplishments to the general public to generate excitement, membership growth, and engagement with C.A.R. and our work.

Program: Develop a communications plan including newsletters, media, and community outreach.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Publicize your society's activities and community involvement to promote membership through various media sources.
2. Write articles for your local newspaper and DAR/SAR/S.R. chapters about C.A.R. and *Liberty's Legacy*.
3. Show your community how you are celebrating America 250 and *Liberty's Legacy*.
4. Create and publish a society newsletter with articles, activities, and games that represent *Liberty's Legacy* and enter the newsletter contest.
5. Create a community outreach campaign to educate and promote C.A.R. in your local community.

These are just SOME ideas for possible activities for this contest. We encourage and would like to see you create something new and exciting with your society for your submission.

Contest:

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$70
Second Place	\$50
Third Place	\$30
Fourth Place	\$20
Fifth Place	\$10

Contest:

Local society with the best newsletter

First Place*	\$70
Second Place	\$50
Third Place	\$30
Fourth Place	\$20
Fifth Place	\$10
State society with the best newsletter*	\$35

***Also wins the NSSAR Eleanor Smallwood Niebell Award
E-mail newsletters as they are published!**

Special NSSAR Contest

The Communication Committee judges the NSSAR
Eleanor Smallwood Niebell Award

Winners are announced at the N.S.C.A.R. National Convention.
Monetary awards are determined by NSSAR and presented at the NSSAR
Annual Congress each year for the following:

1. Best C.A.R. Local Society newsletter
2. Best C.A.R. State Society newsletter

**The contest entry form must be submitted for consideration in this
contest.**

State and Local Society Newsletter Guidelines

1. Publish and distribute a minimum of THREE newsletters between March 1, 2026, and February 28, 2027.
 - a. **Upon publication:** e-mail an electronic copy of each newsletter as soon as published (do not use U.S. mail) to **newsletters@nscar.org**. Newsletters will be reviewed for possible content use for the C.A.R. Magazine.
 - b. **To enter the C.A.R. Newsletter contest:** submit your three best newsletters with a contest entry form by the National Contest deadline.
2. Each newsletter must include:
 - a. Page One
 - i. Society Name
 - ii. State
 - iii. Date
 - iv. N.S.C.A.R. website: www.nscar.org
 - b. Society President Name and E-mail Address
 - c. Senior Society President Name, Phone and E-mail Address
 - d. 2026-2027 National Theme: ***Liberty's Legacy***
 - e. Mention of the 2026-2027 National Project
 - f. Article by a member, puzzle/game written by a member, including name of member and age
 - g. Announcement of new members (no contact information)
3. List of member and senior officers and chairs (one issue only); a separate society yearbook fulfills this requirement.
4. State Societies ONLY
 - a. Publish donation pins after September 1 (one issue)
Apple Slice, 4 Celebrate C.A.R.! Fund pins, 3 Endowment Fund pins, Library Fund, Magazine Fund, Mountain Schools Fund, Museum Major Benefactor Red Apple, Niebell Fund, 3 Operating Fund pins, and Voyager Fund.

DAR Relations

Chair
Catherine Young

Senior Chair
Holly Hamilton

Purpose: Foster a vibrant relationship with members of the Daughters of the American Revolution to recruit new members, senior leaders, and support for C.A.R. activities and projects and encourage C.A.R. members to become dual members of C.A.R./DAR.

Program: Expand on your involvement and strengthen your partnership with local DAR Chapters.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Always remember to include DAR! Invite them to meetings, parades, community events, local, state, region and national meetings.
2. Recruit and retain active dual members by promoting membership in both C.A.R. and DAR.
3. Did you know that this is how the parent organization Traveling Banners are awarded at the National Convention?
4. Present a program to DAR chapters about C.A.R. and *Liberty's Legacy*.
5. Enter contests and apply for scholarships sponsored by DAR (Found in the back of this packet).
6. Encourage DAR members to “sign up” to be senior leaders and mentors.

These are just SOME ideas for possible activities for this contest. We encourage and would like to see you create something new and exciting with your society for your submission.

Contest:

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$70
Second Place	\$50
Third Place	\$30
Fourth Place	\$20
Fifth Place	\$10

Leadership Development

Chair
Jackson Morlock

Senior Chair
Deidre Grawl

Purpose: Continue to develop effective member and senior leaders committed to the C.A.R. Mission and enhance the C.A.R. experience for all participants. Create leadership programs and activities accessible to members and seniors at all levels of C.A.R.

Program: Encourage members of all ages to become “Lothrop Leaders” and participate in the inaugural year of our leadership development program.

Our founder, Harriett Lothrop believed “that the hope of this country is with her youth” and that “good citizens cannot be made suddenly, they must grow.” To encourage this growth among our members, the National Society introduces the Lothrop Leaders program. This individual leadership development program, for all ages, aims to supplement the programs and work of our societies to grow good citizens.

PeeWee Professionals (0-5 years old)

Complete a minimum of 3 activities below.

- Reading list - Attend a nighttime read along hosted by N.S.C.A.R.
 - Draw a picture from your favorite book
- Service - Participate in a service activity
 - Create and send a card to a local hero
- Leadership Training - Attend a leadership training session
- Learn and record yourself reciting the C.A.R. Motto

Professionals in Training - P.I.T. Crew (6-12 years old)

Complete a minimum of 5 activities below.

- Reading list - Picture depicting an event in a book OR write a one paragraph summary
- Learn and record yourself reciting the Americans Creed
- Service - Participate in two service projects
- Volunteer hours - 2 hours (Record on N.S.C.A.R. website)
- Leadership Training - Attend a leadership training session
- Create an activity or game and submit it to the C.A.R. Magazine

P.I.T. Crew (6-12 years old), cont.

- Make a social media post and submit it to the Communications Committee
 - Why did you join C.A.R.?
 - What is your favorite part of C.A.R.?
 - What skills have you learned in C.A.R.?

Professional Patriot (13-17 years old)

- Reading list - One page book summary OR be a part of a book club.
- Service - Help run a service project
- Volunteer hours - 5 (Record on N.S.C.A.R. website)
- Leadership Training - Attend a leadership training session
- Create an activity or game and submit it to the C.A.R. Magazine
- Make a social media post and submit it to the Communications Committee
 - Why did you join C.A.R.?
 - What is your favorite part of C.A.R.?
 - What skills have you learned in C.A.R.?
- Professional Development Tasks

Complete a minimum of 2 activities below.

- PeeWee pals! - Exchange letters with a PeeWee
- Create a C.A.R. elevator pitch
- Create a meeting agenda
- Write and send a professional email inviting a national/state officer to your meeting

Founders University (18-22 years old)

- Reading list - One page book summary OR be a part of a book club.
- Service - Help create and run a service project
- Volunteer Hours - 10 (Record on N.S.C.A.R. website)
- Leadership Training - Attend a leadership training session
- Create an activity or game and submit it to the C.A.R. Magazine
- Make a social media post and submit it to the Communications Committee
 - Why did you join C.A.R.?
 - What is your favorite part of C.A.R.?
 - What skills have you learned in C.A.R.?

Founders University, cont.

- Professional Development Tasks

Complete a minimum of two activities below.

- Construct a resume tailored to a profession of your choice
- Write a donor request letter and send it to a local DAR/SAR/S.R. chapter
- Create a LinkedIn Profile and share your C.A.R. leadership experience
- Meet with a C.A.R. Alumni or senior to network in an area of study you are interested in

All members completing the requirements per age group will be recognized with a certificate announced at the National Convention and listed in The C.A.R. Magazine.

Certificates presented to the Societies with:

Highest number of participants

First Place	\$30
Second Place	\$20
Third Place	\$10

Highest Percentage of participants

First Place	\$30
Second Place	\$20
Third Place	\$10

All societies with 100% participation will be recognized.

Membership

Chair Anthony Green	Senior Chair Catherine Jimenez
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Purpose: To strengthen, grow, and sustain the membership of the National Society by fostering meaningful, engaging, and enjoyable experiences for members.

Program: Find ways to recruit and retain C.A.R. members and highlight the benefits of joining C.A.R.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Visit nearby DAR, SAR and S.R. chapters and use N.S.C.A.R. presentations and brochures to talk about the benefits of C.A.R.
2. Have a fun and appealing meeting for members, personally inviting members who have not been active.
3. Invite members of other patriotic, youth, leadership, or lineage organizations to come to a C.A.R. event.
4. Celebrate new members with the special America 250 certificate!
5. Invite members from other societies to join your local meeting or hold a joint meeting with another society.
6. Hold a C.A.R. meeting at a community event or host your own to commemorate America 250!
7. Assign a mentor for each new member and senior to welcome them and enhance their C.A.R. experience.

These are just SOME ideas for possible activities for this contest. We encourage and would like to see you create something new and exciting with your society for your submission.

Contests: *No contest entry is needed. This contest is judged according to records at C.A.R. National Headquarters.

Local society with best program	
First Place	\$70
Second Place	\$50
Third Place	\$30
Fourth Place	\$20
Fifth Place	\$10
Local society with the greatest number of new members.*	\$50
Local society with largest increase in membership by percentage (excluding organizing societies) *	
25 members or fewer	\$50
26 members or more	\$50
State soc with the most confirmed* organizing/reorganizing soc	\$40

SAR / S.R. Relations

Chair
Connor Bragg

Senior Chair
Chuck Decker

Purpose: Foster a vibrant relationship with members of the Sons of the American Revolution and/or Sons of the Revolution to recruit new members, senior leaders, and support for C.A.R. activities and projects and encourage C.A.R. members to become dual members of C.A.R./SAR/S.R.

Program: Expand on your involvement and strengthen your partnership with local SAR/S.R. Chapters.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Always remember to include SAR/S.R.! Invite them to meetings, parades, community events, local, state, region and national meetings.
2. Recruit and retain active SAR/S.R. junior members (under age 18) by promoting membership in both C.A.R. and SAR/S.R.
3. Did you know that this is how the parent organization Traveling Banners are awarded at the National Convention?
4. Present a program to SAR/S.R. chapters about C.A.R. and *Liberty's Legacy*.
5. Enter contests and apply for scholarships sponsored by SAR/S.R. (Found in the back of this packet).
6. Encourage SAR/S.R. members to "sign up" to be senior leaders and mentors.

These are just SOME ideas for possible activities for this contest. We encourage and would like to see you create something new and exciting with your society for your submission.

Contests:

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$30
Second Place	\$20
Third Place	\$10

Guidelines for the 2026-2027 National Merit Award

N.S.C.A.R. recognizes accomplishments, activities, and hard work of the most outstanding societies. **ALL** Gold, Blue, Red and Honorable Mention societies are honored for their achievements. The top three (3) societies are chosen from among Gold Merit Award societies. All societies entering will receive a **Liberty's Legacy** Certificate of Participation.

General Information:

1. You must adhere to the limit of **50 pages**, excluding newsletters, yearbook and a copy of the treasurer's report. Anything beyond the first 50 pages **WILL NOT** be judged.
2. **ALL** pages should be numbered and referenced on the entry form. You may also submit a separate list or table of contents to identify where documentation may be found. The easier it is to find the needed information greatly increases your chances of receiving credit for each requirement.
3. **All responses will be verified with proof provided.** If you don't include documentation, then we do not have it!
4. **One PDF, no larger than 50 Mb if filing electronically**
 - a. File name should be: **SOCIETYNAME_NM_2027**.
 - b. File compression to **50 Mb** is available through **ilovepdf.com** or you can use any other free software to merge files into one PDF and compress to 50 Mb or less.
5. If sending in a hard copy, you must adhere to the **50 page maximum**, section dividers do not count as a page as long as no other information other than the section designation is used.

Return the completed entry form, with required proofs, covering the period from March 1, 2026 to February 28, 2027.

Entries must be sent to both the Member and Senior Chair.

Email entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. in your time zone on March 8, 2027

Hard copy entries sent by U.S.P.S. must be postmarked on or before March 3, 2027

Section A: Programs and Projects

1. Hold at least six (6) business meetings that begin with the opening ritual, that includes the pledge and creeds.
 - a. List the Program(s) covered
 - b. Number of participants (members, prospective members, seniors and guests)
 - c. Provide the meeting date
 - d. Provide photos of any activities related to the program(s) covered.
2. Other events such as parades, wreath laying, service projects where you meet as a society but the ritual is not performed.
 - a. Provide date(s)
 - b. Number of participants (members, prospective members, seniors and guests)
 - c. Description of the event.
 - d. Provide photos of the event, with group or individual photos as appropriate.
3. Have one program or presentation or activity on the National Project.
 - a. Invite the National President to attend, or send a statement about their project and how individual societies can support Liberty's Legacy.
 - b. Be creative and use the National Program Packet for ideas.
4. Send invitations to the National Officers or State Officers to attend one of your events either in person or via Zoom.
 - a. Provide a picture of the invitation
 - b. If no officers can attend and they sent a reply, take a snapshot or screen shot of the reply.
 - c. Officers can attend in person or via Zoom

- d. List the officers, and their titles national or state that attend.
 - e. Take photos or screen shots of attendees.
5. Host a meeting where you invite societies from around the country to attend or attend a meeting you are invited to attend and hosted by another society.
 - a. Publicize the meeting for in person or Zoom participation
 - b. Share any handouts or other documents with those who plan to attend. ie slides or materials beforehand so visiting societies can be prepared.
 - c. Societies who attend another meeting can now earn points for attendance:
 1. Document the date, who hosted, take screen shots if by Zoom or photos if attended in person.
 2. What program was covered
 3. How many members from your society attended
 4. How many seniors from your society attended

Section B: Dues

1. Society dues and the Senior Society Presidents fee **MUST** to be paid by January 1, 2027.
2. Local Societies
 - a. 11 or more families 90% of the families need to pay
 - b. 10 or fewer families all but one family needs to pay
3. Examples: 68 total members from 32 families. Must submit dues for at least 90% of the families. (29 families).
 25 total members from 9 families. Must submit dues for 8 families

Section C: Membership

To complete membership totals:

- Log into nscar.org
 - Select Society Dashboard at the top of the screen
 - Fill in the 5 membership totals requested using the information on the dashboard.
 - Provide a screen shot of the Dashboard or print the screen
1. Provide a list of new members with their national numbers.
 - a. Log into nscar.org
 - b. Select Society Dashboard at the top of the screen
 - c. Locate the new member's section
 - d. Click on [view details](#) and a list of your new members should appear.
 2. Life members can be found in eCAR, membership reports. Life Members. Take a screen shot of this section to show National Number, name and date paid. This will provide you with the total life members and what percentage of your membership are life members.
 3. Do you have members who belong to DAR, SAR or S.R. Start making a list now. You can gain 10 points (1 point for each member that is a dual member of C.A.R. and a parent organization). Junior membership in the SAR counts.
 - a. Provide the name of the current C.A.R. member with their national number
 - b. List the parent organization they are a member of DAR, SAR or S.R. and list their national number.
 4. Based on your total membership what percentage are life members. This information appears on the dashboard and the treasurers report shows all life members.

Section D: The C.A.R. Magazine

1. Submit articles, activities or games to the *C.A.R. Magazine*.
 - a. Articles, activities or games should have first name only of member, age of member and should identify the society.
 - b. Take a screenshot of the submission. You do not have to be published to gain points, you need to submit.
2. Have a "Magazine Minute" at two meetings.
 - a. Take a snapshot of the cover of the magazine.
 - b. Take a snapshot of the actual article being read

- c. Provide publication date of the magazine and the page number where the article appears.
3. At least one member of each household should subscribe to the *C.A.R. Magazine*. This includes immediate family members who are National and Life Promoters, and Seniors who receive the magazine. Use screen shot from society dashboard and add in immediate family members. Seniors who may also receive.

Section E: Communications

1. Promote the National Program to DAR, SAR and S.R. chapters.
 - a. Invite DAR, SAR and S.R. to attend your meetings
 - b. Visit a DAR, SAR or S.R. meeting and bring greetings and tell them about **Liberty's Legacy**.
 - c. Have others take pictures of your presentation
 - d. If there is a program for the event, be sure to take a snapshot of that, especially if your name is listed or C.A.R.is mentioned as being a part of the event.
2. Use nscar.org, local society website, and/or other social media sites promote C.A.R.
 - a. Read the N.S.C.A.R. "**Social Media Policy**", which can be found on the National website.
 - b. Follow the established guidelines to create posts for Facebook, Instagram, and society websites.
3. Utilize various types of media to create public awareness of your society.
 - a. Distribute the C.A.R. Membership brochure or create one for our society to be distributed.
 - b. Publish an article in a local newspaper
 - c. Donate items to local children's hospitals and include a note about C.A.R.
 - d. Participate in community events where you display a C.A.R. sign or wear a C.A.R. t-shirt.
4. Each society newsletter fulfills **ALL** Newsletter Requirements.
 - a. Read carefully the Newsletter requirements in the National Packet.
 - b. Publish the **three** required newsletters for 2026-2027.
 - c. Be sure the National website, National Theme and Project are in each issue after September 1.
 - d. Articles, activities or games must be original and written by members. Provide the authors first name only and age.
5. Society communication. Any form of communication that is sent out for upcoming events, meetings and/or activities.
 - a. Document any newsletter, email, society FB or website communications that announce events, meetings or activities.

Section F: Contests

Contests for **Liberty's Legacy** will provide two options for societies to enter, thus providing more opportunities to support this years' programs and for members to participate. There are two options:

(A) Program in a Box-this option is one that has been created and prepared by national headquarters to meet the requirements and it will have a point value of 1;

(B) Original Program-this option is one the society creates from ideas in the National Packet or members generated ideas that is unique to the society. It will have a point value of 3.

Societies may choose to create all Original Programs or use a combination of Original Programs and Programs in a Box. There are 14 programs in total. If a society uses all Original Programs they can achieve a maximum of 42 points. For each Program in a Box that a society uses, their maximum points will decrease by 2.

Example: The society completes 13 Original Programs and receive 39 points (13 x 3) and 1 Program in a Box (1 x 1) the maximum points the society can receive in this category will be 40.

To complete this section of the National Merit form, check the box under PB for Program in a Box, and you will be awarded 1 point and check the box under OP for Original Program and you will be awarded 3 points. The merit form will automatically calculate your totals for you.

1. The National Presidents Contest is required.
2. Enter as many contests for which the society qualifies
3. **DO NOT** include all of your proof documents submitted for each individual contest. Include a copy of your contest entry form with the Merit Award entry. At a minimum include the name of the contest and details from the contest entry form.
4. Multiple contest entry forms can be inserted into a page. No more than four forms to a page so they can be read.

Section G: Community Impact

This section includes C.A.R. Supported Schools, C.A.R. Day of Service and Community Service. Societies are encouraged to support the C.A.R. Supported Schools. The list of schools can be found in the National Program Packet. Each school has specific needs which can be located on their respective websites.

1. Visit the C.A.R. Supported Schools websites
Choose your form of support from monetary donations to supplies, each school is unique. Document the donation through copies of check, screen shots of donations made electronically. If you receive a donation letter or email, save that for proof that the school received your donation.
2. Did your society participate in the Day of Service on or around April 5, 2026.
 - a. Explain what the society members did
 - b. Provide pictures
3. Did your society have at least one community service project or activity.
 - a. List the date, location and what the project involved
 - b. How many members participated
 - c. Provide photos of the project

Section H: Donations

Local societies are encouraged to make monetary contributions to funds and Star Supporter donations count toward the total (see merit award form). The total amount contributed is up to the Local Society. Be sure to use the Local Society Donation form with submitting your contributions to National Headquarters. **Do not include a donation check with your Merit entry.**

1. Include a copy of the form OR a copy of the Society Donation report, which can be found on eCAR, with your merit entry. All donations will be verified with National Headquarters.

Instructions for downloading Society Donations report.

- a. Log in to www.nscar.org
- b. Scroll over eCAR icon on the right side of the window
- c. From the drop-down menu, click on "Society Annual Reports"
- d. Choose "Society Donations" from the drop-down menu next to "Select a query"
- e. Set dates for "Transaction Date Between". to March 1, 2026 and February 28, 2027.
- f. Click on the arrow next to your society name to open the full report to view your donations.
- g. Click on "Export" to the right above Society name to view options for exporting/downloading the report and choose "Word or Excel".

2. Another great way to contribute to C.A.R. is by gifting pins to friends and family. Did your society receive credit for any combination of the following?
 - a. National/Life Promoter
 - b. Mountain Schools
 - c. Apple Slice
 - d. Niebell Fund
 - e. Voyager Fund
 - f. Endowment Fund
 - g. Endowment Benefactor
 - h. Endowment Legacy
 - i. Library Fund
 - j. Magazine Fund
 - k. Museum Major Benefactor (Red Apple)
 - l. Operation Fund
 - m. Celebrate C.A.R.! Fund

You are encouraged to submit a copy of the Pin Donations report from eCAR. All pin donations will be verified with National Headquarters.

3. Each person affiliated with the society who is a Star Supporter for at least 6 months. Being a Star Supporter strengthens the National Society.
4. Your society donated to the National Project. For each \$25 donation your society receives points with a maximum donation of \$100 to reach the eight (8) point maximum in this category.

Society Information and Signatures

1. Please include the information requested as the Senior National Chair will use this information to:
 - a. Acknowledge receipt of your entry
 - b. Contact the society if a question comes up during the judging process
2. Handwritten information must be printed legibly
3. Signatures can be signed electronically or in printed after member and Senior approve
4. All questions regarding the National Merit Award contest should be directed to the National Chair and Senior National Chair. Contact information is located in the National Roster.

Creating ONE PDF file

1. Create your documents in a program that allows for saving as a PDF file. ie Microsoft Word
2. Newsletters should also be condensed to the smallest PDF file possible.
3. Print to PDF or Save as PDF depending on the software used.
4. Free PDF Tools: ilovepdf.com, adobe.com, smallpdf.com, pdfresizer.com, or any other PDF tool that will compress
5. Drag and drop your PDFs into the online tool but make sure they are in the correct order
6. Once master file is made, check to make sure the file format is: **"SOCIETYNAME"_NM_2027.pdf. Please include full society names, no abbreviations.**
7. In many cases if the file size is still larger than 50 Mb you can use the same website to compress or resize the documents. Make sure the file name is still the same after compression. Pictures may lose some resolution in the compression but words should be readable.

Society Name
Children of the American Revolution
2026-2027 National Merit Award
XXXXXXXXXX, Society President
XXXXXXXXXX, Senior Society President

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***Remember you are limited to 50 pages, so try to print any pages from your yearbook with 4 or more yearbook pages per printed page.**

National Chaplain	
National Chaplain Abbie Page	Senior National Chaplain Amy Sites

Instructions for Notification

Condolences are sent to family members throughout the year. Please send notification of the death of a member or senior leader, including Life Promoters and current National Promoters, as soon as possible to the Senior National Chaplain. E-mail notifications to the Senior National Chaplain at nationalchaplain@nscar.org.

National Memorial Service

Please use the downloadable version of the National Chaplain’s form available on www.nscar.org under Resources/Forms. Attach completed form to an e-mail addressed to Senior National Chaplain at nationalchaplain@nscar.org and to C.A.R. National Headquarters at hq@nscar.org.

All current C.A.R. members, past National Officers, current and past Senior National Officers, Honorary National Presidents, Honorary Senior National Presidents, current and past Senior National Honorary Vice Presidents, State Presidents, current and past Senior State Presidents, current Senior Society Presidents, Life Promoters, and current National Promoters who pass away are remembered at the National Memorial Service in April. The forms must be received no later than March 15, 2027.

Please submit your prayer to the National and Senior National Chaplain (contact information may be found in the National Roster). Prayers written by members may be used for board meetings, magazine issues, and during the 2027 National Convention.

National Organizing Secretary

National Organizing Secretary
Malorie Voris

Senior National Organizing Secretary
John Green

Memorandum of Appointment

Senior State Presidents must submit the Memorandum of Appointment (MOA) for Senior Organizing or Senior Reorganizing Presidents and Senior Society Presidents to the Senior National Organizing Secretary. To ensure inclusion at the appropriate board meeting, appointments must be made by the date provided on the chart below.

To submit the MOA, Senior State Presidents must:

- 1) Log in to www.nscar.org website
- 2) Navigate to “eCAR”
- 3) Click on the tab “Memorandum of Appointment.” Directions for submitting the online form are located on the web page. When using the online form, the appointments submitted will show immediately below the submission form.

Questions regarding society names, organization, reorganization, failure to organize or reorganize, disbandment, location change, and MOA should be sent to SrNationalOrgSec@nscar.org.

Check or credit card information to pay the senior fee must be sent directly to:

C.A.R. National Headquarters, 1776 D St NW, Room 224, Washington, D.C. 20006-5303. Phone: (202) 638-3153

Senior Organizing or Reorganizing President or Senior Society President: \$10. This annual fee is for the office, not the person, and does not have to be paid if the fee was included with the Treasurer’s Report when dues were paid. When a fee is required for the appointment, the appointment will not be processed until the fee is received.

<p>Memorandum with fee(s) due October 1, 2026 November 26, 2026 January 21, 2027 April 12, 2027</p>	<p>Senior National Board of Management Meetings October 11, 2026 December 6, 2026 January 31, 2027 April 22, 2027</p>
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National Treasurer

National Treasurer
James Hamilton

Senior National Treasurer
David Schenck

NATIONAL DUES, FEES, AND DONATIONS:

Membership dues (calendar year)

-If paid on or before December 31, 2026 -\$20 per year

-If paid on or after January 1, 2027 - \$30 per year

Life Membership (dues paid to age 22, reflects a 20% discount – See nscar.org for schedule)

-If paid on or before December 31, 2026 reflect a 20% discount– See nscar.org for schedule by year of birth

-If paid on or after January 1, 2027 - \$25 per year to age 22.

Member-at-large dues

-If paid on or before December 31, 2026 - \$20 per year

-If paid on or after January 1, 2027 - \$35 per year

Life Member-at-large dues

-If paid on or before December 31, 2026 reflects a 20% discount – See nscar.org for schedule by year of birth

-If paid on or after January 1, 2027 - \$25 per year to age 22.

Children of the American Revolution Magazine annual subscription \$12

Membership application fee.

First child (\$15 application fee and national dues as denoted above) \$35

Second child (\$10 application fee and \$20 national dues) * \$30

*Must apply at the same time, same parents, and identical lineage

Reinstatement fees

-\$5 if paid on or before December 31, 2026

-\$10 if paid on or after January 1, 2027

Supplemental lineage fee \$25

Senior fees (annual): if paid on or before December 31, 2026 (for the 2026/2027 C.A.R. year):

Senior National Officers \$20

Senior National Vice Presidents \$20

Honorary Senior National Presidents \$20

Senior National Honorary Vice Presidents \$20

Senior National Chairs \$20

Senior State Presidents \$20

Honorary National Presidents \$20

Senior Society Presidents \$10

Senior Organizing or Reorganizing Presidents \$10

*Senior fees (annual) if paid on or after January 1, 2027 (for the 2027/2028 and subsequent C.A.R. years) – the above \$20 fee increases to \$30 and the above \$10 fee increases to \$20.

**Effective January 1, 2027 (2027/2028 and subsequent C.A.R. years) Seniors serving more than one position shall pay only one National fee, which shall be the highest of the fees due.

Promoters:

National (one year)

-If submitted and paid on or before December 31, 2026 \$25

-If submitted and paid on or after January 1, 2027 \$50

Life (receives the *C.A.R. Magazine* for life)

-If submitted and paid on or before December 31, 2026 \$100

-If submitted and paid on or after January 1, 2027 \$250

Mountain Schools Pin	\$25
Apple Slice Pin (Museum Fund and The Children's Room)	\$50
Niebell Fund Pin	\$50
Voyager Fund Pin	\$50
Endowment Fund Pin	\$100
Endowment Fund Benefactor Pin	\$500
Endowment Fund Legacy Pin	\$1,000
Library Fund Pin	\$100
Magazine Fund Pin	\$100
Museum Major Benefactor Red Apple Pin and Plaque	\$1,000

N.S.C.A.R. Levels of Giving Program

Established in 2017 by the Development Committee and approved by the Senior National Board of Management, the Major Donor Program was created to help track donations to the society, and recognize donors for their valuable contributions to ensure the future of C.A.R. Donation totals to count towards the Major Donor Program levels began accruing on March 1, 2017, and exclude donations to the National Project.

Levels of Giving

1895 Circle \$1,895 to \$2,499

- Recognition in the C.A.R. Magazine when level attained
- Personalized Name Tag for National Convention with appropriate recognition level

Life and Drum Circle \$2,500 to \$4,999

- Recognition in the C.A.R. Magazine when level attained
- Personalized Name Tag for National Convention with appropriate recognition level

Patriot's Circle \$5,000 to \$9,999

- In addition to all recognition from prior level
- 5% off Headquarters Sales Items

Independence Circle \$10,000 to \$19,999

- In addition to all recognition from prior level
- Custom C.A.R. paperweight issued one time upon reaching level

Founder's Circle \$20,000 to \$29,999

- In addition to all recognition from prior level
- Historic Print signed by Senior National President and National President
- Set of two Woodbury Pewter Julip Cups engraved with "N.S.C.A.R. Founder's Circle" (or other appropriate recognition gift)

President's Circle \$30,000 to \$49,999

- In addition to all recognition from prior level
- Tiffany engraved Chippendale Round Tray (or other appropriate recognition gift) presented at National Convention Awards Banquet
- Complimentary personal attendance, non-transferable National Convention Registration fee for life

Lothrop Circle \$50,000 or more

- In addition to all recognition from prior level
- Certificate and Steuben Eagle Sculpture or American Flag presented at National Convention Awards Banquet
- Two complimentary personal attendance, non-transferable National Convention Registration fee and Awards Banquet tickets for life

C.A.R. Donation Pins

\$25 Donation Pins



Carnation Celebrate C.A.R.! Pin

Available for a \$25 donation to the Celebrate C.A.R.! Fund, which provides for celebrations of the National Society, which may include but are not limited to the National Convention and Regional Meetings.



Eagle Operations Fund Pin

Available for a \$25 donation to the N.S.C.A.R. Operations Fund that assists in day-to-day operations of the National Society.



Mountain Schools Pin

Show your support for our Mountain Schools and a true "Kids Helping Kids" program! Donate \$25 to the Mountain Schools Fund.

\$50 Donation Pins



Apple Slice Pin

Any individual making a contribution of \$50 or more to the N.S.C.A.R. Museum will receive a Red Apple Slice Pin. These donations support the educational programs in The Children's Room and N.S.C.A.R. Museum.



Niebell Fund Pin

Support ongoing operations at National Headquarters through the Niebell Endowment Fund with a donation of \$50!



Voyager Pin

Available for a \$50 donation to the Voyager Fund that assists with travel expenses for National Officers, State Presidents, and National Chairs.

\$75 Donation Pin



Gavel with Fireworks Celebrate C.A.R.! Pin

Available for a \$75 donation to the Celebrate C.A.R.! Fund, which provides for celebrations of the National Society, which may include but is not limited to the National Convention and Regional Meetings.

\$100 Donation Pins



Endowment Fund Pin

Anyone contributing \$100 or more to the Endowment Fund, or in whose honor \$100 is given, will receive an Endowment Fund Pin. This pin denotes the singular honor of one who has helped to insure the perpetuation of the ideals of the N.S.C.A.R.



Gavel with Wreath Celebrate C.A.R.! Pin

Available for a \$100 donation to the Celebrate C.A.R.! Fund, which provides for celebrations of the National Society, which may include, but is not limited to, National Convention and Region Meetings.



Library Fund Pin

Benefactors of the N.S.C.A.R. Library Fund donating \$100 receive a Library Fund Pin. Donations to the library fund help maintain N.S.C.A.R.'s literary collection.



Magazine Fund Pin

Those donating \$100 to the Magazine Fund receive the Magazine Fund Pin. Donations to the N.S.C.A.R. Magazine Fund help defray the costs of publication of the magazine.



Majestic Eagle Operations Fund Pin

Available for a \$100 donation to the N.S.C.A.R. Operations Fund that assists in day-to-day operations of the National Society.

\$200 Donation Pin



“We’re Members of the C.A.R.” Operations Fund Pin

Available for a \$250 donation to the N.S.C.A.R. Operations Fund that assists in day-to-day operations of the National Society.

\$500 Donation Pins



Endowment Fund Benefactor Pin

Anyone contributing \$500-\$999 to the Endowment Fund, or in whose honor \$500 is given, will receive an Endowment Fund Benefactor Pin. This pin denotes the singular honor of one who has helped to insure the perpetuation of the ideals of the N.S.C.A.R.



Fireworks Sparkle Celebrate C.A.R.! Pin

Available for a \$500 donation to the Celebrate C.A.R.! Fund, which provides for celebrations of the National Society, which may include but are not limited to National Convention and Region Meetings.

\$1,000 Donation Pins



Endowment Fund Legacy Pin

Anyone contributing \$1,000 or more to the Endowment Fund, or in whose honor \$1,000 is given, will receive an Endowment Fund Benefactor Pin. This pin denotes the singular honor of one who has helped to ensure the perpetuation of the ideals of the N.S.C.A.R.



Red Apple Pin

Major Benefactors wishing to honor an individual with a contribution of \$1,000 or more to the N.S.C.A.R. Museum receive a Major Benefactor or Red Apple Pin. The pins must be presented to an individual and cannot be passed from one person to another.



Become a Star Supporter!

With your support, C.A.R. continues to develop good citizens and train leaders at all levels of the Society. Your donation supports the development of programs and events aimed at teaching the future leaders of our organization and leaders of our country.

Visit www.nscar.org/starsupporter and log in.

Choose and click which fund you would like to support:

- National Endowment Fund

The National Endowment Fund ensures the N.S.C.A.R. can train good citizens for generations to come. The principal of the Fund is held in perpetuity and invested so that the Fund income will be available to support the work of the N.S.C.A.R. now and in the future.

- General/Operating Fund

The operating fund supports the general operations of N.S.C.A.R.

- Niebell Endowment Fund

The Eleanor Smallwood Niebell Endowment Fund was established in June 1994. Mrs. Niebell, an Honorary Senior National President, donated \$100,000 to establish this restricted fund. The principal is held in perpetuity and invested, with the income used for personnel expenses.

1. Enter the donation amount (minimum of \$5.00)
2. Click "Yes, please make me a C.A.R. Star Supporter! This is a recurring gift."
3. Register name for donor recognition or click anonymous.
4. Submit payment details.
5. Click submit donation.

General / Operating Fund

The unrestricted Operating Fund supports the general operations of the National Society. The Operating Fund is available as needed for the use of the National Society. Your donations go towards program development, event facilitation, information technology, and much more.

Gift amount

25.00

50.00

100.00

Other [?]

Enter other amount

My details

Give regularly?

No, this is a one time gift. This does not qualify for Star Supporter

Yes, please make me a C.A.R. Star Supporter! This a recurring gift

Select gift frequency

Monthly

Please make this an anonymous gift

Please register my name for donor recognition as: **This does not change the donor record!**

General Tips

Read emails; they are sent for a reason!!!!

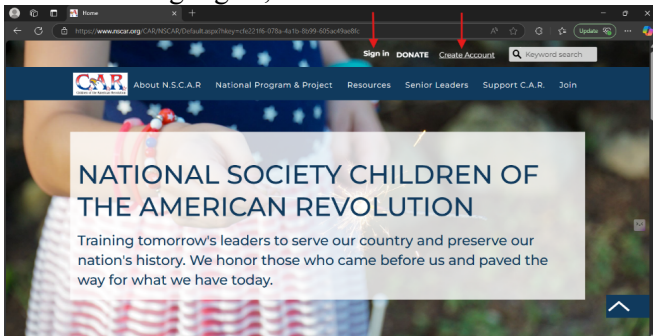
The second thing is to keep email addresses and permissions up to date on the website.

- To update information, click on your name. Once you have signed in, click on the upper red quick link bar of the website.
- Once there, click on the edit tab on whichever field needs to be updated. It looks like this.
- Be sure to click on the save button at the bottom of the field that you changed.

Local Society Guides

This section is to help the local society with ideas, gain knowledge, and be a successful and thriving group!

- Go to nscar.org and make sure that you have a login.
 - “Sign in” can be found in the upper center of the page for existing logins; Create Account is for new users.



- Three important documents can be found on nscar.org under the Resources heading -> Bylaws, Handbook & Policies.
 - Bylaws- These are the National Bylaws; each state also has their own. Local societies can make their own Bylaws also by using their State and National Bylaws as a guide.

- C.A.R. Handbook- This is the nuts and bolts of the society. Details not spelled out in the Bylaws can be found in the C.A.R. Handbook.
- The Senior Society President's Handbook- This is the much more detailed version of this Local Society Guide!
- If you have ANY questions, please contact your Senior State President.

How to Read the Packet:

Purpose: From the handbook. Same every year.

Program: This is the specific learning goal for the society.

Ideas for Possible Activities: These are just ideas. The local societies are encouraged to be creative and come up with their own great ideas to accomplish the Program's learning goals.

Contests: The National Chair will judge the contest entries for the societies for the societies and choose those who they feel did the best job in accomplishing the Program's learning goals.

Local Society Calendar for the C.A.R. Year

This is a suggested calendar outline, which can be adjusted as needed for the Society depending on each state's events, meetings and state conference.

May/June

- 1st newsletter issue. Some ideas for this newsletter: recap National convention and state conference, list state and national award winners, advertise state packet, regional meetings, and introduce state and senior state board.

July

- Identify which month your e-postcard 990N must be filed with the IRS and mark it on your calendar

August

- State Packet Meetings/Workshops
- Local Society Planning Meeting
 - Use this meeting to plan your year
 - It is a good idea to create a calendar and plan what program(s) is (are) going to be covered in each meeting

August, cont.

- Publish 2nd newsletter with the date, location, and program(s) for each meeting. Be sure to follow C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletter guidelines on page 23 of this Packet.

September

- Society Meeting
NOTE: It is a good idea to write meeting summaries during, and after, each meeting! This will help with society minutes, upcoming newsletters and eventual contest entries.

October

- Society Meeting
- Start collecting dues

November

- Society Meeting
- Remind members to send in dues
- Publish 3rd Newsletter

December

- Society Meeting
- Send State dues to your Senior State Treasurer – *please do NOT send State dues to N.S.C.A.R. Headquarters*
- Send National dues to N.S.C.A.R. Headquarters
 - **Postmarked on or before December 31st**

January

- Society Meeting
- Start to prepare Society President's Report for State Conference
- Publish 4th and Final Newsletter, including State Conference and National Convention information for all who wish to attend
- Attend your state conference (if it is in January)

February

- Society Meeting
- Hold a "Contest Writing Party" - Work together to finalize the Society's contest entries and prepare them for submission
- Submit all State Contest Entries per guidelines from your State Society
- End of the N.S.C.A.R. year is February 28th
- Attend your state conference (if it is in February)

March

- Mail in State President and Merit Award entries must be postmarked by **March 3**.

March, cont.

- Submit all National Contest Entries and the National Merit Award form by **March 8**.
- Credentials for National Convention Delegates are due in April. Date TBD
- Attend your state conference (if it is in March)
- Submit the Local Society Annual Report Form to the Senior National Historian.
 - This can be found on nscar.org under the Resources heading -> Forms, and select the Senior Society Presidents tab

April

- See everyone at National Convention: April 23-25, 2027

Quick Reference Guide for Electronic Forms and Due Dates

	Due Date	Page #
National Dues	December 31	38
Donations	February 28	38
Contests	March 8	4-6
Mail in postmark for Merit Award & State Presidents Award	March 3	10
Merit Award & State Presidents Award	March 8	30-35
National Convention Credentials	April TBD	50
Society Annual Report	April 1	50

This is a quick reference guide for electronic forms that are due, when they are due, and if they have a page in the packet, their page numbers.

Senior Society President FAQs

- Application guidelines are available on the website under Join > Application and Guidance.
 - We follow these guidelines on every application, and they are sent back or held for correction if they do not follow these. Please ensure that all signatures required (and the member officers if able) are included on all submitted applications.
 - Only the appointed Senior Society President can sign an application, not someone who has unofficially taken over the society.
- Senior Society Presidents are the only appointment at that level that we track, because of the MOA.
 - Each Senior Society President can email hq@nscar.org with the other senior leaders that they want to have eC.A.R. access at the society level.
 - Those people will be given the same term as the Senior State President, so the access ends at the end of the term.
 - Once they are re-appointed or replaced, the state needs to send hq@nscar.org the list again. Most choose the Senior Registrar, Treasurer, and First VP.
- Transfer and resignation requests must either come directly from the member or their parent/guardian, or the Senior Society President can forward their request.
 - There must be proof that the parent/guardian is making the request.
 - Senior Society Presidents cannot transfer or resign members without the family's permission. Those requests are to be emailed or mailed to HQ and members must be in good standing to transfer.
- The forms that are most used by Senior Society Presidents, go to Resources > Forms. About halfway down the page, there is a navy-blue toolbar and one of those tabs is for Senior Society Presidents.

Orders	Convention & Contests	Nomination Forms	Organizing Societies
Senior Society Presidents			
<i>Senior Society President Forms</i>			
Treasurer's Report Instructions			
Credentials instructions and online process are now ONLINE! See "Events"-->"National Convention"			
Dues and Subscription Form for: Dues, Life Membership Dues, C.A.R. Magazine Subscription, Senior Society President's Fee			
Local Society Donation Form			
Local Society Annual Report Form *Print on 25% Cotton paper*			

- The \$10 Senior Society President's fee includes a magazine subscription. There is no need to send an extra \$12 unless an additional copy of the magazine is needed.
- Please check the math when submitting the Treasurer's Report with dues, magazine subscriptions and senior fee.
 - Check formulas if using Excel to make sure total column is correct.
- Sometimes people make entries in the dues and magazine columns and forget to total them properly in the total column.
- While C.A.R. National Headquarters does not accept dues and magazine subscriptions payments online, they can complete a credit card form (found on the website) and pay by credit card.
- Use the proper form when calculating Life Member dues (count the number of years being paid to double check). The form indicates that it is to be used by CURRENT members. The calculation is different when submitting applications since the dues for new members admitted after June 30 apply to the next calendar year.
- Review the various reports on the website, such as Rosters and Delinquents.

Due dates for important forms:

- Treasurer's Report & Senior Society President's Fee: January 1, 2027 (Postmarked December 31, 2026)
- Local Society Donation Form: Postmarked by February 28, 2027
- National Contest Entries: March 3, 2027
- Credentials Form: TBD April 2027 (This is required to be sent by every society, even if you have no members attending the National Convention. In the off chance that someone from a society decides to come, and their society did not submit a credentials form, the member would not be eligible to vote).
- Local Society Annual Report: April 1, 2027 (covers the dates March 1, 2026 – February 28, 2027)

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Calendar of Events

Month	Day	Event
June	11	Pre-Board Region Meeting
	12-13	South Central Region Meeting
	15-16	Rocky Mountain Region Meeting
	19-20	Western Region Meeting
	22	Harriett Lothrop's Birthday
	24-28	DAR Continental Congress
	30-1	Great Plains Region Meeting
July	2-3	Great Lakes Region Meeting
	4	Independence Day
	7-8	Mid-Southern Region Meeting
	9	SAR Congress
	11-12	Mid-Southern Region Meeting
	12	Senior National President, Jamie Burchfield's Birthday
	12	National Board Meeting – Greenville, SC
	17-18	Eastern Region Meeting
	21-22	New England Region Meeting
September	19	C.A.R., DAR, SAR Constitution Debutante Ball at Alloy King of Prussia
October	1	Senior Society President Memorandum of Appointment due for the October Board. All motions due to SNP.
	9-10	National Board Meeting
	11	Senior National Board of Management Meeting
November	26	Senior Society Memorandum of Appointment due for December Board. All motions due to the SNP.
December	6	Senior National Board of Management Meeting-Virtual
	10	NSDAR Open House / N.S.C.A.R. Open House
	31	Dues postmarked to C.A.R. National Headquarters for National Merit Award
January	21	Senior Society President Memorandum of Appointment due for February Board. All motions due to the SNP

January	30	National Board Meeting – Louisville, KY
	30	Senior National Board of Management Meeting – Louisville, KY
February	28	Senior Society Treasurer - Must have Local Society Donation Form postmarked to C.A.R. National Headquarters
March	3	MAIL IN National Merit and State President Award Deadline
	8	National Merit and State President Award Deadline
	8	National Contest Deadline
April	TBD	National Convention Credentials Due
	2	National President, Will Elston's Birthday
	5	C.A.R. Founder's Day
	5	Annual C.A.R. Day of Service (As close to this day as possible)
	7	Senior Society President Memorandum of Appointment due for April Board. All motions due to the SNP
	18	Senior National Reports Meeting
	22	Senior National Board Meeting – Arlington, VA (Hybrid)
	23	Member National Board Meeting – Arlington, VA
	23-25	N.S.C.A.R. National Convention, Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, Arlington, VA

Annual DAR Contests

American History Essay Contest

This contest was established to encourage young people to think creatively about our nation's great history and learn about history in a new light. Each academic year, a unique essay topic is chosen, and guidelines are made available. The contest is open to all students in grades 5-8. Essays are judged for historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of materials, interest, originality, spelling, grammar, punctuation, and neatness. Additional rules and guidelines can be found by contacting your local DAR chapter.

A winner will be selected from each of the four grades to advance to the state level. The state winner from each grade will advance to the divisional levels, and divisional winners advance to the national level where the winners are announced. All national winners will receive a certificate, medal, and a monetary reward.

For additional contest information or guidelines, please contact your local DAR chapter or visit DAR.org.

Junior American Citizens (JAC)

The JAC is a committee dedicated to promoting good citizenship and appreciation of American heritage and history among every school-age child in the United States. The JAC Committee offers contests in art, creative expression, and community service for grades one to twelve. Preschoolers may participate in the banner and group community services divisions only. Entries are judged by grade on three levels (gifted, general, and special needs) so that every child may enter the contest regardless of ability.

<https://www.dar.org/national-society/education/youth-programs>

DAR Good Citizens Program

The DAR Good Citizens program and scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The program is open to all senior class students enrolled in accredited public or private secondary schools that are in good standing with their state boards of education. United States citizenship is not required. The student selected as the school's DAR Good Citizen must have the qualities of dependability (which includes truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality); service (which includes cooperation, courtesy, and consideration of others); leadership (which includes personality, self-control, and ability to assume responsibility); and patriotism (which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation) to an outstanding degree.

American Indians Committee

The American Indians Committee awards scholarships to Native Americans. This award is intended to help Native American college and technical school students of any age, any tribe, in any state striving to obtain an education. All awards are judged based on financial need and academic achievement. Applicants must be enrolled members of a Native American tribe recognized at the federal or state level. In addition, applicants must be in financial need and have a grade point average of at least 3.25 based on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent.

Programs may be vocational training or college/university at the undergraduate or graduate level. Graduate students are eligible.

Additional DAR Sponsored Scholarships

We encourage you to visit the website below for information on many other DAR-sponsored scholarships in the areas of political science, history, government and economics, medical, nursing and various other specific categories:

<https://www.dar.org/national-society/scholarships>

Annual SAR Contests

The George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

The program is designed to give high school students (grades 9-12) an opportunity to explore events that shaped American history. At Chapter, State Society, and National Society levels, students must submit an original essay, with topics based on original research and deal with an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution. National winners receive a certificate and cash award. Prizes on the state and chapter level vary.

For additional information please visit:

<https://www.sar.org/george-s-stella-m-knight-essay-contest/>

The Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

The SAR Historical Oration contest promotes the development of high school students as well as the study of American history. The contest is open to all students attending high school (grades 9-12) as well as public, private, parochial, charter, or home schools in that same grade range. While the preliminary rounds of the contest begin at the local level, students may eventually advance to the state or national levels, eventually held at the annual SAR Congress.

Students prepare and present a five- to six-minute speech discussing an event, personality, or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War and how it relates to America today will be judged based upon its composition, delivery, significance, and historical accuracy and relevance. National winners receive a ribbon, certificate, and cash award. Prizes on the state and chapter level vary. For additional information please visit:

<https://www.sar.org/joseph-s-rumbaugh-historical-oration-contest/>

SAR Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest

The SAR Americanism Poster Contest is open to students in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade, depending on when the American Revolution is taught in their school system. This includes public, private, parochial, charter and home-schooled students. The contest is also open to members of the C.A.R., Cub Scouts, and Brownies who are in the same grade if their school does not participate. Judging is based upon portrayal of the theme, originality, evidence of research, neatness, artistic merit and creativity. The permanent themes are "Revolutionary War Events" in school years ending in an even number and "Revolutionary War Persons" in school years ending in an odd number. National winners receive a ribbon, certificate, and cash award. Prizes on the state and chapter level vary. For additional information please visit:

<https://www.sar.org/americanism-elementary-school-poster-contest-2/>

The SAR ROTC & JROTC Recognition Program

This high school level award fosters the principle of "citizen-soldier" as exemplified by the American Revolution's Minuteman. The process of selection begins with the JROTC Unit's Senior Military Instructor. Qualified cadets are then selected through Chapter, State Society, and National Society levels of the contest competition. Selection criteria include demonstrated leadership potential, military bearing, and scholastic achievement. Each cadet must submit an original essay on a topic designated by the ROTC/JROTC & Services Academy Liaison Committee. (Nominated cadet must be a junior in high school).

For additional information please visit:

<https://www.sar.org/rotc-jrotc-recognition-program-3/>

The Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Program

This competition is open to Eagle Scouts who are registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19th birthday during the year of application. To enter, an application must be submitted at the chapter level, consisting of a two-page application form, four-generation ancestry chart, and a 500-word patriotic theme. National winners receive a certificate and cash award. Prizes on the state and chapter level vary.

For additional information please visit:

<https://sar.org/arthur-m-berdena-king-eagle-scout-contest>

The Sgt. Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure Contest

This contest is open to middle school students, depending on when the American Revolution or government is taught in their school system. This includes public, private, parochial, charter, and home-schooled students. The contest is also open to members of the C.A.R., Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts who are in the same grade if their school does not participate. Judging is based upon content, creativity and correctness. The permanent theme is "The Founding Documents of the United States." National winners receive a ribbon, certificate, and cash award. Prizes on the state and chapter level vary. (Grades 6-9).

For additional information please visit:

<https://www.sar.org/sgt-moses-adams-memorial-middle-school-brochure-contest>



Mission Statement

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution trains good citizens, develops leaders, and promotes love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people.

