

# Courage, Service, Honor National Program Packet



2024-2025

The National Society  
of the  
Children of the American Revolution



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Dear C.A.R. Members,

Please use this National Program Packet as your all-inclusive roadmap through the 2024-2025 C.A.R. year! The 2024-2025 National Project focuses on our first responders. To do this, we are partnering with Tunnel to Towers, a 501(c)(3), to provide wounded first responders with mortgage-free Smart Homes to accommodate their new lives. These homes are for those who have multiple amputations, paralysis, and traumatic brain injuries among many other challenges. Injured first responders deserve our support. Our initial goal is \$25,000 to make this possible.

Other goals are to learn about the events on 9/11 and the weight it carries while creating fun ways to engage members across the country. We are looking to increase our membership! It is greatly encouraged that local and state societies communicate with the state and national level to carry out those fun activities!

**Courage, Service, and Honor** should be lived by every day! If you notice a time that you're being courageous, volunteering your service, or displaying honor throughout the year, let us know! We want to acknowledge all the hard work that each member gives to C.A.R.!

Whenever you post about C.A.R., make sure to hashtag N.S.C.A.R. **AND** Tunnel to Towers!



Emerson Sites-Byers  
National President  
2024–2025

# National Contest Entry Instructions

Contests may be entered via U.S. postal mail **OR** electronic 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.
- ❖ Contest reporting period: March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2025.

## U.S. POSTAL MAIL ENTRIES:

Any entry that is submitted non-electronically will need to be sent to the member and senior chairmen. If there are multiple chairmen, 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](mailto:hq@nscar.org) if you cannot locate the address for an Entry.

All mailed entries **MUST BE POSTMARKED** on or before March 3, 2025.

## ELECTRONIC ENTRIES:

Each electronic entry **MUST BE E-MAILED** to the seniors and members (if there are co-chairmen or senior co-chairmen send it to all people) and [nscarcontests@gmail.com](mailto:nscarcontests@gmail.com) on or before March 3, 2025 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 chairmen and when received by the member and senior chairmen. The contest e-mail is checked during business hours. Please do not send multiple e-mails if you do not receive an immediate confirmation.

# National Contest Entry Form

Office or Committee			
Contest			
Society		State	
# members		# participating, total	
# prospective members		# guests	
<b>Society President</b>		<b>Senior Society President</b>	
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"> <li>- Photographs of displays, projects, and events</li> <li>- Scripts of original programs</li> <li>- Proof of financial and/or material donations</li> <li>- Verification of ALL volunteer hours</li> <li>- All other documentation of your required work to accomplish this program</li> </ul>			
I do <b>NOT</b> 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

This year the National Project will support the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. The Tunnel to Towers Foundation is a veteran owned 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides mortgage-free Smart Homes to fallen first-responder and Gold Star families with children. Tunnel to Towers also focuses on eradicating veteran homelessness.

Founded by Frank Siller and his family after Frank's brother, Stephen, an FDNY firefighter, lost his life at the World Trade Center (WTC). Stephen was just getting off his shift when he saw the planes hit the towers. He drove his personal pick-up truck with his gear and ran through the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel, leading to the WTC.

This year's National Theme is ***Courage, Service, Honor***. These three words are the foundations of being a member of C.A.R. and a great citizen of the United States. Living by **Courage, Service, Honor** promotes leadership and love of the heritage of the U.S.A. First Responders exhibit these qualities every day and are deserving of our support.

**Objective-** Understand the importance and the creation of the Tunnel to Towers foundation.

**Program:** Learn about the significance of the events on 9/11/2001 and the effects it has today.

## **Ideas for possible activities:**

1. Ask family and friends who watched/remember 9/11 what it meant to them and how they felt.
2. Visit your local 9/11 memorials or plan to visit where each plane crashed.
3. Watch documentaries about the events on 9/11.
4. How does national security since 9/11 show your local societies how the changes change?
5. Learn about the history and purpose of the World Trade Center and Pentagon.
6. Pay tribute to the victims of the events.
7. Get creative! What other activities can you think of?

**Contest:**

Local society with the best program

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

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SUPPORTER  
OF THE

**Tunnel TO Towers**  
**Foundation**

[T2T.ORG](http://T2T.ORG)

# National Merit Award

**Objective:** Promote the national programs and project for the current year.

**Program:** *Courage, Service, Honor your local society to complete all requirements for 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 2024-2025 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 to the *Children of the American Revolution Magazine*.

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

### **Gold Merit Award**

280 Points

### **Blue Merit Award**

220 Points

### **Red Merit Award**

160 Points

### **Honorable Mention**

100 Points

### **Certificate of Appreciation**

At least 20 Points

## SEE PAGE 29-34 FOR NATIONAL MERIT AWARD GUIDELINES

- The National and Senior National Chairmen 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**

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# America 250!

**Objective:** To celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States of America

**Program:** All societies are encouraged to dive into history between March 1, 1774, and June 30, 1775! From the Committee of Correspondence to the Powder Alarm to the First Virginia Convention, there are hidden gems in all of the colonies.

1774

- British pass Intolerable Acts (March 31 -June 22)
- First Continental Congress, (September 5 – October 26);
- Suffolk Resolves, Suffolk County, Massachusetts (September 9)
- Greenwich Tea Party (December 22)

1775

- Paul Revere's Midnight Ride (April 18)
- Battles of Lexington and Concord, followed by the Siege of Boston (April 19)
- Gunpowder Incident (April 20)
- Fort Ticonderoga captured by Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold and the Green Mountain Boys (May 10)
- Second Continental Congress meets (May 10)
- Continental Army is created from local militias (June 14)
- Battle of Bunker Hill (June 17)

## **Ideas for possible activities to explore these events:**

1. Re-enact or create a skit
2. Create a game/trivia activity
3. Modernize it! What would these events look like today?
4. Present a program
5. Attend/Host a commemorative event
6. Create an informational video/song/film and share via social medi

## **Ideas for ways to get started:**

1. Celebrate with an Edenton Tea Party adventure! Make colonial-style crafts, enjoy teatime treats, read and dress up to act out scenes from history.
2. Let's Explore the Coercive Acts in a Theatrical Way! Societies can divide members into small groups and assign each group to act out the Boston Port Act by pretending to be a British official closing down a port, while another group portrays colonists reacting to the news.
3. Create a “Who Am I Game” to learn about historical people such as Paul Revere, Samuel Adams, John Dickinson, King George III, General Thomas Gage, Abigail Adams, Ben Franklin, etc.
4. Research pamphlets, broadsides, and other forms of written communication that were used during 1774 and 1775 to educate the colonists about the many reasons the colonies were rebelling against their king.

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### **Contest:**

Local society with the best program

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

# America 250!

Join us in commemorating America's 250th Anniversary with an extraordinary project, and you can be a vital part of it!

The 250th Anniversary of the U.S.A. Committee is thrilled to unveil plans for a monumental project that will honor this significant milestone in American history. As proud members of the National Society Children of the American Revolution (N.S.C.A.R.), we are dedicated to celebrating the founding of our nation and continuing our American legacy of freedom and liberty.

Similar to the eagle project sponsored by N.S.C.A.R. for the 100th anniversary of the organization, this special project promises to be an unforgettable C.A.R. adventure. It is an opportunity to contribute a grand salute to our beloved nation, so let your patriotic imagination soar - THINK BIG!

Stay tuned for more details for how you can contribute your ideas for the project as well as unique ways for fundraising support. Suggestions for the project can be submitted by members, seniors, and alumni. Start brainstorming and researching now as we make C.A.R. History for the 250th Birthday.

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# American Heritage

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

**Program:** Research the heritage of your family, including your patriot ancestor.

**Ideas for possible activities:**

1. Research your family tree to find out more about your patriot ancestor.
2. Learn about your ancestors and see if you have any first responders in your family tree.
3. Share family heirlooms and the story behind them at a society meeting.
4. Pick a family recipe (meal or dessert) to prepare and deliver to first responders (firefighters, police, or EMS).
5. Research your society's name and its story (or local DAR/SAR Chapter).

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**Contest:**

Local society with the best program

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

# American History

**Objective:** 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:** To focus on American Revolutionary patriots, we want to focus on those involved who embody the qualities of Courage, Service, and Honor.

National President's Picks: George Clymer, John Penn, Oliver Wolcott, Alexander Hamilton, and/ or Deborah Sampson

## **Ideas for possible activities:**

1. Research and learn about how each individual's leadership and service qualities helped them to play a role in aiding American Independence.
2. Select one of these leaders to create a skit that could be performed at a local society meeting or for your DAR, SAR, or S.R. chapter.
3. Assign one or more of these Revolutionary leaders to different members, then they will portray at a meeting.
4. Encourage members to write articles about Revolutionary leaders and submit to your local newspaper or post them on social media pages as a lead into celebrating America's 250th birthday.
5. Visit or take a virtual tour of an American Patriot's home to learn about how where they lived affected their values of Courage, Service, and Honor.

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## **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./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations**

**Objective:** Establish and develop communication and relationship between members of C.A.R., DAR, SAR, and S.R.

**Program:** Expand on your involvement with your local DAR, SAR, and S.R. chapters.

### **Ideas for possible activities:**

1. Never forget to include your parent organizations! Include them in parades, community clean up days, grave marking events, local, state, regional, and national meetings.
2. Obtain, maintain, and retain active dual members by promoting dual membership with C.A.R.'s parent organizations.
  - a. Did you know that this is how the parent organization Travelling Banners are awarded at National Convention?
3. Honor first responders, veterans or military service members in your community alongside your local DAR, SAR, and S.R. members.
4. Enter contests sponsored by DAR, SAR and S.R. (Found in the back of the packet)
5. Volunteer as a Page, Aide or in a color guard at patriotic activities with DAR, SAR, and S.R. chapters or societies.
6. Organize a Society Joint Newsletter Task Force to list C.A.R., DAR, SAR, and S.R. events and activities in each society's newsletter or social media platforms.
7. Encourage DAR, SAR, and S.R. members to attend C.A.R. meetings and encourage them to "sign up" to be senior leaders or mentors.

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### **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. Day of Service

**Objective:** To plan and promote the annual C.A.R. Day of Service held on or around April 5th of each year as a designated time for C.A.R. members, seniors, and supporters to complete service activities in honor of the founding of the National Society on April 5, 1895.

**Program:** Participate in the Annual C.A.R. Day of Service by participating in projects and activities that benefit the community.

\*As the *C.A.R. Creed* states, “the boys and girls of today have a definite work to do for their country,” so in this time of national recovery it is vitally important that C.A.R. provides support and assistance to others in need.

### **Ideas for possible activities:**

1. Walk dogs for a local humane society.
2. Hold a game day at a Veterans’ or nursing home.
3. Arrange a supply drive to people in need. (e.g. baby shower, diaper drive, boxes for deployed troops)
4. Donate gently used clothes, shoes or toys to charity.
5. Assemble and distribute personal care packages to veterans, homeless, women shelters..
6. Spruce up gardens/landscaping by participating in spring cleaning or flower planting for a local nonprofit or charity organization.

**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 submission.**

**\*There is NO CONTEST for this program.\***

Everyone is encouraged to be active in their community through volunteering for the sake of making the community better, which in itself is the reward!

# C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletters

**Objective:** Have an informed membership in all aspects of C.A.R. at work at the local, state, and national levels.

**Program:** Create content, including articles and pictures, for your local society newsletter, state newsletter, and the *Children of the American Revolution Magazine*.

## Ideas for possible activities:

1. Share stories in local, state, and national newsletters of how you celebrate First Responders in support of the National Theme: Courage, Service, Honor.
2. Compile and publish a list of games, activities, or crafts that members can participate in to promote service work.
3. Create word searches, acrostics or crossword puzzles that also represent or define the qualities of Courage, Service, Honor
4. Interview or highlight a First Responder for your local newsletters.
5. Write call-to-action articles in your local newsletters for future meetings. Prepare members for service projects and activities via the newsletter.
6. Write an article that highlights your society's activities which have celebrated local First Responders and share the article with local DAR/SAR/SR organizations.
7. Submit pictures, articles and activities of members supporting First Responder facilities to your local and state newsletters and submit proof of at least one submission to the N.S.C.A.R. Magazine.

**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 submission.**

## 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!**

**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, 2024 and February 28, 2025

E-mail an electronic copy of each newsletter as soon as published (do not use U.S. mail) to [nscarnewsletters@gmail.com](mailto:nscarnewsletters@gmail.com)

(This is a group e-mail that includes the National Chairman, Senior National Chairman, Editors, Associate Editors, NP, and SNP.)

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](http://www.nscar.org)

- b. Society President Name and E-mail Address

- c. Senior Society President Name, Phone and E-mail Address

- d. 2024-2025 National Theme: ***Courage, Service, Honor***

- e. Mention of the 2024-2025 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 chairmen (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, Endowment Fund, Library Fund, Magazine Fund, Mountain Schools Fund, Museum Major Benefactor Red Apple, Niebell Fund, and Voyager Fund

## Special NSSAR Contest

The C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletters 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:

- Best C.A.R. Local Society  
newsletter
- Best C.A.R. State Society  
newsletter

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# Conservation

**Objective:** To understand the need for preservation of natural resources and to participate in good conservation practices. Members must accept responsibility for good conservation habits in order to preserve the National resources of America.

**Program:** Learn about the role of fire in our national and state parks, forests, and lands. Is fire always bad? How do we fight fires in these areas?

## **Ideas for possible activities:**

1. Have a viewing party of child-friendly movies and documentaries about conservation efforts from firefighters and police
2. Visit a State or National Park and learn about the Wildland Fire Careers. What are Smokejumpers?
3. Give a presentation on different types of forest fires at a society meeting explaining their significance to the ecosystem.
4. Make a poster, trifold, put on a skit or commercial explaining how we can prevent wildfires.
5. Visit your local fire station and learn about Fire Prevention & Fire safety.
6. Research and complete an activity on the “Fire Triangle”.
7. What is Prescribed Burning? And how is it used as a conservation practice?
8. Educate members on the importance of clearing land to have space between your home and the woods in case of forest fire. What is a burn ban, and why is it so important?

**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 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

**Objective:** Know and understand how local, state, and federal governments work.

**Program:** Learn about the relationship between your local government and first responders

## Ideas for Possible Activities:

1. Learn about the framework of emergency services in your area (ex. Sheriff vs Police Department, volunteer vs. professional)
2. Research how first responders had an impact on communities during the Revolutionary War
3. Visit your local police, fire, or ambulance station or invite them to your meeting to provide safety information.
4. Honor past and present first responders in your community by visiting a first responder memorial or museum.

**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 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

**Objective:** 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 cultures and practices have impacted today's society.

## **Ideas for possible activities:**

1. Explore Indigenous first-aid techniques and how they have developed modern medicinal practices.
2. Learn about how games and sports of indigenous culture impacted today's sports industry.
3. Research local tribal first responders and emergency services on tribal land.
4. Create an activity to educate local society members on surrounding tribal practices and more.

**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 submission.**

## **Contest:**

Local society with the best program

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

# Kids Helping Kids

**Objective:** To participate in projects and activities that benefit the community. Members are urged to give back to others what they have learned in C.A.R. by volunteering their services to "kids" of all ages. Some suggestions are hospitals, day care centers, soup kitchens, and senior citizen centers.

**Program:** Provide help and support to the children of first responders.

## Ideas for possible activities:

1. Support charities that serve and honor first responders and their families (e.g. First Responders Foundation)
2. Donate to toy drives hosted by first responders (Example: Toys For Tots, Toys For Cops)
3. Find an organization that supports children and donate to them (e.g. Linus Foundation, Casey Cares, Comfort Cases, St. Jude, etc)
  - a. One possible idea: Purchase the C.A.R. logoed First Responder coloring book from *nscar.npn360.com* and donate
4. Communicate with first responder families (e.g. pen pals)
5. Schedule events with C.A.R. members and first responder families (e.g. movies, play date, bike ride, etc)

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## Contest:

Local society with the best program

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

# Membership

**Objective:** Increasing membership is the number one priority of The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution.

**Program:** To gain new members.

## **Ideas for possible activities:**

1. Promote membership through non-traditional media such as advertisements, school programs, sporting events, and more.
2. Local societies can offer to set up public displays promoting membership surrounding patriotic holidays or anniversaries.
3. Increase C.A.R. awareness by participating in community events such as town fairs, sporting events, parades, and more.
4. Wear C.A.R. apparel in public and promote membership.
5. Work with parent organizations of DAR, SAR, and S.R. to increase C.A.R. membership from family members, and more.

**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 submission.**

## **Contests:**

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 society with the most confirmed organizing/reorganizing societies \$40

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



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# Mountain Schools

**Objective:** Provide material and financial aid to Berry College, Inc., The Crossnore School, Inc., Hillside School, Inc., Hindman Settlement School, Inc., and Kate Duncan Smith DAR School.

**Program:** Learn about and support the DAR Mountain Schools.

## Ideas for possible activities:

1. Contact/research the needs of the Mountain Schools and plan accordingly how your society can send aid.
2. Learn about the Mountain Schools by visiting them directly and through online literature.
3. Promote the sales of Mountain School pins.

**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 submission.**

## Contests:

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$25
Second Place	\$15
Third Place	\$10

Local society sending the most financial or material aid to a Mountain School

First Place	\$25
Second Place	\$15
Third Place	\$10

Local society donating the most Mountain Schools Pins\* \$20

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

## Mountain School Contact List

### **Berry College**

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

[www.berry.edu/giving](http://www.berry.edu/giving)

### **Hindman Settlement School**

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

[www.hindman.org/donate/](http://www.hindman.org/donate/)

### **Crossnore School & Children's Home**

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

[www.crossnore.org/donate](http://www.crossnore.org/donate)

### **Kate Duncan Smith DAR School**

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

<https://kdsdar.org/>

Click on "Support

### **Hillside School**

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

[www.hillsideschool.net/giving/ways-to-give](http://www.hillsideschool.net/giving/ways-to-give)

# Patriotic Education Program

**Objective:** Prepare patriotic programs for use in schools and communities.

**Program:** Explore the use of first responders during the Revolutionary War and how its changed over time

## **Ideas for possible activities:**

1. Create an educational video/song/film about how first responders were involved in the American Revolution. Examples:
  - a. How George Washington and the Second Continental Congress established hospitals to care for sick and injured soldiers.
  - b. The Minute Men and how they were first responders to the military.
  - c. Abigail Adams and the role she played with nurses in the Revolutionary War
  - d. How the British used fire as a war tactic during the Revolutionary War and how the Americans responded.
  - e. Firefighting in the American colonies
  - f. Police and law enforcement in the American colonies

**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 submission.**

## **Contest:**

Local society that creates the best activity for use in a school

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

# Public Relations

**Objective:** Publicize C.A.R. to the general public through ALL media.

**Program:** Using various media platforms, highlight the ways your society and members display **Courage, Service, and Honor** in your community, to promote greater enthusiasm and community support for C.A.R.

## Ideas for possible activities:

1. Engage in multiple forms of media (newsprint, Facebook, Instagram, blogs etc..) over the year to highlight activities
2. Arrange a visit with your local police or fire station and share online what you learned
3. Highlight members who have family or friends who are first responders through social media posts and interviews
4. Post on the 9/11 anniversary to honor the lives of first responders and civilians lost
5. Increase C.A.R. awareness and support by engaging with local communities through media engagements

**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 submission.**

## Contests:

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

Society with the most posts on The N.S.C.A.R. Blog	
24 members or less	\$10
25 members or more	\$10

# Veterans

**Objective:** To honor those C.A.R. members and all Veterans who have served our country in the military, just as our ancestors did in the American Revolution, and to oversee projects, contracts and records of members who have or are currently serving in the military.

**Program:** Learn about the Courage, Service, and Honor of first responders within our military.

## Ideas for possible activities:

1. Learn about first responders in the military: How their roles and ranks are different from others in the military.
  - (a) Research what a Military Flight Paramedic does, and how they prepare for their duties
2. Invite a speaker to your local society meeting that serves as a military first responder to share about their training and experience.
3. Learn about the requirements for being a military first responder and simulate basic first responder training for members.
4. Provide contact information to C.A.R. National Headquarters for The Veterans Tribute memory book of current or former C.A.R. members who are serving or have served.

**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 submission.**

## Contest:

Local society with the best program

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

## ***Guidelines for the 2024– 2025 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 societies are chosen from among Gold Merit Award societies. All societies entering will receive a ***Courage, Service, Honor*** Certificate of Participation.

A suggested template for compiling your Merit Award Entry has been provided in this document, however, its use is completely optional. To ensure your local society receives the proper recognition, please be sure to adhere to the following guidelines and recommendations for submitting the documentation needed.

- You **MUST** adhere to the limit of 50 pages, excluding newsletters, yearbook, and copy of treasurer’s report. Anything beyond the first 50 pages will **NOT** be judged.
- **ALL** pages should be numbered and referenced on the form. You may also submit a separate list or table of contents. The easier it is to find the needed information greatly increases your chances of receiving credit for each requirement.
- Use an Activities Report with photos to document all meetings and activities. A sample report is part of the attached template.
- **ALL affirmative responses will be verified.**

### ***Section A – Programs and Projects***

- 1) Be sure to keep an accurate list of your society’s activities throughout the year. This list should include Event, Date, Place, and number of society members and guests attending. Include at least one photo, preferably a group photo of all members attending, for each event.
- 2) Each society is asked to hold at least six (6) business meetings following the C.A.R. ritual each year. These should be included in your Activities Report. If you covered a specific National Program / Contest at this meeting, please include this information.
- 3) Show your support by including a program on the National Theme and Project during one of your business meetings.

- 4) Send an invitation to National Officers or State Officers to attend one of your events. Include a copy of the invitation. Be sure to include a picture from the meeting with a list of the Officers in attendance. If none are able to attend, please include this information.
- 5) Host a meeting where other societies can attend (in person or virtual). Publicize these meetings to share valuable programs. Encourage newer societies to join and mentor them in how a society meeting should run. Share scripts, slides or materials to help them get started.

### ***Section B – Membership***

- 1) Local Societies with 11 or more families must submit dues for at least 90% of their member families along with Senior Society President’s fee by January 1, 2025. Local Societies with 10 families or less must submit dues for all but one family, plus the Senior President fee by January 1, 2025. Include the number of families and the number of families paid by the deadline.

Example 1 – 68 total members from 32 families. Must submit dues for 29 families (90%).

Example 2 – 25 members from 9 families. Must submit dues for 8 families (all but one).

### ***Section C - Membership***

- 1) Provide a list of all new members with National numbers obtained during the service year.
  - A list of new members can be found on eCAR.
    - Log in to nscar.org
    - Scroll over eCAR icon on the right side of the window.
    - From the drop-down menu, click on “Membership Reports”
    - Choose “New Members” from the gray drop-down menu
    - Set “Date Admitted On or After” to March 1, 2024
    - Click green “Find” button
  - Member totals can be found on eCAR.
    - Log in to nscar.org
    - Scroll over eCAR icon on the right side of the window.
    - From the drop-down menu, click on “Society Information”
    - Choose “Society Profile Search (National Merit Numbers)” from the gray drop-down menu

- Type society name in the next box next to “Society Name Contains”
  - Click green “Find” button
  - Click on blue society name to view full information
  - NOTE: Double check these numbers against your own records, as differences may occur.
- 1) List those members that became life members during this year. Include Name(s) and National Number(s) for each
  - 2) Life members are noted on your treasurer’s report. Higher percentages of life membership get more points

**Be sure to include a copy of your Treasurer’s Report as submitted to National with your dues. The Treasurer’s Report is available on eCAR, under Membership Reports**

### ***Section D – National Magazine***

Calculate the percentage of families that receive the magazine based on magazine subscriptions submitted with your dues on the Treasurer’s Report or credited to your society via National and Life Promoters.

- 1) Submit at least one article to the *Children of the American Revolution Magazine*. Include a copy of the submission email or a picture of the published article.
- 2) Have a “Magazine Minute” at two meetings. Proof of this requirement should be provided. (Listed in individual meeting descriptions, or details provided separately).
- 3) At least one member of each family 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.

### ***Section E – Life Membership – one must be completed***

- 1) List those members that became life members during the year. Include Name(s) and National Number(s) for each.
- 2) Life members are noted on your Treasurer’s report. 10% of your members should be life members.

### ***Section F – Society Communications***

- 1) You MUST submit three newsletters for the C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletter Committee. Following the submission instructions on page 19 of the National Program Packet. Receipt of submissions will be verified.

- Follow ALL the requirements for the C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletters Committee contest found on page 15 & 16 of the National Program Packet Remember, after September 1, National website information, the National Theme and Project must be on page 1.
- Include listing of new members when applicable.
- Be sure to publish the list of member and senior officers and chairmen for your local society either in your newsletter or in your yearbook. Their contact information is NOT required. If you are using your yearbook, you MUST submit a copy of the yearbook as part of your National Merit entry.
- Articles should be original and written by members. Note the name and age of the article's author

### ***Section G – Public Relations***

- 1) Promote the National Program to your parent DAR, SAR, and/or S.R. Chapters. Invite them to attend your meetings and events, or visit one of their chapter meetings to bring greetings and tell them about ***Courage, Service, Honor.***
- 2) Use nscar.org, your local society website and/or other social media to promote C.A.R. Be sure to follow the “Social Media Policy,” which can be found at nscar.org > Resources > Bylaws, Handbook, and Policies. Include details and/or screenshots.
- 3) There are many different ways you can use media to create public awareness of C.A.R.
  - Distribute C.A.R. brochures
  - Publish an article in a local newspaper
  - Donate items to local children's hospital and contain a note about C.A.R.
  - Participate in a community event where you are able to display a C.A.R. sign or wear a C.A.R. t-shirt.
- 4) Participate in and promote the C.A.R. Day of Service on or around April 5 each year. Provide details of your society's activities.

### ***Section H – Contests***

Enter at least six (6) of the national contests contained in the ***Courage, Service, Honor*** National Program Packet.

- **Enter the National Project’s Contest (required) and** at least five (5) committees.
- Let the National Chairmen know about the work you did throughout the year. Enter as many contests for which you qualify.
- You can include a copy of your contest entry form with your Merit entry, but please do NOT include all the proof documents submitted for each individual contest.

***Section I – Mountain Schools***

Local societies are encouraged to show their support for the designated Mountain Schools. The list of schools can be found in the National Program under their respective National Committees, page 25. Each school has specific needs, which can be located on their respective websites, or you may simply make a monetary donation. Be sure to make any contributions early. This will allow enough time for the school to receive your donation(s) and respond with a letter of appreciation. Include a copy of the financial donation or the school’s acceptance letter as proof of your donation.

***Section J– Donations***

- 1) Local Societies are encouraged to make monetary contributions to the ten (10) funds (see merit award form). The total amount contributed is up to the Local Society. Be sure to use the Local Society Donation Form when submitting your contributions to National Headquarters. Donations should be sent directly to National Headquarters. Please do NOT include a donation check with your Merit entry.
    - Include a copy of the form OR a copy of the Society Donations 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.
- Log in to [www.nscar.org](http://www.nscar.org)
  - Scroll over eCAR icon on the right side of the window.
  - From the drop-down menu, click on “Society Annual Reports”
  - Choose “Society Donations” from the drop-down menu next to “Select a query”
  - Set dates for “Transaction Date Between” to March 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025.
  - Click on the arrow next to your society name to open the full report to view your donations.

- 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:
- National/Life Promotor
  - Mountain Schools
  - Apple Slice
  - Niebel Fund
  - Voyager Fund
  - Endowment Fund
  - Endowment Benefactor
  - Endowment Legacy
  - Library Fund
  - Magazine Fund
  - Museum Major Benefactor (Red Apple)

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

Instructions for downloading Society Donations report:

- Log in to [www.nscar.org](http://www.nscar.org)
- Scroll over eCAR icon on the right side of the window.
- From the drop-down menu, click on “Society Annual Reports”
- Choose “Pin Donations” from the drop-down menu next to “Select a query”
- Click on “Export” to the right above Society name to view options for exporting / downloading the report and choose “Word or Excel.”

### **Society Information and Signatures**

Please include all the information requested in this section. The Senior National Chairman will use this information to acknowledge receipt of your entry. It may also be used to contact you should a question arise during the judging process. Handwritten information should be printed legibly.

Please remember, ALL questions regarding the National Merit Award contest should be directed to the National Chairman and Senior National Chairman. Contact information is located in the National Roster.

# National Chaplain

## **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](mailto:nationalchaplain@nscar.org).

## **National Memorial Service**

*Please use the downloadable version of the National Chaplain's form available on [www.nscar.org](http://www.nscar.org) under Resources/Forms. Attach completed form to an e-mail addressed to Senior National Chaplain at [nationalchaplain@nscar.org](mailto:nationalchaplain@nscar.org) and to C.A.R. National Headquarters at [hq@nscar.org](mailto: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, 2025.

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 2025 National Convention.

# National Organizing Secretary

## 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](http://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 [organizing@nscar.org](mailto:organizing@nscar.org).

**Check or credit card information to pay the senior fee (see below) must be sent directly to:**

C.A.R. National Headquarters  
1776 D St NW, Room 224  
Washington, D.C. 20006-5303  
(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.

<b>Memorandum with fee(s) due</b> October 3, 2024 November 27, 2024 January 29, 2025 March 25, 2025	<b>Senior National Board of Management Meetings</b> October 13, 2024 December 8, 2024 February 8, 2025 April 10, 2025
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When a fee is required for the appointment, the appointment will not be processed until the fee is received.

# National Treasurer

## NATIONAL DUES, FEES, AND DONATIONS:

Membership dues (calendar year)	\$20
Life Membership (dues paid to age 22, reflects a 20% discount – See nscar.org)	
<i>Children of the American Revolution Magazine</i> annual subscription	\$8
Membership application fee.	
First child (\$15 application fee and \$20 national dues)	\$35
Second child (\$10 application fee and \$20 national dues) *	\$30
*Must apply at the same time, same parents, and identical lineage	
Reinstatement fee	\$5
Supplemental lineage fee	\$25

### Senior fees (annual):

Senior National Officers	\$20
Senior National Vice Presidents	\$20
Honorary Senior National Presidents	\$20
Senior National Honorary Vice Presidents	\$20
Senior National Chairmen	\$20
Senior State Presidents	\$20
Honorary National Presidents	\$20
Senior Society Presidents	\$10

Senior Organizing or Reorganizing Presidents \$10

### Promoters:

National (one year)	\$25
Life (receives the <i>C.A.R. Magazine</i> for life)	\$100

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
Library Fund Pin	\$100
Magazine Fund Pin	\$100
Museum Major Benefactor Red Apple Pin and Plaque	\$1,000

**Please make checks payable to N.S.C.A.R.**

## CERTIFICATE ATTESTING MEMBERSHIP FOR DAR, SAR, OR S.R.:

1. N.S.C.A.R. encourages concurrent membership in DAR, SAR, and S.R.
2. A C.A.R. certificate attesting membership is issued only to a member who has paid dues for the current year.
3. The member or the Senior Society President requests a certificate attesting membership from C.A.R. National Headquarters.
4. The certificate is valid for one year from the date of issue or until the member’s 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday, whichever comes first.

## C.A.R. Donation Pins



### Niebell Fund Pin

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

### Mountain Schools Pin

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



### Voyager Pin

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

**Red Apple Pin-** Major Benefactors wishing to honor an individual with a contribution of \$1,000.00 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.



### Apple Slice Pin

Any individual making a contribution of \$50.00 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.

### Endowment Fund Pin

Anyone contributing \$100.00 or more to the Endowment Fund, or in whose honor \$100.00 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.





**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.

**Endowment Fund Legacy Pin**

Anyone contributing \$1000 or more to the Endowment Fund, or in whose honor \$500 is given, will receive an Endowment Fund Legacy 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.



**Library Fund Pin**

Benefactors of the N.S.C.A.R. Library Fund donating \$100.00 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 \$100.00 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.



# 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](http://www.nscar.org/starsupporter)

1) 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.*

2) Enter the donation amount (minimum of \$5.00)

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

4) Register name for donor recognition or click anonymous.

5) Submit payment details.

6) Click submit donation.

### Star Supporter Enrollment

**General / Operating Fund**  
The operating fund supports the general operations of N.S.C.A.R.

Gift amount

**My details**

**Give regularly?**

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

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

Select gift frequency

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

Please make this an anonymous gift

The screenshot shows the 'Star Supporter Enrollment' page on the C.A.R. website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for Home, About N.S.C.A.R., National Programs & Projects, Resources, Events, Support C.A.R., and Join. Below the navigation, there is a main heading 'Star Supporter Enrollment' and a sub-heading 'General / Operating Fund'. The page contains several sections: 'How to Enroll as a Star Supporter' with a 6-step list, 'Support the National Endowment Fund', 'Support the General/Operating Fund', and 'Support the Niebell Endowment Fund'. There is also a 'Star Supporter' badge graphic and a 'Thank you!' message at the bottom.

# General Tips:

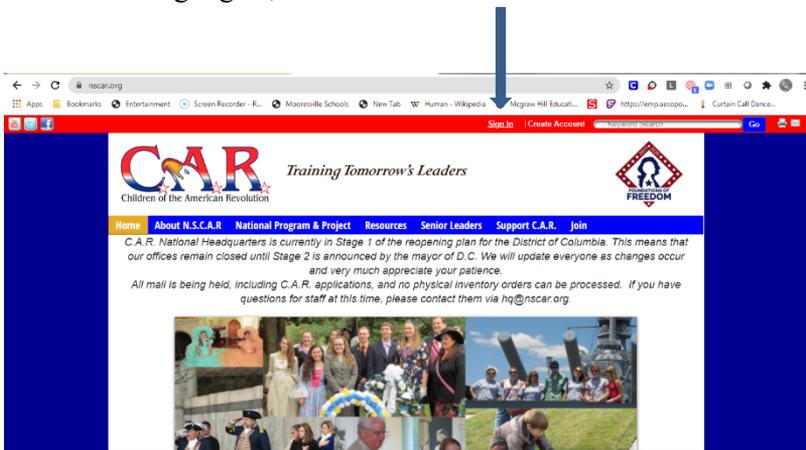
Read Emails; they are sent for a reason!!!!

- The second thing is to keep email address 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 Guide

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

- Go to [nscar.org](http://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.

Remember to use these hashtags for all your posts throughout the 2024-2025 year!

#T2T  
#NSCAR1895

 A promotional graphic for social media. It contains text about using hashtags #T2T and #NSCAR1895 for posts in 2024-2025. To the right is the official N.S.C.A.R. logo, a circular emblem with a blue border. Inside, the words "SERVICE", "HONOR", and "COURAGE" are written around the perimeter. The center features a white Maltese cross, a hammer and pickaxe, and a white star. At the bottom, it says "EST 1895".

## Packet, Programs, and Meetings

- Please use the information in this packet to plan your year!
- Please review the National Merit Award form before and during your planning meeting in August.
- HAVE FUN! Not all meetings have to be in the same place. Plan field trips to places the members are excited about visiting.
- Use Technology. There are different ways to implement virtual meetings.
  - Have alternative ways to participate for members not able to make it to the meeting; Zoom, FaceTime, Google Meets, Skype, etc.
  - Utilize social media:
    - As an additional avenue for meeting reminders
    - Showcase and publicize what your society is doing!
    - Be sure to follow the Social Media Guidelines, which is also found online with Bylaws, Handbook & Policies.
- Each year, the Program Committees have an Objective that is the overall goal of the committee, and the National President chooses the Program focus for the year. While the packet gives ideas for possible activities, the local society is encouraged to be creative and come up with their own ideas so the society can learn all about the Program for the year.

## Committee Name

### Conservation

Objective: From the handbook. Same every year

**Objective:** To understand the need for preservation of natural resources and to participate in good conservation practices. Members must accept responsibility for good conservation habits in order to preserve the National resources of America.

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

**Program:** Learn about the role of fire in our national and state parks, forests, and lands. Is fire always bad? How do we fight fires in these areas?

Ideas: 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.

#### **Ideas for possible activities:**

1. Have a viewing party of child-friendly movies and documentaries about conservation efforts from firefighters and police
2. Visit a State or National Park and learn about the Wildland Fire Careers. What are Smokejumpers?
3. Give a presentation on different types of forest fires at a society meeting explaining their significance to the ecosystem.
4. Make a poster, trifold, put on a skit or commercial explaining how we can prevent wildfires.
5. Visit your local fire station and learn about Fire Prevention & Fire safety.
6. Research and complete an activity on the "Fire Triangle".
7. What is Prescribed Burning? And how is it used as a conservation practice?
8. Educate members on the importance of clearing land to have space between your home and the woods in case of forest fire. What is a burn ban, and why is it so important?

**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 submission.**

Contests: The National Chairman will judge the contest entries for the societies and chose those who he/she feel did the best job in accomplishing the Program's learning goals.

#### **Contest:**

Local society with the best program

First Place	\$70
Second Place	\$50
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Fifth Place	\$10

# 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

- 1<sup>st</sup> 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 epostcard990N 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
- Publish 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter with the date, location, and program(s) for each meeting. Be sure to follow C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletter guidelines on pages 15-17 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 January 1<sup>st</sup>**



## January

- Society Meeting
- Start to prepare Society President's Report for State Conference
- Publish 4<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>  
Attend your state conference (if it is in February)



DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!



**March**

- Submit all National Contest Entries and the National Merit Award form by March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Credentials for National Convention Delegates are due April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 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

**Quick Reference Guide for Electronic Forms and Due Dates**

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 #.

	Page #	Due Date
National Dues	35	31-Dec
Donations	31	28-Feb
Contest	2 and 3	7-Mar
Merit Award	25-32	7-Mar
National Converntion Credentials		15-Mar
Society Annual Report	48	1-Apr

# State Society Guide

This section contains suggestions to help the State Societies that may need assistance and don't know where to look. This is just a guide – please be sure to do what works best for your state!

- **Be a teacher!** The #1 priority of the Senior State President is to teach the others in the state. The more the members and the seniors know what to do they will be less worried about making a mistake and will be able to relax and enjoy the meetings.
- **Know the State Bylaws.** Make sure that they are up to date. Contact the National Parliamentarian for direction on where to turn for help if they need to be updated.
- **Communication**
  - Utilize social media to stay current, so that members and seniors are informed.
    - Be sure to follow the Social Media Guidelines, which may also be found online with Bylaws, Handbook & Policies.
  - Have as many members as possible write articles for the newsletter. Taking ownership in the newsletter will also encourage them to be more likely to read it!
- **Encourage Participation!** For any society to be successful, they must be an active participant. The more participation, the better results.
- **Questions:** Ask them! There are no dumb questions. Ask fellow Senior leaders, ask Senior National Officers and Chairmen. Ask your predecessor. Chances are, someone else has been in that same situation - we are all here to help each other and work as a team!

# State Society Calendar for the C.A.R. Year

## June

- Attend regional meetings and Regional Service Projects

## July

- Attend regional meetings and Regional Service Projects
- Identify which month your ePostcard 990N must be filed with the IRS and mark it on your calendar

## August

- Host Summer Packet Meeting and/or Workshop(s)  
Please make sure that the local societies feel comfortable and know what the programs are for the year
- Make sure the State President and Senior State President review the State President's Award form so that everything can be accomplished
- Encourage all members to submit articles to the state newsletter!

## September

- Submit MOA's for October Senior National Board Meeting

## October

- If you have not already done so, plan and book your State Conference
- Once your State Conference details are finalized, send the information to [hq@nscar.org](mailto:hq@nscar.org) so that it can be added to the website

## November

- Possible Board meeting (maybe even try virtual meetings)
- Newsletters
- Submit MOA's for December Senior National Board Meeting

## December

- Collect dues
- Work on newsletter

## January

- Get info out about state conference to Headquarters for publication and social media
- Publish newsletter
- Remind Senior Society Presidents about end of year reports, contest entries, and donations.
- Start of State Conference Season- State conferences start

## February

- Collect state contests from the local societies
- State Conference Season

## March

- Finish up State Conference season-
- Remind local societies to submit credentials to C.A.R. National Headquarters and contest entries to appropriate places

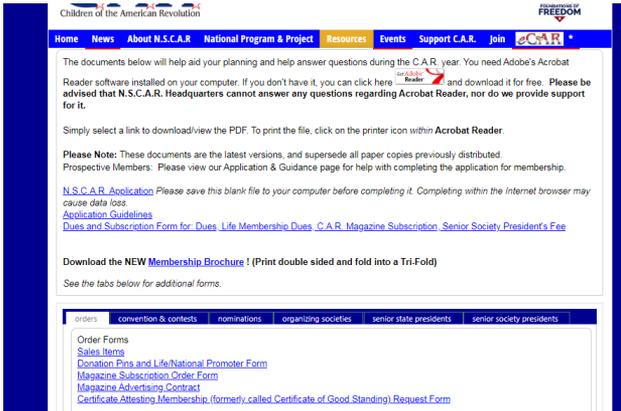
## April

- See everyone at National Convention
- Get State Society Report Form turned into [societyreports@nscar.org](mailto:societyreports@nscar.org)
  - This can be found on nscar.org under the Resources heading -> Forms, and select the Senior State Presidents tab.

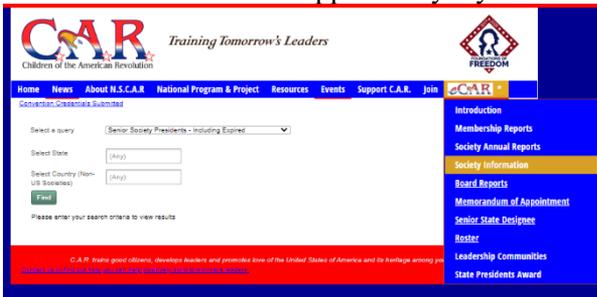


## Senior State Presidents:

- The forms that are most used by Senior State Presidents are located on the website at Resources > Forms. About halfway down the page, there is a navy-blue toolbar and one of those tabs is for Senior State Presidents.



- Expired Senior Society President Terms are a big issue.
  - Senior State Presidents must be the ones to submit the MOA for their Senior Society Presidents
  - It must happen every 2 years.



- Even if someone is going to continue to hold the office (for up to 6 consecutive years) they need an updated MOA to stay active.
- They can check on the terms by using the reports under eC.A.R. > Society Information
- The Senior State Presidents are the only state appointments that we track fully in the database.

- However, each Senior State President can email [hq@nscar.org](mailto:hq@nscar.org) with up to three Senior State Designees to have eC.A.R. access at the state level.
  - Those three 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](mailto:hq@nscar.org) the list again. Most choose the Senior Registrar, Treasurer, and 1st VP.
  - This will allow others to learn about the inner workings of C.A.R. and the work of the Senior State President.
- Recommend to the Senior State Presidents that they try to have the Senior State Treasurer file the 990-N for each of their societies.
  - Review the list of At Large members for their state.
  - Review the various reports on the website, such as Rosters and Delinquents.

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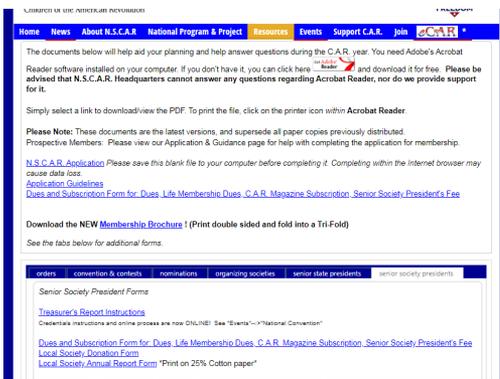
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- **Senior Society Presidents:**

- 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](mailto: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](mailto:hq@nscar.org) the list again. Most choose the Senior Registrar, Treasurer, and 1st 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.

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- The \$10 Senior Society President's fee includes a magazine subscription. There is no need to send an extra \$8 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 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, 2025 (Postmarked December 31, 2024)
- Local Society Donation Form: February 28, 2024
- National Contest Entries: March 7th, 2025
- Credentials Form: March 15, 2025 (This is required to be sent by every society, even if you have no members attending 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, 2025 (covers the dates 3/1/2024 - 2/28/2025)

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## Calendar of Events

Month	Day	Event
June	1	Senior National Board of Management Meeting - Virtual
	2	Senior State Presidents Zoom
	6	D-Day
	20-21	Rocky and Great Plains Regional Meeting
	22	Harriett Lothrop Birthday
	25	N.S.C.A.R Tomb of Unknown Soldier Wreath Laying
	26	Opening Night - DAR Continental Congress
	26-30	DAR Continental Congress
July	1-2	Mid-Southern & Great Lakes Region
	4	Independence Day
	6-7	South Eastern & South Central
	10-11	Eastern & New England
	12	National Board Meeting
	12	SAR Congress Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Finals
	13	SAR Congress Opening and Youth Award Luncheon
	16-17	Western Regional
	30	Senior Society Presidents Roundtable Zoom
September	2	Labor Day
	11	Patriot's Day - 20th anniversary of the September 11 attack (2001)
	11	The Constitution Ball - King of Prussia, PA
	13	WWI Memorial Unveiling
	17	Constitution Day
	24	Senior Society Roundtable Zoom
October	3	Senior President's Memorandum of Appointment due for October Board Motions Due to SNP
	6	SNBM Advisory Board- 4:00 pm
	10	Informal Premeeting Work Group
	13	SNBM Board Meeting- DAR Constitution Hall
	14	Indigenous People History Day
	19	243rd Yorktown Day Celebration
	19	Member Board Meeting- Yorktown VA
November	11	Veterans Day

	19	Senior Society Roundtable Zoom
	27	Senior Memorandum of Appointment due for December Board All motions due to the SNP
	28	Thanksgiving Day
December	5	Informal Premeeting Work Group
	7	National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
	8	Senior National Board of Management Meeting-Virtual
	11	NSDAR Open House / N.S.C.A.R. Open House
	25	Merry Christmas
	31	Dues postmarked to C.A.R. National Headquarters for National Merit Award
January	1	New Year's Day
	1	Emerson Sites-Byers Birthday
	20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
	21	Senior Society Roundtable Zoom
	29	Senior Memorandum of Appointment due for February Board All motions due to the SNP
February	6	Informal Premeeting Work Group
	8	Senior National Board of Management Meeting - Louisville, KY (Hybrid)
	17	Presidents' Day
	22	George Washington's Birthday
	28	Senior Society Treasurer - Must have Local Society Donation Form postmarked to C.A.R. National Headquarters
March	3	National Merit Award Deadline
	3	National Contest Deadline
	11	Senior Society Roundtable
April	1	Senior Memorandum of Appointment Due for April Board All motions due to the SNP
	3	National Convention Credentials Due
	5	C.A.R. Founder's Day
	5	Annual C.A.R. Day of Service (As close to this day as possible)
	6	SNBM- Virtual
	8	Informal Premeeting Work Group
	10	SNBM Reconvene in hybrid Crystal City, VA
	11	National Board Meeting - Washington, D.C.
	11-13	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 five (5) through eight (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](http://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:

<http://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:

[George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest – National Society Sons of the American Revolution \(sar.org\)](#)

## **Annual SAR Contests** *(continued)*

### **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:

[Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest – National Society Sons of the American Revolution \(sar.org\)](#)

## **SAR Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest**

The SAR Americanism Poster Contest is open to students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> 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:

[Elementary School Poster Contest – National Society Sons of the American Revolution \(sar.org\)](http://www.sar.org/Elementary_School_Poster_Contest_-_National_Society_Sons_of_the_American_Revolution)

## **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 (SMI). 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:

[ROTC/JROTC & Other Cadet Recognition Program – National Society Sons of the American Revolution \(sar.org\)](http://www.sar.org/ROTC/JROTC_&_Other_Cadet_Recognition_Program_-_National_Society_Sons_of_the_American_Revolution)

## **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>

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