

Revolutionary Valor National Program Packet



2025-2026

The National Society
of the
Children of the American Revolution

“...On you depend the fortunes of America. You are to decide the important question, on which rest the happiness and liberty of millions yet unborn. Act worthy of yourselves.”

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. Warren". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Dr. Joseph Warren, March 6, 1775 (“Boston Massacre Oration”)



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Dear C.A.R. Members,

Two hundred and fifty years ago, Dr. Joseph Warren served as a physician, leader, and patriot during the earliest days of the American Revolutionary War. He chose to decline his rank as a Major General at the Battle of Bunker Hill, choosing instead to fight alongside his fellow soldiers, where he ultimately gave his life for the cause of liberty. Dr. Warren's unwavering dedication to the patriot cause and his leadership in organizing the Sons of Liberty continue to inspire us today. His courage and selflessness exemplify what it means to serve something greater than oneself. He embodied the values of respect, service, and integrity, leading with humility and selflessness.

This year, C.A.R. will explore the life and legacy of "America's Founding Martyr," Dr. Joseph Warren. Members will work to celebrate and honor his early contributions to American independence as we continue to celebrate the ongoing 250th anniversary of the USA events. We are partnering with the Dr. Joseph Warren Foundation to support the creation of a Dr. Joseph Warren documentary film, highlighting and honoring his sacrifices and contributions during the beginning of the American Revolutionary War.

Please use this National Program Packet to guide you through an exciting and educational year celebrating **Revolutionary Valor**! Members are encouraged to make history fun by focusing on creative programs in hands-on ways. The suggestions provided with each program are merely suggestions for possible activity, and your society is invited to create new imaginative activities to achieve the best program.

Together, we will celebrate **Revolutionary Valor** and ensure the preservation and long-lasting legacy of Dr. Joseph Warren. Through our efforts, we will ensure Dr. Warren's values and contributions are preserved and passed on to future generations. With our help, he will no longer be a forgotten patriot. By embodying his ideals of respect, service, and integrity, we can show the world that we are not only the leaders of tomorrow, we are the leaders of today.



Reese Holmes
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, 2025 – February 28, 2026.

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 if you cannot locate the address for an entry.

**All mailed entries MUST BE POSTMARKED
on or before March 9, 2026.**

EMAIL 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 contests@nscar.org on or before March 9, 2026 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 immediate confirmation.

**All emailed entries MUST BE RECEIVED by 11:59 pm
in your time zone on or before March 9, 2026.**

ONLINE ENTRIES

Each online entry may be submitted online through www.nscar.org on or before March 9, 2026. 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 list 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 9, 2026.**

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> <p>Photographs of displays, projects, and events</p> <p>Scripts of original programs</p> <p>Proof of financial and/or material donations</p> <p>Verification of ALL volunteer hours</p> <p>All other documentation of your required work to accomplish this program</p>			
I do NOT wish to have my entry posted on the N.S.C.A.R. website			
<p>Details of donations (material and/or financial, number of volunteer hours)</p> 			
<p>Details of how this officer's or committee's program was accomplished</p> 			
<p>Statement written by a member (or transcribed for younger members) about what they learned or were excited about while participating in this program</p> 			

National Theme & Project

National President
Reese Holmes

Senior National President
Jeffrey Voris

This year, the National Project will support the Dr. Joseph Warren Foundation (DJWF). The DJWF is a 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to honoring and celebrating the legacy of “America’s Founding Martyr”, Dr. Joseph Warren. Funds raised from the National Project will go to support the creation of a Dr. Joseph Warren documentary film, highlighting and honoring his sacrifices and contributions during the beginning of the American Revolutionary War. Dr. Joseph Warren exemplifies values of respect, service, and integrity and a commitment to freedom. This project allow N.S.C.A.R. to engage with an essential chapter of our nation’s history as we celebrate its active 250th anniversary celebrations.



This year’s National Theme is ***Revolutionary Valor***. This theme was chosen to highlight the valiant spirit that C.A.R. cultivates within its membership and is a hint towards the 250th Anniversary of the USA and its ongoing celebrations. This theme is meant to instill the same values of our patriot ancestors in the members of C.A.R. today.

As a National Society, we will be working toward the goal of logging 25,000 service hours to show our “Revolutionary Valor” in our local communities. To log your service hours, visit nscar.org, and look under the National Project and Program tab for more information.

Objective: Honor and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Joseph Warren and other lesser-known patriots of the American Revolution.

Program: Learn about and present programs on lesser-known patriots of the American Revolution (such as Joseph Warren) and their contributions to the American cause.

- One’s own patriotic lineage
- Society namesakes
- Women, children, Indigenous Peoples, and Persons of Color

National Theme & Project *(continued)*

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Design a creative poster showcasing a lesser-known patriot of the American Revolution.
2. Host a trivia/game activity centered on the National Project.
3. Choose a short story, article, etc. about a lesser-known patriot and hold a discussion about their impact.
4. Choreograph a dance or short skit that tells the story of a lesser-known patriot or that explains the National Theme.
5. Visit local historical sites related to the American Revolution, how did they play a role in the American Revolution?

Contest:

Local society with the best program

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



**Remember to use these hashtags for all
your posts during the 2025-2026 C.A.R.
year!**

**#RevolutionaryValor
#UnsungPatriots
#NSCARI895**



National Merit Award	
Chairman Sebastian Manero	Senior Chairman Catherine Jimenez

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

Program: Use *Revolutionary Valor* 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 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*.

National Merit Award (*continued*)

Participate in as many National Programs and Contests as possible, to aid in supporting the National Project of ***Revolutionary Valor***. 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

All Submissions

SEE PAGE 31-36 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.

Mail in deadline March 4, 2026

Electronic deadline March 9, 2026

250th Anniversary of the U.S.A.

Co-Chairman Andrew Carr	Senior Co-Chairman Gina Bobo
Co-Chairman Taryn Holmes	Senior Co-Chairman Melodie Daniels

Objective: To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

Program: All societies are encouraged to dive into history between March 1, 1775, and June 30, 1776.

1775:

- June 15, 1775: George Washington is appointed Commander and Chief of the Continental Army
- June 17, 1775: Battle of Bunker Hill, MA
- July 12, 1775: Congress establishes commissions on Indian relations for the north, middle, and southern regions of the Colonies.
- August 1775: Washington establishes a naval force to battle the British off the New England coast and to prey on British supply ships.
- August 23, 1775: King George III declared the Colonies to be in a state of Rebellion
- October 13, 1775: the US Navy is established
- November 19-21, 1775: First Siege of Ninety Six, SC
- December 9, 1775: Battle of Great Bridge, VA
- December 22, 1775: Battle of Great Canebrake, SC
- December 23-30, 1775: Snow Campaign, SC
- December 30 1775- January 1, 1776: Battle of Quebec

1776:

- January 10, 1776: Thomas Paine publishes Common Sense
- February 27, 1776: Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, NC
- March 17, 1776: The British evacuate Boston.
- April 12, 1776: Halifax Resolves, NC is the first colony to authorize its delegates to vote for independence
- June 7, 1776: Richard Henry Lee proposes independence 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

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Attend/organize a 250th anniversary of the USA event such as a parade, community event, historical reenactments, or a historical preservation initiative
2. Learn about the flags of the Revolutionary War - Rattlesnake flag, Washington's Cruisers flag, Bunker Hill flag, Fort Moultrie flag, Green Mountain Boys flag, and others.
3. Create an informational activity or interactive presentation for your local society about a historical event.
4. Visit a museum/historical site about the American Revolution and the events that took place.
5. Hold a discussion/debate about an event during the American Revolution that you learned about.

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

250th Anniversary of the U.S.A.

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 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.



American Heritage	
Chairman Sianna Kuehn	Senior Chairman Mackie Storage

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 your patriot ancestor’s contributions to the American Revolutionary War.

- Research the heritage of your family, including your patriot ancestor.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Create videos or podcasts showcasing patriot ancestors, Revolutionary War figures, or state historical events to be shared statewide or nationally.
2. Learn and present colonial-era skills such as quilting, blacksmithing, cooking, embroidery, or traditional music and dance, showcasing how these traditions were part of your Revolutionary War patriot's everyday life.
3. Compile scrapbooks or digital archives documenting your patriot ancestors, historical events, and state-related heritage.
4. Draw a picture of your patriot ancestor, take a selfie with it and share with C.A.R. communities and the public.
5. What if your patriot was online today? Create social media posts, letters, and media as your ancestors and post them!

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	
Chairman Lizzie Nowell	Senior Chairman Dena C. Green

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: Learn about those men, women, and children who exemplified *Revolutionary Valor* during the American Revolution, the events and more that forwarded the patriot cause.

- Sybil Ludington, Crispus Attucks, Paul Revere, Chief Oskanondoha (Oneida), Daniel Applegate

Ideas for possible activities:

- Research and learn about these five patriots and learn about how their *Revolutionary Valor* forwarded the patriot cause.
- Design posters inspired by *Revolutionary Valor*, focusing on themes like . respect, service and integrity. These could also be about lesser-known Revolutionary War patriots such as Dr. Warren and those seen above. Showcase posters at local society events and throughout your community (e.g. libraries, community centers/celebrations, schools).
- Look into people from your hometown who faced danger with valor (e.g. historical figure, soldier, doctor, etc.).
- Present short skits or speeches as Revolutionary War figures, highlighting acts of valor (e.g. a live wax museum event).
- Write letters as if to Dr. Warren or another patriot, discussing what their valor means today, then display them in your 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

C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations	
Co-Chairman William Gresh	Senior Co-Chairman Chuck Decker
Co-Chairman Eliza Tindell	Senior Co-Chairman Katherine Hinckley Marcum

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. Always remember to include your parent organizations! Invite them to meetings, parades, community events, local, state, region 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 Traveling Banners are awarded at National Convention?
3. Present a program to DAR/SAR/S.R. chapters about lesser-known patriots.
4. Enter contests sponsored by DAR, SAR, and S.R. (Found in the back of this packet).
5. Encourage DAR, SAR, and 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.

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	
Co-Chairman Lucas Brothers	Senior Chairman JeanEllen Melton
Co-Chairman Zachariah Vandermeuse-Siteki	

Objective: To plan and promote the annual C.A.R. Day of Service held on or around April 5 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.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Participate in the second annual Founder's Day 5k with your society members.
 - a. Consider adding a service opportunity like a highway cleanup to your 5K!
2. Assemble and distribute personal care packages to veterans, homeless and women's shelters.
3. Participate in a cemetery cleanup.
4. Donate to your local food drive.
5. Organize a stuffed animal drive for your local children's hospital.

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. Newsletters	
Chairman William Barton	Senior Chairman Dianne Hanegan

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. Investigate lesser-known patriots of the American Revolution. Create an article, story, or activity to share their story.
2. Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the U.S.A., highlighting society activities within communities.
3. Interview a community member that illustrates *Revolutionary Valor!*
4. Create a word search, crossword puzzle, or other activity that represents the qualities of *Revolutionary Valor!*
5. Write an article that highlights your society's activities showing *Revolutionary Valor* and share the article with local DAR/SAR/S.R. organizations!

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 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!**

C.A.R. Newsletters (*continued*)

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, 2025 and February 28, 2026.

E-mail an electronic copy of each newsletter as soon as published (do not use U.S. mail) to newsletters@nscar.org

(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

- b. Society President Name and E-mail Address

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

- d. 2025-2026 National Theme: ***Revolutionary Valor***

- e. Mention of the 2025-2026 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, 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 Operation Fund pins, and Voyager Fund.

C.A.R. Newsletters (*continued*)

Special NSSAR Contest

The C.A.R. 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

**Remember to use these hashtags for all
your posts during the 2025-2026 C.A.R.
year!**

**#RevolutionaryValor
#UnsungPatriots
#NSCAR1895**



Conservation	
Chairman James Byrd	Senior Chairman Carissa Rae Bull

Objective: 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 methods of protecting historical sites, landmarks and artifacts from the effects of natural disasters and major environmental events.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Learn how to preserve the past, make a society tool kit for an archeological dig site!
2. Make a time capsule with all your memories from the C.A.R. year.
3. Visit and learn about local archives in your community and learn about the process of historical preservation.
4. Create and “excavate” an archeological site out of Play-Doh/Lego/etc.
5. Clean and mark the graves of soldiers and Revolutionary War patriots in your area.
6. Learn about historical sites affected by natural disasters and how they are recovering.

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	
Chairman Lizzie Schenck	Senior Chairman Julie A. Elston

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

Program: Learn about the foundation of America’s government, such as the First Continental Congress and opposition to British Rule, how did our founding fathers use *Revolutionary Valor* to make change?

Ideas for Possible Activities:

1. Design a poster or infographic comparing the roles of local, state, and federal governments, including how they evolved from Revolutionary principles.
2. Host a quiz or interactive game that covers the structure of American government and key events like the First Continental Congress and Declaration of Independence.
3. Choose a historical document or speech (e.g., excerpts from *Common Sense*, Dr. Warren's Boston Massacre orations, or a letter from a Founding Father) and hold a discussion on how it reflects the possibility of declaring independence.
4. Write and perform a short skit or scene where the founding fathers debate the *Revolutionary Valor* in independence.
5. Visit or virtually tour a local government office or historical site and connect its current function to decisions made by the Founding Fathers — how does it reflect their vision for government “by the people?”

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	
Chairman Oliver Head	Senior Chairman Carrie Lee Venable-Byrd

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 were involved in and impacted by the American Revolutionary War.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Learn how local tribe(s) impacted or contributed to either side of the American Revolution.
2. Research the decision factors that determined Indigenous alliances during the American Revolution.
3. Explore how Indigenous people contributed to major events leading up to the American Revolution.
4. Create and present a program on Indigenous heroes. How did they show *Revolutionary Valor* in their tribes and communities?
5. Examine how Indigenous food systems were disrupted by the American Revolution.

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

<div>Kids Helping Kids</div>	
<div>Chairman</div> <div>Sarah Reinhart</div>	<div>Senior Chairman</div> <div>Joanne Parsley</div>

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: Show your *Revolutionary Valor* by providing help and support to children of your local community.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Gather items at local meetings to donate to children in your community (e.g. book drives, toy drives, and food drives).
2. Volunteer with organizations that provide support to children (e.g., Comfort Cases, Project Linus, Toys for Tots, food banks, etc.).
3. Explore or begin local “Buddy Bench” projects, collect and donate bottle caps to these initiatives.
4. Create or collect coloring books to donate to local children's hospitals and/or Ronald McDonald House Charities in your community.
5. Celebrate America’s 250th birthday by creating patriotic birthday kits for children in local shelters.
6. Donate needed items and supplies to local schools. Not sure where to start? Contact your school administration office.

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

Membership	
Chairman Sara Cox	Senior Chairman Emily Tindall

Objective: Increasing membership is the number one priority of N.S.C.A.R.

Program: To gain new members. There is no better time to join C.A.R. than now!

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Create a video/short film promoting C.A.R. with your local/state society!
2. Create a portfolio/slideshow of the “how to’s” of C.A.R. to help parent organizations with the application process.
3. Order your local society t-shirt from NPN360 and wear them out to parades and events to raise awareness about C.A.R.!
4. Create a joint calendar between your society and local parent organization chapters to stay informed about events, meetings, and commemorations.
5. Create social media posts/reels about the benefits of C.A.R. membership and post online!
6. "Bring a friend" initiative: encourage friends from school, church, sports or other activities to come to a C.A.R. event.

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 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* \$40
organizing/reorganizing societies

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

Mountain Schools	
Chairman Rodney Modell	Senior Chairman Donna Sayre

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. Explore the closest Mountain School to you either virtually or in person.
2. Fulfill wish-list items for Mountain Schools that have been devastated by natural disasters, such as The Crossnore School, Inc., and Hindman Settlement School, Inc.
3. Create a coloring sheet/bookmark about the Mountain Schools.
4. Research how ***Revolutionary Valor*** led to the creation of the Mountain Schools and why we continue to support them today.
5. Craft a schoolhouse and learn about the history of the Mountain Schools!

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
Local society sending the most financial or material aid to a Mountain School	
First Place	\$30
Second Place	\$20
Third Place	\$10

Mountain School Contact List

Berry College

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

www.berry.edu/giving

Crossnore School & Children's Home

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

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

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

Patriotic Education Program	
Chairman Gray Bobo	Senior Chairman Suzanne Young

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

Program: Explore and learn about the influence of lesser-known men, women, and children who had substantial impacts on the American Revolution and the fight for independence.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Create a song, program, or game to teach kids about major events of the American Revolution.
2. Produce videos or podcasts showcasing patriot ancestors, Revolutionary War figures, or state historical events to be shared statewide or nationally.
3. Design *Revolutionary Valor* comics: Showcase patriot stories in comic book form.
4. Host a watch party or discussion for your society of historical narratives that explore *Revolutionary Valor* (e.g. *Liberty’s Kids*, select *Magic Tree House* books, *Schoolhouse Rock*, etc.).
6. Incorporate patriotic education into every meeting!

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

Public Relations	
Chairman Mae O'Neill	Senior Chairman Elizabeth Rowlan

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

Program: Using various media platforms, highlight the ways your local society members display *Revolutionary Valor* in your community, to promote enthusiasm and support for C.A.R.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Create posts about historical figures or ancestors who demonstrated *Revolutionary Valor* during the American Revolution, highlighting your own society’s and/or family lineage.
2. Create short videos highlighting members volunteering, participating in patriotic events, and more, and share them to social media outlets.
3. Write articles for your local newspaper about C.A.R. and this year's National Project.
4. Create an online presence for your local society if you don't already have one.
5. Engage in multiple forms of media (Facebook, Instagram, television, radio, etc.) over the year to highlight your society’s activities. Use hashtags like #RevolutionaryValor, #UnsungPatriots, #NSCAR1895.

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

Veterans	
Co-Chairman David Jimenez	Senior Chairman Mary Morse Herring
Co-Chairman Nora Stufft	

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 record of members who have or are currently serving in the military.

Program: Learn about and celebrate the *Revolutionary Valor* of veterans in our military, past and present.

Ideas for possible activities:

1. Interview C.A.R. members or seniors who are veterans or invite them to speak at your meeting about their military experience.
2. Do a program on “The Veterans Tribute,” the stained-glass panel in the N.S.C.A.R. Museum, and other veterans memorials to honor C.A.R. members in the military.
3. Talk about C.A.R.-aged patriots (under age 22) who showed *Revolutionary Valor* (ex. the 19-year-old Marquis de Lafayette!).
4. Honor lesser-known patriots in your area by finding and visiting veterans memorials in your 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

Guidelines for the 2025– 2026 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 ***Revolutionary Valor*** 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.**
One PDF, no larger than 50M. Filename should be SOCIETY_NM_2026.
Please use ilovepdf.com (or other free software to merge files into one PDF and compress to 50M or less. (More instructions below)

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 no one is able to attend, please include this information (screen shot emails with dates).
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. If "joint meeting" report what program each society shared or who hosted.

Section B – Dues

Local Societies with 11 or more families must submit dues for at least 90% of their families along with Senior Society President's fee by December 31, 2025. Local Societies with 10 families or less must submit dues for all but one family, plus the Senior President fee by December 31, 2025. Include the number of families and the number of families paid by the deadline.

1. Example 1 – 68 total members from 32 families. Must submit dues for 29 families (90%).
2. Example 2 – 25 members from nine families. Must submit dues for eight families (all but one).

Section C - Membership

- Log in to nscar.org
- Select Society Dashboard at the top of the screen
- Provide a screen shot or print screen of Society Dashboard
 1. Provide a list of all new members with National numbers obtained during the service year. From the dashboard screen, select "View Details" under New Members for list with details.
 2. Life members can be found in eCAR, Membership reports, Life Members. Screen shot this screen to show National Number, Name, and Date Paid.
 3. Life Member totals are in Society Dashboard screen shot and treasurer's report.

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

1. 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.
 - a. 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. (Even if not published.)
 - b. Have a "Magazine Minute" at two meetings. Proof of this requirement should be provided. (Listed in individual meeting descriptions, or details provided separately).
2. 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. Use screen shot from society dashboard and add in immediate family members (seniors) who may also receive.

Section E – Society Communications

1. You MUST submit three newsletters for the C.A.R. Newsletter Committee. Following the submission instructions on page 26 of the National Program Packet. Receipt of submissions will be verified.

- a. Follow ALL the requirements for the C.A.R. Newsletters Committee contest found on page 26 of the National Program Packet Remember, after September 1, National website information, the National Theme and Project must be on page 1.
 - b. Include listing of new members when applicable.
 - c. 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.
2. Society communication – please include a snapshot of meeting invitations, events and newsletters through whatever source works for your society i.e. Evite, Mailchimp, GroupMe, private Facebook, etc.

Section F – 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 “***Revolutionary Valor***”.
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.
 - a. Distribute C.A.R. brochures
 - b. Publish an article in a local newspaper
 - c. Donate items to local children’s hospital and contain a note about C.A.R.
 - d. Participate in a community event where you can 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 G – Contests

Enter the national contests contained in the ***Revolutionary Valor*** National Program Packet.

1. **Enter the National Project’s Contest (required)** and each additional contest for 2 points each.
2. Let the National Chairmen know about the work you did throughout the year. Enter as many contests for which you qualify.
3. 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. 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 to a page so they can still be read.

Section H – Mountain and American Indian 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, pages 26-27. 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 I– Donations

1. 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 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.
 - a. 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
- 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, 2025, and February 28, 2026.
- 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 Promoter
- Mountain Schools
- Apple Slice
- Niebel Fund
- Voyager Fund
- Endowment Fund, Benefactor, and Legacy
- Library Fund
- Magazine Fund
- Museum Major Benefactor (Red Apple)
- Operation Fund

- 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.

Instructions for downloading Society Donations report:

- Log in to 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. Signatures can be "signed" electronically or printed after member and senior approve.

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.

How to make one PDF file

With multiple documents, you can make one PDF file by creating a folder and save Word documents, newsletters or anything else you want to include as separate PDF files. (Print to PDF or save as PDF depending on software). For treasurer's reports and contest entry forms you can screen shot and insert images into documents.

There are many free tools online to merge PDFs: ilovepdf.com, adobe.com, smallpdf.com, pdfresizer.com

Drag and drop your PDFs into the online tool and make sure they are in the correct order. After you make the master document, make sure the file name is in the format "SOCIETYNAME"_NM_2026.pdf

If the file size is larger than 50M you can use the same website to compress or resize the document. Make sure the final file is legible after compression. Pictures can be rather large and don't need to be print quality but the words should be readable.

[Society Name]
Children of the American Revolution
[year]-[year] National Merit Award
[President's Name], Society President
[Sr. President's Name], Senior Society President

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[Society Name]

National Society Children of the American Revolution

[year]-[year] Activities and Meeting Report

• **[Event Date] – [Location], [City], [State]**

- List important facts [Include at least one photo from the event; a group photo preferred]

• **[Event Date] – [Location], [City], [State]**

- List important facts [Include at least one photo from the event; a group photo preferred]

• **[Event Date] – [Location], [City], [State]**

- List important facts [Include at least one photo from the event; a group photo preferred]

[Notes: Include all events. All society business meetings, State Conference, Region Meeting, DAR / SAR events, community events, etc. in which you participated.]

Following your activities report, list each section and number, and give a brief discretion on how you fulfilled that requirement, including pictures when available. The following is an example of what your entry could look like.

Section A1. Society Meetings

• **[Event Date] – [Location], [City], [State]**

- List important facts [Include at least one photo from the event; a group photo preferred]

Program Committee covered, number of participants - members, prospective members, seniors, and others

A2. All Events

• **[Event Date] – [Location], [City], [State]**

- List important facts [Include at least one photo from the event; a group photo preferred]

Program Committee covered, number of participants - members, prospective members, seniors, and others

A3. National Project program

• **[Event Date] – [Location], [City], [State]**

- List important facts [Include at least one photo from the event; a group photo preferred]

Program Committee covered, number of participants - members, prospective members, seniors, and others

A4. Invitation to National Officers or State Officers

• **[Event Date] – [Location], [City], [State]**

- List important facts [Include at least one photo from the event; a group photo preferred]

Program Committee covered, number of participants - members, prospective members, seniors, and others

Include snapshot of email invitation and RSVP if they cannot attend.

National Chaplain	
National Chaplain Sydney Rigaud	Senior National Chaplain Rebecca Slaughter

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, 2026.

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 2026 National Convention.

National Organizing Secretary	
National Organizing Secretary Taylor Watts	Senior National Organizing Secretary Dena 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 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.

Memorandum with fee(s) due	Senior National Board of Management Meetings
October 1, 2025	October 11, 2025
November 26, 2025	December 6, 2025
January 21, 2026	January 31, 2026
April 7, 2026	April 16, 2026

When a fee is required for the appointment, the appointment will not be processed until the fee is received.

National Treasurer	
National Treasurer Libby Deakyne	Senior National Treasurer Melissa Herman

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	\$12
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 fees	\$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
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
Operation Fund Eagle	\$25
Operation Fund Majestic Eagle	\$100
Operation Fund “We’re Members of the C.A.R.”	\$200
Celebrate C.A.R.! Fund Carnation	\$25
Celebrate C.A.R.! Fund Gavel with Fireworks	\$75
Celebrate C.A.R.! Fund Gavel with Wreath	\$100
Celebrate C.A.R.! Fund Fireworks Sparkle	\$500

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 22nd birthday, whichever comes first.

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

Fife 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 is not limited to 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 Chairmen.

\$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 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 is 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 insure 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

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.

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 17.76

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 is a recurring gift.

Select gift frequency

Monthly

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

- 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 Tips

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

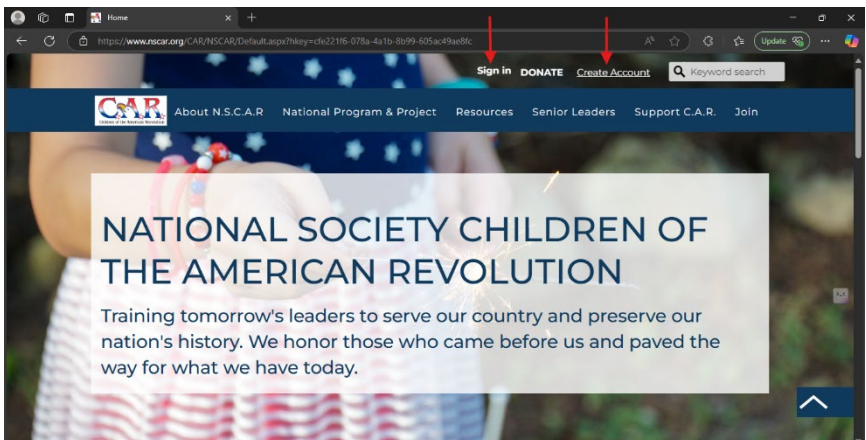
The second thing is to keep email addresses and permissions up to date on the website.

- 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.
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How to Read the Packet:

Objective: 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 Chairman 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
- 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 pages 18-20 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 4**.
- Submit all National Contest Entries and the National Merit Award form by **March 9**.
- Credentials for National Convention Delegates are due in March. 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

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 numbers.

	Due Date	Page #
National Dues	December 31	39
Donations	February 28	39
Contests	March 9	4-6
Mail in postmark for Merit Award & State Presidents Award	March 4	10
Merit Award & State Presidents Award	March 9	31-36
National Convention Credentials	March TBD	
Society Annual Report	April 1	48

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

Senior Society President Forms

[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 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, 2026 (Postmarked December 31, 2025)
- Local Society Donation Form: Postmarked by February 28, 2026
- National Contest Entries: March 3, 2026
- Credentials Form: TBD March 2026 (This is required to be sent by every society, even if you have no members attending 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, 2026 (covers the dates March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026)

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Calendar of Events

Month	Day	Event
June	11	Dr. Joseph Warren's Birthday
	17	Bunker Hill Day
	19-20	Western & Rocky Mountain Region Meeting
	22	Harriett Lothrop's Birthday
	25-29	DAR Continental Congress
	25	Opening Night - DAR Continental Congress
	27	N.S.C.A.R Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Wreath Laying
July	1-2	South Central Region Meeting
	4	Independence Day
	7-8	Southeastern Region Meeting
	9	Member National Board Meeting – Orlando, FL
	11-12	Mid-Southern Region Meeting
	14	SAR Congress - Joseph Rumbaugh Oration Finals
	15	SAR Congress - Opening and Youth Award Luncheon
	18-19	Eastern & New England Region Meeting
	22-23	Great Plains & Great Lakes Region Meeting
September	1	Labor Day
	13	Constitution Ball - King of Prussia, PA
	17	Constitution Day
October	1	Senior Society President Memorandum of Appointment due for October Board. All motions due to SNP.
	4	SNBM Advisory Board
	10	Budget Presentation
	11	Senior National Board of Management Meeting DAR Constitution Hall (Hybrid)
	13	Indigenous Peoples' Day
	18	Member National Board Meeting- Yorktown, VA
	19	244 th Yorktown Day Celebration
November	11	Veterans Day
	26	Senior Society Memorandum of Appointment due for December Board. All motions due to the SNP.
	27	Thanksgiving Day
December	6	Senior National Board of Management Meeting-Virtual
	10	NSDAR Open House / N.S.C.A.R. Open House

	13	Wreaths Across America
	25	Merry Christmas
	31	Dues postmarked to C.A.R. National Headquarters for National Merit Award
January	1	New Year's Day
	19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
	21	Senior Society President Memorandum of Appointment due for February Board. All motions due to the SNP
	31	Senior National Board of Management Meeting – Nashville, TN (Hybrid)
February	16	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	4	MAIL IN National Merit and State President Award Deadline
	9	National Merit and State President Award Deadline
	9	National Contest Deadline
	20	Reese Holmes's Birthday
	TBD	National Convention Credentials Due
April	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
	12	Sr. National Officers, Sr. National Chairmen that don't have a motion and Sr. State Presidents' reports due
	12	Senior National Reports Meeting
	16	Senior National Board Meeting – Arlington, VA (Hybrid)
	16	National Bylaws Meeting – Arlington, VA
	17	Member National Board Meeting – Arlington, VA
	17-19	N.S.C.A.R. National Convention, Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, Arlington, VA

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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>

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Fun Facts About Dr. Joseph Warren

- Paul Revere identified Joseph Warren's remains by his teeth.
- Joseph Warren sent Paul Revere and William Dawes to warn of British troop movements.
- Joseph Warren was the chairman of the Committee of Safety after the Boston Massacre of 1770.
- Joseph Warren was a member of the Committee of Correspondence
- He attended Harvard College, graduating in 1759.
- He was the first Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge in Massachusetts.
- Warren served as President of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress, playing a key role in resisting British rule.
- He helped draft the Suffolk Resolves, a precursor to the Declaration of Independence.
- Recognized for his leadership, he was commissioned a Major General in the Massachusetts militia.
- Despite his rank, Warren chose to fight on the front lines as a regular soldier during key battles.



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