

MEDALS AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL SOCIETY, A STATE SOCIETY OR A CHAPTER FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Gold Good Citizenship Medal

Precedence: 3

Year Authorized: 1954

Presented By: National Society or State Society. A Chapter may present this medal only if approved by its state society.

Approved By: NSSAR Medals & Awards Committee and NSSAR Executive Committee; State Society if request made by Chapter

Description: The medal is gold. The certificate that accompanies the Gold Good Citizenship Medal should be engrossed and presented at the time of the award, preferably framed. A miniature version of the medal is also available.

Summary: The Gold Good Citizenship Medal is awarded for outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service of national importance to persons of prominence on a national level in the areas of government (including military service), religion, education, business and other professions, and other fields of endeavor.

Former Presidents General may be awarded this medal, but the request must be processed as any other. Other SAR members may receive the medal if they meet the requirements established for all applicants.

Approval Requirements: The National Society's Medals and Awards Committee and Executive Committee must approve the Gold Good Citizenship Medal. Nominations for the award can be made by the National Society, a state society, or by a chapter (only if approved by its state society). All nominations should be submitted on the standard Gold Good Citizenship application form. The conferring authority should carefully read the form and follow the instructions relative to the type of supporting documentation needed. The application packet should be submitted to the Executive Director no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to a scheduled meeting of the Medals and Awards Committee and Executive Committee (usually at the NSSAR Leadership Meetings and NSSAR Congress) to allow time for dissemination and review. If the application is not submitted by the deadline, it will be carried over until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Payment for the medal should accompany the nomination, but this is not required. If payment does not accompany the nomination, the medal will not be shipped until payment is received. Please consult the Executive Director for the current price of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal.

After review by the Medals and Awards Committee and the Executive Committee, the requesting society or chapter will be notified within two weeks as to the decision on the nomination. If approved, the medal will be mailed to the submitter: (i) immediately, if payment accompanied the nomination or (ii) upon receipt of payment. If disapproved, any payment accompanying the nomination will be returned to the submitter. A letter of explanation from the Executive Director will accompany all disapprovals.

Limitations on Presentation: A maximum of two Gold Good Citizenship Medals may be presented by a state society (including chapters within its society) each year. It may only be presented posthumously if the recipient died between the time the award was approved by the Medals and Awards Committee and Executive Committee and the date it was to have been presented. The National Society maintains a record of all past recipients of the Gold Good Citizenship Medal, which should be consulted in advance to avoid an invalid request.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: An individual may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Additional Notes: Since this is one of the NSSAR's highest awards, plans for presentation should be made sufficiently in advance to allow time for award approval, participation by society leadership, and arrangements for publicity.

Heroism Medal

Precedence: 5

Year Authorized:

Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter

Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Description: The medal is in bronze and is similar in design to the Good Citizenship Medal but is inscribed, "Heroism." It is worn suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors. The medal is accompanied by an enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engrossing. No miniature medal is available.

Summary: It recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger, *i.e.*, acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform but does not exclude police, firemen, and SAR members. It is not intended to recognize acts that would have been covered by armed forces medals for valor. The medal may also be presented posthumously.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: An individual may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Publication: The names of all recipients are published annually. Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short, written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places, and names. These should be submitted to National Headquarters, ATTN: Public Service and Heroism Committee and should arrive no later than June 1 each year. The report format is available on the SAR web site.

Silver Good Citizenship Medal

Precedence: 15

Year Authorized: 1939

Presented By: National Society or State Society. A Chapter may present this medal only if approved by its state society.

Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee or State Society (based on presenting authority)

Description: The medal is silver in color. A certificate suitable for engraving is available. A miniature medal is also available.

Summary: The Silver Good Citizenship Medal recognizes outstanding and unusual patriotic achievement and service that is of a more local degree (state or regional level) than required for the Gold Good Citizenship Medal. The medal is presented to persons of prominence in the areas of government (including military service), religion, education, business and other professions, and other fields of endeavor. Since it recognizes extensive service, a biographical sketch of the candidate should accompany the request for a medal. There is no requirement that persons must be awarded a Bronze Good Citizenship Medal before they may be awarded a Silver Good Citizenship Medal.

Non-member Service Requirements: In the case of a non-member, the National Society or a state society determines the qualifications. ***Awards of this medal to a national officer of organizations must be approved by the President General before a district, state or chapter makes the award.***

Compatriot Service Requirements: In the case of a Compatriot, in order to have uniform criteria, the requirement has been established that the member shall have served in six leadership capacities in any of the following local organizations: Church, School, Scouting, Fraternal, Business Associations, Government, Patriotic, Military, Veterans, Conservation, Hereditary, Genealogical, Historical or organized Sports (Little League, etc.).

SAR Service Restriction: The Silver Good Citizenship Medal should **not** be used to recognize service to the SAR, which is recognized by the Minuteman Award, the National Medal of Distinguished Service, the State Medal of Distinguished Service, Patriot Medal, the Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Roger Sherman Medal.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: An individual (including Compatriots) may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

SAR Life Saving Medal

Precedence: 17

Year Authorized: 2017

Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter

Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Description: The medal is gold in color. The obverse depicts a green cross in the center enclosed within a green circle. Within the green circle, the words “Sons of the American Revolution” appear on top and “Life Saving” appears on the bottom. It is worn from a chest ribbon of red halved with

white. The medal is accompanied by a half red, half white enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engrossing. A miniature medal is available.

Summary: The SAR Life Saving Medal is presented to those individuals who have acted to save a human life *without* necessarily placing their own life or themselves in imminent danger. The medal is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform, *however*, police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical personal, lifeguards, and SAR Compatriots are not excluded from receiving this award. The medal is not intended to recognize acts that would otherwise qualify for military or another organization's valor medals and, in all cases, the fact that the actions of the rescuer saved the life of the victim must be validated by EMS or medical personnel. Lifesaving examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Performing the Heimlich maneuver or other first aid to prevent a person from choking;
2. Saving a person from drowning by bringing the person to safety;
3. Performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or rescue breathing until the person breathes normally; or
4. Performing CPR or applying an automated external defibrillator (AED) on an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest before EMS arrival.

The medal is intended to recognize the actions of any person: (1) who was directly responsible for the saving of a human life or (2) who prolonged a human life to the extent that the victim was still alive upon transfer to the care of medical authorities, even though the victim might expire later.

Only one award will be awarded for each incident regardless of the number of victims involved. Nominations will not be considered after a lapse of 24 months of the incident.

Posthumous Presentation Authorized: The medal may be presented posthumously.

Publication: The names of all recipients are published annually. Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short, written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places, and names. This should be submitted to National Headquarters, ATTN: Public Service and Heroism Committee and should arrive no later than June 1 each year. The report format is available on the SAR web site.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Precedence: 18

Year Authorized:

Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter

Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Description: The obverse of the medal depicts a police badge design surmounted by a gold eagle with the SAR Badge below. The medal is accompanied by an enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engrossing. A miniature medal is available.

Summary: The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. Eligibility is not limited to peace officers but extends to the entire range of persons who make and enforce the law to include but not limited to peace officers, attorneys, judges, prosecutors, and legislators who have performed an exceptional act or service beyond that normally expected.

Posthumous Presentation Authorized: The medal may be presented posthumously.

Publication: The names of all recipients are published annually. Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short, written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places, and names. This should be submitted to National Headquarters, ATTN: Public Service and Heroism Committee and should arrive no later than June 1 each year. The report format is available on the SAR web site.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: An individual may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Fire Safety Commendation Medal

Precedence: 19

Year Authorized:

Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter

Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Description: The obverse of the medal depicts a fireman's badge with a flame in the center. The medal is accompanied by an enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engraving. A miniature medal is available.

Summary: The Fire Safety Commendation Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The award is not limited to firefighters. It may be presented to recognize a variety of fire safety and service that has evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development, and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal: protect human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals.

Posthumous Presentation Authorized: The medal may be presented posthumously.

Publication: The names of all recipients are published annually. Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short, written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places, and names. This should be submitted to National Headquarters, ATTN: Public Service and Heroism Committee and should arrive no later than June 1 each year. The report format is available on the SAR web site.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: An individual may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal

Precedence: 20

Year Authorized: 2005

Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter

Approved By: National Society, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Description: The obverse of the medal depicts an EMS badge. The medal is accompanied by an enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engraving. A miniature medal is available.

Summary: The Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contribution in an area of emergency medical services. The award is intended for paramedics and certified Emergency Medical Technicians and others in the emergency medical field who have performed an act or service beyond that normally expected.

Posthumous Presentation Authorized: The medal may be presented posthumously.

Publication: The names of all recipients are published annually. Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short, written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places, and names. This should be submitted to National Headquarters, ATTN: Public Service and Heroism Committee and should arrive no later than June 1 each year. The report format is available on the SAR web site.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: An individual may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Bronze Good Citizenship Medal

Precedence: 30

Year Authorized: 1895

Presented By: National Society, State Society or Chapter

Approved By: NSSAR Executive Committee, State Society or Chapter (based on presenting authority)

Description: The medal is bronze in color. A certificate suitable for engraving is available. A miniature medal is also available.

Summary: The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal is a multi-purpose award designed to recognize individuals who have whose community (*i.e.*, school, locality, or state) achievements are noteworthy. It can be presented to both adults and minors and to Compatriots (subject to below limitation) and non-Compatriots alike. The medal was originally designed as a medallion, but a ribbon and clasp were added in 1932 to convert it to a medal.

Non-Compatriot Presentation Suggestions: The following are some examples for presenting this award:

Awards of this medal to a national officer of organizations must be approved by the President General before a district, state or chapter makes the award.

1. ***Community Involvement:*** An individual who has made an important contribution to the community that is not as significant as those contributions that would qualify for the Silver Good Citizenship Medal.
2. ***School Involvement:*** The outstanding high school student in his/her school considering both citizenship and scholarship. The exact criteria is at the discretion of the presenting authority (*i.e.*, it could be presented to a high school senior or junior based on overall scholarship and citizenship; or to a high school student with the highest grades in American history; or a high school student with the best record in citizenship, etc.)
3. ***U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC):*** This medal is authorized for presentation to a cadet in the U.S. Navy Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) to an Outstanding Cadet as nominated by his/her Commanding Officer. **Eligibility criteria:** The award is presented to a cadet who (1) is in the NSCC Program (not the NLCC Program), (2) is in his or her last, or next to last, year in the NSCC program, (3) has attained the rank of Petty Officer Second Class or above; (4) is in good standing militarily and scholastically at the time of selection and presentation; (5) demonstrates a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing, and excellence in the performance of duties; (6) has the potential for greater leadership responsibilities; and (7) is recommended by the unit Commanding Officer. (*See Bronze ROTC Medal summary for more information.*)

Compatriot Presentation Requirements: A Compatriot may be awarded the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal if either (1) he has served, subject to the restriction described immediately below, in at least four of the leadership capacities covered under the Silver Good Citizenship Medal (see above), or (2) he qualifies by some other outstanding achievement in his community. Subsequent awards must be for different service than the service used for prior awards.

SAR Service Restriction: The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal **is not** used to recognize service to the SAR. SAR service is only recognized by the Minuteman Award, the National Medal of Distinguished Service, the State Medal of Distinguished Service, Patriot Medal, the Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service, Meritorious Service Medal, the Roger Sherman Medal, and any nationally approved District or State Society service medal.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: An individual may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award Medal

Precedence: 34

Year Authorized: 2006

Presented By: National Society

Approved By: NSSAR Eagle Scout Committee

Description: The medal is suspended from a red, white, and blue drape like the BSA Eagle Scout medal. The medal is bronze in color and has a BSA fleur-de-lis on the obverse surrounded by the words "Boy Scout Volunteer - N.S.S.A.R." The reverse has area suitable for engraving. A

certificate and the BSA COA square knot, for wear on the Scout field uniform, accompany the medal. The medal is available in miniature for formal wear.

Summary: The Robert E. Burt Boy Scout Volunteer Award is a BSA-recognized Community Organization Award presented to members of the SAR in good standing who have displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting Program. Award criteria are based on work accomplishment and dedication rather than specific length of service time. The medal is awarded by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution upon nomination by a state society.

Limitations on Presentation: Each state society may nominate two (2) awardees per calendar year. At the Spring NSSAR Leadership Meeting, the Eagle Scout Committee will determine whether a state society may nominate additional awardees during that calendar year using a formula based on each state's membership as of January 31st of that year. Awards not presented may not be carried over to subsequent years.

Special Application Required: Nomination and application forms are available on the website.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Outstanding Citizenship Award Lapel Pin

Precedence: N/A

Year Authorized: 1992

Presented By: National Society, State Society, Chapter

Approved By: National Society, State Society, Chapter

Description: The Outstanding Citizenship Award Lapel Pin is a portrait of a Minuteman with the Sons of the American Revolution encircling the upper half and Outstanding Citizenship Award encircling the lower half.

Summary: A chapter, state society or the National Society may present the lapel pin to deserving students in recognition of high ideals of character and citizenship. The Outstanding Citizenship Certificate may also be given in conjunction with the lapel pin.