

National Society, Sons of the American Revolution

USS Stark Award Scoring Sheet and Service to Veterans Medal Guidelines

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*Deadline for Submission **February 1st***

The USS Stark Memorial Award's State Society and Chapter Activities Competition Award and Service to Veterans Medal Guidelines

The NSSAR authorized, in 1988 (revised 2003), THE USS STARK MEMORIAL AWARD to memorialize those brave men and women who continue to stand at the forefront to preserve the freedoms our patriotic ancestors fought so long and hard to achieve. Its purpose is to recognize outstanding chapters and the most outstanding state society within the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for their participation with the Veteran community, and supporting activities of the NSSAR Veteran’s Committee.

In 2002 the NSSAR authorized the creation of the SERVICE TO VETERANS Medal to be presented to the individual Compatriot that has supported the Veteran’s program and is able to document 5000 points of support to our Veterans, using the point scale of the USS Stark Contest. An individual may count points for the LAST five years, BUT only the points that pertain to the current calendar year may be reported on the USS Stark Memorial Competition for the current year.

The reporting period for the USS Stark Award competition is January 1, through December 31 of the previous year. Total points for a participating chapter or society should be reported to the NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman and Executive Director not later than February 1st of each year. **This form must be completed for this competition.** Supporting documentation may be asked for, if needed.

Awards will recognize the most active state societies and/or most active chapters. First place awards for Chapter will be offered by membership size: 1 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to 199, over 200. One first place award will be given to a State Society with less than 1,000 members (will be judged using weighted equation on a per member basis) and another first place award to a State Society with more than 1,000 members (will be judged using weighted equation on a per member basis). An USS Stark Streamer is awarded to the winner of each Chapter and State categories. Award may not be won for two consecutive years. An Honorable Mention Streamer may possibly be awarded at the discretion of the Veteran’s Committee.

The USS Stark awards are presented by the National Society at an Annual Congress for the most complete Veterans program. The local chapter or Society presents the Service to Veterans Medal. The Service to Veterans Medal maybe presented at any time that the local chapter or Society approves the Medal. Activities should conform to the chartered purposes and to the type of activity suggested in the SAR Handbook.

Notice: Each submitter (Chapter or Society) may be requested to substantiate some categories. If you need to provide additional information use blank sheets of paper and attach to form. If you do something with the Veterans that is not listed above, please let chairman know so that it may be considered as a new item to include for points

Chapter Name:

State Society:

President:

Name of Submitter:

Email:

Phone:

Number of Members (as of Jan. 1st of the contest year)

Date Submitted:

Point Value	No. of Events	Total Points
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1. **Chapter member appointed to VA Hospital Council or equivalent organization.**

e.g. Compatriot John was appointed to the Local VA Volunteers Committee. 25 points x 1 = 25

Count one time per year per member x Number of Members

List Compatriot's name and VA Hospital or equivalent organization:

2. **Each HOUR served in VA Hospital Volunteer Service.**

Verified by submitting local VA Hospital Report

e.g. Compatriot John volunteers for 2 hours, twice a month at the local VA Nursing Home.

10 points per hour x 4 hours per month = 40 points per month.

Per Hour Served

List Compatriot name/VA Hospital/number of hours:

3. **Each SAR member visiting a Veteran in a VA Hospital, Nursing home or his home where the hours are NOT recorded as in # 2 above.**

e.g. Compatriot Dan visits Jack (disabled veteran) at home twice a month. 5 points per visit x 2 visits per month = 10 points per month.

Each Veteran Visited, maximum of three (3) visits per hour

List Compatriots name/where/number of hours

4. **Each GIFT donated to Veteran in VA Hospital, nursing home, personal care items.**
 Personal care items, playing cards, combs, puzzles, etc.
e.g. Compatriot Mark donates 5 sample bars of soap, shampoo, etc., that he receives from the motel while attending an out of town SAR event.
1 point per item x 5 items per month = 5 points per month.
 Per item
5. Each dollar donated to VAVS projects & coupon books.
e.g. Compatriot John donates 5 dollars per month to the local VAVS.
1 point per dollar x 5 dollars per month = 5 points per month.
 Per dollar, maximum \$1500
6. Each PUBLICATION donated to VA Library or Reading Room.
 Magazine, paperback books, etc.
e.g. Compatriot John donates 5 old magazines or books that he receives per month.
1 point per item x 5 publications per month = 5 points per month.
 Per item
7. **Each VETERAN OUTING or Party that includes Veteran patients.**
e.g. Compatriot John takes Jack and Richard (both veterans) out to lunch and for a car ride once a month.
Totals 10 points for the outing + number of miles x 1 point (ex. 10 miles),
Total 10 + 10 = 20 points per month.
- 01 – 10 veterans
 11 – 25 veterans
 26 – 50 veterans
 51+ veterans
 Mileage points per mile
 Total Points - # 7
8. **Special OBSERVANCE**
Sponsored by chapter with other veteran organizations.
- A. **Special Observance**
 A Chapter sponsored event or a Chapter sponsoring event with other veteran's organizations attending - Non SAR Meetings, Only Chapters can count this event.
 This doesn't count toward Westmoreland Award points.
 Chapter meetings on Special Observance dates do not constitute a special observance and may not be counted.
 Other organizations or public must be invited to count as a special observance.
- Washington's Birthday
 Patriot's Day
 Memorial Day program
 Flag Day
 Fourth of July
 Constitution Day
 Veteran's Day
 Yorktown Day
 Revolutionary era historic site initially marked
 Other historic or patriotic observances
 (Not listed above e.g. Kings Mt., Cowpens, etc.)

B. Attendance at Special Observance

Points per Member

Total Points - # 8

9. **Participation in the Wounded Warriors Program by presenting Veterans the S.A.R. Wounded Warriors Certificate and Challenge Coin.**

Note: These will not count towards 'visits' scored under Item #3

- a. Informal presentation of Certificate and Challenge Coin.
Points each
- b. A formal presentation of Certificate and Challenge Coin.
Points each

Total Points - # 9

10. **Participation in the Operation Ancestor Search Program by assisting Veterans to build their own 'family tree' by the use of computer genealogy.**

Note: These will not count towards 'visits' scored under Item #3

- a. Presentation of the Operation Ancestor Search Program to a group of Service personnel.
Points per program
- b. Assisting each Veteran with computer genealogy.
Points per volunteer hour

Total Points - # 10

11. **Special OBSERVANCE Attending in cooperation with other veterans organizations.**

Chapter member attending in cooperation with other veterans organizations - Non SAR Meetings.

e.g. Compatriot John was able to attend the July 4th and the Veteran's Day parades supported by the local American Legion post, but John did not have an active part.

Each worth 5 points x 2 events = 10 points year

Per Member Attending, mileage does not count

12. **Marking Revolutionary Patriot War Veteran's and compatriot graves.**

A. **Initial Revolutionary Grave Dedication**

Only Chapters can count this Credit, this doesn't count toward Individual points. Exception is listed in Ex. 2 (marking service consisting minimally of a SAR emblem/stone marker being placed, appropriate ceremony (as listed in National Handbook) with Master of Ceremonies, Chaplain, a Compatriot in uniform, descendant(s) invited and other Compatriots)

e.g. # 1: Compatriot John's local chapter sponsored the Marking of two (2) Revolutionary Patriot Veterans Graves.

Each grave marking worth 50 points x 2 events = 100 points year

e.g. # 2: Compatriot Robert obtains an NSSAR Grave Marker and places it on his own Patriot ancestor's grave and the Primary chapter is not involved. Each grave marking worth 50 points x 1 marking = 50 points per year.

Per Grave, maximum 200 points

B. Attendance at Revolutionary Grave marking.
e.g. Compatriot John was able to attend each of the two Grave Dedications sponsored by a SAR/DAR/C.A.R. Chapter. Each worth 5 points x 2 markings = 10 points per year.
Per Member Attending, mileage does not count

C. Flag placement on a Veterans Grave
Per Grave, maximum 200 points

D. Patriot Grave Registry donation to NSSAR
Location and documentation of new Patriot Grave Information donated to the National Graves Registry Committee.
e.g. Compatriot John was able to locate two Patriot graves in a local cemetery. He sent the location of the graves and documentation of Revolutionary service to the Chairman of the Patriot Graves Registry Committee.
Per grave, maximum 40 points

E. Participation in a Veteran's Funeral
A visit to the Funeral home counts if you cannot attend the Funeral, but you cannot count both.
Reading, Dedication, or Bugler
Pallbearer or Honorary Pallbearer
Attendance
Points per mile, maximum 50 Miles per funeral

If Funeral is for an Active Duty Veteran Killed in Action – use the points below for that funeral.

Reading, Dedication, or Bugler
Pallbearer or Honorary Pallbearer
Attendance
Points per mile, maximum 50 Miles per funeral

Total Points - # 12

13. **New or Used Clothing – Men's and Women's.**
The value of clothing as determined by the IRS is a fair market value as determined by a consignment shop.
The clothing must be given to either a VA facility or other location whose primary clients are veterans.
Points per dollar in value

14. **All new or used but working items: such as TV's, Computer's, etc.**
Points are to equal 1/3 of the original purchase price.
e.g. Compatriot John donates a color TV to the local Veteran's Hospital. The cost of the TV when new was \$300. John can count 1/3 of the cost, which equals 100 pts.
Original Cost in Dollars

Total points

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