**2022 Guidance for the Patriot Medal**

1. The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by the North Carolina Society and “*recognizes long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the state and/or chapter level.*” Service at the national level is not considered in making the award. It is desirable that it be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society. A representative cannot accept the Patriot Medal. Using the attached NC SAR Patriot Medal Nomination form, all requirements should be thoroughly reviewed before requesting this medal.

2. The NC SAR Patriot Medal Nominations form should be completed by the individual and/or sponsoring officer and then forwarded to the Chairman of the Patriot Committee by December 31, 2021. Send the completed form to: John O. Thornhill - Thornhill@embarqmail.com

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1. The Patriot Medal Committee is composed of Patriot Medal recipients who were awarded their medal in the NC Society. For 2022, the Chairman of the Patriot Medal Committee will be the earliest known NC recipient of the Patriot Medal who is John Thornhill. After three years, the chairman will be elected from the group of active NC recipients.

2. The Committee will establish weighted judging criteria and voting procedures for the selection of the recipients of Patriot Medals with the following considerations:

a. The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by the North Carolina Society and recognizes “*long, faithful, outstanding, and distinguished service at the state* ***and/or*** *chapter level*.” Consider medal distribution to those long serving Compatriots who have demonstrated outstanding and distinguished service as: (1) state officer; (2) state committee service and chapter officer; or (3) chapter officer.

b. Consider the regional distribution of awards.

c. A Compatriot can only receive this medal once.

d. Use as a guide the ‘Categories of Service’ on the Patriot Medal Nomination form.

e. Service at the national level is not considered in making the award.

3. State societies are authorized one Patriot Medal for every increment of 500 members in the State society. Currently, the North Carolina Society is authorized to award three Patriot Medals for 2022. The NSSAR Executive Director maintains a record of all past recipients so that societies may contact him in advance to determine if a person has already received the medal and thus avoid an invalid request.

**NC SAR Patriot Medal Nomination**

Nominee’s Name Chapter

National # State # Year Approved

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| **Category of Service** | **Years Served and/or Description** |
| - State Officer positions- Chairman/Member, State Committee |  |
| - Chapter Officer positions- Chairman/Member, Chapter Committee |  |
| - Color Guard Activities (# of events)- Grave Markings (type/# attended) |  |
| Significant Service to the State or Chapter |  |
| Annual Meetings and/orBoard of Managers Meetings attended |  |
| Organizer of New Chapter(List chapter name and date of charter) |  |
| New Member First Line Signer(List new members’ name, SAR National #, and the date of admission) |  |
| Monetary Donations |  |

Signed by: Date:

 Nominee

Supported by: Date:

 Chapter President/State Officer/Past State President