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The DAR's commitment to supporting America's veterans dates back to its founding in 1890. The purpose of this committee is to serve American veterans. DAR members have many ways to say "Thank You" by acknowledging and recognizing veterans' service, sacrifice and commitment to the preservation of our nation's freedom. Military operations around the world have and will continue to increase the number of young men and women who will become veterans. Let us show them how much we care.

***Rise up and Shine a focus on our veterans!***



**Here are a few ways YOU can say "Thank You for your Service"**

***Serve as a Volunteer in your community~***

- Serve homeless veterans by providing buddy bags containing non-perishable food items and personal care items. Volunteers collect, distribute, and deliver food to community shelters. During Operation Stand Down, DAR volunteers serve meals, distribute clothing, work at information tables, help with medical and social screenings, and provide companionship to homeless veterans.
- Collect and distribute items to community shelters and volunteer at stand downs by serving meals, distributing clothing, help with medical and social needs, and provide companionship to homeless veterans.
- Partner with a local C.A.R. chapter to encourage schools and students to make greeting cards for hospitalized veterans and deliver them during a special visit.
- Plan a special event for Veterans in your area to celebrate a National Holiday or special event.
- Support our Women Veterans by volunteering and donating items for use or visiting with the sick and lonely. Support for maternity services for female veterans with gift baskets for the new baby and mother.
- Provide support to active duty men and women at military medical facilities in the U.S.
- Make business cards for handing out to Veterans to say "Thank you for your Service".
- Registering with *Wreaths Across America* to sponsor wreaths and participate by attending and laying wreaths at local ceremonies.
- DAR is proud to be a founding partner of the **Veterans History Project** of the Library of Congress. The purpose of the project is to collect and preserve audio/video oral histories, letters, diaries, maps, photographs, and home movies of America's war veterans and those who served in support of them.

***Serve at the National level ~***

At the national level, DAR support is focused on two groups: women serving in the military and the wounded military personnel at three locations: the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany, Wounded Transition Brigade in Bethesda, Maryland, and Wounded Warrior and Family Support Center in San Antonio, Texas. In addition, phone cards are provided to chaplains in Afghanistan and at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, a 1A Mobilization Training Center for deploying troops.

### ***Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer***

- Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award – presented to a veteran in recognition of outstanding achievement in personal, professional, and family life.
- Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award – presented to a youth volunteer (age 14-21) who provides service for veterans.
- Outstanding DAR Service for Veterans Award – presented to a DAR member in recognition of outstanding care given to veterans in various areas.

### ***Fulfill your VAVS Representative Duties***

A representative and deputies serve on the local VAVS Committee as representatives of NSDAR. Knowledge of federal and DAR programs for veterans enables the representative and her deputies to effectively respond to the needs of veterans and to aid the facility in its care of America's veterans.

### ***Pins!***

- Friends of Veterans Pin with a donation of \$100
- Best Friend Pin and Bars with an equal amount to a contribution fund.
- DAR Service for Veterans Pin eligibility those officially appointed as a representative or deputy to the VAVS and who attend three quarterly VAVS meetings within a year.
- Outstanding DAR Member, VAVS Service for Veterans only available to past national winners of the Outstanding DAR Service for Veterans Award.
- DAR Serving the Nation – for DAR member who have served in the U.S. military



Our veterans deserve our full support. Did you know that today's veterans are 50 percent more likely to take their own lives than the general population? The challenges of adjustment and transition, post-traumatic stress, military sexual trauma, traumatic brain injury and physical disabilities are issues facing many of today's veterans. Remember: A veteran is someone who wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount up to, and including, their life. As we *Rise and Shine for America*, let's show veterans the love, support and recognition worthy of their sacrifice.

***NSDAR Website: For more information about the DAR Service for Veterans committee, visit***

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/dar-service-veterans/committee-purpose>

### ***Additional Resources:***

- Awards Information for Chapter Chairs (DSFV-1007):  
<http://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/DSFV-1007.PDF>
- Wreaths Across America: <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/fundraising>
- Honor Flight: <https://www.honorflight.org>
- Veteran History Project: <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>