

NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE



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This committee strives to preserve our American heritage of freedom, protects the U.S. Constitution and ensures the survival of our national sovereignty. The National Defense Committee advocates a strong American military defense and unwavering faithfulness to the ideals of the Founding Fathers as set forth in the U.S. Constitution.

WHAT MUST THE KANSAS DAUGHTERS DO?

1. All Daughters are invited to send articles to the National Chair for possible inclusion in the *National Defender*. Please include a **signed Permission to Use Articles & Photos form** with submitted articles. This form (ND-2002) is on the committee's webpage on the DAR Members' Website.
2. Use national defense material, in full or summarized, from the *National Defender*, *American Spirit* magazine, and *Daughters* newsletters for committee reports at all regular meetings. A three minute report at ALL regular meetings will earn your chapter points on the Chapter Achievement Award (CAA).
3. Members please wear red every Friday to show that they "Remember Everyone Deployed." We as members are encouraged to join in the Wear **Red** Movement, which asks Americans to show solidarity and support for our deployed service members until they return safely home to their families. Participants carry to national levels the message that our deployed military is never forgotten.
4. Chapters can also receive CAA recognition for presenting DAR ROTC/JROTC medals, DAR Outstanding Cadet medals, DAR Youth Citizenship medals, and DAR Distinguished Citizen medals.
 - a. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION!! (SEE NEXT PAGE)

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DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal

There's exciting news here, but let's get the routine stuff out of the way first.

Two awards per year: As you know, chapters may make two DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal awards per year. Why not more, you ask.

- One, we don't want to make this seem like an "everybody gets one" deal, which dilutes the intended honor.
- Two, you don't want to run out of people to recognize in your community. This is a once-in-a-lifetime award, and awarding several people or groups in one or two years could leave some communities bereft of potential awardees in the future.
- Three, while the award is to recognize someone who's done worthy things, it is also to generate awareness and positive public relations for DAR and the group (in group awards). Giving just two awards per year allows us to stretch out the publicity value and the goodwill. We can always use that.

Group Awards: Chapters and states may now make awards to groups, such as First Responder organizations. A group award has a few items to consider:

- It counts as one award for reporting, no matter how big the group is. Per year, chapters may make one award to a group and another to an individual, two awards to groups, or two awards to individuals.
- Every person belonging to the group will receive a medal and certificate and be considered individually a DAR Distinguished Citizen. "Will receive a medal and certificate" means that the chapter or state making the award pays for each medal and certificate awarded. Chapters should consider their finances and perhaps hold a specific fundraiser or ask for special donations to cover awards to larger groups.
- The cost for *each* award is \$10.00. This covers the medal, certificate, and postage. If you have, say, five members in the group, that's \$50.00. At the moment, there is no bulk rate or volume discount.
- In *normal* times, which are not now, the DAR Store said to allow six to eight weeks for processing the order and sending out the medal(s) and certificate(s). That's from the time the DAR Store receives the nomination sent by the state chair. The people in the store are working, but they have DC-imposing staffing limitations to deal with. At this point, chapters should consider allowing three months' time, just in case.
- "All group members" includes working dogs, if they are part of the unit. Yes, they each get an award and certificate. I know, they would be just as happy with a Milk Bone®, but consider – the dog is the one doing the hard work, military working dogs receive medals and awards, and it is an *excellent* peg to get good publicity and PR for the group and for DAR. (Be sure to give the dog a Milk Bone in the photo op; ask the handler first, though.)

Let's Rise and Shine for America!!!! AND Welcome Home!