



# The USS Stark Memorial Award Scoring Sheet

Deadline for Submission **February 1<sup>st</sup>** of each year

The USS Stark Memorial Award, authorized in 1988 (revised 2021), was established 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 outstanding state societies within the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for their participation with the Veteran community and supporting activities of the NSSAR Veterans Committee.

The reporting period for the Stark Award is January 1 through December 31 of the previous year -- the Contest Year. Total points for a participating chapter or society should be reported to the NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman and Executive Director no later than February 1. **This form must be completed for scoring purposes. Supporting documentation will be required.**

Awards will recognize the most active state society and most active state chapters. An award certificate will go to winning chapters based on membership size: 10 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to 199, and 200 or more, using a weighted equation on a per member basis. First-place awards for state societies will be based on membership size: 10 to 199, 200 to 499, 500 to 999, and 1,000 or more members, using a weighted equation on a per member basis. A first-place award may not be won for two consecutive years, though an honorable mention certificate may be awarded at the discretion of the Veterans Committee.

For the purposes of this score sheet a Veteran is defined as "A person who honorably served, or is currently serving, in any branch of the United States Armed Services or the armed services of an allied country."

The USS Stark Memorial Award scoring methodology is as follows: \$1.00 equals 1 point. Individual time is 10 points per hour. Travel is 1 point per mile. All equivalencies should conform. For example,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a man hour equals 2.5 points. Only voluntary hours as a representative of the SAR may be counted.

A Veterans Service Organization (VSO) means a VA recognized service organization whose primary clients are Veterans.

**Notes:** Each submitter (chapter or society) must document some categories. If you need to provide additional information, use blank sheets of paper and attach them to the form. Please be sure to put the name of the Chapter or Society filing this form in the box at the top of each page. This allows us to ensure that all pages of your submission are kept together.

This document can be printed and mailed along with any attachments to:

Executive Director  
National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution  
809 West Main Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203-2619

Chapter Name:	
Society Name:	
Chapter or State President:	
Name of Submitter:	
Telephone:	Email:
Chapter or State Membership Count as of Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> of contest year.	Date Submitted:

**1. Chapter member appointed to VA Hospital Council, Voluntary Service or Center for Development and Civic Engagement (VAVS/CDCE).** (Must be appointed in writing by NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman)

Point Value:	No. of Appointments:	Points:
List Member's name and VA Hospital Council or equivalent organization:		

Example: The NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman appointed a Representative and two Deputy Representatives to a VAVS/CDCE. Three appointments x 100 = 300 points.

**2. Each hour served in VA Hospital.** (Verified by submitting a local VA Hospital Report.)

Point Value:	No. of Hours:	Points:
Mile Value:	Miles driven:	Points:
		Sub Total:
List Member's name; VA Hospital; number of hours, and miles driven:		

Example: Compatriot John drives a 30-mile round trip for each 4 hours of service at a VAVS/CDCE and completes 60 hours of service in one year: 60 hours x 10 = 600 points; plus 15 round trips of 30 miles = 450 miles. Total = 1050 points.

**3. Each SAR Member visiting a Veteran in a Hospital, Nursing Home or private home, or taking one or more Veterans on an outing where the hours are NOT recorded in 2.**

Point Value:	No. of Hours:	Points:
Mile Value:	Miles driven:	Points:
		Sub Total:

List member's name, hospital, nursing home, home place or outing, number of hours, and miles driven:

**Examples:** Compatriot John drives a 20-mile round trip to pick up Frank, a home bound Veteran, and spends two hours helping him shop for groceries and personal care items. John earns 20 points for the two-hour visit and 20 points for mileage. Compatriots Stan drives Dan 10 miles round trip to visit a nursing home and spend 15 minutes each with four Veterans. They each earn ten points each for a one-hour visit, and Stan earns 20 points for mileage.

**4. Each GIFT (personal care item) donated to Veterans in a VA or State Hospital or State Veterans Nursing Home, or other organization whose primary clients are Veterans. (Personal care items can be items such as liquid soap, shampoo, dental and nail care items, as well as playing cards, combs, puzzles, nonperishable food items, etc.)**

New Items:	Point Value:	Purchase Price:	Points:
Free sample items:	Point Value:	No. of items:	Points:
Miles:	Point Value:	Miles driven:	Points:
			Sub Total:

List Member's name, donations made, donation value, donation recipient, and miles driven.

**Examples:** Compatriot John donates five free sample bottles each of liquid soap, shampoo and hair conditioner he collected during hotel visits. Fifteen bottles times 1/5 point = 3 points. Compatriot Dan purchases 10 toothbrushes, 10 tubes of tooth paste and 10 containers of dental floss. Donation value is actual cash value excluding sales tax. His 15-mile round trip to donate items at a VAVS/CDCE earns 15 points. He retains a copy of his purchase receipt and notes miles driven on the receipt.

**5. Each DOLLAR donated to a VAVS/CDCE, State Veterans Hospital or State Veterans Nursing Home, or other organization whose primary clients are Veterans.** (Including cash, checks, gift cards, or clothing and transportation vouchers.)

Point Value:	No. of dollars:	Points:
Mile Value:	Miles driven:	Points:
		Sub Total:

List Member's name, donation value, donation recipient, and miles driven. Receipt required.

**Example:** Compatriot Larry drives 15 miles round trip to donate \$100 to a VAVS/CDCE to purchase travel vouchers for Veterans seeking treatment at a VA hospital or clinic. He earns one 100 points for the cash donation and 15 points for mileage.

**6. Each PUBLICATION donated to Veterans in a VAVS/CDCE or State Veterans Hospital or State Veterans Nursing Home, or other organization whose primary clients are Veterans.** (Publications can include magazines, paperback hard bound books, CDs/DVDs containing music, books or movies, etc.)

<b>New</b> books, magazines, and CDs/DVDs	Point Value:	Purchase Price:	Points:
<b>Used</b> magazines under six months old, books or CDs	Point Value:	No. of items:	Points:
Miles	Point Value:	Miles driven:	Points:
			Sub Total:

List Member's name, new and used books, magazines, and CD/DVDs donated, and miles driven.

**Example:** Chapter Veterans committee member Joe collects 20 used books and 120 used magazines under six months old. He drives a 98-mile round trip to deliver the reading materials to a VAVS/CDCE and retains a copy of the delivery receipt. Chapter donors receive 140 points for the literature and Joe receives 98 points for travel.

**7. Participation in the SAR Wounded Warriors Program.** (Presenting a SAR Wounded Warrior Certificate and Wounded Warrior Challenge Coin. Award criteria is in the NSSAR Handbook, Volume V, Individual Medals and Awards.)

Purchase of Certificate and Coin	Point Value:	Quantity:	Points:
Attendance in business attire	Point Value:	Hours:	Points:
Attendance in Colonial attire	Point Value:	Hours:	Points:
Miles	Point Value:	Miles driven:	Sub Total:

Example: Compatriots John and Larry each purchase a Wounded Warrior Certificate and Challenge Coin for separate honorees at a Wounded Warriors Program. John drives them 40 miles round trip to attend a one-hour ceremony. John attends wearing Colonial attire. Larry attends in business attire. Each Compatriot receives 15 points for purchase of a certificate and challenge coin. John receives 20 points for attending in Colonial attire and Larry receive 10 points for attending in business attire. John receives an additional 40 points for mileage.

**8. Activities recognizing or supporting Veterans in cooperation with other organizations.**

Attendance in business attire	Point Value:	No. of Hours:	Points:
Attendance in Colonial attire	Point Value:	No. of Hours:	Points:
Miles	Point Value:	Miles driven:	Points:
			Sub Total:

Example: Compatriot Peter drives 40 miles round trip with Compatriots John and Jim. They spend 2 hours each at an Independence Day parade organized by the local American Legion. Peter wears business attire and earns 2 hours (1 member x 2 hours) worth 20 points for his participation and 40 points for miles driven. John and Jim wear Colonial attire and earn 4 hours (2 members x 2 hours) worth 80 points for their participation.

**9. Decorating Veterans graves and attendance at funerals.**

**A. Decorating Veterans' Graves (flags, wreaths, etc. placed on Veterans' graves) and removing decorations.**

Purchase Price:	Point Value:		Points:
Hours in business attire:	Point Value:	No. of Hours:	Points:
Hours in Colonial attire:	Point Value:	No. of Hours:	Points:
Miles driven:	Point Value:		Points: Sub Total:

**B. Participation in a Veteran's funeral**

A visit to the funeral home counts if you cannot attend the funeral service, but points cannot be counted for both the visit and attendance.

Reading, Dedication, or Bugler	Point Value:	No. Members:	Points:
Rifle Team Salute	Point Value:	No. Members:	Points:
Flag Folding	Point Value:	No. Members:	Points:
Pallbearer or Honorary Pallbearer	Point Value:	No. Members:	Points:
Attendance per hour in business attire	Point Value:	No. of Hours:	Points:
Attendance per hour in Colonial attire	Point Value:	No. of Hours:	Points:
Miles driven:	Point Value:	Miles driven:	Points:

			Sub Total:
<b>If funeral is for a Veteran killed in the line of duty use the points shown below for the calculations</b>			
Reading, Dedication, or Bugler	Point Value:	No. Members:	Points:
Rifle Team Salute	Point Value:	No. Members:	Points:
Flag Folding	Point Value:	No. Members:	Points:
Pallbearer or Honorary Pallbearer	Point Value:	No. Members:	Points:
Attendance per hour in business attire	Point Value:	No. of Hours:	Points:
Attendance per hour in Colonial attire	Point Value:	No. of Hours:	Points:
Miles	Point Value:	Miles driven:	Points:
			Sub Total:

<b>10. New or used men's and women's clothing donated to a VAVS/CDCE or State Veterans Hospital or State Veterans Nursing Home, or other organization whose primary clients are Veterans.</b>			
<b>A.</b> Donation of <b>new</b> clothing purchased and donated within 30 days of purchase counts as purchase price excluding sales tax (receipt required).			
Purchase price (excluding sales tax):		Point Value:	Points:
<b>B.</b> Donation of <b>used</b> clothing receives points equal to 1/3 of the original purchase price.			
Purchase price:	x .33 =	dollars	Point Value: Points:
<b>C.</b> Miles			
Miles driven:		Point Value:	Points: Sub Total:

<b>11. New or used but working items, such as TV's, Computers, etc., donated to a VAVS/CDCE or State Veterans Hospital or State Veterans Nursing Home or other organization whose primary clients are Veterans.</b>			
<b>A.</b> Donation of <b>new</b> items purchased and donated within 30 days of purchase counts as purchase price excluding sales tax (receipt required).			
Purchase price (excluding sales tax):		Point Value:	Points:
<b>B.</b> Donation of <b>used</b> but working items receive points equal to 1/3 of the purchase price. (Receipt for donation required.)			
Original purchase price:	x .33 =	dollars	Point Value: Points:
<b>C.</b> Miles			
Miles driven:		Point Value:	Points: Sub Total:

<b>TOTAL OVERALL POINTS:</b>	
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