

SAR Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest 2024- 2025

Theme:

Revolutionary War Person or Persons (Example: General Knox)

Guidelines: See Poster Contest Guidelines (Attached)

Year that American History is taught in the specific school district.

Eligibility: The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) invites all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students interested in the American Revolution to participate in the Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest. The contest is open to public school, parochial, home schooled, Scouting, or Children of the American Revolution member students in that same grade range. Young artists with an enthusiasm toward art, a love of American history, or a passion in creative expression can submit their posters to their local SAR chapter for competition.

Judging levels: School, SAR Chapter, Florida SAR State Society, SAR National Society

Judging Time Constraints: School Level – 3rd, 4th or 5th Grade
Chapter Level – **April 30, 2025**
State Level – May 1 2025
National Level – July 1st,2025

Entries/School: – Each school, or individual, submits one entry to be judged at the Chapter level.

Supplies: 22"x28" Poster Board

Awards:

Chapter SAR level – 1st Prize award TBD 2nd \$TBD 3rd \$TBD
Good Citizenship Certificate
Chapter winner goes to State for judging in May

Florida State SAR level- 1st Prize award \$TBD, 2nd \$TBD,3rd \$TBDs certificate
State Winner goes to National Congress judging

National SAR level – 1st Place Cash award TBD, Blue Rosette,
Certificate,
and displayed at SAR National Headquarters
for one year.
2nd Place Cash award, Red Rosette, Certificate
3rd Place Cash award, White Rosette,
Certificate (July 2025)

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Judging Information

- Judging of the SAR Poster Contest at the school level will be conducted by school personnel. Your choice as to the selection of judges.
- Select one (1) winning poster based on the SAR Rules and Guidelines.
- **It is extremely important to remember that posters exhibiting in three dimension will be disqualified. Students should use original drawings, i.e., no computer generated artwork; or direct copy of computer content.**
- Fill out the lower half of the Florida Society Poster Contest Entry Form (Student, teacher, school information), and attach to the student poster with a paper clip.
- Call me, **Dave Hitchcock**, at **1-352-428-0147** and/or **dhitchcock@withsar.org** when the winning poster has been selected and is ready for pick-up – **May 1st, 2025** An SAR member will come to the school or other location and pick up the poster.
- Members of each Local Chapter of the SAR will judge all posters submitted and select three posters (1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners).
- The poster selected as the 1st place award winner at the Chapter level will be transported to the Florida SAR Board of Management meeting for judging at the State level in May 16, 2025 at 11:00 AM
- You will be kept informed regarding the Chapter level award ceremonies to be held on **May 16, 2025**, as well as the State and National winners when they are announced

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Some things to keep in mind

- Posters must be on 22" x 28" poster board
- **Three dimensional posters will be disqualified, as well as the issue below.**
- **Encourage students to be original - no computer generated clip art or direct copy of computer content.**
- Students may use any media they choose i.e., pencil, color pencil, watercolor paint, acrylic paint, crayons, color markers, and ink, etc.
- Posters will be judged using the following criteria:
 - Does the poster express the annual theme?
"General Knox"
 - Is it neat and visually appealing?
 - Does it show originality by the student?
 - Shows artistic merit and creativity?
 - Does it show evidence of research?
 - Does the poster accurately reflect the historical subject or person?
 - Examples: <https://www.sar.org/americanism-elementary-school-poster-contest-2/>
 - Only one entry will be allowed per school or individual – this entry will be judged relative to all other posters submitted at the Chapter level.
- Attach the completed SAR State entry form to the back of your winning poster with 2 pieces of tape.

Place your Chapters Contact information

In **(Hernando and Citrus)** Counties contact **Dave Hitchcock**, at **(dhitchcock@withsar.org)**
or at **(1-352-428-0147)**

AMERICANISM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST

FLORIDA SOCIETY POSTER CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Sponsoring Chapter _____

Chapter President _____

Chapter Poster Contest Chairman _____

Chairman's Address _____

City _____ State FL Zip _____

Number of Posters Judged by Chapter _____ E-Mail _____

Name of Student _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Address _____

City _____ State FL Zip _____

Teacher Contact & School Information

Teacher's Name _____ Number of Students _____

School's Name _____

City _____ State FL Zip _____

Number of Posters Competing at School _____

E-Mail _____

Attach _____

Email to: dhitchcock@withsar.org
On or before May 1st 2025

On this day in history, July 25, 1750, General Henry Knox is born. Knox was one of George Washington's key leaders over the Continental Army and one of his most trusted advisers. Henry Knox was born in Massachusetts and was a member of the militia from the age of 18. Knox apprenticed in a bookstore and eventually opened his own bookstore, the "London Bookstore," in Boston. He used his proximity to books to train himself in the art of war, especially artillery and engineering. Knox observed the Boston Massacre and tried to encourage the soldiers involved to go back to their barracks before any violence occurred. He also testified in the trial of the soldiers. He became involved in the Sons of Liberty in Boston and was a sentry guarding the tea ships from unloading during the Boston Tea Party crisis.

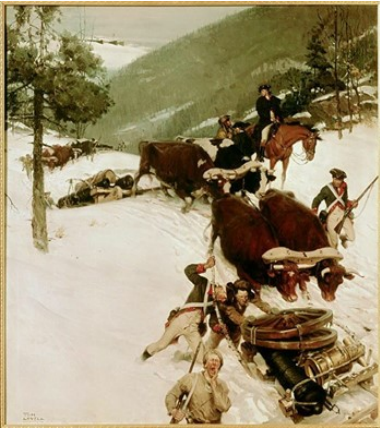


General Gage by Gilbert Steward

When the first shots of the Revolution were fired, Knox joined the Siege of Boston and oversaw cannon fire at the Battle of Bunker Hill. Knox's artillery and engineering skills brought him to the attention of George Washington who tasked him with bringing the captured cannon from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston. When placed on Dorchester Heights above the city, the British were forced to flee Boston once and for all.

Knox was made a Major General and took part in most of the major battles in the north, including the Battles of Long Island, Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth. During the war, Knox started the army's artillery and officer training school, the precursor of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Knox also participated in the Battle of Yorktown, personally overseeing the placement of artillery on the field.

also the government's chief representative to the Indian nations. Knox generally treated the Indians fairly and as sovereign nations, but in later years he was partly responsible for a series of Indian wars in the Northwest Territory to protect American settlers, which tarnished his reputation.



Knox finally retired in 1795 and moved to Thomaston, Maine (then part of Massachusetts). There Knox assembled a vast real estate empire and dabbled in numerous industries, such as shipbuilding, brickmaking and farming. Poor business decisions, however, led to large amounts of debt. Knox was forced to sell off much of his landholdings and he again hurt his reputation by kicking out tenants who could not pay their rent.

On October 22, 1806, Knox was visiting with a friend when a chicken bone got stuck in his throat. The injury became infected and he passed away at home on the 25th, debt-ridden. Knox is the founder of the Society of the Cincinnati, a society for Revolutionary War officers and their descendants. He is also the namesake for Fort Knox, the location of the United States Bullion Depository.

