


National Society, Sons of the American Revolution

USS Stark Memorial Award Scoring Sheet & Service to Veterans Medal Guidelines

Deadline for Submission to National Committee Chairman & Executive Director

February 1st

	Chapter Name	_____
	State Society	_____
	President	_____
	Name of Submitter	_____
	Email or Phone	_____
	Number of Members (as of Jan. 1, 2005 of contest year)	_____
	Date Submitted	_____

Email or mail this form to:
Chairman, NSSAR Veterans Committee*
 AND a copy to the Executive Director, NSSAR
 1000 South Fourth Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40203

For Explanation and Description of particular items, see text on the next four pages

Chapter member appointed to V.A. Hospital Council or equivalent organization	Points	<input type="text"/>
Each HOUR served in Veteran's Hospital Volunteer Service	Points	<input type="text"/>
Each SAR member visiting a Veteran in a VA Hospital, Nursing home or his home	Points	<input type="text"/>
Each MILE TRAVELED to visit a Veteran in VA Hospital, Nursing home or at home	Points	<input type="text"/>
Each lap robe made & donated to Veteran in VA Hospital or nursing home	Points	<input type="text"/>
Each GIFT donated to Veteran in VA Hospital, nursing home (personal care items)	Points	<input type="text"/>
Each pair of crutch pads, ditty bag , etc. donated to a Veteran in a VA Hospital	Points	<input type="text"/>
Each dollar donated to VAVS projects & coupon books	Points	<input type="text"/>
Each PUBLICATION donated to VA Library (magazines, paper back books, etc...)	Points	<input type="text"/>
Each VETERAN OUTING or Party that includes Veteran patients.	Points	<input type="text"/>
Special OBSERVANCE sponsored by chapter with other veteran organizations.	Points	<input type="text"/>
Special OBSERVANCE attending in cooperation with veterans organizations	Points	<input type="text"/>
Marking Revolutionary Patriot War Veteran's and compatriot graves	Points	<input type="text"/>
Used Clothing – Men's & Women's	Points	<input type="text"/>
All used but working items: such as TV's, Computer's, VCR's, Radio's, etc.	Points	<input type="text"/>
Total Points		<input type="text"/>

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**The USS Stark Memorial Award's
(State Society & Chapter Activities Competition Award)
& Service to Veterans Medal Guidelines**

The NSSAR authorized, in 1988 (revised 2003), THE USS STARK MEMORIAL AWARD 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 the most outstanding state society within the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution for their participation with the Veteran community, and supporting activities of the NSSAR Veteran's Committee.

In 2002 the NSSAR authorized the creation of the SERVICE TO VETERANS Medal to be presented to the individual Compatriot that has supported the Veteran's program and is able to document 5000 points of support to our Veterans, using the point scale of the USS Stark Contest.. An individual may count points for the LAST five years, BUT only the points that pertain to the current calendar year may be reported on the USS Stark Memorial Competition for the current year.

The reporting period for the USS Stark Award competition is January 1, through December 31 of the previous year. Total points for a participating chapter or society should be reported to the NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman and Executive Director not later than 1st February. **This form must be completed for this competition**. Supporting documentation may be asked for, if needed.

Awards will recognize the most active state societies and/or most active chapters. First place awards for Chapter will be offered by membership size: 1 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to 199, over 200, and one first place award for a State Society (will be judged using weighted equation on a per member basis). An USS Stark Streamer is awarded to the winner of each Chapter and State categories. Award may not be won for two consecutive years. An Honorable Mention Streamer may possibly be awarded at the discretion of the Veteran's Committee.

The USS Stark awards are presented by the National Society at an Annual Congress for the most complete Veterans program. The local chapter or Society presents the Service to Veterans Medal. The Service to Veterans Medal maybe presented at anytime that the local chapter or Society approves the Medal. Activities should conform to the chartered purposes and to the type of activity suggested in the SAR Handbook. Rules and requirements for these awards are as follows:

1. Chapter member(s) appointed to Veterans Adm. Council or equivalent organizations (Count one time per year per member)+ 25 points
Ex: Compatriot John was appointed to the Local VA Volunteers Committee.

Member may count either item 2 OR item 3 when reporting service, but may not count BOTH:

2. Each HOUR served in VA Volunteer Service capacity (Verified by local VA Hospital Report) (per hour) + 10 points
Ex: Compatriot John volunteers for 2 hours, twice a month at the local VA Nursing Home. Total 4 hour a month x 10 pts per hour =40 pts month

3. Each SAR member visiting a confined Veteran in a VA Hospital, Nursing home or at his home. (Each Veteran Visited --**max 3 visits per hour**) + 05 points
Ex: Compatriot Dan visits Jack (disabled veteran) at home twice a month. Total 2 visits per month x 5 pts per visit = 10 pts month

4. Each MILE TRAVELED round trip to visit a Veteran in a VA Hospital, Nursing home or his home. **Personal mileage to drive yourself to the VA Hospital or Doctor DOES NOT count if you receive medical services, even if you visit other patients while at the Doctor/Hospital.**
 Per Mile (**Personal Mileage is excluded, 100 miles max per round trip**) + 01 points
Ex: Dan goes to visit Jack's home twice a month equals 40 miles & the trips twice to volunteer at the VA Nursing home equals 30 miles. Total 70 miles per month x 1 pts per mile = 70 pts month.

5. Each patched or crocheted or handmade lap robe donated to Veteran in VA Hospital or nursing home (per item) + 10 points
Ex: Compatriot John's wife makes 2 lap robes a month. Total 2 robes per month x 10 pts per robe = 20 pts month.

6. Each GIFT donated to Veteran in VA Hospital or nursing home. (Personal care items, playing cards, combs, puzzles, etc...) (per item) +.01 points
Ex: Compatriot Mark donates 5 sample bars of soap, shampoo, etc., that he receives from the motel while attending an out of town SAR event. Total 5 items a month x 1 pt per item = 5 pts month

7. Each pair of crutch pads, ditty bag or x-ray chart holder made and donated to a Veteran in a VA Hospital (per item) + 05 points

8. Each dollar donated to VAVS or Veteran Projects (per dollar, **max \$1500**) + 01 points
Ex: Compatriot John donates 5 dollars per month to the local VAVS Total 5 dollars a month x 1 pt per dollar = 5 pts month

9. Each PUBLICATION donated to a VA Library, reading room. (Magazine, paperback books, etc...) (per item) + 01 points
Ex: Compatriot John donates 5 old magazines or books that he receives per month. Total 5 publications a month x 1 pt per item = 5 pts month

10. Each VETERAN OUTING or Party that includes Veteran patients.

01 – 10 veterans	+ 10 points
11 – 25 veterans	+ 15 points
26 – 50 veterans	+ 20 points
51+ veterans	+ 25 points

Ex: Compatriot John takes Jack and Richard (both veterans) out to lunch and

for a car ride once a month. Totals 10 pts for the outing + number of mile x 1pt
(ex. 10 miles), Total 10 + 10 = 20 pts month

11. (A.) Special Observance (Chapter sponsoring event and in charge of event-with other veteran's organizations attending - Non SAR Meetings), Only Chapters can count this event. This doesn't count toward Individual points. Chapter meetings on Special Observance dates do not constitute a special observance and may not be counted. (Other organizations or public must be invited to count as special observance)
- Washington's Birthday + 50 points
 - Patriot's Day + 50 points
 - Memorial Day program + 50 points
 - Flag Day + 50 points
 - Fourth of July + 50 points
 - Constitution Day + 50 points
 - Veteran's Day + 50 points
 - Yorktown Day + 50 points
 - Revolutionary era historic site initially marked + 50 points
 - Other historic or patriotic observances + 50 points
- (Not listed above e.g. Kings Mt., Cowpens, etc)

(B.) Attendance at Special Observance (per member) + 5 points

12. Special Observance (Chapter member attending in cooperation with other veteran's organizations - Non SAR Meetings) **Mileage does not count.**
(per Member Attending) + 05 points
Ex: Compatriot John was able to attend the July 4th. & the Veteran's Day parades supported by the local American Legion post, but John did not have an active part. Each worth 5 pts x 2 events = 10 pts year

13. (A.) Initial Revolutionary Grave Dedication (Per Grave, **max 200 pts**) + 50 Points
Only Chapters can count this Credit, this doesn't count toward Individual points. Exception is listed in Ex.2 (marking service consisting minimally of a SAR emblem/stone marker being placed, appropriate ceremony (as listed in National Handbook) with Master of Ceremonies, Chaplain, a Compatriot in uniform, descendant(s) invited and other Compatriots)
Ex: Compatriot John's local chapter sponsored the Marking of 2 Revolutionary Patriot Veterans Graves. Each worth 50 pts x 2 events = 100 pts year
Ex2: Compatriot Robert obtains an NSSAR Grave Marker and places it on his own Patriot ancestor's grave and the Primary chapter is not involved. Each worth 50 pts x 1 marking=50 pts yr.

(B.) Attendance at Revolutionary Grave marking (per member) + 5 points
Ex: Compatriot John was able to attend each of the 2 Grave Dedications

sponsored by a SAR/DAR/C.A.R. Chapter. Each worth 5 pts x 2markings =
10 pts year **Mileage does not count.**

(C.) Flag placement on a Veterans Grave (per grave, **max. 200 pts**) + 01 points

(D.) Patriot Grave Registry donation to NSSAR (per grave, **max 40 pts**) + 5 points
(Location and documentation of new Patriot Grave Information donated to
the National Graves Registry Committee)

*Ex: Compatriot John was able to locate two Patriot graves in a local
cemetery. He sent the location of the graves and documentation of
Revolutionary service to the Chairman of the Patriot Graves Registry
Committee*

(E.) Participation in a Veteran's Funeral

Reading, or Dedication + 20 points

Pallbearer + 20 points

Attendance + 05 points

Mileage (**max. 50 Miles per funeral**) + 50 points

(Visit to the Funeral home counts if you cannot attend the Funeral, but you
cannot count both.)

14. Used Clothing – Men's & Women's + ref list

15. All used big-ticket items such as TV's, Computer's, VCR's, Radio's etc. points
are to equal 1/3 of the original purchase price (Points =1/3 Original Item Cost) +1/3 cost

*Ex: Compatriot John donates an old color TV to the local Veteran's Hospital.
The cost of the TV when new was \$300. Mark can count 1/3 of the cost, which
equals 100 pts.*

Notice:

Each submitter (Chapter or Society) may be requested to substantiate some categories.

***If you need to provide additional information use blank sheets of paper and attach to
form. If you do something with the Veterans that is not listed above, please let chairman
know so that it may be considered as a new item to include for points***

Stark Award addenda

NSSAR Veterans Affairs Chairman Stansberry advised that the Florida Society's participation in the USS Stark Memorial Contest is among the lowest of the larger state societies. We can do better as a State Society. Several chapters that engaged in veterans affairs failed to file a report for 2006. For guidelines concerning the contest rules do not use the NSSAR Handbook as a source since the information in the handbook is outdated. *The current information is on the National Web Site. At the top of the web site front page links, click on membership; then click on National committees with websites, next click on veterans. The USS Stark Memorial Contest reports and rule that are displayed are current.* You will learn that it is not necessary for a chapter to take gifts or visit veterans a nursing home to be awarded points for participating in many areas of veterans affairs: e.g., Attending a veteran's funeral; participating in patriot's parades, etc.

Chapter categories will be designated by the number of its members as of January 1 of the contest year as follows: 1-49

50-99

100-199

200+

The contest rules provide only for a 1st place in each category both state and national. Points for used clothing in SAR Handbook.

14. Used Clothing Donation for Men and Women:

Men's Dress Shirt	5
Men's Casual Shirt	2
Men's Sport Jacket	5
Men's Trousers Jeans	5
Men's Sweater	5
Men's Overcoats	10
Men's Light weight Jacket	2
Men's Robe	3
Men's Suit	10
Men's Heavy Overcoat	10
Ladies Pant Suit	8
Ladies Stacks	5
Ladies Blouse	3
Ladies Coat	5
Ladies Shoes	5
Ladies Purse	2
Ladies Dress	5
Ladies Sweat Suit	10

15. All used big-ticket items such as TV's, Computer's, VCR's, Radio's, etc. The points allowed are equal to 1/3 of the original purchase price. If a used item cost \$1,000.00 new then 333 points would be given for the donation. If the same item were purchased new and given directly, then 1,000 points would be given for this donation.

16. New clothing donations.....1 / \$ spent