



# The USS Stark Memorial Award Scoring Sheet

(including the Service to Veterans Medal Guidelines)

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

The USS Stark Memorial Award, authorized in 1988 (revised 2003), 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 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.

The reporting period for the USS Stark Award competition 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 this competition.** Supporting documentation may be asked for.

Awards will recognize the most active state society and/or most active chapters. One first place streamer and certificate award for Chapters will be offered by membership size: 1 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to 199, over 200, and a first-place award for State Societies will be offered by membership size: under 1,000 and over 1,000 members (will be judged using weighted equation on a per member basis). A USS Stark Streamer is awarded to the winner of each Chapter category and one State. A first-place 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.

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.

**Note:** 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

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:

Please be sure to put the name of the Chapter or Society filing this application in the box at the top of each page. This allows us to ensure that all pages of your submission are kept together.

**1. Chapter member appointed to VA Hospital Council or VAVS Committee.**

(Must be appointed in writing by NSSAR Veterans Committee Chairman)

Point Value:

No. of Appointments:

Total Points:

List Member's name and VA Hospital Council or equivalent organization:

**Example:** Compatriot John was appointed to the Local VA Volunteers Committee. Count one time per year per member x number of members 25 points x 1 = 25

**2. Each hour served in VA Hospital Volunteer Service.** (verified by submitting local VA Hospital Report)

Point Value:

No. of Hours:

Total Points:

List Member's name; VA Hospital; number of hours:

**Example:** Compatriot John volunteers for 2 hours, twice a month at the local VA Nursing Home. 10 points per hour x 4 hours per month = 40 points per month

**3. Each SAR Member visiting a Veteran in a Hospital, Nursing Home or the Veteran's home where the hours are NOT recorded as in #2.** (Each Veteran visited, minimum of 20 minutes per visit for a maximum of three (3) visits per hour) (**Virtual participation is permitted. See criteria at end of form.**)

Point Value:

No. of Visits:

Total Points:

List Member's name; where; number of hours

**Example:** Compatriot John visits Dan (a disabled veteran) at home twice a month. 5 points per visit x 2 visits per month = 10 points per month

**4. Each GIFT (personal care item) donated to Veteran in a VA Hospital or Nursing Home or other organization whose primary clients are veterans.** (Personal care items can include playing cards, combs, puzzles, etc.)

Point Value:	No. of Items:	Total Points:
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Example: Compatriot John donates 5 sample bars of soap, shampoo, etc, that he receives from a motel while attending an out of town SAR event. 1 point per item x 5 items per month = 5 points per month

**5. Each dollar donated to VAVS projects and coupon books** (maximum of \$5,000 for Chapters, no limit for Societies).

Point Value:	No. of Dollars:	Total Points:
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Example: Compatriot John donates 5 dollars per month to the local VAVS. 1 point per dollar x 5 dollars per month = 5 points per month

**6. Each PUBLICATION donated to a VA Library or Reading Room or other organization whose primary clients are veterans.** (Publication can include magazines, paperback books, etc.)

Point Value:	No. of Publications:	Total Points:
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Example: Compatriot John donates 5 old magazines or books that he receives per month. 1 point per item x 5 publications per month = 5 points per month

**7. Each Veteran outing or party that includes Veteran patients. (Virtual participation is permitted. See criteria at end of form.)**

01 – 10 veterans	Point Value:	No. of Outings:	Total Points:
11 – 25 veterans	Point Value:	No. of Outings:	Total Points:
26 – 50 veterans	Point Value:	No. of Outings:	Total Points:
51 + veterans	Point Value:	No. of Outings:	Total Points:
Mileage points per mile	Point Value:	No. of Miles:	Total Points:
		<b>#7 Total Points:</b>	

Example: Compatriot John takes Jack and Richard (both veterans) out to lunch and for a car ride once a month. 10 points for the outing + 10 miles for the car ride x 1 point = 20 points per month (10+10 x 1 = 20)

**8. Special Observance** (section A and B) (Virtual participation is permitted. See criteria at end of form.)

**A.** Special observance is a Chapter sponsored event – Non-SAR Meeting. Only Chapters can count this event and they must be sole sponsor or lead sponsor (master of ceremonies and responsible for the planning, preparation, and execution of event). Chapter meetings on special observance dates do not constitute a special observance and may not be counted. Other veteran organizations or public must be in attendance to count as a special observance.

Washington's Birthday	Point Value:	No. of Events:	Total Points:
Patriot's Day	Point Value:	No. of Events:	Total Points:
Memorial Day	Point Value:	No. of Events:	Total Points:
Flag Day	Point Value:	No. of Events:	Total Points:
Fourth of July	Point Value:	No. of Events:	Total Points:

Constitution Day	Point Value:	No. of Events:	Total Points:
Veteran's Day	Point Value:	No. of Events:	Total Points:
Yorktown Day	Point Value:	No. of Events:	Total Points:
Revolutionary era historic site initially marked	Point Value:	No. of Events:	Total Points:
Other historic or patriotic observances (Not listed above: Kings Mt., Cowpens, etc.)(List below)	Point Value:	No. of Events:	Total Points:

Name of Other Event(s) (if needed use blank paper):

**B. Attendance at Special Observance**

Points per Member	Point Value:	No. of Members:	Total Points:
		<b>#8 Total Points:</b>	

Note: Section #8 does not count toward the General William C. Westmoreland Award.

**9. Participation in the SAR Wounded Warriors Program** (presenting SAR Certificate and Challenge Coin) (Virtual participation is permitted. See criteria at end of form.)

**A. An Informal presentation of the SAR Certificate and Challenge Coin.**

Points per presentation	Point Value:	No. of Presentations:	Total Points:
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**B. A Formal presentation of the SAR Certificate and Challenge Coin.**

Points per presentation	Point Value:	No. of Presentations:	Total Points:
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		<b>#9 Total Points:</b>	
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Note: These presentations will not count towards "visits" scored under Section #3

A Formal presentation requires the following:

- 1) the venue and date for the presentation are prearranged,
- 2) the certificate and coin are presented by a member of the SAR,
- 3) colleagues, friends, and/or family members of the recipient are present, and
- 4) the SAR member presenting is dressed in proper attire with SAR insignia or in period clothing.

**10. Participation in the Operation Ancestor Search Program**

(assisting Veterans to build their own "family tree" by the use of computer genealogy) (Virtual participation is permitted. See criteria at end of form.)

**A. Presentation of the Operation Ancestor Search Program to a group of Service personnel.**

Points per program	Point Value:	No. of Events:	Total Points:
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**B. Assisting each Veteran with computer genealogy (Must be in association with the Operation Search Program).**

Points per volunteer hour	Point Value:	No. of Hours:	Total Points:
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		<b>#10 Total Points:</b>	
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Note: Participation in the Operation Ancestor Search Program will not count towards "visits" scored under Section #3

**11. Special Observance** (attending in cooperation with other veterans organizations) **(Virtual participation is permitted. See criteria at end of form.)**

Chapter member attending in cooperation with other veteran organizations – non-SAR meetings			
Per Member Attending (mileage does not count)	Point Value:	No. of Members:	Total Points:
Per Member Attending in Colonial Attire (mileage does not count)	Point Value:	No. of Members:	Total Points:

**Example:** Compatriot John was able to attend the July 4th and the Veteran’s Day parades supported by the local American Legion Post. 5 points for attendance only; 10 points if had an active part in Colonial attire.

**12. Marking a Revolutionary Patriot grave and other funeral/grave related items**

**A. Initial Revolutionary War Patriot’s Grave Dedication** (Only Chapters can receive this credit, this does not count toward individual points) The exception to this is shown in Example #2.

Per Grave (maximum of 200 points for Chapters, no limit for Societies)	Point Value:	No. of Events:	Total Points (A):
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**Example #1:** Compatriot John’s local chapter sponsored the marking of two (2) Revolutionary War Patriot Veteran’s Graves. Each grave marking worth 50 points x 2 events = 100 points year

**Example #2:** Compatriot John obtains an NSSAR Grave Marker and places it on his own Patriot ancestor’s grave and the primary chapter is not involved. The exception mentioned – marking service consisting minimally of an SAR emblem/stone marker being placed, appropriate ceremony (as listed in the National Handbook) with a Master of Ceremonies, Chaplain, a Compatriot in uniform, invited descendant(s) and other Compatriots. Each grave marking worth 50 points x1 marking = 50 points per year

**B. Attendance at a Revolutionary War Veteran’s Grave Marking**

Per Member attending (mileage does not count)	Point Value:	No. of Members:	Total Points (B):
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**Example:** Compatriot John was able to attend each of the two Grave Dedication Ceremonies sponsored by a SAR/DAR/C.A.R. Chapter. Each worth 5 points x 2 markings = 10 points per year.

**C. Flags and Wreaths (at Wreaths Across America ceremonies) placement on a Veterans’ Graves**

Per Grave (maximum of 200 points for Chapters, no limit for Societies)	Point Value:	No. of Flags & Wreaths:	Total Points (C):
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**D. Patriot Grave Registry information donation to the NSSAR** (Location and documentation of new Patriot Grave information donated to the National Patriot Graves Registry Committee)

New Grave information donated to Graves Committee:	Point Value:	No. of Graves:	Total Points:
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**Example:** Compatriot John was able to locate two Patriot graves in a local cemetery. He sent the location of the graves and documentation of Revolutionary War service to the Chairman of the Patriot Graves Registry Committee.

**E. Participation in a Veteran's funeral (Virtual participation is permitted. See criteria at end of form.)**

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. of Members:	Total Points:
Pallbearer or Honorary Pallbearer	Point Value:	No. of Members:	Total Points:
Attendance	Point Value:	No. of Members:	Total Points:
Points per mile (maximum 50 miles per funeral)	Point Value:	No. of Miles:	Total Points:
If funeral is for an Active Duty Veteran Killed in Action, use the points shown below for the calculations			
Reading, Dedication, or Bugler	Point Value:	No. of Members:	Total Points:
Pallbearer or Honorary Pallbearer	Point Value:	No. of Members:	Total Points:
Attendance	Point Value:	No. of Members:	Total Points:
Points per mile (maximum 50 miles per funeral)	Point Value:	No. of Miles:	Total Points:
		<b>#12 Total Points</b>	

**13. Donating new or used Men's and/or Women's Clothing**

The value of the clothing as determined by using a price suggested by a consignment or thrift shop (per the IRS suggestions on determining the fair market value of used clothing)

The clothing must be given to either a VA facility or other organization whose primary clients are veterans.

Points per dollar in value	Point Value:	No. of Dollars:	Total Points:
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**14. All new or used but working items, such as TV's, Computers, etc.**

**A.** Donation of new items purchased and donated within 30 days of purchase (receipt of purchase and donation required) counts as actual dollar value (tax not included)

Original Cost in Dollars	No. of Dollars:	Total Points:
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**B.** Donation of used but working items receive points equal to 1/3 of original purchase price

Original Cost in Dollars	No. of Dollars:	Point Value (1/3):	Total Points:
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<b>TOTAL OVERALL POINTS:</b>	
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**Note:** Each submitter (Chapter or Society) may be requested to substantiate some categories. If requested to provide additional information, please send it as an attachment to an email along with a copy of this form. If there is an activity for a veteran or veteran's organization not listed on this form, please provide that information to the National Committee Chairman so that it may be considered for possible inclusion on this form and additional points.

**Virtual Participation Criteria**

The use of live social media broadcasts or other live electronic broadcasts will be considered as being present at a specific event and/or having had direct interaction with a veteran. In order to qualify as a reportable activity the following criteria must be met:

- 1) The event/activity is conducted via a live broadcast. The viewing of events previously recorded and posted electronically after the event/activity will not be reportable. The usage of text messaging, emails, or other unspoken communication will not be a reportable event or activity.
- 2) The event/activity must occur between the dates of 11 March 2020 up to and including 31 December 2020. After 31 December 2020, the time limit may be reviewed and extended for individual state societies remaining under social distancing restrictions mandated by the relevant state or local government. Any extensions must be approved by the Veterans Committee.
- 3) The event/activity would normally be reportable had the compatriot(s) been physically present.

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

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