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Public Service and Heroism Awards

2023 Nominations

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The Five Public Service and Heroism Committee Awards

1. Medal for Heroism

Description: The medal is in bronze and is similar in design to the Good Citizenship Medal but is inscribed, “Heroism.” It is worn suspended from a chest ribbon of the SAR colors. The medal is accompanied by an enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engrossing. No miniature medal is available.

Summary: It recognizes outstanding bravery and self-sacrifice in the face of imminent danger, i.e., acts which involve great personal courage and risk to the recipient. It is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform but does not exclude police, firemen, and SAR members. It is not intended to recognize acts that would have been covered by armed forces medals for valor. The medal may also be presented posthumously.

Subsequent Presentation Authorized: An individual may receive this medal multiple times. Presentation and wear of oak leaf clusters shall follow NSSAR policy.

Publication: The names of all recipients are published annually.

Submission Requirements: Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short-written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places and names. Submissions should be submitted to National Headquarters.

2. Sons of the American Revolution Life Saving Medal

Description: The medal is gold in color. The obverse depicts a green cross in the center enclosed within a green circle. Within the green circle, the words “Sons of the American Revolution” appear on top and “Life Saving” appears on the bottom. It is worn from a chest ribbon of red halved with white. The medal is accompanied by a half red, half white enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engrossing. A miniature medal is available.

Summary: The SAR Life Saving Medal is presented to those individuals who have acted to save a human life *without* necessarily placing their own life or themselves in imminent danger. The medal is intended primarily for acts by civilians not in uniform, *however*, police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical personal, lifeguards, and SAR Compatriots are not excluded from receiving this award. The medal is not intended to recognize acts that would otherwise qualify for military or another organization’s valor medals and, in all cases, the fact that the actions of the rescuer actually saved the life of the victim must be validated by EMS or medical personnel. Lifesaving examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Performing the Heimlich maneuver or other first aid to prevent a person from choking;
2. Saving a person from drowning by bringing the person to safety;
3. Performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or rescue breathing until the person breathes normally; or
4. Performing CPR or applying an automated external defibrillator (AED) on an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest before EMS arrival.

The medal is intended to recognize the actions of any person: (1) who was directly responsible for the saving of a human life or (2) who prolonged a human life to the extent that the victim was still alive upon transfer to the care of medical authorities, even though the victim might expire at a later time.

Only one award will be awarded for each incident regardless of the number of victims involved.

Nominations will not be considered after a lapse of 24 months of the incident. The medal may also be presented posthumously.

Publication: The names of all recipients are published annually.

Submission Requirements: Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short-written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places and names. Submissions should be submitted to National Headquarters.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: An individual may receive this medal only once.

3. Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

Description: The obverse of the medal depicts a police badge design surmounted by a gold eagle with the SAR Badge below. The medal is accompanied by an enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engraving. A miniature medal is available.

Summary: The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal is presented to those who have served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. The medal is intended to recognize exceptional service or accomplishment in the field of law enforcement. Eligibility is not limited to peace officers but extends to the entire range of persons who make and enforce the law to include but not limited to peace officers, attorneys, judges, prosecutors and legislators who have performed an exceptional act or service beyond that normally expected. The medal may be presented posthumously.

Publication: The names of all recipients are published annually.

Submission Requirements: Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short-written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places and names. Submissions should be submitted to National Headquarters.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: An individual may receive this medal only once.

4. Fire Safety Commendation Medal

Description: The obverse of the medal depicts a fireman's badge with a flame in the center. The medal is accompanied by an enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engraving. A miniature medal is available.

Summary: The Fire Safety Commendation Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contributions in an area of fire safety and service. The award is not limited to firefighters. It may be presented to recognize a variety of fire safety and service that has evolved into a highly technical and skilled profession with constant study, development and involvement by numerous dedicated citizens with a single goal - protect human life and property by preventing injuries or casualties due to fire and chemicals. The medal may be presented posthumously.

Publication: The names of all recipients are published annually.

Submission Requirements: Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short-written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places and names. Submissions should be submitted to National Headquarters.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: An individual may receive this medal only once.

5. Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal

Description: The obverse of the medal depicts an EMS badge. The medal is accompanied by an enameled bar, suitable for wear on uniform, and a certificate for engraving. A miniature medal is available.

Summary: The Emergency Medical Services Commendation Medal is presented to an individual for accomplishments and/or outstanding contribution in an area of emergency medical services. The award is intended for paramedics and certified Emergency Medical Technicians and others in the emergency medical field who have performed an act or service beyond that normally expected. The medal may be presented posthumously.

Publication: The names of all recipients are published annually.

Submission Requirements: Each awarding chapter and state society is requested to forward a short-written description of the background and accomplishments of the recipients, together with dates, places and names. Submissions should be submitted to National Headquarters.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: An individual may receive this medal only once.

