

MISSION: C.A.R.

The National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (N.S.C.A.R.), founded in 1895, is one of a family of organizations of descendants of individuals who actively supported the American Revolution. The Daughters of the American Revolution founded the C.A.R. and remain active in this independent organization. For years the Sons of the American Revolution has encouraged active support of C.A.R. by all Compatriots. This pamphlet briefly describes C.A.R., its needs and its importance to SAR.

N.S.C.A.R. has headquarters at 1776 D Street NW., Washington, DC 20006. The national society consists of local societies and state societies which are grouped into nine regions. Eligibility for membership is essentially the same as for NSDAR and NSSAR except for the age - birth to the twenty-second birthday.

Most local societies of C.A.R. are sponsored by DAR chapters. Involvement and support from Compatriots and SAR chapters is welcome and in the best interest of the C.A.R. society. An SAR chapter may also sponsor a local C.A.R. society.

ORGANIZATION OF N.S.C.A.R.

A National Convention is held in the Washington, DC area each April on the weekend after the 19th of April. National Officers are elected and along with the State Presidents form the National Board.

Each C.A.R. member officer, whether national, state or local, has a corresponding senior officer who must be a member in good standing of DAR, SAR or SR. These are elected or approved by a senior board at the appropriate level. The Senior National President, who is elected by the Senior National Board of Management, is responsible to the Board for administration and management of N.S.C.A.R.

The senior officer is expected to advise and assist the member officer in his or her duties but only if the member officer fails to accomplish the duties of the office does the senior take over and accomplish the mission.

N.S.C.A.R. PROGRAMS

Immediately after the National Convention the newly elected officers and appointed chairmen, with their senior counterparts, plan the program for the coming year. These programs currently include:

- American Heritage
- American History
- C.A.R. Magazine
- Community Celebrations
- Community Service
- Conservation
- Family Research
- Government Studies
- Historic Places and Landmarks
- Membership
- Merit Award
- Patriotic Symbols
- Public Relations

Recommendations for programs along with specific suggestions, objectives and prizes are published in the "Information Packet" and presented at the nine Regional Meetings held in June and July. These meetings emphasize group participation. C.A.R. national officers and chairmen present the subjects usually in a skit format with members of all ages participating.

State C.A.R. officers hold workshops to bring this information to their local C.A.R. societies. Local societies are not required to cover each program but by using guidelines to report their activities, membership gains, dues collection and entering the various contests they establish their eligibility for merit awards.

In C.A.R. meetings and social functions members of all ages work and play together. Members become part of a larger family, they look out for each other and particularly for the younger members and include them

in their activities. Your child or grandchild will learn to speak before a group, conduct a meeting and will gain respect for our heritage.

HOW TO ASSIST C.A.R.

The President General of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution has instructed the C.A.R. Committee (NSSAR) - "... to assist CA. R. at all organizational levels." This assistance can only occur with the help of Compatriots at all levels and more especially at the local level.

The C.A.R. Committee (NSSAR) seeks to keep all Compatriots informed about C.A.R. The committee plans and coordinates but the members who are district representatives implement these plans in their respective SAR districts by working through the state SAR - C.A.R. committee chairman or liaison officer of every state SAR society in his district.

The individual Compatriot is the most important part of SAR assistance to C.A.R.

He can:

- * serve as a senior officer
- * Enroll his children and/or grandchildren and other relatives as members.
- * Assist with programs, field trips, civic projects, etc.
- * Provide financial assistance as a patron or donor.
- * Help with genealogy

II. Each state SAR society should have a C.A.R. committee chairman or liaison officer who should:

- * Know the senior state president of C.A.R. in his state.
- * Know where the local C.A.R. societies are located and their senior presidents.
- * Maintain contact with the senior state president and local senior presidents to know their needs and arrange assistance from SAR.
- * Disseminate information about C.A.R. programs and needs at local SAR meetings.

- * Encourage a Compatriot in each SAR chapter to work with the local C.A.R.
- * Furnish information to local and state SAR newsletters about C.A.R. needs, meetings and activities
- * Encourage joint meetings and activities with SAR chapters and local C.A.R. societies.

III. The Compatriot serving as the SAR District Representative should:

- * Obtain the name of the C.A.R. committee chairman or liaison officer from the president of each state SAR society in his district and permission to work through him.
- * Contact the SAR state C.A.R. officer to outline the approach to assisting C.A.R. and give any help needed.
- * Maintain contact with every SAR state C.A.R. officer to encourage him and evaluate the effectiveness of SAR support of C.A.R. in his state.
- * Report the outcome and needs of the program to the NSSAR C.A.R. Committee.

BENEFITS TO NSSAR

Source of new members:

- * All male C.A.R. have established eligibility and can transfer easily to SAR at minimal cost from 18 through 21 years.
 - * Many of these young men have the leadership experience and skills needed by SAR. Former C.A.R. members are a significant part of the active younger members of SAR.
 - * SAR needs challenging and interesting activities to attract and retain these young men.
- People find the time to do what they like and want to do!**

BENEFITS TO THE INDIVIDUAL COMPATRIOT

There is a great satisfaction in contributing to the knowledge and education of children particularly in American History and our Heritage where currently there is little exposure in school and other activities.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact one or more of the following to obtain more information about local C.A.R. activities:

- * The President of your State SAR Society for the name of the C.A.R. Chairman or Liaison Officer
- * The Vice President General of your SAR District for the name of the District C.A.R. Representative
- * The Chairman, C.A.R. Committee NSSAR

The names of the current State Presidents and of the Vice Presidents General of each district are listed in the Summer issue of the SAR Magazine as is the Chairman of the C.A.R. Committee along with their addresses.

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WHAT EVERY COMPATRIOT SHOULD

KNOW ABOUT C.A.R.

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