

## **General Comments on Precedence**

The position of honor is on the wearer's right and on the top. The general rule of precedence is: United States decorations of honor and valor, United States campaign decorations, foreign decorations (in the order in which they were received), state decorations, state campaign decorations, state organizational and long service decorations; then decorations of military, hereditary and patriotic societies (in the order of founding). Miniatures should not be worn without their ribbons as the ribbon forms an integral part of the society's insignia. Following is the medal precedence that should be followed when SAR medals are worn with other medals:

1. **Federal Decorations:** Consult the most current publication for medal precedence for proper sequence.
2. **Federal Campaign Medals:** Consult the most current publication for medal precedence for proper sequence.
3. **Foreign Decorations** take precedence immediately following all U.S. decorations, and service medals. Order of precedence of foreign decorations will be the order in which they were awarded.
4. **U.S. State Decorations, U.S. State Campaign Medals and U.S. State Organizational and Long Service Medals.**
5. **SAR Insignia and Insignia of Other Hereditary, Patriotic and Veterans Societies,** should be worn in chronological order of precedence according to the year of establishment of such groups. This category includes SAR Medals.

**Detail of SAR Medal Precedence and Summary Table of Medals and Awards**

NSSAR medals are worn in the following order of precedence from the wearer's right to left:

MEDAL	APPROVAL REQUIRED OF	PRESENTED BY	PURCHASED BY
1. SAR Badge <i>[unless on neck ribbon]</i>	3	18	18
2. Minuteman Award* <i>[unless on neck ribbon]</i>	5	1	1
3. Good Citizenship Medal (Gold)*	3 <i>and</i> 6	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16
4. War Service Medal <sup>+</sup> <i>or</i> Military Service Medal	14 or 16	14, 16 or 18	14, 16 or 18
5. Medal for Heroism <sup>+</sup>	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16
6. National Medal of Distinguished Service	2	2	1
7. SAR International Medal	2	2 or Gen. Off.	1
8. Daughters of Liberty Medal <sup>+</sup>	1 or 14	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16
9. State Medal of Distinguished Service*	15	15	14
10. Patriot Medal*	4 <i>and</i> 14	14	14
11. Chapter Medal of Distinguished Service*	17	17	16
12. SAR Meritorious Service Medal <sup>+</sup>	1, 12, 14 or 16	2, 13, 15 or 17	1, 12, 14 or 16
13. Roger Sherman Medal (Gold) <sup>+</sup>	2	2	1
14. Roger Sherman Medal (Silver) <sup>+</sup>	13 or 15	13 or 15	12 or 14
15. Good Citizenship Medal (Silver)	1 or 14	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16
16. Florence Kendall Medal <sup>+</sup>	4	1	1
17. Law Enforcement Commendation Medal	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16
18. Fire Safety Commendation Medal	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16
19. EMS Commendation Medal	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16
20. C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Gold) <sup>+</sup>	3 <i>and</i> 7	1	1
21. C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Silver) <sup>+</sup>	7 or 14	7 or 14	7 or 14
22. C.A.R.-SAR Medal of Appreciation (Bronze) <sup>+</sup>	7, 14 or 16	7, 14 or 16	7, 14 or 16
23. Liberty Medal <sup>+</sup>	4	1	1
24. Lafayette Volunteer Service Medal <sup>+</sup>	4	1	1

MEDAL		APPROVAL REQUIRED OF	PRESENTED BY	PURCHASED BY
25.	Roger Sherman Medal (Bronze) <sup>+</sup>	17	17	16
26.	Good Citizenship Medal (Bronze) <sup>+</sup>	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16
27.	ROTC Medal (Silver)	14 or 16	14 or 16	14 or 16
28.	ROTC Medal (Bronze)	14 or 16	14 or 16	14 or 16
29.	Eagle Scout Medal <sup>+</sup>	16	16	16
30.	Robert E. Burt BSA Volunteer Award Medal*	8, 14 <u>and</u> 16	8	18
31.	William C. Westmoreland Award Medal*	9	9	1
32.	Service to Veterans Medal* <sup>+</sup>	14 or 16	14 or 16	14 or 16
33.	Patriot Grave Marking Medal* <sup>+</sup>	11 <u>and</u> 14	1, 13 or 14	18
34.	SAR Medal of Appreciation <sup>+</sup>	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16	1, 14 or 16
35.	Martha Washington Medal <sup>+</sup>	1, 12, 14 or 16	1, 12, 14 or 16	1, 12, 14 or 16
36.	Lydia Darragh Medal <sup>+</sup>	2, 13, 15 or 17	2, 13, 15 or 17	1, 12, 14 or 16
37.	SAR Color Guard Medal (Gold)	10	2	1
38.	Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Gold) <sup>+</sup>	1	2	1
39.	National Von Steuben Medal*	10 <u>and</u> 12 or 14	13 or 15	14 or 18
40.	SAR Color Guard Medal (Silver)*	10 <u>and</u> 12 or 14	13 or 15	14 or 18
41.	Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Silver) <sup>+</sup>	1	2	1
42.	SAR Color Guard Medal (Bronze)	14	15 or 17	14 or 16
43.	The Molly Pitcher Medal*	10 <u>and</u> 12 or 14	13 or 15	14 or 18
44.	Samuel Adams Congress Medal (Bronze) <sup>+</sup>	1	2	1
45.	Council of State Presidents Medal (Gold)	1	1	1
46.	Council of State Presidents Medal (Silver)	1	18	18
47.	NSSAR Specialty Medals <sup>1</sup>	1	1	1 or 18
48.	NSSAR Fundraising Medals <sup>2</sup>	1	1	1
49.	SAR State Society Medals <sup>3</sup>	6, then 14	14	14

KEY TO NUMBERS USED:

- |                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. NSSAR                     | 10. Color Guard Commander    |
| 2. President General         | 11. Patriot Graves Committee |
| 3. Executive Committee       | 12. District                 |
| 4. Executive Director        | 13. Vice President General   |
| 5. Minuteman Committee       | 14. State Society            |
| 6. Medals & Awards Committee | 15. State Society President  |
| 7. C.A.R. Liaison Committee  | 16. Chapter                  |
| 8. Eagle Scout Committee     | 17. Chapter President        |
| 9. Veterans Committee        | 18. Individual               |

NOTES

\* Special Form or Application Available – Please see detailed description of medal for more information. Award forms are available at: <http://www.sar.org/NSSAR-Forms>

+ Subsequent Presentations Authorized – Please see detailed description of medal for specific qualifications and additional information.

<sup>1</sup> In order of precedence from wearer's right to left: (i) Treaty of Paris Medal (1983)\*; (ii) The United Kingdom Congress Medal (1986)\*; (iii) The SAR Centennial Medal (1987)\*; (iv) The Salute to the Netherlands Medal (1996)\*; (v) The Recognition of Spain Medal (1997)\*; (vi) George Washington Bicentennial Medal (1998)\*; (vii) Honoring German Patriots Medal (1998)\*; (viii) Congress of Paris Medal (2003)\*; (ix) Charter Centennial Medal (2006)\*; (x) the Paix de 1783 Medal (2008)\*; (xi) España 2010 Medal (2010)\*; (xii) SAR 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal (2013); and (xiii) Commodore John Barry Medal (2013).

\* **Note: These medals are obsolete and not available for purchase.**

<sup>2</sup> In order of precedence from wearer's right to left: (i) SAR Foundation Lamplighter Award Medal; (ii) Arthur M. King Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund Medal; (iii) JROTC Endowment Medal (2010); (iv) Dr. Joseph Warren Medal for Orations (2012); (v) Thomas Jefferson Medal For Support of the Essay Contest (2012).

<sup>3</sup> The order of precedence for wearing SAR State Society Medals within that State Society is determined by the individual State Society. When a Compatriot wears medals from multiple state societies, the state society medals are ordered based on the state society order of precedence and then grouped by state society based on the chartering date of each state society (see Volume II).