**16.0.4**  **PATRIOT MEDAL CRITERIA**

The Patriot Medal is the highest award presented to a Compatriot by a State Society and recognizes long, faithful, outstanding and distinguished service at the state and/or chapter level. The Patriot Medal is awarded only by a State Society and may be presented only to an individual and may be received ONLY once. Service at the national level is not considered in making the award.

The medal is sterling silver and bears the portrait of Compatriot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the obverse within the inscription, "The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution." The reverse is inscribed "Awarded to \_\_\_ for Patriotic Service by the Society SAR, 20\_\_. The medal is suspended from a chest ribbon of royal blue color. The design for the medal was selected by Compatriot MacArthur just prior to his death. He received the first medal, presented posthumously at his tomb in Norfolk, Virginia, on October 19, 1964, where it is on permanent display. The Patriot Medal is available in full and miniature sizes.

The Patriot Medal may be awarded annually by any state society. State societies with fewer than 500 members may present no more than one medal each calendar year. State societies with 500 to 1000 members may present two medals each calendar year. State societies with over 1000 members may present one medal for each 500 members.

All requirements should be thoroughly reviewed before requesting this medal. The State Society maintains a record of all past recipients so that the society may determine if a person has already received the medal and thus avoid an invalid request.

It is available in full and miniature sizes and comes with a certificate which should be engrossed and presented with the medal. It is desirable that it be presented at the annual meeting of the state society. The Patriot Medal cannot be accepted by a representative.

**Nomination form is found in Section 16.0.4F and must be submitted to the GASSAR Chairman of Patriot Medal Committee by email not later than 31 October. Forms submitted in handwriting will not be considered.**

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