



GUIDE FOR COSSAR AWARDS COMMITTEE

1. The committee meets at least once during the term of a president and at the call of the Chairman; telephone meetings and emails are acceptable. The Chairman will maintain memos of the telephone calls and a print-out of all emails. A meeting should take place well in advance of the Annual State Conference to identify those individuals being presented awards. It is imperative that the list of recipients be provided to the state president for his agenda. The awards presented by COSSAR may consist of the following, but not all need to be awarded. (See NSSAR Handbook for requirements.)

- The Patriot Medal, the highest award available at the state level.
- The Meritorious Service Medal, available from COSSAR or a chapter.
- The Twenty-Five and Fifty Year Membership Awards, recognizes 25 and 50 years (in five-year multiples) of paid membership in the SAR, regardless of any change in chapters or societies.
- The SAR Medal of Appreciation to a member of DAR.
- The Martha Washington Medal to a woman, not necessarily a member of DAR, who has been of outstanding service to SAR.
- The Silver Good Citizenship Medal to an individual who has contributed substantially to the betterment of the State of Colorado. Recipient may or may not be a member of SAR.
- The Bronze Good Citizenship Medal, possibly given at the state level, but more likely at a chapter level.
- The Law Enforcement Commendation Medal may be given to a man or woman who has served with distinction and devotion in the field of law enforcement. This award is not limited to peace officers.

- Fire Safety Commendation Medal – may be given at the national, state, or chapter level to an individual for accomplishments and/or contributions in the area of fire safety and service. The award is not limited to firefighters.
- The War Service Medal; may be presented by National, state and chapter.
- The Medal of Heroism; may be presented by National, state and chapter. A report must be submitted to National.
- The Former State President’s Certificate – automatically presented to the outgoing President.
- The Certificate of Appreciation may be presented to anyone who has rendered exceptional service to the society, but who, for whatever reason, does not qualify for the Patriot or the Meritorious Service Medal, or it may be presented to a non-member who has contributed exceptional service to the society. The certificate serves an especially useful purpose in recognizing individuals who have already received an award that may be presented to a recipient only once. It can also be used by the President to show his appreciation to individuals who have provided the society with assistance far beyond mere fulfillment of duties.
- The Outstanding Citizenship Certificate, the Flag Certificate, and the Blank Certificate are not usually presented by the society, but may be considered by the Awards Committee if a member recommends such presentation.

2. The awards in the form of medals require an accompanying citation. The committee will appoint the individual responsible for writing and presenting the citations, awards, and certificates. A copy of each citation will be maintained by the society and a copy forwarded to NSSAR. [NOTE: For the Patriot Medal the Awards Committee may wish to consider establishing a point system similar to that used at National for awarding the Minuteman award. Only if the committee feels such a system would be a benefit, should it be presented to the Board of Managers for approval. The Awards Committee Chairman is responsible for engraving medals and printing.

3. The Chairman of the Awards Committee shall maintain a record of all awards and certificates presented during his tenure; shall provide a copy of each year’s recognitions to the current president; and shall provide a copy of the list to the Recording Secretary/Historian and the Membership Secretary/Registrar.