

ORANGE BLOSSOM



2024-2025

National President: Emerson Sites-Byers
Senior National President: Jeff Voris

National Project: We are partnering with Tunnel to Towers to provide wounded first responders with mortgage free Smart Homes to accommodate their new lives. These homes are for those who have multiple amputations, paralysis, and traumatic brain injuries among many other challenges.

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State President: Caleb Golden
Senior State President: JoAnn Welker

State Project: "Nobody Walks Alone."

We are raising money to support Wolfhound Legacy. Wolfhound Legacy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, run 100 percent by volunteers. Their mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and train dogs from shelters to become certified service dogs. These certified service dogs go on to meet the individual needs of veterans and first responders with PTSD.

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Veterans: Amber Lamoreaux

A Message From The State President

Hello everybody!

I am Caleb Golden and I am the 2024-2025 Florida Society Children of the American Revolution State President. Summer is officially over, and class is back in session. As we all returned to our school routine, I started thinking about the children of 1776. What their summer and school year was like. During the American Revolution, children in colonial America typically learned to read and write at home or in small schools nearby. The main goal of most schools was to ensure students could read, write, add, and subtract. Child soldiers served in the Revolutionary War, often as fifers, drummers, and buglers. However, some filled the ranks as spies, messengers/couriers, Indian patrol, and fighting soldiers and sailors. Children also supported the war effort by working as servants or performing other tasks. Children had a lot of chores to do to help their families survive. Boys would chop wood, feed animals, and hunt. Girls would grind corn, spin, and weave. Just as the boys and girls of 1776 took an active part in the War for Independence, we have the privilege of working for our Country and supporting our active military, veterans, and first responders.

Our state and national projects this year focus specifically on supporting veterans and first responders. On the national level, we are partnering with Tunnels to Towers to provide wounded first responders with mortgage-free Smart Homes to accommodate their new lives. These homes are for those who have multiple amputations, paralysis, and traumatic brain injuries, among many other challenges. On the state level, we are partnering with Wolfhounds Legacy to provide first responders with PTSD therapy dogs.

Helping therapy dogs is a great way to support veterans and first responders with PTSD. Everyone can help support therapy dogs, ideas include:

Donating items to animal shelters.

Volunteering at an animal shelter. Fostering dogs. Adopting a dog.

Being a responsible pet owner.

Getting involved in a local dog obedience club.

Designing an educational game or coloring page for "The Orange Blossom" that teaches about responsible pet ownership.

And of course, the easiest way to support the State and National projects is to raise funds by buying and selling the State and National President's Pins and Coins.

Thank you for all your support. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Thoughts & Prayers

Please keep everyone
that was affected by
the storm in August
and October in your
Thoughts & Prayers.

Please keep all the
victims of 9/11 in
your prayers

First Prayer of the Continental Congress. 1774

Levi Golden
State Chaplin

O Lord our Heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, and Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers on earth and reignest with power supreme and uncontrolled over all the Kingdoms, Empires and Governments; look down in mercy, we beseech Thee, on these our American States, who have fled to Thee from the rod of the oppressor and thrown themselves on Thy gracious protection, desiring to be henceforth dependent only on Thee. To Thee have they appealed for the righteousness of their cause; to Thee do they now look up for that countenance and support, which Thou alone canst give. Take them, therefore, Heavenly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give them wisdom in Council and valor in the field; defeat the malicious designs of our cruel adversaries; convince them of the unrighteousness of their Cause and if they persist in their sanguinary purposes, of own unerring justice, sounding in their hearts, constrain them to drop the weapons of war from their unnerved hands in the day of battle!

Be Thou present, O God of wisdom, and direct the councils of this honorable assembly; enable them to settle things on the best and surest foundation. That the scene of blood may be speedily closed; that order, harmony and peace may be effectually restored, and truth and justice, religion and piety, prevail and flourish amongst the people. Preserve the health of their bodies and vigor of their minds; shower down on them and the millions they here represent, such temporal blessings as Thou seest expedient for them in this world and crown them with everlasting glory in the world to come. All this we ask in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thy Son and our Savior.
Amen.

Reverend Jacob Duché
Rector of Christ Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 7, 1774, 9 o'clock a.m.

Increasing Membership in the Florida Society

Increasing membership for the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.) involves a combination of outreach, engagement, and promotion strategies.

Here are some tips to help you boost membership for your society:

1. Community Outreach:

- Collaborate with schools and educational institutions to promote the organization among students who may be interested in American history and patriotic activities.
- Participate in local community events, fairs, and festivals to raise awareness about C.A.R. and attract potential new members.
- Reach out to youth organizations, such as scouting groups, history clubs, and other similar groups, to spread the word about C.A.R.

2. Online Presence:

- Enhance your online presence through social media platforms, a dedicated website, and online advertising to reach a wider audience of young people and parents.
 - Create engaging content, such as blog posts, videos, and photos, that showcase the activities and benefits of joining C.A.R. (refer to the social media policy for further guidelines)
- <https://www.nscar.org/common/Uploaded%20files/AuthUsers/policies/SocialMediaUpdatedJune2019.pdf>

3. Events and Activities:

- Organize fun and educational events, such as historical reenactments, field trips to historic sites, community service projects, and leadership development workshops, to attract and retain members.
- Host information sessions and open houses to introduce potential new members to the organization and its mission.

4. Partnerships:

- Form partnerships with local historical societies, museums, libraries, and other organizations that share similar interests to expand your reach and attract new members.
- Collaborate with schools, teachers, and educators to incorporate C.A.R. activities into the curriculum and extracurricular programs.

Increasing Membership in the Florida Society (continued)

5. Member Engagement:

- Provide opportunities for current members to take on leadership roles, plan events, and contribute ideas to make them feel more invested in the organization.
- Offer incentives and rewards for members who recruit new members, such as gift cards, movie tickets, and special recognition.

6. Promotional Materials:

- Develop visually appealing and informative promotional materials, such as flyers, brochures, posters, and merchandise, to distribute at events and in the community.
- Create a compelling elevator pitch that highlights the unique benefits and opportunities available to members of C.A.R.

By implementing some or all of these strategies, you can increase visibility, attract new members, and grow your society and the Florida Society Children of the American Revolution.

Remember to track your progress, solicit feedback from members, and continuously evaluate and adjust your recruitment efforts to achieve success.

40 C.A.R. vehicle magnets have been ordered for President Caleb's membership campaign. there \$10 each, and we can order more as needed.



Looking for a discount off the yearly membership fee?

There is a 20% discount on annual national dues for members who choose to become life members.

A great gift idea for kids or grandkids .



Life Member

If dues are paid in advance through age twenty-two, a member is considered a Life Member of the National Society. This applies to members in a society or members-at-large.

Life Member dues may be paid at the time of application or thereafter using the Life Membership form, which reflects a 20% discount.

The following chart is designed for those who are **currently** C.A.R. members and who have already paid their 2024

national dues.

Birth Year	Life Dues	Birth Year
2004	\$32	2015
2005	\$48	2016
2006	\$64	2017
2007	\$80	2018
2008	\$96	2019
2009	\$112	2020
2010	\$128	2021
2011	\$144	2022
2012	\$160	2023
2013	\$176	2024
2014	\$192	

A warm welcome to all of the new Florida Society Members

Sarah Barnes
Chloe Biggs
Rose-Leigh Bogan
Jane Boykin
Kiara Fitzgerald
Tremaine Fitzgerald
Maelis Gaines
Connor Garcia
Lenna Gayhart
Emmett Gray
Gavin Halstead
Giana Halstead
Jaxon Halstead
Janis Hart
Amalia Hartling
Addison Johnston
Sydney Johnston
Audrey Kearsh
Abigail Lane
Alexandria Lane
Hugh Lane
Isabella Lane
Alexander Lehrkamp
Christian Lehrkamp
Hannah Leitheiser
Lillian Leitheiser
Ella Marriott
Alice Nelson
Rachel Nelson
Matthew Scott
Amara Sehgal
Jasmin Soles
Milana Spring
Sofia Spring
Riley Summers
Ivan Turner
Benjamin Weinhouse
Frankie Weinhouse
Shane Weinhouse

Swamp Fox
San Benardo
Ponce de Leon
Phoebe Cunningham
Ponce de Leon
Ponce de Leon
Ocali
Pease River Valley
Ponce de Leon
Chichi-Okobee
Pease River Valley
Pease River Valley
Pease River Valley
Brewster Baker
Battle of Thomas Creek
Fort Brooke
Fort Brooke
Snowden-Horne
Princess Malee
Princess Malee
Princess Malee
Princess Malee
Ponce de Leon
Ponce de Leon
Snowden-Horne
Snowden-Horne
Fort Mellon
Pease River Valley
Pease River Valley
Swamp Fox
Pease River Valley
Pease River Valley
Snowden-Horne
Snowden-Horne
Fort Brooke
Phoebe Cunningham
Fort Mellon
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Info about State Project, Wolfhound Legacy

Founded in 2016 by Fay Maliszewski and Melanie Jacob, Wolfhound Legacy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and training dogs from high-risk shelters to become certified service dogs for veterans and first responders with P.T.S.D.

Fay, a seasoned dog trainer with 20 years of experience, was inspired by her husband's service dog to co-found the organization. Melanie, who has spent many years volunteering at animal shelters, shared Fay's passion for animals and helping those in need. Together, they turned their dream of "saving two lives at a time" into a reality.

Wolfhound Legacy is run entirely by volunteers, driven to save dogs' lives from high-risk shelters and provide vital support to veterans and first responders. Each rescued dog begins training in a foster home environment, learning to adapt to everyday life, including interactions with children, other pets, and various outdoor settings.

The organization's rigorous training program ensures that every dog passes the Canine Good Citizen Test. After this, the dogs are paired with a veteran or first responder, and a nine-month service dog training program begins. This specialized training includes three out of 250 possible skills tailored to the veteran's specific needs, such as reaching up to press a button to open a door or elevator

Info about State Project.

Wolfhound Legacy (continued)

For many, the cause is personal. Florida Society Children of the American Revolution President Caleb Golden shared that his father, a fourth-generation first responder with 19 years of service in the fire department, witnessed the transformative impact of Wolfhound Legacy when one of his colleagues received a service dog from the organization. The benefits were clear—not just for the service animal but also for the first responder.

The impact of Wolfhound Legacy's work is profound. The organization's motto, "No Hero Walks Alone," resonates deeply with Caleb, who has had the privilege of seeing firsthand the difference these service dogs make in the lives of veterans and first responders. Wolf Hounds Legacy has also made a significant impression on the U.S.S. Hannah chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A past regent of the U.S.S., Hannah has received a dog from Wolfhound Legacy for her husband. Their service dog from Wolfhound Legacy is named Copper. Copper has been a loyal companion at Wreaths Across America for several years, showcasing the invaluable work of the organization.

Despite their successes, Wolfhound Legacy currently faces a challenge. The organization needs a permanent building and often meets wherever space is available, such as in front of Tractor Supply. To address this, they are fundraising for a new facility. The Florida Society Children of the American Revolution is working diligently to assist in this goal by contributing \$5,000.

Wolfhound Legacy continues to make a meaningful difference, rescuing dogs and giving veterans and first responders the support they need. The organization remains dedicated to its mission, hoping a permanent home will allow them to expand their life-saving work.

Photos of State Project, Wolfhound Legacy



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Packet Meeting Recap

The Florida Society of the Children of the American Revolution held its annual State Packet Meeting, presided over by State President Caleb Golden. Levi Golden, a State Chaplain, led the invocation, and Landon Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting. Caleb welcomed attendees, including members, seniors, and guests, and introduced the State Board. Recognition was given to distinguished Honorary State Presidents and past Senior State Society Presidents.

A highlight of the meeting was the introduction of the "Next Step" initiative, aimed at transitioning members to parent organizations, as well as the "C.A.R. Cares Program," which encourages recognition of local community service members.

Packet Meeting Recap (Continued))

Caleb announced the National President's "Courage, Honor and Service" project, which supports the Tunnel to Towers Organization in building accessible homes for disabled veterans. The meeting also featured an exciting presentation about the "America 250!" initiative, emphasizing C.A.R.'s commitment to education and community involvement. The day, included various activities: a special historical presentation, an indoor picnic, a wild interactive activity, a crazy contest, a creative art project, a random act of kindness service project, obedience dog training tips, a show dog demonstration, a veterans and dogs demonstration, toys for toddlers to play with, prizes, and ticket drawings to win free stuff.

Caleb encouraged all societies to engage creatively in programs and emphasized purchasing pins and dog tags to support C.A.R.'s initiatives.

The meeting concluded with a benediction by Levi, thanking attendees for their participation and reminding them to apply what they learned.

The event fostered community, learning, and service among members, ensuring everyone was inspired and eager to engage in the upcoming activities.



N.S.C.A.R. Magazine

The Children of the American Revolution Magazine is a 40-page, full color magazine published quarterly by the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution.

It contains news of the national society, as well as its state and local societies across the nation, along with informative, educational and feature articles that pertain to historical events, places and activities of interest to its members and the general public.

Subscribe to the Magazine at magazine@nscar.org

Support the Magazine by placing an advertisement! Magazine advertisements can honor someone, announce an event, or recap an event that has already happened. See the Advertising Form for information.

You can submit articles and photographs to the Editor!

Support the Magazine by purchasing a Magazine Fund Pin!

Orange Blossom Facts

Florida's state flower

The orange blossom was chosen as Florida's state flower in 1909 because of the state's citrus industry.

Fragrance

Orange blossoms are very fragrant and perfume the air in central and south Florida during orange blossom time.

Mark your calendars!!!

Colonial Night Watch, St. Augustine, FL:
12/7/2024

F.S.C.A.R. State Conference, Melbourne, FL:
2/14-2/16/2025

Last Naval Battle of the American
Revolution, Merritt Island, FL:
3/15/2025

Battle of Thomas Creek Commemoration:
3/29/2025

Reminder:

Pin, Coin and Dog tag purchases are
encouraged to support the organization.

read an article out of the N.S.C.A.R. Magazine!

Veterans Corner

Remember the Fallen

The exact number of victims—particularly the number of those killed at the World Trade Center—is not definitively known.

However, the official death toll, after numerous revisions and not including the 19 terrorists, was set at 2,977 people.

At the World Trade Center in New York City, 2,753 people died, 343 of whom were firefighters. The death toll at the Pentagon near Washington, D.C., was 184, and 40 individuals died outside Shanksville, Pennsylvania

ALL GAVE SOME



BUT SOME GAVE ALL

Fort Gatlin society

Orlando

Society President, J.T Kwak
Senior President, Debbie Cook



Here are a couple of pictures of Fort Gatlin Society officers and the monument they created from the kit given to us at the Packet Meeting.



Billy Bowlegs Society

Society President: Jaelyn Tillman
Senior Society President: Teri Peterson

Billy Bowlegs Society helped with a grant for 4-H country roots.

The grant will help 4-H kids to attend 4-H summer camps.

The summer camps will teach the kids all about canning, livestock, how to raise steer and hogs for their family's and friends to be self-sufficient, fishing, sewing, cooking, and so much more!!!



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July 11, 2024

Dear Grant Recipient,

On behalf of the National Society Children of the American Revolution, it is with great excitement that we write to you today. Because of types of organizations like yours, America continues to be an impactful, shining nation. Thank you for all your investment into your community, which is touching lives for the better. We are pleased to present you a donation in the amount of the following enclosed:

\$1,061.10

This past year, part of the National Project partnered with local N.S.C.A.R. societies. Local societies could volunteer their time at not-for-profits such as yours. They could choose a Grant to be donated to any organization where they volunteered their time! The local National Society Children of the American Revolution Society, who volunteered their time as well as nominated you for receiving this grant, contact information is below:

Billy Bowlegs Society

tpetersonCAR@gmail.com

Teri Peterson, Senior Society President

Jaelyn Tillman, Society President

The Local Society has been notified that the Grant dispersal has been approved. Please feel free to contact this local society regarding reinforcing relations or expressing thanks. If there is anything that our organization acknowledges, it is that when N.S.C.A.R. partners with difference-makers, we have a stronger impact on improving people's lives. **Thank you for your investment in our communities.**

With gratitude,

Victoria Smith
National President
2023-2024

Mrs. Diana Decker Brokaw
Senior National President
2022-2024

Treasure Coast Society

Orlando

Society President, James Hamilton

Senior President, Holly Hamilton

Treasure Coast Society sure has a lot to celebrate! Two members graduated high school with high honors. Patrick Hamilton graduated from Sebastian River High School as 9th in his class and an IB Diploma candidate. He will begin pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering at UCF this summer. Kayley Kelly graduated from Bayside High School with honors and an AP Diploma candidate. She will be pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering at Florida Polytechnic University. Kayley is also serving as Society Vice President and an F.S.C.A.R. state officer. Past Society President and Honorary State President (and current F.S.C.A.R. state officer) Sydney Rigaud has been accepted into the Disney College Program for the 2024-2025 year. Many society members are serving the state society. Serving the National Society are Sydney Rigaud, who is serving as National Chairman Veterans Committee, and James Hamilton, who is serving as the National Chairman for the Strategic Planning Committee. In other news, Society President James Hamilton won Most Improved Award for Track and Field at Sebastian River High School for his success with pole vaulting this year.



Treasure Coast Society

Orlando

Society President, James Hamilton

Senior President, Holly Hamilton

On 5/25/24, Treasure Coast Society participated with the Pelican Island Chapter DAR and the Sebastian River High School JROTC in helping to reflag the Brookside Historic Cemetery in Sebastian, FL for Memorial Day. Approximately 45 flags were replaced and a few markers were also changed out. The Treasure Coast Society C.A.R. held a planning meeting there as well.



Treasure Coast Society joined with Pelican Island Chapter for a display case at the children's book department in the North County Library for September. The case promotes membership by providing information on the society and features information on the state and national projects. It also promotes patriotism and the national project by honoring 9/11 as well as promoting the celebration of Constitution Week. The society also received a proclamation from the City of Fellsmere for Constitution Week on 8/15/24 and will be receiving a proclamation for Constitution Week as well as a 9/11 proclamation on 9/11/24 by the City of Sebastian.



Sean Ireland

Indigenous History State Chairman

My name is Sean Ireland, and I am your Indigenous History State Chairman. I am a member of the Battle of Thomas Creek Society and have been a member of FSCAR for three years.

I want to tell you about middens. Middens are indigenous shell mounds that are found all over the state of Florida. They are raised areas that are made from discarded shells. Many indigenous and modern buildings were built on middens because they help with flooding. They are also very useful to archeologists because they show a timeline of what indigenous people ate and used. Unfortunately, many middens have been destroyed to build roads.

You can find middens all over Florida. I visited the Jupiter Inlet Midden in Jupiter, Fl. this summer. It is where one of the oldest surviving homes, the DuBois House, in Palm Beach County is located. It is also the site of the Dickinson shipwreck of 1696. Capt. Jonathan Dickinson's memoirs of being captives of the Jaega and walking to St. Augustine was one of the first written accounts of the indigenous peoples of Southeast Coast of Florida.

Is there a midden near you to visit? You can check with your local libraries, historical societies and state parks for information of middens near you.



Boston Tea Party - 5_11_24

On May 11th, we commemorated the 250th anniversary of the **Boston Tea party** with an etiquette lesson as we learned about the history of that event. Members were tasked with setting the table correctly together as a group before completing a worksheet with the objects in the proper places. Then, senior leaders quizzed members on table etiquette before they could enjoy some tea time treats, such as miniature sandwiches, cookies, and punch.

Our society viewed the first episode of the "Liberty's Kids" animated series which features the events of the Boston Tea Party told from a children's perspective. The simple storytelling was perfect for our peewee patriots while providing accurate historical information as well for older audiences.

Chloe Westerburg (age 6), Society Historian, said that she "loved the party because of all the sweet treats. I learned about the Boston Tea Party where they threw tea out of ships because they were standing up for what was right."

Nathan Putnam (age 15), Society President, said that he "enjoyed helping the little children learn about the Boston Tea Party and how to set a table. I enjoy being president of the C.A.R., so I can learn more about leadership."

Members were dressed in their best for our last event of the season before our summer break. We installed our new officers for the coming term. There was additional cause for celebration with our state contest awards, including 7 first place entries, 3 second place entries, and 2 third place entries as well as 6 honorable mentions. In the American Heritage Committee contest, we went on to place third at our National Convention. It was a successful end to our C.A.R. year!

Chichi-Okobee society

Sarasota

Society President, Nathan Putnam

Senior President, Erin Alton

Snowden-Horn Society

The Fort Walton Beach Snowden-Horne Society has been busy this summer. First, we traveled to Pensacola to tour the redoubts and battlefield sites from the Longest Siege in the Revolutionary War. On June 12, we participated in the Okaloosa County Women Veterans Day Ceremony.



Snowden-Horne Society Celebrates Constitution Week

Snowden-Horn Society C.A.R. began celebrating Constitution Week a little early this year. Following the August business meeting, members worked together to create eight posters to be displayed in public libraries throughout Okaloosa County. The Society continued to honor the anniversary of our Constitution by leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the community "Bell Ringing" on September 17th.



Vaughan-Latham Society

The Vaughan- Latham Society was able to attend and bring greetings at the Battle of Thomas Creek remembrance ceremony on March 23. It is amazing to see how well SAR does with this annual event. Battle of Thomas Creek was one of the few battles that took place in Florida. Every year the Jacksonville chapter SAR commemorates the battle by hosting the event. This year the event was held inside a local hotel due to excessive rain.



San Bernardo Society

The San Bernardo Society and the SilkNQuicks attended the F.S.C.A.R. Packet Party in Ocala, FL. Members and seniors from across Florida learned about dog showing. Five members took a part of the Silken Windhound Standard and acted as dog show judge and elected Bejeweled as the first F.S.C.A.R. Silken Specialty Winner!



Billy Bowlegs Society

Society Presidents: Jaelyn Tillman

Senior Society President: Teri Peterson

Billy Bowlegs Society teamed up with 4-H Country Roots to replace flags on May 27th at the Alva Cemetery for Memorial Day



Please consider the State Merit Award and Standards of Excellence requirements as you put together your calendar for next year. These can help you plan your year with clear direction.



2024-2025 Florida State Merit Award

F.S.C.A.R. recognizes accomplishments, activities, and hard work of the Most Outstanding Societies and members. All Gold, Blue, Red, and Honorable Mention Societies are honored for their achievements. All societies entering will receive a Certificate of Participation. Awards are based upon the responses received on this form. **Affirmative answers will be verified.** Documentation of activities and programs must accompany this entry and will be considered in judging. Sufficient information MUST be provided in order to allow the judges to evaluate your entry properly. No photo albums or videos allowed. Entries are limited to 50 pages (double-sided sheets count as two pages) excluding newsletters, yearbook, and copy of Treasurer's Report. Use an Activities Report with photos to document all meetings and activities. Societies should complete and return this form with required attachments covering the period March 1, 2024 to February 1, 2025.

GOLD MERIT AWARD All questions must be answered "Yes"
BLUE MERIT AWARD Questions A, B, and C must be answered "Yes" All but one of the remaining questions must be answered "Yes"
RED MERIT AWARD Questions A, B, and C must be answered "Yes" All but two of the remaining questions must be answered "Yes"
HONORABLE MENTION Sections A and F must be answered "Yes"
Certificate of Participation All entries will receive a certificate of participation

Deadline: This report with all attachments must be emailed or postmarked on or before **February 1, 2025**.
Mail to: **State Merit Award Chairman** and **Senior State Merit Award Chairman**
Kayley Kelly Rae Lyn Bland

Name of Society _____

A. PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS - ALL questions must be answered "Yes" Provide Details on separate sheet(s) Did your society:

1. **Attach a list of all C.A.R. events held by your society.** Provide details on separate page(s). **Tip-Maintain records throughout the year** including dates, events, description of activities, and number of participants - members, prospective members, seniors, and others. Include at least one photo, preferably a group photo of all members attending, for each event.
2. Hold at least six local society business meetings (virtual or in person) following C.A.R. ritual? These should be included in your Activities Report. May count virtual state conference or National Convention as one of your meetings.
3. Have at least one program on the state theme "**Nobody Walks Alone**"?
4. Recognize someone that serves in your community through C.A.R. C.A.R.E.S. (Come And Recognize Everyone Serves). Make sure to submit a photo and narrative of who and why you honored them.
5. Present a program or have a project on at least six of these state committees from the 2023-2024 State Program Packet? Submit a photo or some proof from the program/project.
____American Heritage ____Conservation ____Mountain Schools

1. Did your society obtain one new member as a Life Member or did two current members become Life Members (two years minimum each)? _____

2. Did life membership make up at least 10% of your current membership? _____

E. SOCIETY NEWSLETTERS Submit a copy of each newsletter with this entry. Did your society fulfill all the requirements of the C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletter Contest? _____

F. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Did your society:

1. Promote the State Project, "**Nobody Walks Alone**" to your parent DAR, SAR, and S.R. Chapters. Invite them to attend your meetings and events or visit one of their chapter meetings to bring greetings and tell them about the state and national projects.

2. Use www.ncsar.org, local society website and/or other social media websites to promote C.A.R.? Be sure to follow the "Social Media Policy," which can be found at ncsar.org >Resources >Bylaws, Handbook, and Policies. Include details and/or screenshots.

3. Participate in community events and attempt to publicize this participation? _____

4. Has your society made plans for, and promoted the C.A.R. Day of Service on or around April 5 of each year? _____

G. CONTESTS

Did your society participate in at least SIX of the state contests following directions in the **2024-2025 Nobody Walks Alone State Program Packet**? Enter the State President's Project and at least five (5) committees. Include contests which are judged according to C.A.R. State records. Include a copy of your contest entry form with your Merit entry, but **please do NOT include all the proof documents submitted for each individual contest.**

State President (required) Kids Helping Kids
____American Heritage ____Leadership Development
____American History ____Membership
____American Indian ____Mountain Schools
____C.A.R./DAR Relations ____Patriotic Education Program
____C.A.R./SAR/S.R. Relations ____Public Relations
____C.A.R. Magazine and Newsletters ____Supporting our Troops
____Conservation ____Veterans
____Government Studies

H. MOUNTAIN AND AMERICAN INDIAN SCHOOLS Send donations directly to the schools.

Did your society donate to at least one mountain or American Indian school? _____

Name of School _____ Clothing (lbs) gifts and other aid _____ Money _____

I. DONATIONS All donations must be received at C.A.R. Headquarters on or before 2/1/2025.

1. Did your society make a donation to at least ten of the following (including **Star Supporter** donations)?

____Archival Preservation Fund ____Mountain Schools Fund ____Operating Fund
____Candidate Endowment Fund ____Museum Fund ____Pouch Legacy Fund

____Equipment Fund ____National Endowment Fund ____Utz Member Activities Fund
____Library Fund ____National Program (required) ____Veterans Fund
____Life Promoter Fund ____National Project ____Voyager Fund
____Magazine Fund ____Niebell Endowment Fund
Include a copy of the form OR a copy of the Society Donations report, which can be found on eC.A.R., with your Merit entry. All donations will be verified.

- Log in to www.ncsar.org
 - Scroll over eC.A.R. icon on the right side of the window.
 - From the drop-down menu, click on "Society Annual Reports"
 - Choose "Society Donations" from the drop-down menu next to "Select a query"
 - Set dates for "Transaction Date Between" to March 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025.
 - Click on the arrow next to your society name to open the full report to view your donations.
 - Click on "Export" to the right above Society name to view options for exporting/downloading the report and choose "Word or Excel".
2. Did your society receive credit for at least \$100 donations for any combination of the following? **Attach list.**

____National Promoters (\$25 each) ____Life Promoter (\$100)
____Endowment Fund Pin (\$100) ____Magazine Fund Pin (\$100)
____Mountain Schools Pins (\$25 each) ____Voyager Fund Pins (\$50 each)
____Library Fund Pin (\$100) ____Museum Major Benefactor (\$1,000)
____Apple Slice Pins (\$50 each) (Red Apple Pin and Plaque)
(Museum Fund and The Children's Room) ____Niebell Fund Pins (\$50 each)
____Star Supporter (\$100) ____125th Anniversary Pin (\$125)

Instructions for downloading Society Donations report:

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- Scroll over eC.A.R. icon on the right side of the window.
- From the drop-down menu, click on "Society Annual Reports"
- Choose "Pin Donations" from the drop-down menu next to "Select a Query"
- Click on "Export" to the right above Society name to view options for exporting/downloading the report and choose "Word or Excel"

Society Information and Signatures:

Please include all the information requested in this section. The Senior State Chairman will use this information to acknowledge receipt of your entry. It may also be used to contact you should a question arise during the judging process. Handwritten information should be printed legibly. Please remember that all questions regarding the State Merit Award should be directed to the Senior State Merit Award Chairman. Contact information is listed on this form.

Society President's Name (printed) and Signature _____ Senior Society President's Name (printed) and Signature _____

Address _____ Address _____

City, State, Zip+4 Code _____ City, State, Zip+4 Code _____

E-mail address and/or telephone number _____ E-mail address and/or telephone number _____

____American History ____Government Studies ____Patriotic Education Program
____American Indian ____Kids Helping Kids ____Public Relations
____C.A.R./DAR/SAR/S.R. Relations ____Leadership Development ____Supporting Our Troops
____C.A.R. Magazine & Newsletter ____Membership ____Veterans

6. Invite a state officer or national officer, other than members of your society to attend a meeting? Include a copy of the invitation. _____

B. MEMBERSHIP Both parts must be answered "Yes"

1. Local societies with 11 or more families must submit dues for at least 90% of their member families along with Senior Society President's fee by January 1, 2025. Local societies with 10 families or less must submit dues for all but one family, plus the Senior Society President fee by January 1, 2025. Include the number of families and the number of families paid by the deadline.

Total number of members _____ Number of families _____ Number of families paid _____

2. Did your society have at least two new members accepted OR have a net gain? _____

List names and national numbers of new members on a separate sheet. Transfers in or out, aged out, and pending members do not count for or against net gain.

Member Totals as of 3/1/2024 ____New ____Transfers in ____Dropped ____
Aged out ____ as of 2/28/2025 ____Resigned ____Transfers out ____Pending ____

A list of new members can be found on eC.A.R.

- Log in to ncsar.org
 - Scroll over eC.A.R. icon on the right side of the window.
 - From the drop-down menu, click on "Membership Reports"
 - Choose "New Members from the gray drop-down menu"
 - Set "Date Admitted On or After" to March 1, 2024
 - Click green "Find" button
- Member totals can be found on eC.A.R.
- Log in to ncsar.org
 - Scroll over eC.A.R. icon on the right side of the window
 - From the drop-down menu, click on "Society Information"
 - Choose "Society Profile Search (National Merit Numbers)" from the gray drop-down menu
 - Type society name in the next box next to "Society Name Contains"
 - Click green "Find" button
 - Click on blue society name to view full information
 - NOTE: Double check these numbers against your own records, as differences may occur.

C. C.A.R. MAGAZINE

1. Did at least 75% of your society's members families receive the C.A.R. Magazine? Include subscriptions, National and Life Promoters, and seniors who receive the magazine in the families. What percent of your society's member families received the C.A.R. Magazine? _____

2. Did your society submit at least one article to the C.A.R. Magazine? _____

3. Did your society have a magazine minute at two meetings, reading an article from the C.A.R. Magazine? _____

4. What percent of your society's member families received the C.A.R. Magazine? Be sure to include a copy of your Treasurer's Report as submitted to National with your dues. The Treasurer's Report is available on eC.A.R. under Member Reports. _____

D. LIFE MEMBERSHIP One part must be answered "Yes". **ATTACH LIST**

Submission deadlines

3rd Issue: Nov 2nd

4th Issue: Dec 1st

5th Issue: Jan 4th

We hope you all enjoyed the 2nd issue of the 2024-2025 Orange Blossom



HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

FIND WORDS RELATED TO HALLOWEEN. WHOEVER GUESSES FIRST WINS

SPIDER	SPIRIT	NIGHTMARE	LANTERN	ZOMBIE
WITCH	TREATS	DARKNESS	MONSTER	HOWL
PUMPKIN	COSTUME	COBWEB	SCREAM	MAGIC
GHOST	HORROR	DEAD	VAMPIRE	SKELETON
GRAVE	OCTOBER	SUPERSTITION	CREEPY	HAUNTED

G	H	O	H	N	G	O	S	H	S	K	E	L	E	T	O	N
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DONATION PINS

Star Supporter: A recurring donation each month to support the National Endowment Fund, the General/Operating fund, or the Niebell Endowment fund. (\$5 minimum monthly).



Niebell Fund Pin
Support ongoing operations at National Headquarters through a donation to the endowment fund of \$50.



Endowment Fund Pin
Donate \$100 to the endowment fund and receive a pin.



Endowment Benefactor Pin
Donate \$500 to the endowment fund and receive a pin.



Endowment Legacy Pin
Donate \$1,000 to the endowment fund and receive a pin.



Apple Slice Pin
Any individual making a contribution of \$50 or more to the N.S.C.A.R. museum will receive the apple slice pin.



Museum Major Benefactor Red Apple Pin
A contribution of \$1000 or more to the N.S.C.A.R. Museum is awarded with this pin.



Voyager Fund Pin
A \$50 donation assists with travel expenses for National Officers, State Presidents, and National Chairmen.



Magazine Fund Pin
Donating \$100 to receive the pin helps lower our costs for the magazine.



Mountain Schools Pin
Show support for the mountain schools by donating \$25.



Library Fund Pin
Donate \$100 to the N.S.C.A.R. Library

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Ms. Katy Peterson

Jaelyn Tillman