



Issue #1 Summer 2023

In this issue you will see the activities from many societies and learn more about our themes for this year. Hopefully the articles will help spark inspiration for the upcoming F.S.C.A.R. year! Have a wonderful summer!

Olivia Schopf, 2nd V.P. F.S.C.A.R.



SENIOR PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Members and Seniors,

I am so excited for the new year! We have a lot of plans and have kicked off the year with the state project, "Project Conservation Right Whale." I hope you are all coming to the State Summer packet meeting to learn more about the state committees and get some project ideas! We are gearing up for an action packed year as we will also be holding the FSSDAR State C.A.R. Breakfast at the FSSDAR State Fall Forum on 9/10/2023. We hope you will consider

attending the conference to support our State President Sydney Wagnstrom and to help DAR chapters get to know you and learn how to support the F.S.C.A.R. Thank you for all that you do and I hope to see you at a future event!!



PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Hello Everybody!

I am Sydney Wagnstrom and I am the 2023-2024 Florida Society Children of the American Revolution State President. A project is chosen every year by the state president. The state then focuses on supporting and raising money for the organization chosen. This year I hope to educate people on the Right Whales with the theme “Project Conservation Right Whale.” Right Whales help to benefit Florida by bringing nutrients from the bottom of the ocean to the top which helps feed fish. There is a need to educate people on not only the importance of these whales, but also their possible extinction. The fact that there are less than 340 Right Whales left should encourage individuals to take action in saving them. My goal is to raise \$5,000 for the Clearwater Marine Research Institute. Adding on to this, I hope to help empower kids throughout the state to participate in volunteering with the saying, “Being a Kid is My Superpower.” Because I am president at such a young age, I hope to boost kids in realizing they can lead too. I cannot wait to see how my project helps others to learn more about the Right Whales, while encouraging kids to speak up and become more involved.

I hope to see you soon,
Sydney Wagnstrom



Orange Blossom History

Orange blossoms are the flowers of orange trees, and the history of these elegant and fragrant flowers is both rich and fascinating. Orange blossoms are known for their sweet, invigorating aroma and are commonly used in perfumes, traditional medicine, and cultural events.

To better understand the history of orange blossoms, we have to trace the history of oranges themselves. Oranges originate from Southeast Asia, and they were brought to the Mediterranean countries by the Moors during the 11th century. However, it wasn't until the 15th and 16th centuries that oranges spread to other parts of the world, such as Americas, through colonization and trade.

During those times, orange blossoms were viewed as a symbol of purity and fertility. This led to their usage in weddings and religious celebrations, such as during the Muslim's tradition of giving a bride a wreath of orange blossoms as a symbol for becoming a bride. The tradition of gifting orange blossoms during weddings continues even today and can be observed across different cultures in different geographies.

The practice of using orange blossom oil for medicinal purposes also has an extensive history dating back to ancient times, with initial recorded sightings attributed to the ancient Chinese texts. Orange blossom oil is said to relieve anxiety, stress and aid sleep due to its soothing aroma. It has also been attributed with anti-inflammatory properties, remedies for bronchitis, while being effective in the skin care routine.

Another interesting aspect of orange blossom's history is the significance they hold in different parts of the world. For instance, orange blossom remains an important symbol of many states across the United States, such as Florida, whose economy is heavily dependent on the orange industry. Orange blossoms and oranges became Florida's official state flower and fruit, respectively, due to the crucial role industry plays in the state's economy traditionally.

In sum, the history of orange blossoms is a story of cultural significance, aroma, economic value, and medicinal benefits. The fascinating cultural stories explain the impact these flowers have had on different societies and how, through the ages, they have helped to enrich our daily lives and special celebrations.



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Right Whale History

The right whale is a type of baleen whale that has been the subject of human interest and commercial hunting for centuries. These whales were called "right" whales by early whalers, who considered them to be the "right" whales to hunt due to their slow swimming speeds, large size, and high-quality blubber.

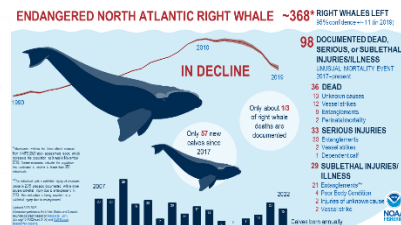
The history of right whales is deeply rooted in commercial whaling. In the early 1900s, there were only about 100 right whales left across the world due to overhunting. Fortunately, the International Whaling Commission (IWC) enforced a ban on commercial whaling in 1986, leading to a successful increase in the right whale population.

In modern times, these gentle giants remain endangered, despite conservation and protective measures put in place to recover their populations. They continue to face diverse threats that include climate change, ocean noise, ship strikes, and entanglements in fishing gear.

The right whale is a vital ocean species that plays an essential role in ocean ecosystems. Baleen whales, such as the right whale, help to maintain the ecological balance of marine populations by feeding on large quantities of plankton. They also transport nutrients throughout the sea, which helps to support fish populations.

In recent years, researchers have turned to new technologies such as drones and underwater microphones to monitor and study the right whale population. They aim to better understand the whale's behavior these days, as well as their impact on ocean ecosystems, in an attempt to help protect and conserve this magnificent species.

In conclusion, the history of the right whale is interwoven with the complex relationship of humans and nature. There has been an ongoing struggle between the human desire for exploitation, and the right whale's role in ocean ecosystems, feeding on plankton and transporting nutrients. With continued conservation efforts, it is hoped that these animals can continue to recover in number and significance but also preserving the potential impact they could have to maintaining a healthy ecosystem.



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Florida Shipwreck Trail

The Florida Shipwreck Trail is a popular tourist destination that stretches along the eastern coast of Florida. It is a tribute to the state's rich history of shipwrecks that were caused by treacherous reefs, rough weather, piracy, or other reasons. Ships that sank off the coast of Florida were often carrying valuable cargo, such as gold, silver, and other precious commodities, leading many treasure hunters to explore the region.

The story of the Florida Shipwreck Trail dates back to the early history of Florida, when Spanish explorers first set foot in the area and began to establish trade routes with other parts of the world. Unfortunately, many of these ships were lost at sea due to poor navigation and treacherous conditions.

In 1986, in an effort to preserve Florida's extensive shipwreck history, the Florida Department of State launched the Underwater Archaeology Team, which particularly focused on documenting and preserving the state's many shipwrecks. In collaboration with this team, the state also established the Florida Shipwreck Trail, a series of submerged wrecks expertly preserved as significant cultural finds offering insights on the past.

Today, the trail contains several noteworthy wrecks, each with its unique story and history. Some of the most popular wrecks that are part of the trail include the wreck of the HMS Winchester, a British ship that sank in 1695; the San Pedro, a Spanish galleon that sank in 1733, and the City of Hawkinsville, an American steamer that sank in 1883.

The trail highlights not only the technical accomplishments of the various shipbuilders and mariners, it also commemorates mariners and innocent passengers as it sheds lights on specific events in history, providing a window into the past. Visitors to the trail can explore the maritime history of Florida and witness firsthand the phenomenal engineering of the ships and historical artefacts that have been brought to the surface. The Florida Shipwreck trail has quickly risen to be a vital destination for maritime enthusiasts seeking to discover a unique slice of nautical history.

To learn more, visit:

<http://www.floridapanhandledivetrail.com/>

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National Caribbean Heritage Month

National Caribbean Heritage Month is celebrated in the United States during the month of June, to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Caribbean-Americans in American society.

The history of Caribbean Heritage Month dates back to a 2005 resolution proposed in the U.S. House of Representatives by Congresswoman Barbara Lee, who hails from Jamaica. The resolution commemorated Caribbean American heritage and highlighted the Caribbean community's significant role in American history and culture. This moment was an acknowledgement of the community's contributions to music, food, art, and literature, as well as tangential domains, including politics, economics, and education.

From then, the effort towards recognition, celebration, and remembrance of the Caribbean American community achievements established a foundation for the month-long celebratory event we know today, with President Barack Obama signing an official declaration recognizing June as Caribbean American Heritage Month in 2006.

This annual celebration provides an excellent opportunity to share the remarkable, yet often

hidden history of Caribbean-Americans, including their role in American life and culture. The month-long event showcases the literature, music, dance, and cuisine of the Caribbean while demonstrating the fascinating history, traditions, and cultures of the various individual countries.

The Caribbean region has a long and storied history, from indigenous populations to centuries of colonial rule and the transcending evolution of liberty and diversity drawing from individual cultures, becoming the vibrant community we see worldwide today.

The Caribbean American population has made immense contributions to the American economy and society at large. Caribbean Americans have broken barriers in sports, cinema, arts, politics, and business. The annual celebration helps to spotlight and honor their achievements, and enlightens the world of the major impact these past and present figures have on the American narrative.

In conclusion, National Caribbean Heritage Month is a time for celebration, learning, sharing, and cultural exchange. The month-long celebration provides a worthy platform for deepening the understanding of the significant cultural heritage capital and gaining insights into communities' path to integration, representation and, social and economic contributions in American society.

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Kids Helping Kids

Snowden-Horne Society Bird House Project

Members of the Snowden-Horne Society Children of the American Revolution and their guests from Children in Crisis, Inc. teamed up on Saturday, April 22, 2023, to construct fifteen cedar birdhouses for Okaloosa County's Veteran Park Rookery in honor of EARTH DAY 2023. The Hsu Foundation generously provided the workshop for this adventure as children, parents, supporters, and friends worked side by side to create the nesting boxes designed for small birds. Under the careful supervision and watchful eye of contractor Rick Rauche, Triple R Construction, the children assembled eight pre-cut pieces to construct each house. Equipped with different size openings, the houses are designed to accommodate a variety of small birds such as bluebirds, finches, and wrens. The new houses will be installed by the children, along the walking path, on Saturday, May 6 with the assistance of Okaloosa County Parks Staff. The successful workshop was followed by pizza, apples, brownies, Sprite, and fellowship as children and adults chatted together and basked in the glory of their beautiful birdhouses and new friends.



photo 1 F.S.C.A.R. Kids Helping Kids Chairman Olivia patiently applies the finishing coat of lacquer.

photo 2 Fifteen finished bird houses for the Okaloosa County Veterans Park Rookery

photo 3 Snowden-Horne Society members and new friends from Children in Crisis proudly pose behind

Memorial Day



History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance to the people who died while serving in the United States armed forces. The observance of Memorial Day often occurs on the last Monday of May, and it usually marks the beginning of the summer season.

The history of Memorial Day dates back to the American Civil War, a devastating conflict that lasted for four years and claimed the lives of over 620,000 soldiers. During the war, thousands of soldiers laid down their lives on the battlefield, and their grieving families and communities wanted to express their gratitude for their sacrifices.

The first national celebration of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868, when General John A. Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, declared that flowers should be placed on the graves of fallen soldiers. The event took place at Arlington National Cemetery and was attended by both Union and Confederate soldiers, a symbolic gesture of unity.

The day was initially known as Decoration Day, and the decoration of graves of fallen soldiers continued for about a decade informally. It was only officially recognized by Congress in 1971, becoming a national holiday and a remembrance event to honor all fallen soldiers from all wars.

Since its creation, Memorial Day has become a day of commemoration, remembrance, and honor for all those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. Many towns and cities across the United States hold parades, patriotic speeches, and other ceremonies to reflect on the lives that have been lost in the line of duty.

As a day dedicated to patriotism, it also signals a time of reflection and gratitude for those who served the country. Memorial Day honours those who selflessly served their country in the military, reminding us of the critical role that they play in defending and safeguarding the nation.

The history of Memorial Day is a commemoration of sacrifice and the valiant efforts that people

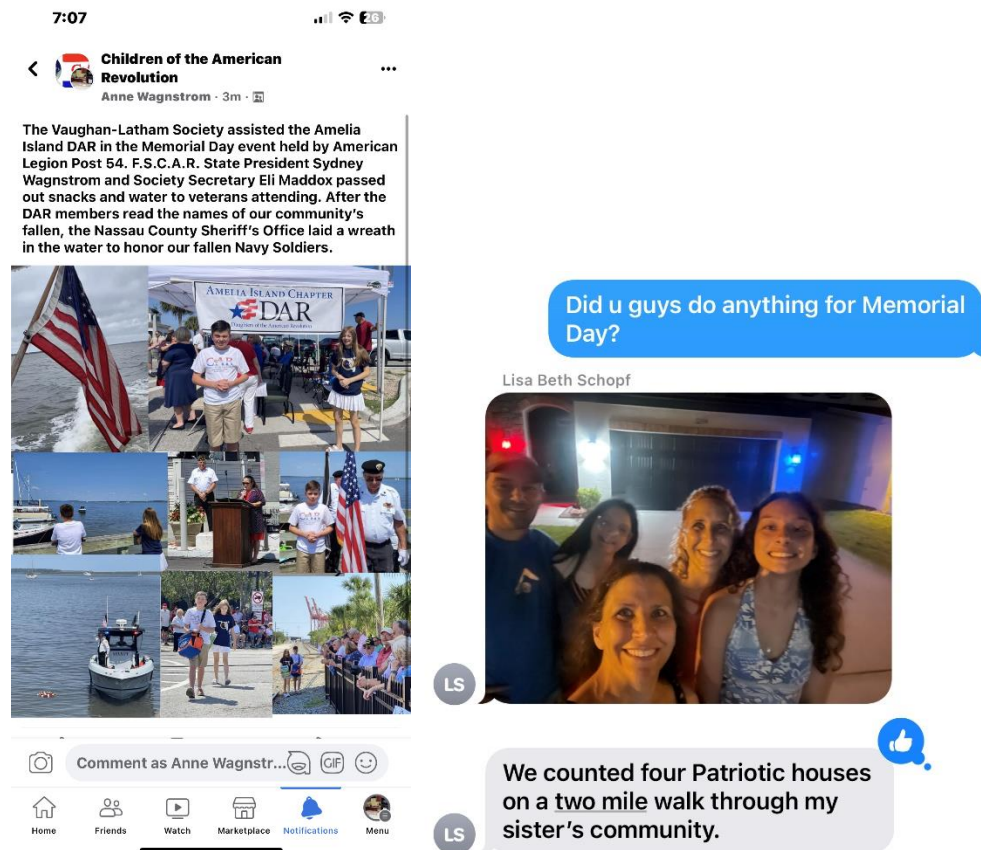
emboldened with patriotic zeal made to safeguard their nation, highlighting the importance of honoring and remembering their contributions.

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Vaughan-Latham Society

Eli Maddox, Sydney Wagstrom, and Ashley Schmelling attended the American Legion Post 54 event with the Amelia Island chapter D.A.R. and assisted with passing out waters and snacks to local veterans. Afterwards we attended a memorial service by the Nassau County Sheriff's Department for the fallen Naval Soldiers.

Afterward Olivia Schopf took a two mile walk while out of town to observe and count the number of patriotic homes in the neighborhood.



Fort Brooke Society

Fort Brooke Society president Lulu Nicholson presented a wreath on Memorial Day at the American Legion Post 5 in Tampa. Lulu also presented a dog tag to one of the SAR Tampa Chapter Color Guard members, Bill Swain.



Treasure Coast Society

Treasure Coast Society and Pelican Island Chapter DAR members reflagged the Brookside Historic Cemetery for Memorial Day. Flags were replaced on all veterans' graves in the cemetery.



Member Activity

Chichi-Okobee Florida Maritime Museum



On Saturday, January 14th, members bundled up to explore the Florida Maritime Museum which showed our state's natural history. There was a special storytime for pee wee patriots while older members read the exhibits before venturing out together. Our society stopped by the historic Cortez house which had a faux lighthouse and boat for our members to discover. We appreciated learning more about our local area through hands-on activity!



Chichi-Okobee Colonial Kitchen

On Saturday, February 11th, members grabbed their aprons and met at the Sara de Soto DAR chapter house to take a trip back in time during our Colonial Kitchen program. Cynthia Rush,

member of Sara de Soto DAR and mother of C.A.R. prospective member, led the children in sourdough bread making. She began with two tutorials to engage the pee wee patriots as well as our older middle school members. As it was baked in a cast iron skillet, sourdough bread harkens back to Revolutionary days and ties into the lives of our patriot ancestors.

Then, children got into groups in the kitchen to mix up the dough. After the loaf was prepared, children made their own butter by vigorously shaking cream in jars. Mrs. Rush used a cooking show type trick to have another batch of bread “baking” to allow our society to quickly sample. It was a tasty and educational activity!

Thank you to the Sara de Soto Daughters for the use of their lovely chapter house kitchen!

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On Saturday, February 11 our C.A.R. society learned to make sourdough bread and how to shake heavy cream in a jar to make butter and buttermilk. It was hard shaking the jars to make butter and the adults had to help us. We had sticky hands from the dough and chased each other around. I forgot my apron but I didn't need it. We got to eat the bread with the butter we made and it was really good. I like going to C.A.R.

Nathan Putnam

age 14

Chichi-Okobee Society

Sarasota FL

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Cynthia did a great job with the kids. The kids were definitely enjoying themselves. It seemed like they were learning the ins and outs of sourdough starter and enjoying mixing the dough!

Thanks again,

Hope (mother) and Amelia Hemmer, age 12





Snowden-Horne Society's March meeting

The Snowden-Horne Society's March meeting honored Patrick Henry and his March 1775 "Give me liberty or give me death" speech. Our guest speaker, a direct descendent of Patrick Henry, presented an excellent program about her famous Patriot. Following the program, society members enjoyed a pizza party while watching a Liberty Kids presentation about that famous call to arms.



April Swamp Fox Society Meeting

During our April Swamp Fox meeting, we installed officers, passed the gavel, and donated a flag to our Fort Lauderdale SAR friends. We presented about our FL State Conference and showed off our awards and flag ribbons. We had a great 2022-2023 year raising money for the Arnold Palmer Hospital and kids cancer research. We look forward to summer and kicking off our next CAR year in September/October. We plan to do beach clean ups this summer. We are excited to learn more about the Right Wales. Thanks everyone!! In March 2023, Kyle Peterson brought greetings from Swamp Fox to Palm Beach Chapter S.A.R. Kyle was inducted into S.A.R. In May, Kyle and Past President of Swamp Fox Colleen Langton presented at the Fort Lauderdale Chapter of S.A.R. They also gave Welcome Home dog tags to Vietnam Veterans.



Fort Gatlin Society Activities Spring 2023

The Fort Gatlin Society has been very busy this spring, presenting their program, “No Taxation, Without Representation” to several DAR and SAR Chapters.

In April the Fort Gatlin Society participated in C.A.R. National Day of Service by cleaning up the area around the American Legion Post #286 in Orlando. They also presented a C.A.R. Cares Certificate to the Post, along with a basket filled with snacks and goodies in appreciation of their allowing us to have our meetings at the post.

They also elected the following officers: President – Ada Douglas, Vice President – J.T. Kwak, Chaplain – Mina Kwak, Secretary – Luke Cardinal, Registrar – Lane Cardinal, Historian – Rosemary Gabriel, and Librarian – Ruth Gabriel. Outgoing President, Taylor Phares, presented a fun program on tariffs.

In May, the Fort Gatlin Society met and Debra Rosenau, Senior Society Chaplain, installed their newly elected officers. The officer’s parents presented a candy bar to their child/ren that went along with their office. Such as, our librarian received a bag of Smarties. Those members that

read the books from our small library will surely be “smarties”.

We presented a gift to our outgoing President of three years, Taylor Phares. Taylor is now the F.S.C.A.R. State Treasurer. J.T. Kwak is the new State Chairman of Patriotic Education and Rosemary Gabriel is the new State Chairman of Magazines & Newsletters.

The Kwak Family presented a colonial craft project on Quilling. A great time was had by all! Fort Gatlin Society members participated in a Vietnam Memorial Program with DAR & SAR members at Orlando Veterans Park.



Fort Gatlin Members Rosemary & Ruth help to present program, “No Taxation, Without Representation” to the Central Florida Chapter SAR.



Fort Gatlin Senior Society Vice President, Scott Cook presents program, “No Taxation, Without Representation” to the Orlando Chapter DAR.



**Presenting our program to the Mary
Virginia Cabell Chapter DAR.**



**Presenting our program to the
WilliamP. Duval Chapter DAR**



**Presenting a C.A.R. CARES certificate to
American Legion Post #286**



**At the Vietnam Memorial Installation of new officers
Orlando Veterans Park**



Colonial Quilling pictures

Vaughan-Latham Society Attends the Florida State Packet Meeting, June 9-11, 2023

Members who attended the State Packet Meeting on person included: State President Sydney Wagnstrom, State Merit Award Chairman Landon Alexander and State Public Relations Chairman Eli Maddox. State 2nd Vice President Olivia Schopf attended via her photo being carried from event to event.

Senior National Merit Award Chairman JoAnn Welker; Vaughan-Latham Society Senior Treasurer Anne Wagnstrom and Vaughan-Latham Society Senior Historian Andrea

Alexander led group sessions and parent Jim Maddox was a group leader. Everyone had fun painting the rocks and writing the cards for the service project. It was fun swimming in the pool and visiting the Clearwater Marine Institute and Aquarium. The dolphin show was amazing!!!

It was a great meeting and we appreciate all the planning and work that Senior Stare President Holly Hamilton did to make it happen.

Submitted by JoAnn Welker, Vaughan-Latham Society, Senior 1st V.P.



C.A.R./SAR/S.R. Relations

SAR Approves New Color Guard Medal for Youth

At its spring Leadership Conference in February, the National Society of SAR approved a new color guard award for individuals under the age of 18. This medal can be earned by participating in SAR Color Guard events in colonial uniform or colonial era attire. The individual must participate in a minimum of three SAR color guard events in at least three different years. Participation is required; simply attending the event in colonial era

attire does not qualify. If interested in the full wording of the policy, contact you local SAR Chapter or send an email to Richard Young, Sr Chair of the C.A.R./SAR/SR Relations Committee at dyoung22@aol.com. The SAR is developing a new reporting form to apply for this award. It will be available on the sar.org website. C.A.R. members who are also dual members of the SAR have always been eligible for the SAR Color Guard medals. Requirements are included in the National Color Guard Handbook on the sar.org website.

Youth Color Guard Medal

Precedence: 56

Year Authorized: 2023

Presented By: State President or Chapter President

Approved By: State Color Guard Commander (or State Society); Chapter Color Guard Commander (or Chapter)

Summary: The Youth Color Guard Medal is earned for participation in SAR Color Guard events (National, District, State or Chapter) by any youth in colonial uniform or attire.

Descripton: The medal is silver in color with a blue outer ring. It features on the obverse a color guardsman and drummer. It bears the inscription "SAR Youth" on the top perimeter and "Color Guard" on the bottom perimeter. The reverse features a wreath on the outer perimeter and blank spaces for name and date of presentaton. It is suspended from a chest ribbon with equal stripes of red, white, and blue centered on a blue and buff ribbon. It is available in miniature and comes with a certificate, which should be engrossed and presented with the medal.

Qualifications: This medal may be presented to any individual who, while under the age of 18 years old, participates in a minimum of three events per year for a minimum of three years. The years do not need to be continuous. Any SAR event that includes a Color Guard at National, District, State or Chapter may be counted towards the award. The youth must be in uniform or colonial dress and participate as a member of the color guard.

Special Application Required: Youth who believe they qualify for the Youth Color Guard

Medal must complete the appropriate form setting forth their qualifications. This form is available on the SAR website and must be submitted to the Chapter or State Color Guard Commander for review and approval. Restriction on Events: Double-counting events is not permitted. Any events used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard Medal may not be used simultaneously to qualify for any other Color Guard Medal (Molly Pitcher, Von Steuben, Silver, or Bronze). Additional qualifying events over and above those used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard must be used to earn the other Color Guard Medals.

Special Look Back Period: An individual may count events from 2018 forward so long as that individual was a youth (under 18 years old) when the individual completed the required service. Events may not be double counted, if an individual counted events attended as a youth toward any other Color Guard Medal (Molly Pitcher, Von Steuben, Silver, or Bronze), then those same events may not be used to qualify for the Youth Color Guard Medal.

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A youth may receive this medal only once.
Oak

leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.