

National Defense Committee

The National Defender Magazine "National Defender" published bi-monthly is available on the committee's web-page for viewing or download. The articles are helpful in presenting a program dedicated to National Defense, devoting at least three minutes to a National Defense report at every regular meeting, emailing to chapter members or in monthly newsletter for CMR points. Additionally, please consider submitting a story or article to the National Defender.

Celebrate **R.E.D. Friday - Remember Everyone Deployed** by wearing red and sharing a photo of your group with the Editor of the National Defender. Please reach out to our deployed men and women around the world by sending letters and care packages.

The following medals are presented through this committee in recognition of outstanding students, adults, and community groups and cadets in military education programs.

The DAR Distinguished Citizen Medal is presented to an individual 18 years of age or older or to groups that demonstrate honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. The chapter (or state) nominates the recipient by completing form ND-2004 found on the committee's forms & publication webpage. You will need to follow the instructions on the form and send the completed packet to the State Chair.

The Chapter may order the ROTC, JROTC, DAR Outstanding Cadet and DAR Youth Leadership medals from the DAR store.

The DAR Youth Leadership Medal is presented to a boy or girl in grades 5-11* who fulfills the qualities of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. (Note for students in grade 12, consider the DAR Good Citizens Award). The medal may also be awarded to youth in organizations outside of school.

Cadet Medals The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC), and DAR Outstanding Cadet Medals are awarded to cadets in ROTC, JROTC or non-ROTC and police, fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) cadet programs.

Please see the National Defense Committee's Webpage "Medals" page for more details as to criteria and ordering your medals, coordinating with school or unit that makes the nomination,, and planning the award event

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