

## **Americanism Committee**

The Americanism Committee shall:

1. Check quarterly with the local chapter chairmen and report to the State President quarterly.
2. Assist chapters with filling in the Americanism Score sheet
3. Compile information and send to national by or before due date
4. Judge poster contest at state meeting
5. Judge brochure contest at state meeting
6. Compile chapter information by standard set by national and award certificates to winners.

### **NATIONAL SOCIETY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST**

The National Society Elementary School Poster Contest was developed to help stimulate interest in American History in support of the Fourth or Fifth Grade Curriculum. This competition was begun to aid studies at that grade level. If American History is taught in lower grades at selected schools, an entry may be accepted for the competition. All entries will be judged on an equal basis, using criteria developed by the Americanism Committee. See the NSSAR website for contest details, rules, and entry forms.

### **AWARDS FOR MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

The National Society presents awards at the Annual Congress. National Headquarters compiles the information submitted by the state societies for the previous year and determines the winner of each of the awards.

### **PRESIDENT GENERAL'S STATE SOCIETY AND CHAPTER ACTIVITIES STREAMER AWARD**

The President General's State Society and Chapter Activities Streamer Award was initiated in 1978. State Societies and chapters competed for the award by accumulating points awarded for various program activities during the previous calendar year

(January 1 to December 31). In 2008, the Americanism Committee began the process of revising the criteria for this contest at the suggestion of the Medals and Awards Committee. Beginning with the 2009 contest, the President General's State Society and Chapter Activities Streamer Award is awarded to the State Societies and Chapters that demonstrate the best program of administrative support of the Sons of the American Revolution. The deadline for submission is March 1. Participating chapters and state societies report accumulated points to the Americanism Committee Chairman in accordance with the contest guidelines set forth by the Americanism Committee and published as part of the Americanism Award / President General's Streamer Combined Score Sheet.

This Score Sheet may be downloaded from the Americanism Committee Web Page on the NSSAR Web Site. The Score Sheet must be submitted in its entirety to qualify as a valid entry for this competition.

Awards recognize the most active state societies and chapters. Four first place awards for state societies and chapters will be offered based on membership size: State Societies: 10 to 199, 200 to 499, 500 to 999, and 1,000 or more members; Chapters: 10 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to 199, and 200 or more members.

The Americanism Committee judges the contest at the Spring Leadership meeting and the awards are presented at the following Annual Congress. A President General's Streamer is awarded to the winner of each category. The streamer is made of cloth, carries the National Society's colors with lettering in gold stating "President General's Activities Award" and the years involved. It is approximately 1 1/2" wide and 3' in length, with a grommet in the end so that the award may be affixed to the top of the society's or chapter's flagstaff. A certificate signed by the President General accompanies the streamer.

### **ALLENE WILSON GROVES AMERICANISM AWARD**

This award, named for Allene Wilson Groves (1896 – 1986) of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, who was President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution (1956 – 1959), is presented to the State Society which conducted the most complete programs or activities during the previous calendar year (January 1 to December 1) that created, supported or promoted a better understanding in its own community of such SAR resolutions and of the fundamental American traditions which governed their formulation and adoption. In 2008, the Americanism Committee began the process of revising the criteria for this contest at the suggestion of the Medals and Awards Committee. Beginning with the 2009 contest year, the Allene Wilson Groves Americanism Award is awarded to the State Societies that demonstrated the best program of outreach to their local community in support of the Sons of the American Revolution. The award is divided into two categories based on membership size: 10 to 999 and 1,000 or more members. The Americanism Committee judges the contest at the Spring Leadership meeting and the award is presented at the following Annual Congress. An Americanism Streamer will be presented to the winner of each

membership category. The streamer is made of cloth, carries the National Society's colors with lettering in gold to state "Allene Wilson Groves Americanism Award" and the years involved. It is approximately 1 1/2" wide and 3' in length, with a grommet in the end so that the award may be affixed to the top of the society's or chapter's flagstaff. A certificate signed by the President General accompanies the streamer.

The deadline for submission is March 1. Participating state societies and chapters report accumulated points to the Americanism Committee Chairman in accordance with the contest guidelines set forth by the Americanism Committee and published as part of the Americanism Award / President General's Streamer Combined Score Sheet. This Score Sheet may be downloaded from the Americanism Committee Web Page on the NSSAR Web Site. The Score Sheet must be submitted in its entirety to qualify as a valid entry for this competition.

### **LIBERTY BELL AMERICANISM AWARD**

This award is presented to the Chapter that conducted the most complete programs or activities during the previous calendar year (January 1 to December 1) that created, supported or promoted a better understanding in its own community of such SAR resolutions and of the fundamental American traditions that governed their formulation and adoption. In 2008, the Americanism Committee began the process of revising the criteria for this contest at the suggestion of the Medals and Awards Committee. Beginning with the 2009 contest year, the Liberty Bell Americanism Award is awarded to the Chapter that demonstrated the best program of outreach to their local community in support of the Sons of the American Revolution. The award is divided into four categories based on membership size: 10 to 49, 50 to 99, 100 to 199 and 200 or more members. The Americanism Committee judges the contest at the Spring Leadership meeting and the award is presented at the following Annual Congress. An Americanism Streamer will be presented to the winner of each membership category. The streamer is made of cloth, carries the National Society's colors with lettering in gold to state "Allene Wilson Groves Americanism Award" and the years involved. It is approximately 1 1/2" wide and 3' in length, with a grommet in the end so that the award may be affixed to the top of the society's or chapter's flagstaff. A certificate signed by the President General accompanies the streamer. The deadline for submission is March 1. Participating state societies and chapters report accumulated points to the Americanism Committee Chairman in accordance with the contest guidelines set forth by the Americanism Committee and published as part of the Americanism Award / President General's Streamer Combined Score Sheet. This Score Sheet may be downloaded from the Americanism Committee Web Page on the NSSAR Web Site. The Score Sheet must be submitted in its entirety to qualify as a valid entry for this competition.

### **PRESIDENT GENERAL'S CUP**

Former President General Edgar Williamson, Jr. originated the President General's Cup in February 1956. It was essentially a scrapbook contest but the rules were changed in 2008 to omit the scrapbook entry since the documentation collected on the Score

Sheets used for the Americanism and President General's Streamer contests document the activities of the Chapter in a manner similar to and, in some cases, in a more complete manner than a traditional scrapbook. It is the opinion of the Americanism Committee that the President General's Cup remains a type of scrapbook contest without the requirement of a physical book being produced. This award is presented to the Chapter (or State Society having no chapters) that conducted the best overall programs and activities during the previous calendar year (January 1 to December 1) that created, supported or promoted a better understanding in its own community of such SAR resolutions and of the fundamental American traditions that governed their formulation and adoption. The deadline for submission is March 1. Participating state societies and chapters report accumulated points to the Americanism Committee Chairman in accordance with the contest guidelines set forth by the Americanism Committee and published as part of the Americanism Award / President General's Streamer Combined Score Sheet. This Score Sheet may be downloaded from the Americanism Committee Web Page on the NSSAR Web Site. The Score Sheet must be submitted in its entirety to qualify as a valid entry for this competition. No separate entry form is necessary as the already submitted President General's Chapter Activities Competition Award and the Allene Wilson Groves and Liberty Bell Americanism Awards score sheets will be used. The award is divided into two based on membership size: 10 to 80 and 81 or more members. The Americanism Committee judges the contest at the Spring Leadership meeting and the award is presented at the following Annual Congress. To qualify for consideration for this award, the entrant must have reported points in at least 75% of the categories listed on the Score Sheet. The winner will be determined through a formula that includes consideration of a cap of points allowed in any single activity as well as a points-per-member ratio based on membership of the chapter at December 31. The chapter with the highest points per member based on this calculation will be the winner. The same chapter may not win two years in a row.