

## ROTC/JROTC Contest



The SAR awards the ROTC Medal to foster the principle of the "citizen-soldier", exemplified by the Minutemen of Revolutionary War days. This award is presented by a Chapter, a State Society, or the National Society to ROTC or JROTC cadets who are selected for having a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence. The recipients are selected by the Commanding Officer of the ROTC or JROTC unit, who should be given full latitude in making the selection.

The winner of the State competition will be entered into the National Outstanding JROTC Recognition program. The winner of the national program will receive a special award at the SAR's National Congress.

**The National SAR award is to be presented to the Outstanding Cadet in their next to last year of JROTC (a Third Year Cadet [11<sup>th</sup> grade] in a four year program). For a three year JROTC program, a Second Year Cadet may be selected.**

Whenever possible, presentation will be made by a member of the SAR at the unit's Spring Awards program.

The enhanced JROTC program has several objectives:

1. To identify and recognize Outstanding JROTC Cadets at the Chapter, State Society, and National Society levels. The program has been designed to allow all candidates to be evaluated equally, regardless of the Military Service they represent.
2. To encourage SAR members to make a personal presentation of the JROTC medal to Outstanding JROTC student in the nation
3. To encourage SAR chapters to work with JROTC units to determine how best to encourage and recognize these outstanding student citizens and therefore support this exceptional national youth program.

The Tennessee Society monetary award is \$1,000.

The Outstanding Cadet of the Nation will receive a gold medallion on a neck ribbon, a gold frame for the ribbon bar and a gold star for wear on the ribbon bar. As stated above, the National Society will provide a cash award of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in travel expense funds.



2009 JROTC/ROTC National SAR and Tennessee SAR contest winner Cadet Lee Altrus of Chattanooga with TNSSAR President William L. Eubank III and JROTC/ROTC state chair James O. (Jim) Moore.



### TENNESSEE SOCIETY SAR MISSION

Perpetuating the stories of patriotism, courage, sacrifice, tragedy, and triumph of the men and women who achieved the independence of the American people in the belief that these stories are universal ones of man's eternal struggle against tyranny, relevant to all time, and will inspire and strengthen each succeeding generation as it too is called upon to defend our freedoms on the battlefield and in our public institutions, including the stories of those brave men and women who came to this Tennessee wilderness with little more than their raw grit and determination and proceeded to claw out a gracious society of which WE are the recipients.



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## Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship



Open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in an active unit and have not reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday during the year of application. (*The application year is the calendar year, 01 Jan to 31 Dec*) The year that Eagle was awarded is not restricted. College plans do not need to be completed in order to receive the cash scholarship. Three cash scholarship awards are given: As the National First Place winner - \$8,000.00; Runner-up - \$4,000.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up - \$2,000.00. You may apply more than one year if you meet the age requirements but no more than \$8,000.00 total may be granted to any one Eagle Scout. Tennessee winners receive \$1,000.

Entrants need to complete only one application -- the one for the chapter competition. If it is a winner it is then used for the state competition, and if it is a winner again it is used for the national competition.

The application consists of:

1. The two page application form
2. The Four Generation ancestor chart.
3. The 500 word essay

Prizes and recognitions may also be awarded at the SAR Chapter and State levels.

Note: *Applications are accepted during a calendar year for Scholarships to be awarded in the Spring of the following year. Your State Chairman can give you specific deadlines for receipt of applications at Chapter and/or State levels. The competition is conducted in three phases, local (Chapter), State (Society), and National. The competition is usually entered through the Chapter level. In some cases, the competition may be entered at the State level. You may not enter at the National level.*

Obtain an **Eagle Scout Scholarship Application** and a **Four Generation Ancestor Chart** from the NSSAR website at [www.sar.org](http://www.sar.org).

## Americanism Elementary School Poster Contest

The Americanism Committee is pleased to announce a National Americanism Poster Contest. This new contest will be directed at students in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grades, depending on which grade year the American Revolution is taught in their educational system. The National Society Elementary School Poster Contest will stimulate interest in American History in support of the Fourth or Fifth Grade Curriculum. The topic for the Poster Contest can be found on the Tennessee Society SAR website at [tnssar.org](http://tnssar.org).



## George S. & Stella M. Knight Essay Contest

This contest is open to all students who are United States citizens or legal aliens. Contestants shall be attending public, parochial, or private high schools (including accredited home schools). Contestants shall be in the **sophomore, junior or senior grade** of study during the contest year. The contest is conducted in three phases: local (Chapter), state (State Society) and National. The contest must be entered through a Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution near the student's residence.

The contest is for an original researched and proven topic written in English. The topic of the essay shall deal with: **an event, person, philosophy, or ideal associated with the American Revolution, the Declaration of Independence, or the framing of the United States Constitution**. Students must **cite at least five (5) references with the minimum of three being published book sources to allow for verification of sources if necessary**. References from **Encyclopedias or Internet sites will be accepted, but are not considered as part of the three published book sources**. If there are no book sources (*i.e. all are encyclopedias or internet sources*) the **essay will be disqualified**. Tennessee winners receive \$1,000.



Complete details may be found on the Tennessee Society SAR website at [tnssar.org](http://tnssar.org) and on the National Society SAR website at [sar.org](http://sar.org).

## Fount T. Smothers SAR/C.A.R. Patriot Ancestors Essay Contest

**with the next generation.** Thus in an effort to find ways to strengthen our natural bond with, and our support of, our young CAR Compatriots, we in SAR have established a program to encourage you e young people to explore our shared heritage of liberty, through the lens of your own Patriot Ancestors' involvement in that epic struggle to give us "AMERICA".

The idea is for SAR chapters to sponsor an essay contest among the members of the Tennessee CAR Society (or societies) in their vicinity and then hold a competition between the various chapter winners at the state level.

1. Age Groups: In order to encourage our younger CAR Compatriots to participate, we have established two age groups:

- Those 12 years of age and younger and, those over 12 years of age.
- The contestant should indicate their age on the submission.

2. Family. We wish to strongly encourage these young people to express their own thoughts and understanding of our history and the ideals and values which led their Patriot Ancestor to risk everything give us our country. However, we also hope that work on this essay will offer an opportunity for the CAR contestant to strengthen the bonds of their family's and their community's shared heritage. We believe that invaluable knowledge of their personal connection to the ideals and values that underlie AMERICA can best be achieved by young people in a strong connection with their own family and community. Therefore, parents, other family members, teachers, etc., are not only "allowed" to work with the CAR contestant on this essay, but they are strongly encouraged to do so. The contestant should acknowledge those family members (and/or others) who assisted them with the essay.

Dates.

- Contest entries should contact their sponsoring TNSSAR Chapter for their contest closing date.
- TNSSAR Chapter winners should be submitted to the committee chairman by January 31st of each year.
- TNSSAR state level winners of this contest will be presented at the Youth Awards Luncheon of the Annual TSSAR Meeting.

Details may be found on the Tennessee Society SAR website at [tnssar.org](http://tnssar.org).

## Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest

• The contest will be held in preliminary round(s) by state societies and/or chapters of the Sons of the American Revolution to select one winner from each participating state.

• The contest is open to all students of the *freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes (Grades 9 - 12)* in the public, parochial, private and home schools within the jurisdiction of the sponsoring state society or district.

• The oration must be original of not less than five minutes or more than six minutes. The subject shall deal with an event, personality, or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War and show a relationship to America today. The oration must be essentially the same as the submitted manuscript. Notes and props (including military uniforms) may not be used in the presentation.

• The state society or district establishes the date and deadlines for its contest allowing adequate time to submit its winner as an entrant in the national competition. Form A & B (National) must be received by the National Chairman by the deadline.

Complete details including deadlines may be found on the Tennessee Society SAR website at [tnssar.org](http://tnssar.org) and on the National Society SAR website at [sar.org](http://sar.org).

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The ultimate mission of SAR, and CAR is to share the **ideals and values** of those valiant men and women who gave us "AMERICA" with our fellow citizens and most **particularly,**