

# DAR SERVICE FOR VETERANS

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The DAR Service for Veterans Committee serves America's veterans. The committee provides a tangible way for DAR members to say "thank you" by acknowledging and recognizing veterans' service, sacrifice, and commitment to the preservation of our nation's freedom. Of special importance is the recognition of and appreciation for women veterans' service. Stars & Stripes are forever for our Veterans so let's show them how much we appreciate their service!

## What You Can Do

#### Serve as a Volunteer

- Provide service by volunteering at Kansas Veterans Affairs medical centers, state-sponsored veterans facility, outpatient facility, or nursing home.
- Support for stand-downs and other homeless shelters where veterans reside.
- Volunteer from home by sewing items needed by veterans' facilities, make favors, write cards.
- Support in Wreaths Across America
- Participate in Honor Flights
- Write Thank You cards to veterans

### Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer – all due to Pam Kelley December 15, 2022

There are three awards for outstanding volunteer service:

- Outstanding Veterans Volunteer Award
- Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award
- Outstanding DAR Service for Veterans Award

Nominees for the DAR Service for Veterans Award are Volunteers in CDCE programs or in extended area programs. Please see the information contained in the contest documents.

#### **Women Veterans**

Please continue to seek out and recognize our women veterans and assist those who may need help. Disabled and homeless women veterans have very special needs. Organize chapter projects to collect items for hospitalized women veterans, have an event to honor women veterans for their service, present certificates of appreciation to women veterans, and contact your local facilities and programs to find out what might be needed by them. Recognition of their service to America is appreciated by all veterans.

### **Wreaths Across America**

WAA (Wreaths Across America) honors the memory of the men and women that sacrificed for their country. Chapters and members are encouraged to register with Wreaths Across America, solicit wreath donations, participate in ceremonies, and in the laying of wreaths

#### **Help Preserve Veterans' History**

Public Law 106–380 calls upon the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to collect and preserve audio/video oral histories, letters, diaries, maps, photographs, and home movies of America's war veterans and those who served in support of them. The Veterans History Project is a marvelous project for teens or adults. Log onto <a href="http://www.loc.gov/vets">http://www.loc.gov/vets</a> for information and forms to help with this project.

#### **Additional Resources**

- NSDAR Website: For more information about the DAR Service for Veterans committee, visit
  <a href="https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/dar-service-veterans/committee-purpose">https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/dar-service-veterans/committee-purpose</a>
- Awards Information for Chapter Chairs (DSFV-1007): <a href="http://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/DSFV-1007.PDF">http://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/DSFV-1007.PDF</a>
- Wreaths Across America: <a href="https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/fundraising">https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/fundraising</a>
- Honor Flight: https://www.honorflight.org Veteran History Project: http://www.loc.gov/vets

