

NSSAR 2013-2014 PG Joe Dooley developed five initiatives to further the goals and objectives of the Sons of the American Revolution and to honor of our patriot ancestors. Pursue as you can.

**I. President General's Challenge** - raise one million dollars for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage in Louisville, KY, through personal contributions or pledges of compatriots, Chapters and foundations/businesses/corporations through donations, grants or contributions for the Center for Advancing America's Heritage and paid by or during 2014 NSSAR Congress.

**II. Partnering with the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association (MVLA)**

Reference: <http://www.sar.org/node/2043>, Colleen Wilson, NSSAR Director of Education, [cwilson@sar.org](mailto:cwilson@sar.org).

**a. George Washington Portrait Program** - MVLA offers a beautifully framed replica of Rembrandt Peale's Porthole Portrait of George Washington. Although MVLA makes this portrait available for free to elementary, middle and high schools, Mount Vernon is also asking for contributions to defray its costs associated with this program. On MVLA's website, a donor contribution form allows donors to underwrite the cost of a portrait. MVLA has graciously discounted the minimum donation to \$250 for SAR Chapters that participate in this President General Initiative. Through July 15, 2014, every Chapter that coordinates the portrait program with the school shall be awarded an NSSAR streamer and a star to be affixed to the streamer for every school after the first.

**b. Promoting History Day (NHD)** - 2013-2014 Theme: "Rights and Responsibilities in History". NHD is an academic program focused on historical research for 6th to 12th grade students. Topic may be presented in original papers, exhibits, performances, websites or documentaries. SAR can offer to help with local NHD competition, serve as judges, offer incentives and awards or Outstanding Citizenship pins or Bronze Good Citizenship Medals or cash awards to students. MVLA shall award \$1,000 to the best project on George Washington within this theme. SAR provides letter to MVLA and copy to NSSAR on local student's project. Ideas: Cherry Tree; Natural Leadership/Presidency; Gentleman Farmer/Land: Crop Rotation, Livestock, scientific advances, Orchards; Mount Vernon; Military Uniforms; etc. Streamer for SAR letter. Entry deadline for regional fair is Jan. 10, 2014; Schools limited to three entries per category per division. Reference: <http://nationalhistoryday.org/>; [http://www.starmuseum.org/education/history\\_fair.html](http://www.starmuseum.org/education/history_fair.html)

**III. Memorial, Marker or Monument** - Must clearly honor a person or persons, or a place, or an event or document associated with the American Revolution. Must have clearly cast or engraved on it SAR or Sons of the American Revolution. Through July 15, 2014, every Chapter that erects a permanent (cast metal or carved stone) marker, memorial, or a monument, and if multiple groups collaborate and place or erect it, all groups shall be awarded a streamer. The Historic Sites, Celebrations and Reenactments Committee shall award at the 2014 NSSAR Congress: \$1,000 cash prize for the single best project, second \$500; third \$300. Reference: <http://www.sar.org/node/2044>

**IV. Helping the USO Help America's Military** - Through July 15, 2014, every Chapter that donates \$250 to the USO, or the equivalent value in goods or time, shall be awarded an NSSAR streamer.

**V. Retention Challenge** - Every State Society that begins calendar year 2014 with at least 95% of its membership - as that membership is determined to be as of Dec. 31, 2013 - shall be awarded an NSSAR streamer. Chapters may develop programs/activities to incentivize retention of members.

Bob Cohen, SAR Independence Chapter President, Committee Initiatives - Reference: <http://www.sar.org/node/2041>