



Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben

Condensed Requirements For
The National SAR
Von Steuben Medal

The Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard

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Precedence: 41

Year Authorized: 2012

Presented By: District Vice President General, State President, or by the District or State Color Guard Commander (as appropriate). Under special circumstances, the President General or the National Color Guard Commander may present this award.

Approved By: State or District Color Guard Commander and National Color Guard Commander

Description: The National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard is gold in color, and depicts a likeness of Baron Friederich von Steuben.

Summary: The National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard, authorized 2 March 2012 by the NSSAR Executive Committee, may be awarded for sustained service to the Society as a Color Guardsman at the National or District Levels. Recipients must already have been awarded the Bronze and Silver Color Guard Medals.

Special Application Required: SAR Color Guardsmen who believe they qualify for the National Von Steuben Medal must complete the appropriate form, setting forth their qualifications. This form is available on the SAR website, and must be submitted to the State or District Color Guard Commander for review and recommendation, and then to the National Color Guard Commander for final authorization to award the National Von Steuben Medal.

Qualifications: A Guardsman must employ one of the following systems for earning the National Von Steuben Medal. The first system is based on points; the second system is based on the number of events in which a Guardsman participates.

B. Events System *(used by the State of Washington Society)*

1. To earn the National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement in the NSSAR Color Guard, a Color Guardsman must serve at least five years after the date his application for the Silver Color Guard Medal was approved, and he must participate in at least twenty-five (25) National and/or District Color Guard events. The five years' service does not have to be continuous. Color Guardsmen may take longer than five years to participate in twenty-five (25) qualifying events, but may not be awarded the National Von Steuben Medal earlier than five years after the date his application for the Silver Color Guard Medal was approved.

2. The same events that count toward earning the Silver Color Guard Medal shall also count toward earning the National Von Steuben Medal. (See National Color Guard Events under [MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION](#) at the back of the Color Guard Handbook.)

Subsequent Presentation NOT Authorized: A Compatriot may receive this medal only once. Oak leaf clusters or other ribbon attachments are not authorized.

Retroactive Effectiveness: SAR Color Guardsmen who were active at the time this Medal was approved by the NSSAR Color Guard Committee (July 2011), and who had previously been awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal, may count the points earned from attending any qualifying National or District Color Guard event if using the points system, or the actual number of events if using the events system, in which they participated during the two (2) year period prior to the NSSAR Color Guard Committee approval, or from the date they were awarded the Silver Color Guard Medal, whichever is more recent, toward earning the National Von Steuben Medal.

Below data extracted from SAR Color Guard Handbook dtd 8 Nov 2016

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

National Color Guard Events. The National Events listed below count toward earning the SAR Silver Color Guard Medal and National Von Steuben Medal for Sustained Achievement (See the *NSSAR Color Guard Medals* section). All dates are approximate. SAR Color Guardsmen, other SAR Compatriots and other interested persons should confirm the actual date of the event listed below with the calendar on the National Society SAR website or with the host state society.

Date	Event	Location
January 16	Battle of Cowpens	Chesnee, SC
February 14	Battle of Kettle Creek	Washington, GA
February 14	Crossing of the Dan	South Boston, VA
February 22	Washington's Birthday Parade	Laredo, TX
February 22	California Massing of Colors	Los Angeles, CA
Early March	NSSAR Spring Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
March 5	Last Naval Battle of the Revolution	Cape Canaveral, FL
March 12	Battle of Guilford Courthouse	Greensboro, NC
April 18	Battles of Lexington & Concord	Concord, MA

Late April	Pegasus Parade (Kentucky Derby)	Louisville, KY
May 15	Field of Honor / Healing Field	various
May 28	Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous	Vincennes, IN
May 30	National Memorial Day Parade	Washington, DC
Late May	Memorial Day *	various
June 11	Battle of Ramsour's Mill	Lincolnton, NC
June 17	Battle of Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill, MA
July 4	Let Freedom Ring	various
July 4	Independence Day *	various
July	NSSAR National Congress	various
Late July	Battle of Fort Laurens	Bolivar, OH
August	National American Legion Parade	various
Mid-September	Gathering at Sycamore Shoals	Elizabethton, TN
September 19	Battle of Saratoga	Stillwater, NYL
Late September	NSSAR Fall Leadership Meeting	Louisville, KY
October 1	Point Pleasant Battle Days	Point Pleasant, WV
October 7	Battle of Kings Mountain	Blacksburg, SC
October 19	Yorktown Day Parade	Yorktown, VA
November 11	Veterans Day *	various
December 12	Wreaths Across America	various

** Any local event celebrating Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veterans Day may be counted as a National Color Guard event. Only a single event on each day may be counted. Multiple events on the same day cannot be counted multiple times. If the event is on a weekend nearest the actual holiday, that can be counted with respect to the single vent limitation. For example, if a Veterans Day Parade occurs on a Saturday such as the 8th, then an event on the 11th does not count.*