



**Americanism 2020-2021**

**State Information Packet (SIP)**

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**TO: Americanism Chapter Committee Chairmen**

Your DAR Chapter can make a difference in Arkansas. This committee oversees the approval process for the DAR Medal of Honor and the DAR Americanism Medal and encourages DAR members to become involved in their local naturalization process and assist new immigrants with citizenship. The committee has developed an informational flyer to share with chapters. There are many ways to Rise and Shine for America:

- (1) Your chapter can participate in naturalization ceremonies, volunteer at your local Immigration and Naturalization Office, or volunteer to help with local citizenship classes and the American History and U.S. Government exams. The DAR Manual for Citizenship has recently undergone a major revision by the INS. Please encourage applicants who are studying to become naturalized citizens to read the manual online in its entirety on the NSDAR website.
- (2) The most prestigious honor awarded by the DAR is given to an adult man or woman who is a United States citizen by birth and has shown extraordinary qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service and patriotism. The recipient must have made unusual and lasting contributions to our American Heritage by truly giving of himself or herself to his or her community, state, country, and fellowman. This medal is awarded to an adult man or woman who has been a naturalized United States citizen for at least five years and has fulfilled the required qualifications following naturalization. DAR Americanism Medal recipients must have shown outstanding qualities of leadership, trustworthiness, service and patriotism. They must have actively assisted other aliens to become American citizens or displayed outstanding ability in community affairs, preferably with emphasis on the foreign-born community. **Policy:** DAR members are not eligible to receive either medal. Nominees must be at least 18 years of age and the chapter sponsoring the nominee must follow instructions and guidelines. The proposed recipient must be living at the time of national approval. An individual is not eligible for more than one major DAR award or medal. Recommendation forms and instructions are available on the [Forms page](#), or may be obtained from the Office of Committees at National Headquarters, 1776 D Street NW, Washington, D. C. 20006-5303.
- (3) Your Chapter may also present patriotic materials to inform citizens of our great country with U.S. flags, flag pins or copies of the American's Creed.

**Visit the National website for further information:** <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/national-committees/americanism/committee-overview> . If you have any questions or problems, please contact me: Pat McLemore, P.O. Box 248, Royal, AR 71968 or [pcmcmountain@yahoo.com](mailto:pcmcmountain@yahoo.com) Or 501-209-9527

**Deadline: Be sure to report all chapter activities and accomplishments by January 5, 2021.**