



**Illinois State Organization
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
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National Defense Committee

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The National Defense Committee strives to preserve our American heritage of freedom, to protect the U.S. Constitution and to ensure the survival of our national sovereignty. The committee advocates a strong military defense and unwavering faithfulness to the ideals of the Founding Fathers as set forth in the U.S. Constitution.

National Defense activities are recognized in Chapter Achievement Awards in several ways:

- presenting a three minute national defense report at every regular chapter meeting
- scheduling a chapter program about national defense
- awarding **DAR Youth Leadership Medals, DAR Distinguished Citizen Medals, JROTC and ROTC Medals, and Outstanding Cadet Medals**

What's New

- A list of military and first responder observances to help inspire a National Defense Report, National Defense program or chapter service project. See top of National Defense Committee home page for "Military and First Responder Anniversaries & Observances"
- Expanded criteria to award the Silver DAR Outstanding Cadet Medal to police, firefighting, or Emergency Medical Services (EMS) cadet training programs

For more information about National Defense medals, please consult the National Defense Committee Medals Brochure (ND-2003): <https://www.dar.org/sites/default/files/members/darnet/forms/ND-2003.pdf> and the revised Cadet Medals Resource Guide for chapters updated in February 2024:

<https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/national-defense/committee-history>

Thirty-eight Illinois chapters awarded 139 National Defense medals last year. This was an increase by four chapters and 1 medal from 2024.

Using 2024 Chapter Master Reports, this state chairman has updated the list of participating schools and DAR chapter sponsors. Please contact me if you have any questions about the resource guide and/or DAR chapter sponsors.

The bi-monthly *National Defender* is an excellent resource for chapter national defense minutes and chapter programs. Members are encouraged to submit articles of national interest for possible inclusion.

I invite you to join the National Defense Committee's Daughters Online Community (DOC). It is a useful tool to ask questions and receive a myriad of answers. You can share information about your chapter projects, events, and photos. Join the DOC at [Member Home - NSDAR](#).

At DAR Days, stop by our display to pick up a one page "Useful Links" handout.

We will make a difference as we support those who contribute to the defense of our nation.