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DAR Project Patriot Illuminates Our Legacy by Supporting America's Service Members and Their Families

The DAR Project Patriot Committee supports America's actively serving military personnel and their families. Actively serving military includes active-duty, reservists and National Guard troops. Today, with military troops serving in the United States and overseas, DAR members can illuminate their love and support to the military community by continuing to serve these actively serving men and women following in the footsteps of those who achieved our nation's independence by providing comfort items from "home."

At the national level, DAR support is focused on these seven groups:

- Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany
- Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas
- Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland
- Mobilization Training Site Camp at Camp Atterbury, Indiana
- Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California
- Fort Belvoir, Virginia
- Units Overseas

Additional projects promoted by this committee are:

- Contact national vice chairs from each location above for information about volunteering or ways to support the mission.
- DAR Women Supporting Women in Military Service
- Support Military Children, especially during Month of the Military Child each April.
- Support Military Spouses on Military Spouse Appreciation Day each May.
- Contact military units via Soldier Family Readiness Group Leaders, Navy Ombudsman Leaders, MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) Contacts to support a project or initiative.
- Contact USO facilities in your area to volunteer or support a location.
- Members are encouraged to join in the Wear RED Movement, which asks Americans to show solidarity and support for our deployed service members until they return home safely. By wearing red every Friday, it shows that they "Remember Everyone Deployed."
- Look for more illuminating projects on the DAR Project Patriot Committee webpage under the "What Can You Do" tab
- Contact and offer support to Fisher Houses in your community

Monetary donations from chapters and individuals to the DAR Project Patriot Committee are to be sent to the NSDAR Office of Development on Form DEV-1003, designated for DAR Project Patriot. These donations enable this committee to provide requested items in bulk. A minimum donation of \$100 will qualify one to purchase the DAR Project Patriot Pin from the DAR Insignia Store to wear on the official ribbon.

Each state chair is encouraged to promote and support the nationally approved projects of the DAR Project Patriot Committee within her state. While individual state projects may be undertaken, these dilute the effect of the National DAR Project Patriot. If a state project is proposed, it must be approved by the state regent and the State Board of Management with funding through a state project fund managed by the state treasurer. While supportive of state initiatives, NSDAR does not endorse separate state projects.

For more information about this committee and supporting our military, please go to the DAR Project Patriot Committee webpage on the Members' Website at <https://www.dar.org/members/committees/service-committees/dar-project-patriot/committee-overview> or visit the committee at the Daughters Online Community (DOC).