

# Veterans Recognition Committee History

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**VRC Mission Statement.** Provide recognition to living NSSAR Veterans, by awarding the SAR Certificates of Patriotism. Ensure the work of the VRC not only has a legacy dimension, but is also visionary and administratively sound, so that the incumbent President General can expand the Veterans Corps to include service to country during periods of peace, war and/or armed conflict.



PG Sympson



PG Leishman



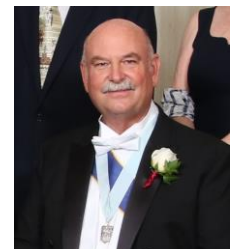
PG Dooley



PG Brock



PG Lawrence



PG Tomme

***The VRC provides recognition to SAR Veterans.*** Currently the VRC has six Veterans Corps, established as follows: At the 120th Annual SAR Congress during June 2010, in Cleveland, Ohio, President General J. David Sympson (2010-2011) created the World War II Veterans Corps. Following the 122<sup>nd</sup> Annual SAR Congress during July 2012, in Phoenix, Arizona, President General Stephen A. Leishman (2012-2013) established the Korean Service Veterans Corps. At the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual SAR Congress during July 2013 in Kansas City, Missouri, President General Joseph A. Dooley (2013-2014) established the Vietnam War Task Force to bring on line the Vietnam War Veterans Corps. And at his induction ceremony at the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual SAR Congress on 23 July 2014, in Greenville, SC, President General Lindsey C. Brock (2014-2015) announced initiatives for the VRC; namely, the VRC Charter remains in effect, to include prior Presidents Generals' decisions concerning the establishment, administration, and management of the SAR Veterans Corps. Further, on 30 January 2015 President General Lindsey Brock brought on-line the Military Service Veterans Corps. On 1 July 2015 at the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual SAR Congress in Louisville, Kentucky, Judge Thomas E. Lawrence was inducted as the 112<sup>th</sup> President General of the Sons of the American Revolution. During his 2015-2016 tenure as President General the VRC continued the Grateful Nation Remembers Program, which honors the World War II Veteran Corps Compatriots who are still with us; continued the publishing of the SAR Veterans Bugle Newsletter; joined the Military Service Veterans Corps Task Force, with all its functions and responsibilities, to the standard components of the Veterans Recognition committee alongside the other SAR Veterans Corps; Continued VRC vetting and processing of Certificates of Patriotism for all SAR Veterans Corps; vetted and processed Certificates of Patriotism for Compatriots joined to all newly created Task Forces; stoodup a Special Ops Veterans Corps Task Force so as to accommodate the processing of Certificates of Patriotism for past, current and future operations which are associated with less known campaign, service and/or expeditionary medals; and stoodup the Southwest Asia Task Force to accommodate the processing of Certificates of Patriotism for past, current and future conflicts in select countries of the Middle East and East Africa. On 13 July 2016 at the 126th SAR Congress in Boston, President General J. Michael Tomme, Sr., indicated the work of the VRC shall continue. His specific guidance is posted here: [http://www.vetcorps.info/assets/VRC\\_Guidance\\_2016-2017.pdf](http://www.vetcorps.info/assets/VRC_Guidance_2016-2017.pdf).