

President General Thomas E. Lawrence's guidance to the VRC for 2015-2016

- a. Continue the Grateful Nation Remembers Program until the last Compatriot of the World War II Veterans Corps passes-on or until this program is dissolved at the discretion of the incoming President General.
- b. Continue the publishing of the NSSAR Veterans Bugle newsletter under the name of The SAR Veterans Bugle, until this task is dissolved at the discretion of the incoming President General.
- c. The Military Service Veterans Corps Task Force is dissolved, with all its functions and responsibilities becoming standard components of the Veterans Recognition Committee alongside the other NSSAR Veterans Corps. These Veterans Corps are: (1) The World War II Veterans Corps; (2) The Korean Service Veterans Corps; (3) The Vietnam War Veterans Corps; and (3) The Military Service Veterans Corps.
- d. Continue VRC vetting and processing of Certificates of Patriotism for all NSSAR Veterans Corps; vet and process Certificates of Patriotism for Compatriots joined to the newly created Task Forces.
- e. **[New Initiative]** Standup the Special Ops Veterans Corps Task Force under the VRC 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. After July 2016, this task force may be dissolved at the discretion of the incoming President General, and the inclusion of qualifying SAR Compatriots in this TF Veterans Corps may become a standard component of the Veterans Recognition Committee.
- f. **[New Initiative]** Standup the Southwest Asia (SW Asia) Task Force (TF) under the VRC to accommodate the processing of Certificates of Patriotism for past, current and future conflicts in the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR), which consists of 18 countries in the Middle East and East Africa. These countries include: Afghanistan, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, U.A.E., Uzbekistan, and Yemen. After July 2016, this task force may be dissolved at the discretion of the incoming President General, and the inclusion of qualifying SAR Compatriots in this TF may become a standard component of the Veterans Recognition Committee.

The immediate purpose of this TF is to verify service by SAR Compatriots in SW Asia so as to recommend to the President General that a Compatriot be presented a Certificate of Patriotism and have his name added to the NSSAR SW Asia Veterans Corps. The verifying instrument shall be the appropriate campaign medal, service medal, or expeditionary medal as associated with a particular operation and/or several operations in the CENTCOM AOR. Currently the following medals and operations qualify for the SW Asia Veterans Corps:



#1 is the Southwest Service Medal. It recognizes military service during the Persian Gulf War, which is also known as the First Gulf War. Specific Campaigns for the awarding of this medal are the Defense of Saudi Arabia (August 2, 1990 – January 16, 1991); Liberation and Defense Kuwait (January 17, 1991, -- April 11, 1991); and Southwest Asia Cease-Fire (April 12, 1991 – November 30, 1995)

#2 is the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. It recognizes military service in support of specific operations in the Persian Gulf and/or Southwest Asia. These operations included the following: (1) Operation Earnest Will (July 24, 1987, -- August 1, 1990); (2) Operation Southern Watch (December 1, 1995, -- March 18, 2003); (3) Maritime Intercept Operation (December 1, 1995, -- March 18, 2003); (4) Operation Vigilant Sentinel (December 1, 1995, -- February 15, 1997); (5) Operation Northern Watch (January 1, 1997, -- March 18, 2003); (6) Operation Desert Thunder (November 11, 1988, -- December 22, 1998); (7) Operation Desert Fox (December 16, 1998, -- December 22, 1998); (8) Operation Desert Spring (December 31, 1998, -- March 18, 2003).

#3 is the Afghanistan Campaign Medal. It recognizes military service during the conduct of combat operations from September 11, 2001, to a date to be determined.

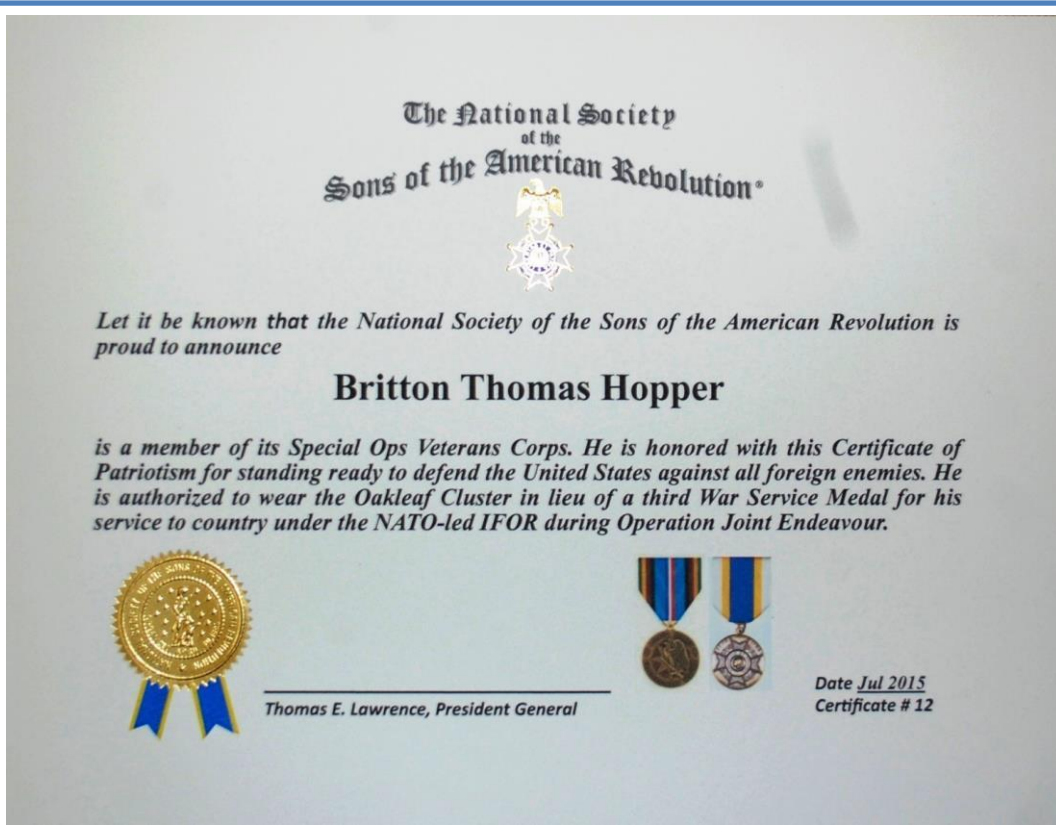
#4 is the Iraq Campaign Medal. It recognizes military service during the conduct of combat operations during the Second Gulf War from March 19, 2003, to December 31, 2011. The Second Gulf War is also known as Operation Iraqi Freedom.

#5 is the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. It recognizes armed forces service of members who have deployed overseas in direct support of the War on Terror from September 11, 2001, to a date to be determined. [Further, the official name used by the government of the United States to describe the overseas Global War on Terrorism is Operation Enduring Freedom. Subordinate operations to Operation Enduring Freedom are: (1) Operation Enduring Freedom—Afghanistan (September 11, 2001, to December 31, 2014). The US uses the Operation Enduring Freedom—Afghanistan to officially describe the War in Afghanistan from October 2001 to December 2014. Continued operations in Afghanistan by US military forces, both non-combat and combat now occur under the name Operation Freedom's Sentinel; (2) Operation Enduring Freedom—Philippines; (3) Operation Enduring Freedom—Horn of Africa; (4) Operation Enduring Freedom—Pankisi Gorge; (5) Operation Enduring Freedom—Trans Sahara, to include the Insurgency in the Maghreb; (6) Operation Enduring Freedom—Caribbean and Central America; and Operation Enduring Freedom—Kyrgyzstan.]

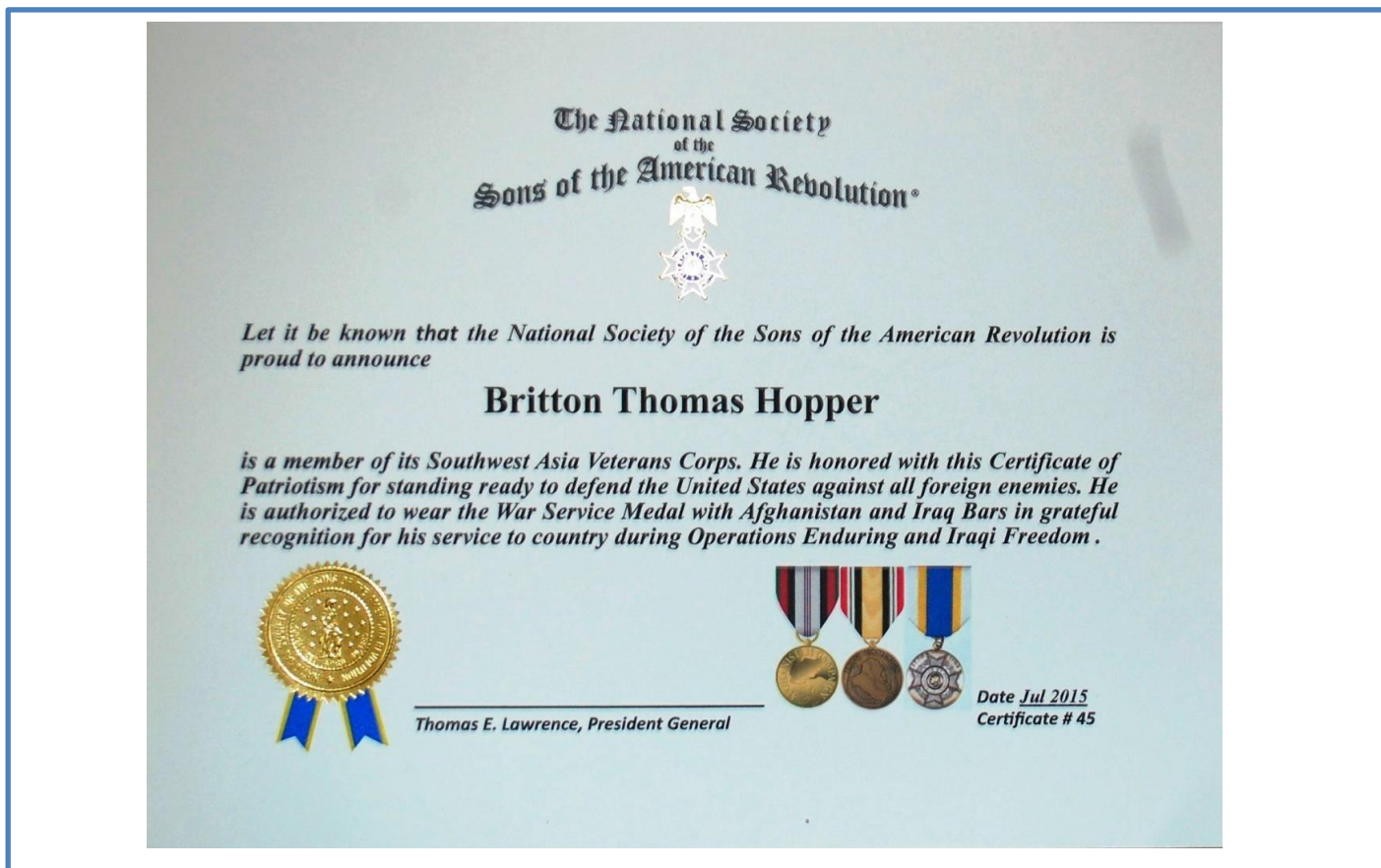
Executive Summary of Proposed 2015-2016 VRC Initiatives

- a. Continue the Grateful Nation Remembers Program, which honors the World War II Veteran Corps Compatriots who are still with us.
- b. Continue the publishing of the NSSAR Veterans Bugle Newsletter.
- c. Join 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 NSSAR Veterans Corps.
- d. Continue VRC vetting and processing of Certificates of Patriotism for all NSSAR Veterans Corps; vet and process Certificates of Patriotism for Compatriots joined to the newly created Task Forces.
- e. [New Initiative] Standup the Special Ops Veterans Corps Task Force under the VRC 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. See sample Certificates of Patriotism for this VetCorps on page 8.
- f. [New Initiative] Standup the Southwest Asia Task Force under the VRC to accommodate the processing of Certificates of Patriotism for past, current and future conflicts in select countries of the Middle East and East Africa. See a sample Certificate of Patriotism for this VetCorps on page 8 for service in Afghanistan and Iraq on page 8.

Examples of Certificates of Patriotism for operations which are associated with less known awarded campaign, service, and/or expeditionary medals.



Example of a Certificate of Patriotism associated with service in SW Asia—e.g. Afghanistan and Iraq during Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.



Compatriots! Join the Sons of the American Revolution Veterans Corps.



There are five SAR Military Veterans Corps. If you served in the Armed Forces of the United States, received a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable, and you are a SAR Member in good standing complete the Multi-Corps Survey Form. When done return the survey form to the SAR Veterans Recognition Committee at VetCorps@sar.org. After being approved, a Certificate of Patriotism for your service to country will be signed by the President General and sent to your chapter, through the Secretary of your State Society. At an appropriate chapter, state or national meeting the Certificate of Patriotism will be presented to you.

The SAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form is down-loadable to your computer. Contact Chuck Sweeney via email at VetCorps@sar.org and ask him to send you a Survey Form.

Essential Instructions for Completing the Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form

From time to time, Compatriots voice a concern that they cannot save, send, and/or email the SAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form successfully. This problem occurs frequently when a Compatriot in haste fails to read, understand, or follow directions regarding how to use a fillable, savable, and email-able SAR PDF Form. What follows therefore is a checklist that solves this problem.

1. Please know some computer software manufactures install alternative software to the “FREE” Adobe Reader. While these PDF viewers will open and let you read the Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form, they will NOT allow you to complete it successfully. Therefore it’s essential that you have an authentic Adobe Reader X, XI or later loaded on your computer, and that any other version of a PDF reader on your computer be removed, deactivated, or programmed so it won’t step on the proper PDF reader software. Also ensure you have downloaded the appropriate PC version of Adobe Reader so as to harmonize successfully with your computer system, i.e., Windows or Apple.

2. Once the proper version of the Adobe Reader has been loaded to your computer, save file “Universal VetCorps Survey Form 4Jul 2015—Secure” to your computer in a folder that you know you’ll be able to find subsequently. (It’s suggested you make a folder entitled VRC Survey Forms in your document library; then save the file “Universal VetCorps Survey Form 4 Jul 2015—Secure” in that folder.)

3. Go to your VRC Survey Forms folder, which you just created and saved in step 2. Open file “Universal VetCorps Survey Form 4 Jul 2015—Secure”. ***Read the first six sentences on that form. This is most critical. If you don’t do this and understand what you have read, nothing will be saved properly at the end of your effort. Move diligently through the following instructions, step by step:***

A. Again, re-read the first six sentences on the SAR Veterans Multi-Corps Survey Form.

B. Click on “Click to Save to Your PC,” which illuminates the file name “Universal VetCorps Survey Form 4 Jul 2015—Secure.” Change that file name to “Universal VetCorps Survey Form Compatriot Me;” where “me” is your name. Save and then close that new personalized file to your VRC Survey Forms folder created in step two.

C. Now go to your VRC Survey Forms Folder, and open your personalized Universal VetCorps Survey Form file. Begin filling in the blanks.

D. Once the form is completely filled out, save it. Print yourself a copy.

E. If your computer isn’t interfaced to an email provider that recognizes the code that the VRC uses to make the “Click to Email” button work, send your work in an email the old fashion way. Namely, send an email with your personalized Universal VetCorps Survey Form attached to Veterans Recognition Committee at VetCorps@sar.org.

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