

## Qualifications for the CASSAR bronze, silver and gold Major General, Baron von Steuben Medals

The Baron von Steuben Medals were created by the California Society of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as an award for those color guardsmen who participate on a regular basis in chapter or CASSAR state events who otherwise would not qualify for the NSSAR bronze, silver or gold Color Guard Medal. The NSSAR Color Guard Medals may only be awarded to compatriots who participate in local chapter, state **and** national color guard activities. The NSSAR bronze requires at least one year of participation, the silver requires about three years of participation. So, several years ago, the CASSAR discussed the need to recognize participation at the chapter and CASSAR state level – thus the Baron von Steuben Color Guard award.

Any chapter may award a bronze or silver Baron von Steuben Color Guard Medal to a member or *non-member*<sup>1</sup> for continuing participation in the color guard activities at the chapter or CASSAR state level. It is recommended a silver Baron von Steuben Color Guard Medal be recommended by the CASSAR Color Guard Commander and presented by the CASSAR State President at a Spring or Fall Board of Managers Meeting.

Usually, one year of service as a color guardsman or a supporter of a chapter or the state color guard program may receive the bronze, continuing service may receive the silver. Only the CASSAR Color Guard Commander may recommend the awarding of the gold Baron von Steuben Color Guard Medal to no more than three participants annually for long and dedicated service. The gold Baron von Steuben Color Guard Medal should be presented by the CASSAR State President at the Spring Board of Managers Meeting.

Costs for the bronze, silver or gold Baron von Steuben Color Guard Medal are \$20 for the full-size, \$18 for the miniature. There is no available certificate to accompany the medal. Generally, the chapter will contact the CASSAR Color Guard Commander. Normally, we present only the full-size medal, the miniature may be purchased by the recipient.

If the recipient has previously received the NSSAR bronze, silver or gold Color Guard Medal, they certainly qualify for and may purchase the CASSAR bronze, silver or gold Baron von Steuben Color Guard Medal.

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<sup>1</sup> Non-members include, but aren't limited to: CAR members and SAR Youth Registrants, DAR and SAR Ladies Auxiliary members (ladies dressed in Colonial attire) who perform as Guardsmen, Drummers, Fifers or banner carriers (identifying the color guard they are accompanying as an SAR unit).