



# Support the N-SSA Join the Society of Color Bearers

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## Friends and Fellow Skirmishers,

The North-South Skirmish Association is a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization that can accept donations that are tax deductible. And like most nonprofits, it counts on its members to support it financially in order to ensure its financial viability for both the short term and for its long term future. To that end, we need donations for projects such as range improvement, bathroom upgrades, road maintenance, equipment purchases and many other current needs. But, we also look to the future and hope to preserve this organization for future generations to be able to enjoy this sport and its camaraderie, competitions, and love of Civil War history as we have all had the privilege of doing during our lifetimes.

Please review your giving plans and see if a donation might fit your personal financial plan.

In both 2020 and 2021 our members donated over \$60,000, and more than \$200,000 over the last seven years. These donations make a big difference. Any size donation helps, so don't be shy. Join our ***Society of Color Bearers*** by sending in any amount that you are comfortable with. There are many ways to contribute, and some don't even cost you a cent. I'll list a few ways to donate:

**AMAZON SMILE** – Sign up for it on Amazon and designate the North-South Skirmish Association as your favored nonprofit. Then make sure to sign in to make purchases at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and you'll see the N-SSA listed in the upper left section of the page. As of October, 2022, Amazon has contributed over \$4229.58 to the N-SSA. It doesn't cost you a cent. It's free money!

**EMPLOYER MATCHES** – Many employers have a program where they will match employee donations to their favorite charity, and the N-SSA usually qualifies. Check into it at your workplace. For example, Dominion Power has donated tens of thousands of dollars to the N-SSA.

**APPRECIATED SECURITIES** – Many people who own stocks or mutual funds have seen them appreciate to many times their original value over the years, and that leads to a big tax bill when you try to get your money back out of them. But you can donate them directly to a qualified nonprofit, take a deduction for the full current value, and pay no taxes on the appreciation. You can also set up a Donor Advised Fund through many brokers or community organizations quite easily. They let you donate these securities and take a deduction whenever it is most beneficial to you, reinvest it all tax free, and then grant money to charities when you decide the time is right.

**YOUR IRA ACCOUNT** – Many people who are subject to a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) wait until the end of the year, so if you are subject to one you must take it each year whether you need it or not. And it will be taxed at your highest rate (which is why the government makes you take it out). But, you can take that money out as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) by having it sent directly to a nonprofit like the N-SSA, and avoid paying any taxes on it. This will also keep your Adjusted Gross Income down on your tax return which can help you save on Medicare premiums.

**SEND A DONATION BY CHECK** – Use the form below and send it to the address listed. Or maybe you still have a return envelope that came in your Skirmish Line or by mail. Or you can submit your credit card number for a donation.

**SEND A DONATION ELECTRONICALLY** – Go to our official website at [www.n-ssa.org](http://www.n-ssa.org), scroll down the home page and click the Donate button near the bottom left corner. This will take you to a Paypal icon. There are two ways you can donate. First, you can donate through Paypal if you have an account (easy to setup and handy to have). It is best to send cash from your bank account instead of a credit card in order to avoid fees on your donation. If you don't have a Paypal account, you can select Pay by Credit Card (but then we will lose a few dollars to fees). Either way, be sure that you provide your name, mailing address, and email address so we can send you a receipt and add your name to our list of Color Bearers who have donated to the N-SSA. There is also a feature on the page that allows you to set up a regular monthly donation plan for convenient regular giving.

Also, you can donate directly to the N-SSA without even accessing our webpage by linking your bank account at [paypal.com](http://paypal.com) through the Wallet and Link functions, and send cash from it directly to the N-SSA via Paypal. This will avoid the fees that credit cards take from your donation. Just sign in to your account and designate the email address of [Paymaster.nssa@outlook.com](mailto:Paymaster.nssa@outlook.com) as the recipient, and then click the Send button to send the money. It is quick and easy. And every cent will go to the N-SSA.

**IN MEMORIUM** – You may make a donation in honor of anyone you'd like, living or dead, it will be listed in our annual Color Bearers donor list.

**ENDOWMENT** – Our new endowment fund for the long term future of the N-SSA is further explained on the adjoining section of this webpage.

There are many ways to donate to the N-SSA and many benefits available to donors. If you have any questions, or ideas you'd like to discuss, feel free to contact me at [wvjordan@aol.com](mailto:wvjordan@aol.com), or call me at 703-407-2445, and I'll help you any way that I can.

All donors will receive a decal like the Society of Color Bearers logo at the head of this article. Please place it on your vehicle, gun cart, trailer, etc. Show other skirmishers that you are a proud donor to the cause and maybe they will also become donors, too.

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Would you like to send in a donation now? Just print and send this form with your donation to: N-SSA, c/o Wayne Jordan, Charitable Donations Committee, 8606 Eagle Glen Terrace, Fairfax Station, Va 22039

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount of donation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit card #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp date** \_\_\_\_\_ **CVV** \_\_\_\_\_

**General Fund or Specific Purpose?** \_\_\_\_\_

All Checks should be made out to the N-SSA. All donors will receive a letter of receipt by mail. The N-SSA is a 501 c 3 organization and donations are eligible for tax deductions.