



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

**2019 ALL-STATE PROGRAM AND ANNUAL STATE AWARDS**

(JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019)

**“Every Day Is Veterans Day”**

This Membership – Awards Program has been designed with incentives to work on membership, VFW programs, meeting attendance and submission of reports. Post and District membership 100% quotas will be based on the June 30, 2019 membership as adjusted by National Headquarters. Except where noted, the quota will **NOT** be reduced because of members who die or transfer to another Post. A new Post will be assigned a Membership Quota of 30 members.

**MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES**

Membership plaques will be presented at the State Convention to the Post with the largest numeric membership increase in each category. The judging will be based on Membership as of May 10, 2019.

- a. Category A – Posts with Membership of 10 thru 75
- b. Category B – Posts with Membership of 76 thru 150
- c. Category C – Posts with Membership of 151 thru 250
- d. Category D – Posts with Membership of 251 thru 500
- e. Category E – Posts with Membership of 501 or more

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP INCREASE PLAQUES**

A Life Membership increase plaque and \$200.00 will be awarded at State Convention to the Post with the greatest increase in Life members (must be at least 3 new Life members) in each category. The judging will be based on Life Membership as of May 10, 2019.

- a. Category A – Posts with Membership of 10 thru 75
- b. Category B – Posts with Membership of 76 thru 150
- c. Category C – Posts with Membership of 151 thru 250
- d. Category D – Posts with Membership of 251 thru 500

- e. Category E – Posts with Membership of 501 or more

#### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWINGS**

There will be four (4) Life Membership drawings. One (1) Post will be selected for each drawing. Posts must meet their membership quota by the day prior to drawing to be eligible. Drawings will be held on the day of awards judging. Posts with 10 thru 75 members will have one (1) chance, Posts with 76 thru 150 members will have two (2) chances, Posts with 151 thru 250 will have (3) chances, Posts with 251 thru 500 members will have four (4) chances, and Post with 501 or more members will have five (5) chances.

- a. The first drawing will be held on September 28, 2018 and the Post must have 75% of its 2018 membership quota to participate.
- b. The second drawing will be held on October 31, 2018 and the Post must have 85% of its 2018 membership quota to participate.
- c. The third drawing will be held on January 4, 2019 and the Post must have 95% of its 2018 membership quota to participate.
- d. The fourth drawing will be held on March 1, 2019 and the Post must have 100% of its 2018 membership quota to participate.

#### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PLAQUE**

A Membership Renewal Plaque will be awarded to each Post that renews ALL viable Annual Members on its unpaid list who were Annual Members the previous year. Deceased members and conversions to Life Membership will not count against total.

#### **POST 100% MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

In addition, the respective Post Commander and Quartermaster will receive 100% Membership Pins and Ball Caps meets their 2018 100% membership goal by May 10, 2019. These awards will be presented at the Posts' respective District meetings.

#### **LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

The Post with the largest increase of new Legacy Life Members will receive a check in the amount of \$200.00. The judging will be based on Legacy Life Membership as of May 10, 2019. The award will be presented at the State Convention.

#### **2017-2018 POST ALL-STATE REQUIREMENTS**

All State Post Requirements:

- 1. The Post must meet their 100% Membership Quota by June 30, 2019.
- 2. The Post Quartermaster must be bonded.
- 3. The Post must have been inspected and the Inspection Reports must be received by State Headquarters no later than 5pm on December 16, 2018.
- 4. The Post must have at least one member attend each District meeting.

5. The Post must have at least one member attend District's School of Instruction.
6. All Audit Reports must be turned into State Headquarters as required by Section 218 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.
7. The Post must purchase a minimum of five (5) poppies per member.
8. The Post must make a donation to the Department Service Officer Fund. Posts with (500 or more members - \$125.00, 100 to 499 members - \$100.00, 99 members or less members - \$75.00).
9. The Post must have submitted the following reports at least once during the first half of the year (May 1 thru October 31) and once during the second half (November 1 thru April 30)
  - a. Hospital Report
  - b. Americanism Report
  - c. Community Activities Report
  - d. Safety Report
  - e. Youth Activities Report
10. The Post must participate in at least 2 of the 3 following programs:
  - a. Voice of Democracy Program (must submit a student to the District level for District judging)
  - b. Patriot's Pen Program (must submit a student to the District level for District judging)
  - c. Teacher of the Year Program (must submit at least one Teacher to the District Level for District judging)

Note: Five (5) additional points towards the Captain of the All-State Team will be awarded to Posts submitting entries in all three programs.

Note: Post will receive additional points towards the Captain of the All-State Team for membership. One fifth (1/5) of one (1) point will be assigned for each additional member above 100%.

Note: Posts with less than 50 members are not eligible for the All-State Team. To be eligible the Post must increase their membership to 50 or more members.

Note: A post with less than 50 members who completes all other requirements of the All State program, achieves 100% in membership, but does not surpass 50 total members will be honored with a certificate and a check for \$200. These posts will be known as a "Meritorious Post".

#### **POST ALL STATE TEAM AWARDS**

1. All-State Post Commanders who have met all the criteria including membership by May 10, 2019 will receive a citation, an All-State cap, and an All-State pin during the State Convention. A check in the amount of \$300.00, **to assist in payment of expenses while attending and participating at the State Convention**, will be presented. Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander. All-State Commanders meeting the criteria except for membership by May 10, 2018 and then meeting the membership criteria by June 30, 2019 will receive a citation, All-State cap, and All-State pin at their next District meeting but will not receive any monetary award.
2. All-State Post Quartermasters who have met all the criteria including membership by May 10, 2019 will receive a citation, an All-State cap, and an All-State pin. A check in the amount of \$300.00 **to assist in payment of expenses while attending and participating at the State Convention** will be presented. Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander. All-State Quartermasters meeting the criteria except for membership by May 10, 2019 and then meeting the membership criteria by June 30, 2019 will receive: A citation, an All-State cap; and All-State pin at their next District meeting but will not receive any monetary award.

3. From the All-State Team, the Post with the highest points in the All-State judging on May 11, 2019 will be designated as the Outstanding Post of the Year 2018-2019. The Commander and Quartermaster of this Post will be the Captains of the All-State Team.
4. The Awards and Citation Committee will break all ties and their decision will be considered the recommendation to the state commander
5. The state commander shall make the final decision for all recommendations of awards and their decision shall be final.

### **2018-2019 DISTRICT ALL STATE REQUIREMENTS**

#### All State District Requirements:

1. The District must meet their 100% Membership Quota by June 30, 2019.
2. All Posts in the District must be inspected and the Inspection Reports must be received by State Headquarters no later than December 16, 2018.
3. The District Quartermaster must be properly bonded.
4. All Audit Reports for the District must be turned into State Headquarters as required by the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.
5. All Posts in the District must have submitted the following reports at least once during the first half of the year (May 1 thru October 31) and once during the second half (November 1 thru April 30):
  - a. Hospital Report
  - b. Americanism Report
  - c. Community Activities Report
  - d. Safety Report
  - e. Youth Activities Report
6. The District must conduct a District School of Instruction by the end of September 2018.
7. District must donate \$100.00 to the Department Service Officer Fund.

### **DISTRICT ALL STATE DISTRICT AWARDS**

1. All-State District Commanders who have met all the criteria including membership by May 10, 2019 will receive an All State District Commander's cap and an All State pin during the State Convention. All State Commanders meeting the criteria except for membership by May 10, 2019 and then meet the membership criteria by June 30, 2019 will receive an All State District Commander's cap, and an All State pin at their next District meeting.
2. All State District Commanders will receive a VFW jacket if **all Posts** within the District are 100% or more in membership by June 30, 2019.

### **DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

1. A District in which **all** Posts in the District have achieved 100% membership by June 30, 2019 will receive a check for \$500.00.

### **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

All individual recruiting awards will be awarded by using the National Recruiter Reports dated May 10, 2019. These awards will be presented at the State Convention.

1. An Annual member who recruits five (5) New or Reinstated Members will receive:
  - a. Their Annual Dues (National and Department portions) paid by the Department for the current year.
  - b. Their name and membership number will be entered into a drawing for a Life Membership.  
Note: For each additional five (5) members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the Life Membership Drawing.
  - c. The drawing for the Life Membership listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging.
2. A Life Member who recruits 5 New or Reinstated Members will receive:
  - a. Name and membership number will be entered into a drawing for one level of Legacy Life membership equal to \$400.00 or \$200.00 cash if already a Gold member.  
Note: For each additional five (5) members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the drawing.
  - b. The drawing for the Legacy Life Membership award listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging.
1. Any member who recruits five (5) New or Reinstated Members will be entered into a drawing for:
  - a. Round trip airfare to the 120th National Convention.
  - b. Expense check in the amount of \$599.00 to help defray expenses.  
Note: For each additional five (5) members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the drawing.
  - c. The drawing for this award listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging.

### **POST COMMANDER MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

Post Commanders who have their Post 100% by Dec 31, 2018 will receive a Department Commanders jacket and will be recognized at Winter Council.

### **INDIVIDUAL RECRUITER AWARDS**

Individual recruiters will also receive for:

- a. 15 New or Reinstated Members – a Pen and Key Chain Set.
- b. 20 New or Reinstated Members – State Commander's challenge coin
- c. 25 New or Reinstated Members – a Department Aide-de-Camp Recruiting cap and citation
- d. 50 New or Reinstated Members – State Commander's briefcase
- e. 75 New or Reinstated Members – State Commander's jacket

This award will be presented at the State Convention.

### **THE SAMUEL B. DeVAUGHAN MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

The Samuel B. DeVaughan Membership Award is presented to the member who recruits the most new and/or reinstated members of the 2018-2019 Membership Year and will receive the following:

- a. Check in the amount of \$300.00 to help defray expenses of the State Convention.
- b. Department citation.
- c. Distinctive cap and name badge

This award will be presented at the State Convention.

#### **THE GEORGE C. DALBY AWARD**

The George C. Dalby Award is presented to any Post member for outstanding participation in VFW programs. Rules for this contest are sent to each Post in the spring. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is the day prior to awards judging. Post and District Commanders are excluded from this award. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

#### **THE W. B. SHAFER, JR. MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

The W.B. Shafer, Jr. Membership Award is presented to the Post making the greatest percentage gain in membership as shown by the State Membership Report dated the day prior to awards judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

#### **THE RICHARD A. (AL) GUAGER AMERICANISM AWARD**

The Richard A. (Al) Guager Americanism Award is presented annually. Rules for this contest are sent to each Post in the spring. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is by the day prior to awards judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention. Posts placing second through tenth will receive a citation.

#### **THE GEORGE E. McCRACKEN HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD AWARD**

The George E. McCracken Honor Guard/Color Guard Award is presented to the most outstanding Post Honor Guard/Color Guard. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is by the day prior to awards judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

#### **FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Firefighter of the Year Award is presented to the most outstanding firefighter. The selectee will receive a plaque and a check for \$300.00. The deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 4, 2019. Send resume of nominees' background, resume of background in fire/emergency safety work, accomplishments in fire/emergency safety field, photograph, title and address to State Headquarters. This award will be presented at the State Convention or at a local venue.

#### **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Law Enforcement Officer of the Year is presented to the most outstanding law enforcement officer. The selectee will receive a plaque and a check for \$300.00. The deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 4, 2019. Send resume of nominees' background, resume of background in law enforcement work, accomplishment in the field, photograph, title and address to State Headquarters. This award will be presented at the State Convention or at a local venue.

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Emergency Medical technician of the Year is presented to the most outstanding Emergency Medical Technician. The selectee will receive a plaque and a check for \$300.00. The deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 4, 2019. Send resume of nominees' background, resume of background in paramedic work, accomplishment in the field, photograph, title and address to State Headquarters. This award will be presented at the State Convention or at a local venue.

### **TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

The Teacher of the Year awards are presented to the most outstanding Teachers. The selectees will receive a citation and check for \$300.00. There are three winners – Kindergarten through 5th, 6th through 8th, and 9th through 12th. These awards will be presented at the State Convention or at a local venue.

### **THE W. I. WOODDELL MEMORIAL POST QUARTERMASTER AWARD**

The W. I. Wooddell Memorial Post Quartermaster Award is presented to the Post Quartermaster who has shown outstanding dedication to his Post and the Department. The Post Commander must send in a nominating letter on why the Post Quartermaster should be considered for Quartermaster of the year. Submission must be received the day prior to the awards judging. The recipient is to be selected by a committee headed by the State Quartermaster. The award will consist of a custom-lettered citation, plus a check in the amount of \$200.00 from the Department. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

### **THE CLAIR B. POFF PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD**

The Clair B. Poff Public Relations Award is presented to three (3) Posts for the most outstanding newsletter or publication for their size group and then forwarded to National for judging. To enter, send two different copies of your Post Newsletter to State Headquarters along with the editor's name and address. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 4, 2019. This award will be presented at the State Convention. Group 1 membership 99 members or less; Group 2 membership 100 to 179; and Group 3 membership 180 or more.

### **THE ROBERT H. RINER AWARD**

The Robert H. Riner Award is presented to the District Commander with the highest percentage gain in membership over last year. Membership gain will be as shown by the State Membership Report dated the day prior to awards judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

### **WILLIAM T. (BILL) ALLEN HOSPITAL AWARD**

The William T.(Bill) Allen Hospital Award is presented to Posts for outstanding reporting in hospital work. The winning Posts will be determined by the State Hospital Chairman. These awards will be presented at the State Convention. Hospital award categories are:

- a. Category A – Posts with Membership of 10 thru 75
- b. Category B – Posts with Membership of 76 thru 150

- c. Category C – Posts with Membership of 151 thru 250
- d. Category D – Posts with Membership of 251 thru 500
- e. Category E – Posts with Membership of 501 or more

#### **CLARENCE E. KELLEY MEMORIAL VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARD**

The Clarence E. Kelley Memorial Voice of Democracy Award is presented to the Post sponsoring the State's first place VOD winner and is presented at the State Convention. In addition, each Post participating in the VOD program will receive a citation.

Note: The State VOD winners will receive a plaque and: 1<sup>st</sup> place – \$2,000.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – \$1,500.00; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – \$1,000.00 to be presented at the Winter Conference Banquet. The first three place winners are expected to attend the Winter Conference Banquet where the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> winners will be announced and the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will read their essay.

#### **LARRY MATTERA MEMORIAL PATRIOT'S PEN AWARD**

The Larry Mattera Memorial Patriot's Pen Award is presented to the Post sponsoring the State's first place Patriot's Pen winner and will be presented at the State Convention. In addition, each Post participating in the PP program will receive a citation.

Note: The State Patriot's Pen essay winners will receive a plaque and: 1<sup>st</sup> place – \$1,000.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – \$750.00; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – \$500.00 to be presented at the Winter Conference Banquet. The first three place winners are expected to attend the Winter Conference Banquet where the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> winners will be announced and the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will read their essay.

#### **SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Scout of the Year Award is presented to the State Scout of the Year winner. A plaque and check for \$500.00 will be presented at the State Convention. In addition, each Post participating in the Scout Program will receive a citation.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD BOOK**

The Community Service Record Book should be kept from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019 for State judging. Plaques will be awarded to the top three (3) entries at the State Convention. Special Citations will be awarded to the fourth through tenth places. Additionally, an award from National will be presented to the first place entry.

All Posts entering a Community Service Record Book will have a chance to win a monetary award in the amount of \$200.00 if judged best overall entry in their respective membership category. One (1) check will be issued in each membership category.

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- b. Category B – Posts with Membership of 76 thru 150
- c. Category C – Posts with Membership of 151 thru 250
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- e. Category E – Posts with Membership of 501 or more



### **BUDDY POPPY CITATIONS**

Buddy Poppy Citations will be presented to the District Commander whose District purchased the most Buddy Poppies and to the District Commanders whose District had 100% participation in the Buddy Poppy Program. The Post in each District who purchased the most Buddy Poppies will also be presented a citation. These awards will be presented at the State Convention.

### **BEST NEWSPAPER ARTICLE CITATION**

The "Best Newspaper Article Citations" will be presented at State Convention to the Post who submits the best article for each edition of the State Newspaper. Judging shall be performed by the committee for the newspaper.