

2026-2027 POST ALL-STATE REQUIREMENTS

*****There is no limit on the number of Posts that can earn All-State honors****

All-State Post Requirements:

1. The Post must meet their 100% plus one membership quota by May 6, 2027, to receive their awards at the 2027 State Convention. (**NO EXCEPTIONS**).
2. The Post must retain 80% of the annual membership from the Membership Report dated July 1, 2026.
3. The Post must recruit at least one (1) **NEW or reinstated** life or life installment member. Otherwise, the Post may have one annual member upgrade to life membership.
4. All members of the Post with access to assets must be bonded in accordance with Section 703 of the National Bylaws.
5. The Post must have been inspected, and the inspection report must be received by State HQs no later than 4pm on December 11, 2026, with all documented discrepancies corrected by May 6, 2027.
6. The Post Commander must sign into his/her state email account and send one (1) email to either cdr@vfwva.org or mmaggio@vwfva.org no later than Sept 18, 2026. It is the responsibility of each Post Commander to ensure this is met. It will be visible in the District Reports section of the online reporting page on the State HQs website, www.vfwva.org.
7. The Post Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster or Adjutant must attend each meeting of their District. More than one of these officers can attend, and all are encouraged to attend.
8. The Post Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Quartermaster, or Adjutant must attend the School of Instruction (SOI). More than one of these officers can attend, and all are encouraged. These will be held five times on different dates and at different locations around the state. Dates and locations of these will be posted in the General Orders, which are located under the news section of the State HQs website.
9. The Post must have at least one member complete the online Recruiting School of Instruction (RSOI). Posts are encouraged to have more than one member complete this training and those who are recruiters your Post's membership and recruiting team or listed in your Post's membership plan are great candidates for this training. Information on where to find this online training will be posted in the General Orders.
10. All audit reports must be submitted to, and accepted by, State HQs as required by Section 218 of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure. Posts may not have more than one late audit out of the four required.
11. The Post must purchase 500 Buddy Poppies per 100 members or a fraction thereof. Contact the State HQs to make this purchase.

12. The Post must donate to the Virginia Veterans Foundation (VVF). This is the official foundation for State HQs, and you can contact State HQs to make this donation. Donations are based on the size of each Post and are as follows:

- a. 99 members or less: \$100.00 – For a donation of \$100 above the donation, the Post earns (5) Team Points toward Captain of the All-State Team.*
- b. 100 to 399 members: \$200.00 – For a donation of \$200 above the donation, the Post earns (5) Team Points towards Captain of the All-State Team.*
- c. 400 or more members: \$300.00 – For a donation of \$300 above the donation, the Post earns (5) Team Points toward Captain of the All-State Team.*

13. The Post must submit reports of their activities in the online reporting portal of the State HQs. The reports must be submitted **at least once a quarter** by Sept 30, 2026, Dec 31, 2026, Mar 31, 2027, and June 30, 2027, respectively and the reports shall be as follows:

- (1) Americanism Report
- (2) Community Activities Report
- (3) Safety Report
- (4) Youth Activities Report
- (5) Hospital Report

14. The Post must participate in **at least** 3 of the 4 following categories of programs:

Patriot's Pen Program: Theme: "What a Veteran Taught Me About America" Posts must submit at least one entry to their District for judging. Entries must be turned into the Post by October 30, 2026. Posts must submit them to their District no later than November 13, 2026.

Voice of Democracy Program: Theme: "What a Veteran Taught Me About America" Posts must submit at least one entry to their District for judging. Entries must be turned into Post by October 30, 2026. Posts must submit them to their District no later than November 13, 2026.

State Scout of the Year: Submissions must be to the Scouting Committee Chairman by April 1, 2027. An additional (2) two Team Points will be earned for the submission of an entry for Scout of the Year with a maximum of one entry allowed from each Post. A plaque and a \$500.00 monetary award will be presented. This award will be sent to the Post to be presented at the time and place of the Post's choosing.

JROTC, Sea Cadets, or Civil Air Patrol: Entries for any **one** of these three programs will earn Post credit for this category. Posts will not receive credit for doing more than one of the three programs in this category. Entries for these programs must be turned into the Post by February 12, 2027. Posts must submit a copy of the Cadets certificate to the State HQs no later than March 5, 2027, to receive credit for the All-State program.

Teacher of the Year Program: Posts must submit at least one teacher to their District for judging. Entries must be turned into the Post by October 30, 2026. Posts must submit them to their District no later than Friday, November 13, 2026.

Public Service Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, 911 Dispatcher, or Explosive Disposal Technician: Entries for any one of these six programs will earn Post credit for this category. Posts will not receive credit for doing more than one entry for each of the six programs in this category. Post may not earn more than six points in this category. Entries for these programs must be turned into State Headquarters by January 8, 2027, to receive credit for the All-State program.

****For Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy, Posts shall use the Scholar App for judging and delivery.**

Posts who complete ALL requirements by May 6, 2027, will receive their awards at the 2027 State Convention. Posts who complete all requirements EXCEPT membership by May 6, 2027, will have until June 30, 2027, to complete ONLY their membership goal of 100% plus one and will receive awards as noted in this document at the first District meeting of the 2027-2028 year.

Note 1: Five (5) additional Team Points towards being the Captain of the All-State Team will be awarded to Posts submitting entries in all three (3) program categories.

Note 2: Posts will receive additional Team Points towards being 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% plus one.

Note 3: Posts will receive additional Team Points towards being the Captain of the All-State for submitting of entries for Scout of the Year, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, Emergency Medical Technician of the Year, 911 Dispatcher of the Year, and/or Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician of the Year.