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**1. COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:**

Comrades, Excellent work on membership we are about 600 ahead of where we were this time last year. Keep going towards the goal of December 31, 2020 Department membership 90%. I want to congratulate District 9 for the awesome work on reporting there the first District to accomplish 100% reporting the first half period, THANK YOU job well done.

The below information is just that nothing more nothing less, District and Post use it for your toolbox and for planning towards excellent. All below information is work still on the table to complete to achieve our goals this year to All American Post, Districts and Department it's all public knowledge on Department and National websites. I did call out the Districts but not the Post. I have grave concerns on two topics its Oct 2020 and we have a couple Post without bonded Quartermaster and Audit reports not submitted. We all know this is not excepted and not following the National By-Laws, District Commanders please help me get this fixed.

District 1 is at 80.28% membership needing 317 to make 100% with 6 new members. Needs 16 reports for the first half, Donation to the Virginia Veterans Foundation (VVF), hold the School of Instruction (SOI). 3 Post purchase Buddy Poppies, 1 Post not bonded, 4 Post donate to VVF, 3 Post expired building Insurance.

District 2 is at 82.69% membership needing 854 to make 100% with 17 new members. Needs 8 reports for the first half, Donation to the VVF. 1 Post no audit for June, 5 Post purchase Boddy Poppies, 7 Post donate to the VVF, 3 Post expired building insurance, 2 Post not inspected.

District 3 is at 75.10% membership needing 657 to make 100% with 18 new members. Needs 11 reports for the first half, donate to the VVF, District not Inspected, 1 Post needs audit for June, 10 Post purchase Buddy Poppies, 3 Post not at District meeting, 2 Post not bonded, 14 Post donate to VVF, 3 Post expired Building insurance, 10 Post not inspected 4 Post missing SOI.

District 4 is at 68.29% membership needing 357 to make 100% with 1 new member. Needs 18 reports for the first half, donate to VVF, 6 Post need to purchase Buddy Poppies, 2 Post did not attend District meeting, 2 Post not bonded, 10 Post need to donate to VVF, 3 Post building insurance is expired, 2 Post need SOI.

District 5 is at 63.11% membership needing 270 to make 100% with 2 new members. Needs 11 reports for the first half, Donate to the VVF, 1 Post needs June audit, 8 Post need to purchase Buddy poppies, 1 Post did not attend District meeting, 1 Post not bonded, 7 Post need to donate to VVF, 1 Post building Insurance is expired, 8 Post need inspected, 1 Post needs SOI.

District 6 is at 77.58% membership needing 236 to make 100% with 13 new members. Needs 26 reports for the half, donate to the VVF, 1 Post needs audit, 9 post need to purchase Boddy Poppies, 3 Post missed District meeting, 13 Post need to donate to VVF, 1 Post building insurance is expired, 3 post need SOI, 1 Post needs inspected.

District 7 is at 78.11% membership needing 349 to make 100% with 5 new members. Needs 20 reports for the first half, needs audit, needs to donate to VVF and needs inspected, 4 Post need to purchase Buddy Poppies, 1 Post missed District meeting, 5 Post need to donate to VVF, 4 Post need inspected, 1 Post needs SOI.

District 8 is at 78.26% membership needing 325 to make 100% with 7 new members. Needs 11 reports for the first half, needs audit, needs to donate to VVF, needs inspected, hold SOI, 3 Post need to purchase Buddy Poppies, 5 Post need a District meeting noting is was held the day I wrote this, 4 Post need to donate to VVF, 4 Post need inspection, 1 Post expired building insurance, 5 Post need SOI.

District 9 is at 74.35% membership needing 450 to make 100% with 3 new members. District 9 outstanding work on reports first District at 100% reported the first half Thank you. Needs audit, needs inspected, needs SOI. 7 Post need to purchase Buddy Poppies, 10 Post need District meeting, 2 Post need bounding, 8 Post building insurance is expired, 10 Post need inspections, 10 Post need SOI.

District 10 is at 87.79% membership needing 789 to make 100% with 23 new members. Needs 8 reports for the first half, donate to the VVF, needs inspected, hold SOI. 7 Post need to purchase Buddy Poppies, 10 Post need District meeting, 2 Post need bonding, 10 Post donate to VVF, 1 Post building insurance is expired, 8 Post need inspection, 10 Post need SOI.

District 11 is at 75.00% membership needing 248 to make 100% with 6 new members. Needs 20 reports for the first half, need to donate to VVF, needs inspected, need to hold SOI. 11 Post need to purchase Buddy Poppies, 11 Post need a District meeting, 11 Post need SOI, 10 Post need to donate t VVF, 1 Post expired building insurance.

District 12 is at 76.48% membership needing 249 to make 100% with 2 new members. Needs 29 reports for the first half, needs to donate to VVF. 1 Post needs audit for June, 8 Post needs to purchase Buddy Poppies, 2 Post did not attend District meeting, 3 Post not bonded, 10 Post needs to donate to VVF, 1 Post building insurance expired, 7 Post need inspected, 2 Post need SOI.

District 13 is at 70.02% membership needing 286 to make 100% with 8 new members. Needs 15 reports for the first half, need to donate to the VVF. 1 Post needs audit, 7 Post need to purchase Buddy Poppies, 3 Post need bonded, 7 Post need to donate to VVF, 3 Post building insurance expired, 8 Post need inspected.

Let's take the list of work and get it completed set realistic goals to achieve and complete, then move on to the next task delegate and share we can get this accomplished.

Just some information the Department is not a piggy bank nor a Post or District saving account we have a budget that is approved and voted on by the Council of Administration to follow. When a Post or District needs funding, they need to raise the money or budget it into their annual budget. The Department can help sometimes with restrictions if there is a line item for this request in the Department budget. The VVF has grants for Post repairs and

Post community projects forms are on the Department website. The Department will try to support and along with the VVF.

Disciplinary action at the Post level or District level should start at that level. If formal charges have been submitted at Post level or District level in accordance with the National By-Laws the Department will take action as required by the By-Laws only after all options at Post and District are exhausted. If you wish to be a SEA lawyer read the National By-Laws and be the best SEA lawyer, you can be noting to follow the National By-Laws.

By now Post that have not submitted Audits from June 2020, and secured a bond for the Quartermaster and Commander if on the checking accounts or access to monies the dead line has passed I have overly exhausted the deadlines and tried to make every attempt with the Department Adjutant to get all the Post Audits and remind them they need bonded. As of the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 I will direct the Department Adjutant to send out letters in accordance with the National By-Laws to suspend Post and relive Post Commanders and Quartermasters for not performing their duties as prescribed in the National By-laws. Post will be required to hold elections and fill the vacant positions.

We have new District Commanders and District Officers, Post Commanders and Post Officers if you have questions call me or one of my staff members or call State HQ we are here to help you succeed. If any Post would like to have a State line Officer visit your Post and work one on one Call us. Train your relief to succeed for next year start now. I want to thank all our members for all your support this will be a great year for us all stay on track and help where and when you can. Every member is very important to our Post, Districts, Department and our National organization and all our programs.

GREAT first quarter we got this stay focused and on track GREAT JOB TEAM Virginia.

Eric Mallett  
State Commander

## 2. DISTRICT MEETINGS:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Date: 1/23/21 Meeting: 11:00 AM Location: Post 176 Newport News 21 Forrest Drive	7 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 1/16/21 Lunch: 11:30 AM Meeting: 12:15 PM Location: Post 2447 Edinburg 100 Veterans Way
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Date: 11/14/20 Lunch: Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 3160 Norfolk 111 A View Avenue	8 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 11/21/20 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 7589 Manassas 9304 Centreville Rd
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Date: 10/17/20 Meeting: 10:00 AM Lunch: to follow Meeting Location: Post 9808 Mechanicsville 7168 Flag Lane	9 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 1/16/21 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 4667 Marion 861 Goolsby Street
4 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 11/21/20 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: Post 7059 Farmville 1616 Graham Road	10 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 12/6/20 Lunch: Noon Meeting: 1:00 PM Location: Post 9274 Falls Church 7118 Shreve Road
5 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 11/21/20 Meeting: 10:00 AM Location: TBD		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Date: 12/5/20 Meeting: Noon		

11<sup>th</sup> Date: 1/23/21  
Meeting: 10:00 AM  
Location: Post 2216  
212 Frontier Drive

12<sup>th</sup> Date: 11/14/20  
Meeting: 11:00 AM  
Location: Post 8652 Coeburn  
150 Sarsfield Street

13<sup>th</sup> Date: 11/14/20  
Meeting: 11:00 am  
Location: Post 1994 Abingdon  
17581 Lee Highway

### **3. ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:**

The National Bylaws provide for only one type of membership: active membership. There are no provisions in the National Bylaws, nor is there any authority or justification for issuance of Club Membership cards, Associate Member cards, Honorary Membership cards, Courtesy Membership cards or any other special type of cards. Any Post issuing such unauthorized cards, or conducting club operations open to the general public, endangers its standing with the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit organization. Officers signing outlaw cards admitting non-members to VFW premises are subject to disciplinary action. National and Department officers cannot defend practices that conflict with VFW Bylaws or procedures.

### **4. BUDDY POPPY:**

Although we emphasize Buddy Poppies on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, it is important to realize that the distribution of Buddy Poppies should be a year-round exercise. Each time a Post participates in an activity where the public will be present, Buddy Poppies should be present as a fundraising tool and simply to recognize our fallen comrades. Where the VFW appears, Buddy Poppies should be a constant reminder that we will never forget those who have perished in the name of liberty. Just as “They Gave, Will You?” is a year-round thing, so should the distribution of VFW Buddy Poppies.

Remember that your poppies should be ordered a minimum of 8 weeks in advance of your distribution date. Be sure to specify a date by which the poppies are required; do not use “ASAP.” Miscellaneous items (coin cans, buttons, posters, etc.) should be ordered directly from the VFW Store at [vfwstore.org/category/programs/buddypoppy](http://vfwstore.org/category/programs/buddypoppy) or the VFW Store/Emblem and Supply Catalog.

The Manual of Procedure provides that Post relief funds may be used for programs such as Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen, Citizenship Education, and Community Service as long as suggestions in the chairmen guidebooks are used as an example of promoting these programs.

Posts are further reminded that Section 711 of the Manual of Procedure provides that non-profit organizations, exempt from taxes under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, may assist with the distribution of Buddy Poppies, provided there shall be no division of proceeds. A donation to these groups may be made from the Post general fund.

### **5. BY-LAWS AND MANUAL OF PROCEDURE:**

All officers should obtain current 2021 copies of the podium edition of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. Copies of the revised edition of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual are available through the VFW Store at National Headquarters. The 2021 revised edition reflects that in response to the deadly virus COVID-19, the 121st National Convention was held pro-forma where no amendments to the National Bylaws or Manual of Procedure were made.

## 6. CITIZEN EDUCATION TEACHER AWRD:

The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes three exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Nominations of outstanding teachers in three categories: grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

ATTENTION: There are changes for this year's program. For starters, there is a new Teacher Entry Form. Go to the National Web Site and preprint your Post information before the Nominator fills out the form. Other changes include who can nominate a teacher and who is eligible.

The program dates for this year are as follows: **October 31<sup>st</sup>** is the Deadline for teacher nomination by the Post. Post judging should be completed by **November 15<sup>th</sup>** and winners sent to District. District judging should be completed by **December 15<sup>th</sup>** and winners forwarded to the Department by **December 20<sup>th</sup>**. Department judging will be completed by **January 10<sup>th</sup>** and winners submitted to VFW National Headquarters by **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. District chairpersons will provide District Reports with their District winners to the State Chairman.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me (540) 955-3311 or (540) 539-5446 or email me [bigredtruk@comcast.net](mailto:bigredtruk@comcast.net).

Chris Birch  
Teacher's Recognition Chairman

## 7. CONTROL OF UNITS:

All Commanders are reminded that Section 709, Manual of Procedure - Control of Units, requires that any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or in behalf of a Post, County Council, District or Department shall be at all times under the direct control of such Post, County Council, District or Department and that all money, property or assets of any kind or nature, must be placed in the care and custody of the respective Quartermaster. All Commanders should ensure that all provisions of Section 709 are enforced.

## 8. DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

Members now have the ability to download their digital version of their membership card. Depending on whether a member has an iPhone or Android, they will be able to download and access their digital membership card from the VFW app.

This will not replace the physical VFW membership card - we will still be sending out membership cards to all our annual and Life members. This is intended as another option for our members' convenience. When asked to show a VFW membership card, a member can either produce their physical card out of their wallet or display their digital card on their smart phone.

## 9. DUES NOTICE SCHEDULE:

Annual members will receive a *mailed renewal* notice five months, three months, and one month prior to their subscription end date. Annual members with a valid email address will also receive an *emailed renewal notice* six months, four months, and two months prior to their subscription end date.

Annual members will receive a *mailed lapsed notice*, one, three, and five months following their subscription end date.

## 10. E-MAIL ACCOUNT ACCESS:

All email accounts were reset so the new Officers could take control of their emails as of **June 25<sup>th</sup>**. This will be the primary means of sending correspondence from State Headquarters to Post and District Officers.

You will receive all General Orders, special notices and any other documentation that you need via email. This will help cut down on postal expenses and speed up the response time for you receiving the information.

Here are directions for logging into your new account for the first time.

1. Go to Department web site [www.vfwva.org](http://www.vfwva.org).
2. Click on Resources, Microsoft 365.
3. The user name is your email address; put that on the first line (see below for your new address).
4. Your default password will be **VFW2020!** once you have accessed the mail program you will be asked to change it; it must contain at least one uppercase letter and one number.

For Post Officers, your address will be [cdRpost176@vfwva.org](mailto:cdRpost176@vfwva.org) where the 176 is you replace it with **your** Post number.

[adjpost176@vfwva.org](mailto:adjpost176@vfwva.org)  
[qmpost176@vfwva.org](mailto:qmpost176@vfwva.org)

For District Officers your address will be [cdRdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:cdRdist1@vfwva.org) for Districts other than the first just replace the 1 with your district #

[adjdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:adjdist1@vfwva.org)  
[qmdist1@vfwva.org](mailto:qmdist1@vfwva.org)

## 11. GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. No EXCEPTIONS. Subscriptions for hard copy General Orders are \$30.00 for the year (**please note new price**). Contact State Headquarters for more info.

## 12. IMPORTANT DATES:

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| January 7-10, 2021 | Winter Council, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$94.00 per night. Group name "VFW Department of Virginia Winter Council Meeting"; Cut-off Date December 7, 2020. |
| February 5-7, 2021 | State Commander/State President/MOCA Homecoming, Virginia Beach, VA   |
| March 25-28, 2021  | National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch Homecoming, Portsmouth, VA (a revised packet is enclosed)  |

## 13. INCORPORATION:

The attention of the Post Commander is directed to section 708 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the procedure for the Incorporation of Units. It shall be the responsibility of the Post Commander to ensure full compliance with both sections and to ensure that all state requirements for annual filing, fees, etc., are met in a timely manner.

Posts should take the necessary steps to incorporate under the laws of the state in which the Post is located. Financial responsibility laws, as interpreted by the courts, may cause members of unincorporated Posts to be at risk. Incorporating under the provisions of section 708 of the National By-Laws and the Manual of Procedure and the laws of the state will provide protection for Post members. The template for the Articles of Incorporation can be found on the [www.vfwva.org](http://www.vfwva.org) website. If you have any problems or questions please contact State Headquarters. The Articles of Incorporation must be reviewed by the Commander-in-Chief prior to forwarding them to the proper state authorities.

**14. IRS FORM 8822-B:**

IRS form 8822-B. It is now a requirement by the IRS that all Posts submit this form. This form must be submitted any time the Post Quartermaster changes and/or the Post address changes. This was effective January 1, 2014.

Here is the link to get the form and instructions – <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8822b.pdf>  
This will also apply to all Auxiliaries that have their own EIN number.

**15. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**

CHECK OUT OUR LEGACY LIFE VIDEO! Go to [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org), click on JOIN, scroll down to Legacy Life Membership and then click on the video on the right. This prestigious program is available to all Life members and is now available in memoriam for past Life members. There are three levels of membership, each offer their own package of exclusive member benefits. Financial contributions to the Legacy Life member program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

<i>Enrollment Cost:</i>	<i>Annual Payouts:</i>	<i>Post:</i>	<i>Department:</i>	<i>National:</i>
<b>Levels:</b> Gold- \$1200.00		\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver- \$800.00		\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze- \$400.00		\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

*What will your Legacy be?*

**16. LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:**

Congratulations to Francis Cannon Post 7589 as the winner of a free Life Membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia. Francis Cannon Post 7589 was made eligible for this Free Life Membership for having 75% of their membership goal reported to State Headquarters by the September 25, 2020 deadline.

**17. MEMBERSHIP:**

We are beginning our Fourth Month of Eric and Hal's year. I know all are happy to see the Life Members show up on memstats. Now there is no doubt how many your Post needs to make 100% as far as numbers go. I encourage you to get out and visit unpaid and sign up new members before the weather gets cold. Are all of you going to meet the first goal that Eric set for membership at the beginning of the year. If we set goals and strive to attain them, we should have a great year. Remember that one person can't do it alone, it takes a team working together to make a Department All American. That is what we strive for each year. We are one of the great Departments in the Organization and would like to remain so.

The Gun Shows are opening back up and we have had good results at the last two that we worked. Please check your area's for recruiting possibilities and get a booth or table space if possible. There is always the grocery store and Walmart to do individual recruiting at. Wear your favorite military baseball cap and take a couple of apps with you. It's fun to talk to fellow veterans and have them join the greatest combat veterans' group in the world. If any of you need assistance with anything pertaining to membership or recruiting please contact Mr. Ed at State HQ or me at [membership@vfwva.org](mailto:membership@vfwva.org), we are ready to assist. Also, we have Tom Troy in Northern VA, Ken Wiseman in Staunton, and Kathy Goodall in Norfolk to assist you. We are your tools to success, please do not hesitate to call. Remember that I am asking every Post to make a 100% or better this year. This is my personal goal; I hope you will help me achieve it.

Tom Hines, PDC  
Membership Team

## 18. OFFICE CLOSURE:

State Headquarters and the Service Officer offices in Hopewell, Norfolk and Dale City will be closed October 12, 2020 in observance of Columbus Day.

## 19. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY:

Procedure and Ritual establish that *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition* shall be the parliamentary authority on procedural matters not governed by VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. This edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* is readily available at local bookstores and online retailers such as Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

## 20. PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM:

Commander-in-Chief Roesch would like you to join with him in supporting the VFW's life-changing programs for veterans, service members and their families and reduce the amount of mail you receive. The VFW has an option that allows you to support VFW programs on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis, as well as reduce expenses and eliminate the fundraising mail. It is called Partners in Patriotism. As a member of Partners in Patriotism, you choose a set dollar amount for your donation (minimum amount of \$10) that is either charged to your credit card or set up as an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account. Once you join the VFW's Partners in Patriotism, you will only receive the Quarterly Supporter newsletters to keep you informed of the many efforts your monthly gifts are making possible, and a Year End Tax Receipt mailed by the end of January. If you are interested in joining Partners in Patriotism, you may contact Donor Services in the VFW Development Department at 1.833.VFW.GIVE (1.833.839.4483) or email us at [partners@vfw.org](mailto:partners@vfw.org) with "Partners in Patriotism Application" in the subject line.

## 21. POST PANDEMIC RELIEF GRANTS:

To all VFW State Departments Commanders, Senior Vice Commanders, Junior Vice Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters,

The VFW Foundation is shifting its grant making focus for the 2021 fiscal year to provide urgently needed financial relief to VFW Posts affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The VFW Foundation Post Pandemic Relief Grant (PPRG) is an opportunity for VFW Posts that own or lease their buildings to receive up to \$2,500 in support toward expenses such as mortgage/rent, utility bills and property taxes. Posts will need to meet certain requirements to be eligible to receive funding from this program.

**PPRG applications will be accepted beginning 10/1/2020.** However, Posts may access and begin completing the application prior to October 1 by visiting [www.vfw.org/grants](http://www.vfw.org/grants) and clicking on "Apply Now".

For more information please visit: [www.vfw.org/grants](http://www.vfw.org/grants). You may also contact Jason Couch, Grants & External Relations Coordinator, at [jcouch@vfw.org](mailto:jcouch@vfw.org).

## 22. REPORTING:

Comrades to view whether your Post has submitted an Audit Report, Americanism, Community Service, Safety, Youth or Hospital report you should visit the Department website ([www.vfwva.org](http://www.vfwva.org)).

The website is updated daily. If you have any questions, please call State Headquarters.

There will be no form for Homeless when reporting for assistance to a homeless veteran please put it on a Community Activity report under aid to others.



## 23. SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY THEMES:

The 2020–2021 themes have been chosen by National Commander-in-Chief Harold J. “Hal” Roesch, II. The Voice of Democracy theme will be **“Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?”** and the Patriot’s Pen theme will be **“What is Patriotism to Me?”**

## 24. SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION POWERPOINT SLIDES:

The slides for this year’s School of Instruction (SOI) are listed on the state’s website, [www.vfwva.org](http://www.vfwva.org). You should click on RESOURCES, then FORMS, then scroll down to GUIDES AND HANDOUTS. Although these are posted to the website, Posts are still required to attend their District’s SOI.

## 25. POST HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANT:

The Virginia Veterans Foundation, the official foundation of the Virginia VFW, has opened the window to apply for a grant to perform improvements on your Post home. The grant, funded by Powerhouse Gaming, will provide six (6) grants worth up to \$500 for the 2020-2021 year. Should any money remain after the six (6) grants are paid out, those not selected in the first round of grants will be considered a second time. The requirements and application are in the attachments. While the project can be completed anytime between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, the application is due no later than November 30, 2020. Entries can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to State Headquarters. (Entry Form can be found in August General Orders)

## 26. COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT:

The Virginia Veterans Foundation, the official foundation of the Virginia VFW, has opened the window to apply for a grant to perform community service. The grant, funded by Powerhouse Gaming, will provide twelve (12) grants worth up to \$250 for the 2020-2021 year. Should any money remain after the twelve (12) grants are paid out, those not selected in the first round of grants will be considered a second time. The requirements and application are in the attachments. While the project can be completed anytime between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, the application is due no later than November 30, 2020. Posts **AND** Auxiliaries can apply for this grant, but only one grant will be given to an individual Post or their Auxiliary, regardless of who applies. Entries can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to State Headquarters. (Entry Form can be found in August General Orders)

## 27. WINTER COUNCIL:

You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We look forward to a successful event.

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1594668070557&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

## 28. VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION:

Comrades – in previous reports, I encouraged Posts to become Commemorative Partners with the Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commission. Several have, but it’s got to be a source of embarrassment that more National Society of the DAR chapters in Virginia are commemorative partners than are VFW Posts. Let’s fix that! Regardless, I can provide individual Posts with up to 9 Commemorative lapel pins to assist in recognizing Vietnam Veterans among their members (several Posts have already done this). If you need more than that...you’ll need to become a Commemorative Partner.

The timeline history included in these reports is excerpted from the National Vietnam War Commemoration Website “History and Legacy”. The following significant events occurred in October:

**Beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1961**, as part of Operation FARM GATE, the 4400th “Jungle Jim” Combat Crew Training Squadron, a U.S. Air Force counterinsurgency unit, arrives at Bien Hoa Air Base. Its mission is to train

South Vietnamese pilots to fly older, propeller-driven aircraft for combat support and reconnaissance. The American pilots, however, also begin flying combat missions themselves. They disguise the missions as training by flying with South Vietnamese personnel on board their aircraft.

**On October 1, 1965**, the second full U.S. Army division to deploy to Vietnam—the 1st Infantry Division—takes up station near Saigon. Specific units of the 1st Infantry already in-country, including the 2d Brigade, are now joined by their entire parent division. During the same period, the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile)—one of the first two full U.S. Army divisions to deploy to Vietnam—becomes operational at An Khe, in the Vietnamese Central Highlands. The division of 16,000 men is equipped primarily with CH-47 Chinook and UH-1 “Huey” helicopters. It is the first major airmobile unit in the U.S. Army and is capable of conducting rapid combat maneuvers across all types of terrain.

**On October 26, 1966**, a fire starts in a flare locker on the USS Oriskany (CVA-34) and subsequently sets much of the vessel on fire. The incident takes the lives of 44 men from the ship’s crew and air group.

**On October 28, 1966**, the U.S. Coast Guard-installed Long Range Aid to Navigation (LORAN) C station at Con Son became operational, activating Operation TIGHT REIGN. LORAN C stations created an electronic grid of radio waves over much of Southeast Asia and will improve air and sea navigation in the absence of surface aids and in poorly charted waters

**October 21-22, 1967** - As many as 100,000 people stage a protest against the war at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. When it concludes, between 20,000 and 35,000 protesters march across the Arlington Memorial Bridge to continue the protest at the Pentagon. Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara stipulates that government personnel should remain respectful of demonstrators’ right to assemble, and he insists that the Pentagon continue operating as normal during the protest. McNamara personally observes the event from the roof.

Despite the size of the crowd, the protest remains largely peaceful. There are reports of isolated violent incidents during the demonstrations, including accounts of protestors taunting and throwing objects at marshals and military policemen and marshals striking demonstrators. Some demonstrators remain until the end of the day on October 22. During a two-day period, over 650 people are arrested. Roughly four dozen people, including both civilians and government personnel, are injured.

**October 29, 1967** - Elements of the Viet Cong 9th Division attack a CIDG and Special Forces camp near Loc Ninh, a district town near the Cambodian border in the northern part of III Corps. Multiple battalions of the U.S. Army 1st Infantry Division, using helicopters for rapid movement, deploy to defend the camp and its adjoining airfield. U.S. forces also place defensive positions in the Viet Cong rear, cutting off the enemy’s route of retreat into Cambodia. In more than a week of sustained fighting, the 1st Infantry Division defeats the enemy force, inflicting heavy casualties. The final engagement of the battle occurs on November 7.

**October 1, 1968** - Naval Forces, Vietnam launches SEALORDS (Southeast Asia Lake, Ocean, River, and Delta Strategy). Its goals are to stem the flow of enemy supplies and reinforcements entering South Vietnam by river and to pacify the Mekong Delta, a longtime Viet Cong base area. SEALORDS combines the resources of the Coastal Surveillance, River Patrol, and Mobile Riverine Forces. Together they create networks of bases, sensors, and patrols along the coast and in waterways throughout the Mekong Delta to the Cambodian border. Operations incorporate U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Army, and South Vietnamese army and marine personnel.

**October 26, 1973** - With negotiations ongoing, President Nixon and National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger publicly announce: “We believe that peace is at hand.”

Jeff Dombroff  
Vietnam War Commemoration  
Committee Chairman

## **29. VOICE OF DEMOCRACY:**

The Voice of Democracy program, instituted in 1947, has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars premier scholarship program. Annually, nearly 57,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Written and recorded audio essays are submitted by each applicant and address an annual patriotic theme. The 2020 theme is, "Is this the country the Founders Envisioned?" The contest is open to students in grades 9-12. More specific information, including rules, forms, and brochures are available at <http://www.vfw.org>.

Because of Covid 19 school closures we must be more creative this year when recruiting applicants for the Voice of Democracy contest. Please consider using social media, and electronic communication with school administrators and teachers, as well as traditional methods.

### **2020-2021 Voice of Democracy Reporting Deadlines**

31 October 2020 Student entries due at the Post

15 November 2020 Completion of Post judging

05 December 2020 Completion of District judging

19 December 2020 Department VOD Selection Board

10 January 2021 Completion of Department Judging

15 January 2021 District Participation Reports due for Department Chairman

15 January 2021 Department winners due for National

Awards will be presented to the top three Department winners at the Department Winter Council meeting on Saturday, 9 January 2021 in Portsmouth, Virginia. Please send complete application packets to the Department VOD Chairman to include the completed Official Student Entry form with all appropriate signatures, a typed transcript, an audio CD or flash drive and a photograph of the District winner. Make sure your flash drive or CD is properly recorded and playable before sending it. Incomplete application packets will disqualify your candidate from District and Department judging. District Chairmen are expected to complete and send out the District Participation Report in a timely manner. It should be received by the Department VOD Chairman, which is required for his Department Report NLT Friday, 15 January 2021.

The District first place winning submissions should be mailed to the Department VOD Chairman Louis Filippone at 15608 Jillians Forest Way, Centreville, Virginia 20120.

You are strongly encouraged to send your application packets by UPS, Fed Ex, or USPS return receipt. You are also advised to keep a duplicate copy of the complete application packet on hand. The Department VOD Chairman must receive your submissions NLT Friday, 18 December 2020. The Department VOD Selection Board will be held on Saturday, 19 December 2020, location to be announced. Possible teleconference format judging is being considered.

### **Voice of Democracy Department Awards**

The top three finalists will be invited to the Winter Council Luncheon in Portsmouth, Virginia on Saturday, 09 January 2021. All three finalists will receive their awards and present their essays at the awards banquet. The first-place winner will receive a minimum of \$2,000.00 from the Department along with \$500.00 from the Commander's Club and an additional check from the Auxiliary. The second-place winner will receive a minimum of \$1,000.00, and the third-place winner will receive a minimum of \$500.00. Additional donations are expected this year. The Post that sponsors the Department's first place winner will be awarded the Clarence E. Kelley Memorial

Voice of Democracy Trophy at the Department Convention in June 2021, Date to be determined. Should you require any assistance or additional information regarding the 2020-20201 Voice of Democracy program, or its administration please contact me directly.

Please be advised all dates and venues are subject to change as a result of Covid 19 restrictions.

Louis Filippone  
Voice of Democracy Program Chairman

### 30. VOTING:

Early voting started September 18, 2020 for Virginia. Please encourage everyone to vote YES on ballot initiative #2 to give property tax exemptions on one vehicle for veterans who are 100% Permanent and Total Disabled according to VA.

It is a multi-year process to get it adopted but the process stops if this initiative does not pass. The VFW endorsed this as part of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations.

The average veteran impacted by this has just one or two vehicles and lives with a spouse or family member who works. This would be a significant relief to those veterans and their families. In fact, this tax break may help more than the similar tax break for veterans with a home as many veterans rent or live with family vice owning a home and this vehicle tax break still applies to them.

I would be happy to field any questions.

Ken Wiseman  
All-American Past State Commander  
All-American Past State Adjutant/Quartermaster

### 31. ZOOM MEETING LINK:

Each Membership Monday training topic is developed with the Post-level leadership in mind. Each of these sessions are intended to be live with ability for audience interaction. The media platform we will be using is the Zoom platform so these training sessions can be recorded and viewed throughout the year.

Please see the schedule below. We would like your help in communicating this schedule to your Posts. All Membership Monday Webinars are planned to be held at **2:00 – 3:00 PM, CST** on the dates provided below.

A Membership Monday OMS Alert Notification has been updated with the latest Zoom Meeting link.

If you would like to suggest a Membership Monday training topic, please email us at, [membership@vfw.org](mailto:membership@vfw.org).

Please let me know what questions you may have.

#### **Membership Monday Webinar Training Series Tentative Schedule:**

- October 5, 2020: Updated Recruiting Training
- November 2, 2020: Mentorship training
- December 14, 2020: Retention Pocket Guide for the Post

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://vfw.zoom.us/j/8708367256>

Meeting ID: 870 836 7256

One tap mobile

+13462487799,,8708367256# US (Houston)

+12532158782,,8708367256# US (Tacoma)

Dial by your location

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 870 836 7256

Find your local number: <https://vfw.zoom.us/j/aejqTGAUGy>

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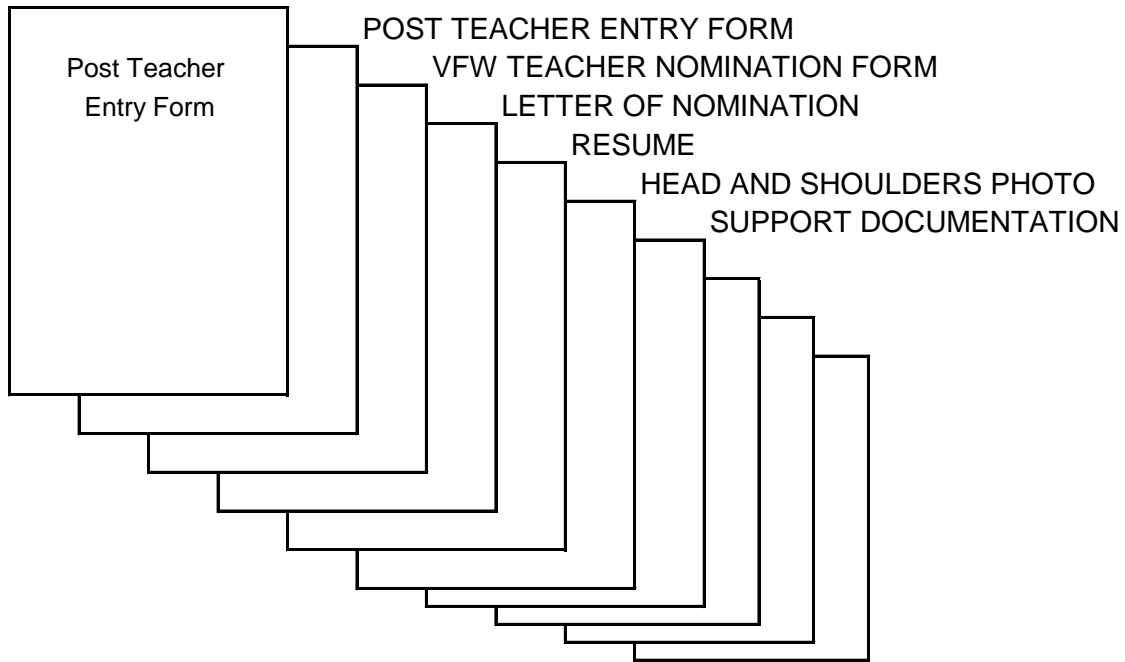
Ed Mann  
State Adjutant

By Order of:



Eric Mallett  
State Commander

## VFW TEACHER OF THE YEAR CHECKLIST



- 1 Post Teacher Entry Form. Filled-out, signed at the Post and District Level
- 2 VFW Teacher Nomination Form
- 3 Letter of Nomination: Should be on letterhead, dated, signed.  
Original only; 350 words
- 4 Resume: 1 page, both sides
- 5 Head and Shoulders Photo: Any size okay - no grainy computer pictures
- 6 Support Documentation. Up to 5 pages, both sides. Information to support letter of nomination, i.e. programs, newspaper clippings, etc.

### NEATNESS COUNTS



# VFW Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Entry Form

NOTE: VFW Point of Contact should fill out their section below prior to distributing this form.  
This will provide individuals from outside of the VFW with the needed information to submit their packets successfully.

## To be filled out by VFW representative

Sponsoring VFW Post #:

Sponsoring District #:

Date of Presentation: MM/DD/YY (if available)

### VFW Post POC

Full Name:

Phone:

Email:

Address: (where to mail entry)

City:

State:

Zip:

## Individual Submitting Nomination

Full Name:

Phone:

Email:

### Nominee Information

Choose appropriate teacher citation:(Elementary, Middle, High)

Full Name: (please list as you wish it stated on the citation)

Phone :

Email:

Occupation Title: (if any) (please list as you wish it stated on the citation)

School Name: (please list as you wish it stated on the citation)

Address of School:

City:

State:

Zip:

School Phone:

School Email: (if available)

Please complete this form and submit to your local VFW Post using the information provided above. Ensure to include all required documentation that is outlined on the instructions sheet provided with this form. All winning post entries must be received by their **VFW Department Headquarters no later than January 1st**. If you have any questions, please contact your Department Headquarters.

# Homecoming

Supreme MOC Auxiliary

President Jennifer Winn

&

VFW Department of Virginia

President Maggie Myers

Commander Eric Mallett

February 5 – 6, 2021



Holiday Inn & Suites North Beach

Ocean Front

3900 Atlantic Ave. Virginia Beach, VA. 23451



# Hotel Information

**THE DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS JANUARY 8, 2021**

**USE NORFOLK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR ALL FLIGHTS**

Booking link name: VFW Department of Virginia/ Supreme MOCA  
CALL TO MAKE THE RESERVATION: Direct 757.419.3672 | Reservations 866.456.3446  
(Tell them you are attending the “VFW Department of Virginia/ Supreme MOCA Homecoming” to get our rate)

[VFW Department of Virginia / Supreme MOCA](#)

Rooms are \$89.00 standard, \$109.00 Suite, plus tax, per night. Free Parking. The rooms include complimentary Wi-Fi, indoor heated pool, exercise room, Movie Theater. The rate is good for three days before and three days after the event for those who want to come early or stay longer.

## Homecoming Registration Form

(Deadline January 8, 2021)

Registration Fee: \$45.00 Per Person

Dress Attire is Business Casual

Registration

Includes:

Welcome packet

Friday & Saturday Hospitality room (**open bar**)

Saturday Banquet Buffet Dinner

Entertainment

&

2 Hospitality Rooms Open

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL DOCUMENTS WITH "FORMS" IN THE TITLE SHOULD BE MAILED OR  
EMAILED:**

**VFW Department of Virginia**

**ATTN: Supreme MOCA/Department Homecoming**

**403 Lee-Jackson HWY Staunton, VA 24401**

**[adj@vfwva.org](mailto:adj@vfwva.org)**

**Call for payments: 540-886-8112**

**Deadline for registration is January 8, 2021**

Cancelations will be considered as a donation to the fund. No refunds

**Airport Transportation Form**

**USE NORFOLK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR ALL FLIGHTS**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

State/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of passengers: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure time: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation will be available using this form for the period of February 4 - 7, 2021. We are unable to handle departures after Monday.

**DUE TO THE EXPECTED NUMBER OF FLIGHTS, THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO ENSURE TRANSPORTATION.**

## Homecoming Payment Form

(NOT INCLUDING FEES AND COSTS AT THE EVENT WHICH YOU PAY SEPERATLY)

Name of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Homecoming Registration Fee: Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday Night, February 5<sup>th</sup>

**Captain Georges Seafood Buffet** (Check them out at [WWW.CAPTAINGEORGES.COM](http://WWW.CAPTAINGEORGES.COM))

(Includes Buffet, soft drink, tip and tax)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ x \$42.00 Per person = \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for registration is January 8, 2021**

Cancelations will be considered as a donation to the fund. No refunds

**Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center:** for group rate a minimum of 15 people

	<b>Adult (12 &amp; up)</b>	<b>Child (age 3 – 11)</b>
Aquarium only	\$18.00 X _____	\$12.00 X _____
Movie only	\$5.00 X _____	\$5.00 X _____
Dolphin Watch Boat Trip only	\$18.00 X _____	\$13.00 X _____
Ocean Collections Boat Trip only	\$18.00 X _____	\$13.00 X _____
Whale Watching Boat Trip only	\$23.00 X _____	\$18.00 X _____

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Pick a day**

Friday 10am - \_\_\_\_\_ OR Saturday 9am - \_\_\_\_\_

## **VFW Post Visit;**

Time will be Posted at Hotel

Thursday\_\_\_\_, Friday\_\_\_\_, Saturday\_\_\_\_ or ALL\_\_\_\_\_

VFW General MacArthur Post 392; Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

VFW Post 4809; Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

## **Homecoming Agenda**

### **Friday February 5<sup>th</sup>**

Registration open 9am – 4pm

Hospitality room Vista Del Mar 6<sup>th</sup> floor (12 noon – TBD)

Captain Georges Seafood Buffet 5pm

### **Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup>**

Registration open 9am – 3pm

6<sup>th</sup> floor Vista Del Mar Hospitality room open 7am – 5pm reopens after Banquet

1<sup>st</sup> floor Square Whale Hospitality room opens (12 noon – 5pm reopens after Banquet)

Saturday Banquet 6pm

### **Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>**

6<sup>th</sup> floor Hospitality Vista Del Mar Vista Del Mar room open 6am – TBD

Thank you for attending our Joint Homecoming

### **Local Attractions**

Beach and Board walk shops

USS Wisconsin and Nautilus Museum

MacArthur Memorial Museum

NAS Oceana Flam of Hope

Shopping at Norfolk Premium Outlets

**Hal Roesch**  
**VFW Commander-in-Chief 2020-2021**  
**Homecoming**



**March 25-28, 2021**  
**Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel**  
**425 Water Street Portsmouth, VA 23704**

## **Hotel Information**

**DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS FEBRUARY 24, 2021  
USE NORFOLK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR ALL FLIGHTS**

LINK TO MAKE RESERVATIONS:

[https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1597435529075&key=GRP  
&app=resvlink](https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1597435529075&key=GRP&app=resvlink)

CALL TO MAKE THE RESERVATION: 1-800-468-3571 (Say you are with the “Hal Roesch Homecoming” to get the special rate)

The Department of Virginia has used this hotel for several years for our conventions and conferences. With beautiful views of the harbor, U.S. Navy warships, and historical and vibrant surroundings, this is the ideal location for a homecoming! The hotel is newly renovated with all rooms ready to welcome you in comfort and style. A modern, sleek approach to the well-known “Virginia Hospitality” awaits your arrival!

Rooms are \$129, plus tax, per night. Parking is \$10 per day. The rooms include complimentary Wi-Fi, a pool and exercise room, and the rate is good for three days before and three days after the event for those who want to stay longer. In addition to the hospitality provided by the Department of Virginia, a full restaurant and bar are available in the hotel.

**DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS IS FEBRUARY 24, 2021  
USE NORFOLK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR ALL FLIGHTS**

# Homecoming Agenda

## Thursday, March 25th

11am-6pm: Registration

3pm: Hospitality room opens (open bar)

## Friday, March 26th

645am: Golf tournament departs from the hotel

10am-5pm: Registration

Tour groups depart

12pm: USS Wisconsin and Nauticus Museum

12pm: Tour of the General of the Army Douglas MacArthur Memorial Museum

12pm-3pm: Hospitality room open (open bar)

630pm: Reception with a “Tailgate Party” theme. Guests are encouraged to wear the jersey of their favorite sports team (casual otherwise).

Hospitality continues until late (open bar).

## Saturday, March 27th

11am-4pm: Registration

Tour groups depart

915am: 2-hour narrated Naval Base cruise (on a pleasure boat, 100-person max)

11am: Shopping at Norfolk Premium Outlets

12pm-3pm: Hospitality room open (open bar)

630pm: Dinner with guests encouraged to wear Hal’s homecoming shirt (casual otherwise).

Hospitality and entertainment continue until late (open bar).

## Sunday, March 28th

All Day: Guests depart



# Event Descriptions

ALL EVENTS INCLUDE ROUND-TRIP TRANSPORTATION

## Thursday

**“The Local Nightlife”**: Our hotel is conveniently located near a pedestrian-only ferry (literally, beside the hotel) that takes you to the Norfolk side of the water where bars, restaurants, and entertainment goes late into the night. Maybe you catch an Uber into the historical Ghent neighborhood of Norfolk, just a few miles away, and enjoy amazing food. Within walking distance of the hotel is Portsmouth’s Old Towne district with local establishments, history, and easy to navigate streets. As you fly in and unpack, an easy night or a fun filled night are all at your disposal!

## Friday

**USS Wisconsin and Nauticus Museum**: 12pm departure for approx. 3 hours at a cost of \$5 for transportation plus whatever admission fee you select (average of \$16). Visit the “Big Whiskey” and the museum dedicated to the rich history of Hampton Roads and the U.S. Navy. Our region is forever tied to the Navy and we are proud to showcase that inside a massive museum. Situated with the battleship tied to the pier connected to the museum, it is a “one-stop shop” for all of the Navy history, pride, and fun you could ever imagine! While some parts of the battleship are not handicap friendly, parts of it are and the entire museum is.

**Tour of the General of the Army Douglas MacArthur Memorial Museum**: 12pm departure for approx. 3 hours at a cost of \$5 plus whatever other costs you incur (museum admission is free). Come and learn about General of the Army Douglas MacArthur and those wars he served in, including WWI, WWII, and Korea.

## Saturday

**2-hour narrated Naval Base cruise on a pleasure boat (100-person max)**: 915am departure from the hotel. \$30 per person. Set sail on the Victory Rover with a climate-controlled main cabin, large picture windows, and ample comfortable seating. More seating is available on the open-air bow and top deck. A large portion of our top deck has an awning to provide shade. In the main cabin are restrooms as well as a fully stocked ship store and bar with all your favorite refreshments and souvenirs

**Shopping at Norfolk Premium Outlets**: 11am departure for approx. 3 hours at a cost of \$5 for transportation plus whatever you spend at the mall. With nearly 70 stores, this is a chance for some deals!

# Homecoming Registration Form

(Deadline February 24th, 2021)

REGISTRATION FEE: \$100 PER PERSON

Registration includes:

Welcome packet

Friday dinner and entertainment

Saturday dinner and entertainment

Hospitality all weekend

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL DOCUMENTS WITH "FORMS" IN THE TITLE SHOULD BE MAILED OR EMAILED:**

**VFW Department of Virginia  
ATTN: HAL'S HOMECOMING  
403 Lee-Jackson HWY Staunton, VA 24401  
adj@vfwva.org  
Call for payments: 540-886-8112**

# Airport Transportation Form

USE NORFOLK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR ALL FLIGHTS

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

State/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of passengers: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Airline: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure time: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation will be available using this form for the period of March 25th-28th. We are unable to handle departures after Sunday.

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# Homecoming Payment Form

(NOT INCLUDING FEES AND COSTS AT THE EVENT WHICH YOU PAY SEPARATELY)

Name of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Homecoming Registration Fee: Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ x\$100 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

USS Wisconsin & Nauticus Museum: Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ x\$5 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

MacArthur Memorial Museum: Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ x\$5 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Shopping at Norfolk Premium Outlets: Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ x\$5 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

Naval Base cruise on a pleasure boat: Number of people \_\_\_\_\_ x\$30 per person = \_\_\_\_\_

## HOMECOMING SHIRTS \$35

(WOMEN SHOULD GET ONE SIZE LARGER THAN NORMAL DUE TO DESIGN OF THE SHIRT)

POSTAGE FOR SHIRTS \$9 REGARDLESS OF ADDRESS

GENDER		SIZE	QUANTITY	COST	SHIP?	COST W/ POSTAGE	TOTAL DUE
M	F	S			Y N		
M	F	M			Y N		
M	F	L			Y N		
M	F	XL			Y N		
M	F	2XL			Y N		
M	F	3XL			Y N		

Are you picking up this shirt at homecoming? \_\_\_\_\_

If you want it mailed, what is the address? \_\_\_\_\_

Make all checks payable to VFW Virginia c/o "Hal's Homecoming"

**ALL DOCUMENTS WITH "FORMS" IN THE TITLE SHOULD BE MAILED OR EMAILED:**

**VFW Department of Virginia**  
**ATTN: HAL'S HOMECOMING**  
**403 Lee-Jackson HWY Staunton, VA 24401**  
**adj@vfwva.org**  
**Call for payments: 540-886-8112**

**Hal's "Battle of the Fairway" Golf Tournament**  
**Where the Shankopotamus runs wild!**



Friday, March 26th 8am

Captain's Choice, shotgun start, with teams of 4 (make your own team or get partnered)

\$50 per person gets 18 holes, cart, and lunch

Suffolk Golf Course Suffolk, VA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of your partners (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for registration is February 24th, 2021**

**Checks payable to "VFW Department of Virginia" earmarked "Golf Tournament"**

**Mail check and form to 403 Lee Jackson HWY Staunton, VA 24401**

**Transportation to/from the course will be provided from the Renaissance**

**Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel and will leave at 645am**

**adj@vfwva.org**

**Call for payment 540-886-8112**

**Hal's "Battle of the Fairway" Golf Tournament**  
**Where the Shankopotamus runs wild!**



**Support Hal's Homecoming by sponsoring a hole!**

**Make checks payable to "VFW Department of Virginia" and earmark "Hole Sponsor"**  
**All holes available and only \$75 per sign**  
**Payment due by February 24th, 2021**

Person/Post/District/State sponsoring the hole: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form and payment to 403 Lee Jackson HWY Staunton, VA 24401**

**adj@vfwva.org**

**Call for payments: 540-886-8112**

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RECORD BOOK GUIDELINES

1. Record books should contain community service projects that are completed during the period May 1, through April 30.
2. FASTENER and COVER: If books have metal posts, steel is preferable to brass or aluminum. If covers have decals, place self-adhesive clear plastic over the decals so they will not be damaged during shipping and handling. Please use superior quality page dividers and index tabbing; the extensive handling that the record books experience must be considered.
3. CLIPPINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS: Show dates and captions. Include supporting information.
4. ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES: In a brief statement show how money was spent for each category (one or two pages at the most for each category).
5. ARRANGEMENT OF BOOK: Enter each project by category. (Chronological or month by month listing makes your entry more difficult for the judges to evaluate.)
6. ENTRY FORM: Complete and fasten inside front cover of volume one.
7. MAIL OR SHIP RECORD BOOK ENTRY FOR THE DEPARTMENT CONTEST to your Department Headquarters or the address they designate.
8. Avoid non-community service related items in your record book entry. Pictures of Post Officers, installation of officers, meeting, etc., will not be credited.

(This material should be assembled in a separate section and kept by the Post until the record book is returned after the competition, then it can be added to the record book for permanent reference).

### PREPARING A RECORD BOOK

Posts and Auxiliaries carry on many projects which are of public service. The best way to tell the story of your Post and Auxiliary's work in the community is through a Community Activity record book that contains evidence of the many projects and programs your Post and Auxiliary perform.

The contents of your record book should be arranged and in such detail that it tells the story of each project, clearly and completely, to those who may read and judge it.

Posts and Auxiliaries should combine their community activity programs into one book or one set of books the Post and its Auxiliary are judged as a unit.

When making up a record book it is advisable to group your projects and programs into one of the seven categories. If a project qualifies for more than one category, select and list it under one category. It will be given credit, regardless of whether it is listed under the proper category.

For example:

Lite-a-Bike could be listed under categories five or seven.

Do not duplicate your efforts by placing them in each of the categories.

Remember, when compiling your community service record book you are telling a story of your work to judges who generally are not familiar with your efforts or community. The easier it is for the judges to read the facts, the easier it is for them to evaluate your work.

Some Community Activity record book entries have an additional index for each category which lists the subgroups within the categories. Some entries have an index only in the front of volume one.

Remember, also if you enter your record book in other competitions, the judges will be less likely to know about the VFW Community Activities Program. Just like composing a good letter, let your record book present the story so there will be no misunderstanding.

# OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE POST

## RECORD BOOK ENTRY FORM

1. This form must be filled in and attached to the inside cover of the Community Activities Record Book that your Post enters in the Department Community Activities Record Book Contest.
2. This form must be signed by the Post Commander.
3. After judging the Record Book, books can be picked at State Headquarters. Any Record Books left will be taken to the State Convention where it must be picked up. **No** Record Books will be brought back from the State Convention.

## CATEGORIES FOR RECORDING PROJECTS

The Community Activities Program is divided into seven general categories:

- |   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. Community Involvement                | 4. School and Church Assistance |
| 2. Cooperation with other organizations | 5. Safety                       |
| 3. Aide to others                       | 6. Americanism                  |
|   | 7. Youth and Voice of Democracy |

Post No. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Total Projects Since 5/1/20 Total Hours (Volunteered) Total Funds Used/Donated

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Total Post Members as of 4/1/21 Total Auxiliary Members as of 4/1/21 City Population

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## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN

Post \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Chairman) (Name of Chairman)

JUDGES, NOTE THE FOLLOWING LEADING PROJECTS

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## Books must be picked up at State Convention

Signature - Post Commander \_\_\_\_\_

Post Commander's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_





*Your passion is your internal compass  
that will guide you from where you are towards  
where you want to go. . . . .*

## **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA**

### **2020-2021 ALL-STATE PROGRAM AND ANNUAL STATE AWARDS (JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021)**

#### **“STEADY THE COURSE”**

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, 2021 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.

#### **Department of Virginia’s membership goal percentages and goal dates 2020-2021**

September 15, 2020 Department membership 75%  
December 31, 2020 Department membership 90%  
March 30, 2021 Department membership 95%  
May 8, 2021 Department membership 100%  
June 30, 2021 Department membership 105%

#### **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 8, 2021.

- 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 AWARD**

A Life Membership increase award 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 8, 2021.

- 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 25, 2020 and the Post must have 75% of its 2020 membership quota to participate.
- b. The second drawing will be held on October 30, 2020 and the Post must have 85% of its 2020 membership quota to participate.
- c. The third drawing will be held on January 29, 2021 and the Post must have 95% of its 2020 membership quota to participate.
- d. The fourth drawing will be held on March 26, 2021 and the Post must have 100% of its 2020 membership quota to participate.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AWARD**

A Membership Renewal Award will be awarded to each Post that renews ALL viable Annual Members on its unpaid list who were Annual Members the previous year by membership goal by May 8, 2021. 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 Tumblers if the Post meets its 2020-2021 100% membership goal by May 8, 2021. 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 8, 2021. The award will be presented at the State Convention.

## 2020-2021 POST ALL-STATE REQUIREMENTS

There is no limit on the number of Posts that can be All-State.

All State Post Requirements:

1. The Post must meet their 100% Membership Quota by May 8, 2021.
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 4pm on December 16, 2020, also with all documented discrepancies corrected by May 8, 2021 to complete this requirement.
4. The Post Commander, Senior Vice Commander, or Junior Vice Commander must attend each District meeting.
5. The Post Commander, Senior Vice Commander, or Junior Vice Commander must attend the School of Instruction.
6. The Post Commander must send Post members or Post Officers to State Recruiting School.
  - a. 500 or more members - 3 Members or Officers
  - b. 100 to 499 members - 2 Members or Officers
  - c. 99 members or less – 1 Member or Officer
7. All Audit Reports must be turned into State Headquarters as required by Section 218 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure. Posts may not have more than one late report out of the 4 required.
8. The Post must purchase 500 Buddy Poppies per 100 members or fraction thereof.
9. The Post must donate to the Department **Virginia Veterans Foundation** (VVF). Posts with:
  - a. 500 or more members - \$125.00
  - b. 100 to 499 members - \$100.00
  - c. 99 members or less - \$75.00
10. 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
11. 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)

12. The Post must submit a Community Service Record Book, By May 8, 2021.

**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:** One (1) additional point for each of the submission of an entry for Fireman, Police/Sheriff, and/or Scout of the Year.

**Note:** Posts 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 Posts 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 \$300. These Posts will each 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 8, 2021 and have not received an All-State cap for this level of leadership since June, 2019 will receive a citation, an All-State cap, and an All-State pin during the State Convention. Additionally, 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 to those Post Commanders who achieve the All-State award by May 8, 2021 and attend all required events at the State Convention. Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander. All-State Commanders meeting the criteria except for membership by May 8, 2021 and then meeting the membership criteria by June 30, 2021 will receive a citation and an All-State pin at their next District meeting but will not receive any monetary award nor a cap.

2. All-State Post Quartermasters who have met all the criteria, including membership, by May 8, 2021 and have not received an All-State cap for this level of leadership since June, 2019 will receive a citation, an All-State cap, and an All-State pin during the State Convention. Additionally, 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 to those Post Quartermasters who achieve the All-State award by May 8, 2021 and attend all required events at the State Convention. Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander. All-State Quartermasters meeting the criteria except for membership by May 8, 2021 and then meeting the membership criteria by June 30, 2021 will receive a citation and an All-State pin at their next District meeting but will not receive any monetary award nor a cap.

3. From the All-State Team, the Post with the highest points in the All-State judging on May 8, 2021 will be designated as the Outstanding Post of the Year 2020-2021. 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 the decision shall be final.

## **2020-2021 DISTRICT ALL STATE REQUIREMENTS**

There is no limit on the number of Districts that can be All-State.

All State District Requirements:

1. The District must meet their 100% Membership Quota by May 8, 2021.
2. All Posts in the District and the District must be inspected; State Headquarters must receive the Inspection Reports no later than December 16, 2020 with all documented discrepancies corrected by May 8, 2021 to complete this requirement.
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 2019. Department led School of Instruction meets this requirement of the terms stated above.
7. The District must donate \$100.00 to the Department Virginia Veterans Foundation (VVF).

## **DISTRICT ALL STATE DISTRICT AWARDS**

1. All-State District Commanders who have met all the criteria including membership by May 8, 2021 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 8, 2021, and then meet the membership criteria by June 30, 2021 will receive an All- State pin at their next District meeting but will not receive an All-State cap.
2. All-State District Commanders will receive a VFW jacket if **all Posts** within their District are 100% or more in membership by May 8,2021.

## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

All individual recruiting awards will be awarded by using the National Recruiter Reports dated May 8, 2021. These awards will be presented at the State Convention. Annual members recruiting five (5) New or Reinstated Members will receive:

1. Their Annual Dues (National and Department portions) paid by the Department for the current year.
2. Their name and membership number will be entered in 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.

The drawing for *the Life Membership* listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging. Life Members recruiting 5 New or Reinstated Members will receive:

- a. Name and membership number will be entered in 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.

The drawing for the *Legacy Life Membership* award listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging May 9, 2021.

Members recruiting five (5) New or Reinstated Members will be entered in a drawing for:

- a. Round trip airfare to the 121st National Convention.
- b. Expense check in the amount of for \$599.00 to help defray expenses. Additionally, the winner will received either the cost of round-trip airfare for one person or the actual cost of gas, not to exceed the cost of round-trip airfare for one person.

**Note:** For each additional five (5) members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the drawing.

The drawing for this award listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging May 8, 2021.

## POST COMMANDER MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Post Commanders who have their Post 100% in membership by Dec 31, 2020 will receive a Department Commanders jacket at Winter Council.

## INDIVIDUAL RECRUITER AWARDS

Individual recruiters will also receive for:

- a. 20 New or Reinstated Members – a Pen and Key Chain Set.
- b. 25 New or Reinstated Members – State Commander's challenge coin

- c. 50 New or Reinstated Members – a Department Aide-de-Camp Recruiting cap and citation
- d. 75 New or Reinstated Members – State Commander’s jacket

These awards 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 2020-21 Membership Year. They will receive the following:

- a. A check in the amount of \$300.00 to help defray expenses of the State Convention.
- b. A Department citation.
- c. A 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 May 8, 2021. 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 May 8, 2021. 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 May 8, 2021. 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 May 8, 2021. 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 monetary award. The deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 3, 2021. 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 monetary award. The deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 3, 2021. 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 monetary award. The deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 3, 2021. 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 a monetary award. There are three winners – Kindergarten through 5th grade, 6<sup>th</sup> through 8th grade, and 9th through 12th grade. 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 May 8, 2021. 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 3, 2021. Judging will determine first, second, and third place winners.

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

The Robert H. Riner Award is presented to the District Commander with the highest percentage gain in membership over the last year. Membership gain will be as shown by the State Membership Report dated the day prior to awards judging May 8, 2021. 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 with outstanding reporting of 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 250
- b. Category B – Posts with Membership of 251 thru 500
- c. Category C – 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 monetary award for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to be presented at the Winter Conference Banquet. The first three place winners are expected to attend the Winter Conference Banquet where the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners will be announced and the 1st 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 Patriots Pen winners will receive a plaque and monetary award for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to be presented at the Winter Conference Banquet. The first three place winners are expected to attend the Winter Conference Banquet where the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners will be announced and the 1st 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 a monetary award 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, 2020 to April 30, 2021 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.

- a. Category A – Posts with Membership of 10 thru 250

- b. Category B – Posts with Membership of 251 thru 500
- c. Category C – 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 District Commanders whose Districts had 100% participation in the Buddy Poppy Program. The Post in each District that purchased the most Buddy Poppies will also be presented a citation. These awards will be presented at the State Convention.

**“I wish each and every one an excellent year and hope all Post and Districts reach goals to All State and All American. Your Department line officers are here to help you STEADY THE COURSE.”**

Eric Mallett  
Your State Commander