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**CAR RAFFLE TICKETS** - Please help us make this raffle a huge success for the Kansas VFW. (Unpaid orders) Minimum of 25 tickets and maximum order of 50 tickets. See attached.

**MEMBERSHIP/RECRUITING SEMINAR** – Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-4pm at Salina Post 1432 (lunch provided). National Deputy Director of Membership, Rick Butler will be teaching this training class. We will be asking for RSVPs as time gets closer.

**The Following Information is to help you plan now, what you need to do to achieve All State and All American status, please do not wait until June 15<sup>th</sup>!!!**

**ALL STATE ELIGIBILITY:** Listed below is a reminder of the new Minimum Requirements for All State Judging.

## Minimum Requirements for Judging:

Up to **twelve, (12)**, Posts could be selected for All-State.

If **twelve** Posts have not met **all of** the requirements on April 1, 2017, the remaining spots could be filled by Posts only delinquent in **the 100% membership requirement**. **A Post could achieve All State if they achieved 100% in membership between April 1, 2017, and June 30, 2017, if there were any of the twelve slots left and if they had met all other requirements by April 1, 2017.**

100% or above in membership **is mandatory**.

Voice of Democracy. Post must advance at least one entry to District competition, is one of 3 of 8. Patriot's Pen. Post must advance at least one entry to District competition, is one of 3 of 8. Teacher Award. Post must have one entry from any category advanced to District competition, is one of 3 of 8.

Veterans and Military Support Program. Minimum donation of \$50.00 due by April 1, 2017, for All-State competition. **This is mandatory.**

National Home. A Post shall purchase a new life membership from the VFW National Home for Children.

For All-State competition the Life membership must be purchased by April 1, 2017. **This is mandatory.**

Community Service. Posts must report 6 approved projects through the Community Service reporting tool in each of the four categories, (Veterans Service, Legislative Action, Community Activities, Youth Activities).

District Meetings. The Post commander or his representative shall attend all District meetings.

Buddy Poppies. The Post shall purchase 5 buddy poppies per member or the same amount as last year or a minimum order of 500, whichever is higher. Must be ordered by April 1, 2017 to be eligible for All-State competition. **This is Mandatory.**

Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer, EMT; each one is one of 3 of 8.

Scouting Program. Donation of \$25.00 or a scouting entry and \$10.00 donation. Donations must be made by the Scouting deadline, and is one of 3 of 8.

Three Programs of eight must be completed by April 1, 2017. Those programs are: (1) Voice of Democracy; (2) Patriot's Pen; (3) Teacher of the Year; (4) Firefighter award; (5) EMT award; (6) Law Enforcement Officer award; (7) Scouting Award; (8) Adopt-a-unit.

Post Quartermaster must be properly bonded.

The Post's September 2016, December 2016, and March 2017, audits must be on time. Five extra points for having the March 2017, audit in or postmarked by April 10, 2017.