

# Membership Program

2016 – 2017

## All State Team

### MEMBERSHIP MISSION and VISION

Recruit, retain and instruct a stable membership base, including all generations of veterans, which is well-versed in institutional knowledge and actively involved at all levels of the organization.

#### Post Commanders and Post Quartermasters

Every Post Commander and Quartermaster who meets or exceeds the minimum standards by **Department Convention** will be considered for the title of All State Commander and Quartermaster. The Top 10% of all Posts will be eligible (Department Commander will determine if additional posts are eligible). Each member of the All-State Post Commander and Quartermaster team will receive an official "All-State Post Commanders and Quartermaster's Cap" with Lapel Pin at the Department Mid-Summer Meeting. In order to attain All American Status you must earn All-State.

#### **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.

## All State DISTRICT

### Minimum Requirements to Qualify for Judging:

1. District must be at least 100% in membership to qualify.
2. Must make a \$100 donation to National Military Services.
3. Must advance one each Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher to Department for Judging.
4. District must have all Audits submitted (post marked or email time stamp) to Department Quartermaster no later than the end of the month following the month that the 4 District Meetings are held.
5. District Quartermaster must be adequately bonded throughout all 4 audit periods (Bond amount on record with Department Headquarters must be equal to or greater than the Total Cash value as reported on each of the 4 Audit reports). Districts that are "under bonded" will have 30 days from date of notification (letter or email time stamp) to become adequately bonded.
6. District Commander must have Inspection forms for all Posts submitted to Department Headquarters by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

**DEADLINE FOR JUDGING: Department Convention**

### MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM REWARDS

- All recruiters qualify for New VFW Kansas Membership Team Pin - State
- 5 FIVE MEMBER PIN - National
- 10 TEN MEMBER PIN - National
- 15 MEMBER PIN - National
- 15 + Members – State Commander Polo Shirt- State
- 25 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MEMBERSHIP COIN – National
- 50 National aide-de-camp cap and citation – National
- 75 – VFW leather travel bag - National
- 100 A CITATION AND CENTURY CAP – National
- 175 Commemorative medallion set

## ALL-STATE POST ENTRY FORM

Posts wishing to compete in the All State Competition MUST answer the following questions and return this form to Department Headquarters, PO Box 1008, Topeka, KS 66601-1008 by April 15, 2017. Department will allocate up to 10% of posts for All-State Awards (i.e. 135 posts in Department – up to 13 All-State Awards). Department Commander, will take in to consideration if more awards are justified). To be considered for All-American, must be All State qualified. The more points you get the better your chances for All State.

**Please answer YES or NO to the following participation programs for the 2016-2017 year**

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| A. 100% Membership by June 30, 2017 *  | ( ) | ( ) |
| B. 100% Membership by 12/31/2016 (10 points)   | ( ) | ( ) |
| C. Audits for 9/30/16 & 12/31/16 submitted to State Quartermaster within 30 days of the end of each quarter *  | ( ) | ( ) |
| D. Audit for 3/31/2017 submitted to State Qm by April 10, 2017 (5 points)  | ( ) | ( ) |
| E. Quartermaster adequately bonded for period 9/1/16 to 8/31/17 *  | ( ) | ( ) |
| F. Post Commander or representative must attend all District meetings  | ( ) | ( ) |
| G. Community Service. 6 verified projects submitted in each area of Category II and Participation in 3 Category 1 projects *                                       | ( ) | ( ) |
| H. Recruiting 1 member more than 100% of last year's membership (5 points)   | ( ) | ( ) |
| I. Community Service 10 verified projects in each Category II area (10 points)   | ( ) | ( ) |
| J. Post purchased 5 Buddy Poppies per member based on 100% of last year's membership or equal to or more than last year, minimum order is 500 Poppies (5 points) * | ( ) | ( ) |
| K. Voice of Democracy recording submitted to District (5 points)   | ( ) | ( ) |
| L. Patriot's Pen essay submitted to District (5 points)  | ( ) | ( ) |
| M. Conduct a project benefiting their adopted unit (5 points)  | ( ) | ( ) |
| N. Made a \$50 donation to Veterans & Military Support Program *   | ( ) | ( ) |
| O. Entered a Law Enforcement Officer in District Competition (5 points)  | ( ) | ( ) |
| P. Entered a Firefighter in District Competition (5 points)  | ( ) | ( ) |
| Q. Entered an Emergency Medical Technician in District Competition (5 points)  | ( ) | ( ) |
| R. Entered a Teacher of the Year in District Competition (5 points)  | ( ) | ( ) |
| S. Entered a Scout in State Competition & \$10.00 or make \$25 donation to Scout Program (5 points)  | ( ) | ( ) |
| T. Sponsor a Student Veteran's Association event (5 points)  | ( ) | ( ) |
| U. Add a National Home Life Membership (5 points) *  | ( ) | ( ) |
| V. Hold a post drive for the Washington Weekly (National Legislative Services (3 points)   | ( ) | ( ) |
| W. Entered Community Service Record Book for Department judging (5 points)   | ( ) | ( ) |
| X. For each 5 members recruited over 100% of last year's membership (3 points) _____ points  |     |     |
- POSTS MUST PARTICIPATE IN ANY THREE OF THE FOLLOWING: VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, PATRIOT'S PEN, EMT AWARD, LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD, FIREFIGHTER AWARD, TEACHER AWARD, ADOPT A UNIT, OR SCOUTING PROGRAM\*

\* = MANDATORY.

I confirm that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

Post Commander \_\_\_\_\_ Post Quartermaster \_\_\_\_\_

