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Active Posts

POST	NAME	LOCATION	DISTRICT
1736	Johnson Brown	Alexandria	10
1809	Rodney J. Hobbs	Monroe	11
1962	J. C. Keyser	Natchitoches	10
1982	Ireaneous J. Lietmeyer	New Iberia	4
2130	Champagne - Businick	Lake Charles	5
2483	Robertson - Lewis	Opelousas	7
2885	Hunter - Rickerson	Minden	12
3106	Old Stage	Leesville	5
3121	John McDonogh	Gretna	2
3139	Andrus - Ducote	Marksville	10
3155	Hanna - Richardson	Winnsboro	11
3267	Jefferson Parish	Harahan	2
3337	LaPlace	LaPlace	2
3375	Christian - Phillips	Rayville	11
3615	Parnell - Burt	Ruston	11
3619	Cole - Miers	DeRidder	5
3652	Helen Ricketts	Hammond	9
3665	Freddie J. Falgout	Raceland	3
3686	Jennings	Jennings	5
3693	Gonzales Memorial	Gonzales	8
3750	West St. Charles	Luling	2
3766	Montalbano - Sentilles	Donaldsonville	8
3784	Zachary Taylor	Baton Rouge	8
3785	Addis Memorial	Addis	8
3793	Guidry - Hebert	Kaplan	4
3802	DeQuincy Memorial	DeQuincy	5
3803	Vidrine - Aucoin	Ville Platte	7
3841	Gerard Joseph	Mansura	10
3977	Thomas - Tyson	Oak Grove	11
3993	Hudson - Leehy	West Monroe	11
4158	Frederick - Hebert	Abbeville	4
4201	Roberton-Bourdier – Jackson-Henry	Franklin	4
4215	Bonin - Thibodeaux	Breaux Bridge	4
4222	Oil Center	Morgan City	3
4224	J. E. B. Stuart	Baker	8
4317	Edwin N. Brown	Jonesboro	11
4586	Rodrigues - Shaver - Thornton	Mansfield	12
4588	Gandy - Brown	Bossier City	12
4752	Bourg-LeBlanc	Dulac	3
4759	Starks	Starks	5

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4858	Ray Miller	Many	12
5002	Whatley - Flaherty	Jena	10
5097	Thibodaux Memorial	Thibodaux	3
5153	Arnaudville	Arnaudville	7
5174	Boyet - Brannon	Pearl River	9
5187	Zwolle Ebarb Memorial	Zwolle	12
5442	Albritton - Carter	Farmerville	11
5735	Ozone Belt	Slidell	9
5852	East St. James Parish	Lutcher	2
5951	BAFB - Johnny Welch Memorial	Bossier City	12
6640	Metry	Metairie	2
6720	Harold Bossley	Crowley	7
7017	Denham Springs Memorial	Denham Springs	8
7194	Hinton Causey	Arabi	2
7196	Franklinton-Kentwood	Franklinton	9
7286	Ivan Hubal	Covington	9
7287	Red River Memorial	Coushatta	12
7321	Lewis – Gill – Lee Memorial	Lake Charles	5
7643	Simmesport	Simmesport	10
7732	Kenner VFW	Kenner	2
7755	Boquet - Breaux	Bourg	3
8290	Davis - Moran Memorial	Lacombe	9
8538	Gros - Guidry	Larose	3
8678	Ryder - Woodson	Port Barre	7
8720	Homer - Williams	Abita Springs	9
8852	Leonard W. Elie	Alexandria	10
8971	Doucet - Aucoin	Eunice	7
8973	Alfred E. Flynn	New Orleans	2
9046	Martin - Shipp	Welsh	5
9210	Broussard – Larriviere - Trahan	Youngsville	4
9608	Aswell L. Picou	Chauvin	3
9822	Billeaud - Cormier Memorial	Lafayette	4
9854	Harrington - LeBouef	Vinton	5
9903	Andrus Blanchard	Church Point	7
11169	North Baton Rouge Memorial	Baton Rouge	8
12065	All American Post	New Iberia	4
12182	Patterson Memorial	Patterson	3
12203	Fournet - Manuel	Kinder	5
15019	Members - At - Large	Baton Rouge	HQ

TOTAL POST= 79

AT A GLANCE

This is to help Line Officers, District Commanders, and/or Post Commanders plan Post visits.

District 2 - Pages 23, 24, 25

Posts	Meeting Night	Time
3121	2nd Tuesday	6pm
3267	1st Thursday	6:45p
3337	2nd Tuesday	7:30p
3750	Last Monday	6pm
5852	4th Thursday	7pm
6640	1st Thursday	7pm
7732	3rd Thursday	7pm
8973	3rd Thursday	7pm

District 4 - Pages 29, 30, 31

Posts	Meeting Night	Time
1982	2nd Thursday	7pm
3793	1st Thursday	6pm
4158	2nd Tuesday	6:30p
4201	2nd Thursday	6pm
4215	1st Wednesday	6pm
9210	3rd Wednesday	6pm
9822	2nd Wednesday	6pm
12065	1st Thursday	6pm

District 7 - Pages 35, 36, 37

Posts	Meeting Night	Time
2483	1st Thursday	6:30p
3803	Last Thursday	6pm
5153	2nd Thursday	7pm
6720	2nd Thursday	7pm
8678	2nd Monday	6pm
8971	3rd Monday	7pm
9903	Last Tuesday	7pm

District 9 - Pages 41, 42, 43

Posts	Meeting Night	Time
3652	1st Saturday	10:30a
5174	3rd Tuesday	7pm
7196	2nd Saturday	1pm
7286	3rd Monday	6:30p
8290	1st Wednesday	6:30p
8720	1st Thursday	7pm

District 11 - Pages 47, 48, 49

Posts	Meeting Night	Time
1809	2nd Thursday	5:30p
3155	2nd Monday	5pm
3375	2nd Thursday	6pm
3615	3rd Thursday	6pm
3977	1st Saturday	10am
3993	3rd Tuesday	7pm
4317	2nd Monday	5:50p
5442	1st Saturday	9:30a

District 3 - Pages 26, 27, 28

Posts	Meeting Night	Time
3665	3rd Thursday	7:30p
4222	3rd Friday	7pm
4752	2nd Tuesday	6:30p
5097	3rd Tuesday	7pm
7755	1st Thursday	5:30p
8583	3rd Wednesday	6:30p
9608	1st Friday	4pm
12182	3rd Tuesday	7pm

District 5 - Pages 32, 33, 34

Posts	Meeting Night	Time
2130	3rd Monday	6pm
3106	2nd Wednesday	7pm
3619	1st Thursday	7pm
3686	2nd Thursday	6pm
3802	4th Thursday	7pm
4759	3rd Thursday	7pm
7321	2nd Monday	6pm
9854	4th Monday	7pm
12203	1st Tuesday	6pm

District 8 - Pages 38, 39, 40

Posts	Meeting Night	Time
3693	2nd Tuesday	7pm
3766	1st Tuesday	7pm
3784	2nd Monday	6pm
3785	3rd Monday	6pm
4224	1st Monday	6:15p
7017	2nd Tuesday	6:30p
11169	2nd Tuesday	7pm

District 10 - Pages 44, 45, 46

Posts	Meeting Night	Time
1736	2nd Wednesday	7pm
1962	2nd Tuesday	6pm
3139	1st Tuesday	6:30p
3841	1st Thursday	7pm
5002	2nd Thursday	6pm
7643	3rd Saturday	10am
8852	1st Wednesday	7:30p

District 12 - Pages 50, 51, 52

Posts	Meeting Night	Time
2885	1st Tuesday	7pm
4586	3rd Saturday	9am
4588	3rd Tuesday	7pm
4858	2nd Monday	7pm
5187	1st Tuesday	6:30p
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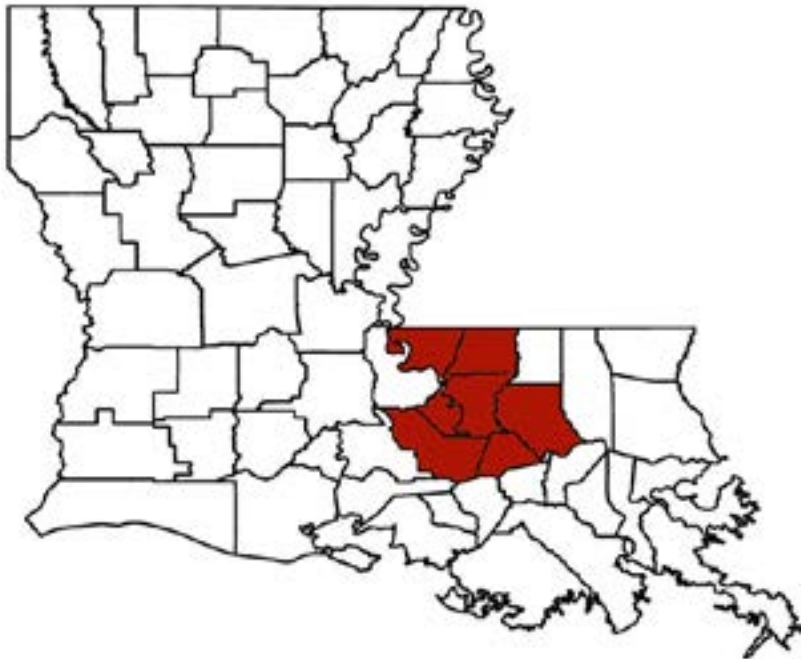
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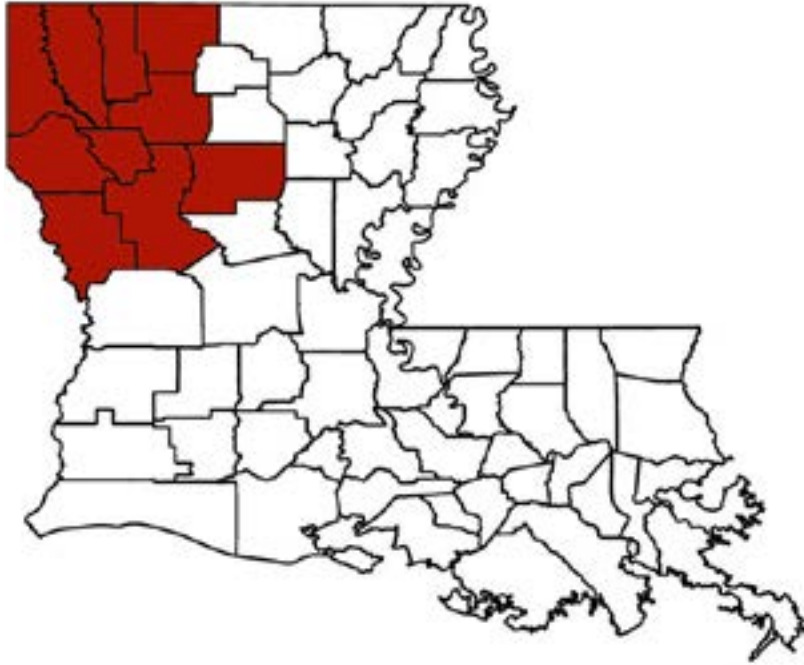
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THEME FOR
2023 - 2024

“What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?”

WHAT IS THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY PROGRAM?

The good will of the Veterans of Foreign Wars reaches far beyond the realm of veterans helping veterans. In fact, direct involvement with America’s youth and communities has always been - and always will be - a VFW priority. Each year, more than 51,000 high school students from across the country enter to win a share of the \$2.2 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the VFW’s Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition. Knowing that a democratic society needs nurturing, the VFW established the Voice of Democracy program (VOD) in 1947 to provide students grades 9th-12th the opportunity to express themselves in regards to democratic ideas and principles. The national first-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient’s American university, college, or vocational/technical school. Other national scholarships range from \$1,000- \$16,000 and the first-place winner from each (State) VFW Department wins an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Brochures on the program are online for Post Commanders, Auxiliary Presidents and High School Principals in February. Schools should be contacted as soon as they open for the current year in order that the teachers can include the contest in the lesson plans. Posts are responsible for giving their area schools VOD pamphlets. You can check the program on the web at www.vfw.org/vod to see requirements and print the entry forms. Forms are also in CofA Packets given to Post Commanders.

VERY IMPORTANT: POST CHAIRMAN SHOULD pursue a notice in local media.

Posts may submit one winning entry to the District for judging.

Districts may submit one winning entry to the Department Chairman.

WINNING ENTRIES ADVANCED FOR JUDGING MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Official entry form and info required. Forms may be printed from online at www.vfw.org
2. Three typed copies of the script
3. Photo of student (3x5)
4. Recording- memory stick submitted to State Chairman by the deadline date

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY Deadlines:

- Midnight, October 31, Entries to the Post*
- November 15, Completion of Post judging**
- December 15, Completion of District judging**
- December 20, District winning entry due to Department Chairman*
- January 10, Completion of Department judging**
- January 15, District participation reports to Department Chairman**
- January 15, Department winners to National
- January 31, Department reports to National

*required deadlines

**suggested deadlines

DO NOT mail District entries and required forms to State Headquarters. Mail them directly to the State VOD Chairman listed on Page **63**.

Note: It's critical that the Post/District reports be accurate. Ask for guidance if something is unclear.

OTHER GUIDELINES:

If the school does not participate, or if there are no schools in your area, the Post should contact students) and have them participate in a Post contest with the Post winner being entered into the District competition. **Home-schooled children**, your child, grandchild, or a friend's child might just be interested in winning a scholarship. Do not lose the opportunity to have your Post or Auxiliary compete in the VOD contest.

The Department is trying to make this outstanding program more attractive to high school students of the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades so that more will speak up for freedom and democracy. It all starts with the Post directly soliciting participation from school superintendents and principals. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on their advisory list of National Contests for participation.

Posts and Auxiliaries should make their awards as large as possible. WE HAVE GOT TO have an incentive for the teachers to push the program in order to get larger student participation. Many Posts and Auxiliaries have an Awards Night at the Post Home for teachers, community leaders and students. Some schools request that it be held at a school function. Whichever is done, make sure the students are rewarded and the community is aware of it. It is suggested that each Post and / or Auxiliary present some sort of Citation to participating winners, students, teachers, etc. Citations can be ordered from the National Emblem and Supply Catalog. Department can help you create a citation also.

All entries, including Home Schools, must be judged at the VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post competition. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the local VFW Post provided they have not competed in a school class competition.

STUDENT AWARDS:

*Each District's 1st Place winners are invited by the Department, to the State Mid-Winter Conference in the last full weekend in January. The students will enjoy a tour sponsored by VFW & Auxiliary chairs, and the students will attend the Saturday Mid-Winter Conference Banquet, as an honored guest of the Department of Louisiana, VFW and its Auxiliary.

- 1st Place. \$300.00
- 2nd Place- \$200.00
- 3rd Place- \$150.00
- 4th - 6th Place- \$75.00

The State winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC where he/she will represent our State at the national competition. IF FOR ANY REASON THE FIRST PLACE WINNER IS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL WASHINGTON CONFERENCE AND ATTEND THE NATIONAL COMPETITION THE NEXT ABLE WINNER WILL REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENT OF LOUISIANA AS THE FIRST PLACE WINNER. In addition, the First Place Winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to the Freedom Foundation in Valley Forge, PA. Our winner will receive a VOD lacket.

Individual awards will not be permitted to be presented by the respective District Chairmen at the Annual State VOD Banquet. These awards SHOULD BE PRESENTED AT THE DISTRICT'S AWARDS

PROGRAM. The VOD Banquet will be held in conjunction with the current ear Mid-Winter Conference Banquet on Saturday, of the Conference.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN'S RESPONSIBILITY:

District Voice of Democracy Reporting

**Please forward the completed District Report Form and Summary to your Department Chairman.*

POST NO. List Posts that have actually declared student winners) and have forwarded a winner to District judging. These Posts can be listed in either District or numerical order.

AUXILIARY If Post has an Auxiliary, credit their participation by indicating YES or NO **NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS** Number of students that actually entered the competition by writing an essay.

NUMBER OF POST WINNERS ADVANCED Number of Post winners that were advanced up to the second level of competition (i.e. District.) NOTE: Louisiana allows one winner per post, irrespective of the form language.

MONETARY AWARDS Total amount of dollars actually awarded to student participants.

ADDITIONAL MONEY EXPENDED All additional monies (other than scholarships and award monies) allocated and expended in conducting their program (banquets, gifts, pins, jackets, etc.)

You can download the VOD Entry Form at <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

******* See Post Information Package or click *******
Voice of Democracy for Entry Forms

PATRIOT'S PEN

*** * * Awards presented at 2024 Mid Winter Conference * * ***

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2023-2024 Theme

“How are you inspired by America?”

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition encourages students to use their minds and knowledge of America's history and their experience of today's American society to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join more than 120,000 students who participated last year in this contests.

Patriot's Pen gives 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students the opportunity to express their opinion on a patriotic theme and improve their writing skills, while they compete for awards and prizes. The awards from all levels of the competition total \$1.2 million each year. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on their National Advisory List of Contests for participation. The theme for the Annual VFW Patriot's Pen Essay is **“How are you inspired by America?”** The contest is open to all students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades in public, private, parochial schools, as well as, home-schooled children in the United States and its territories or its possessions and dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Former first place state winners are not eligible to compete again. Foreign exchange students and adults are not eligible to compete. **Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application cannot have been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.** Brochures on the program were mailed to all Post Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents. Schools should be contacted as soon as they open for the current year in order that the teachers can include the contest in the lesson plans. Posts are responsible for giving their area schools Patriot's Pen pamphlets. You can check the program on the web at <https://www.vfw.org/patriotspen> to see requirements and print the entry forms.

ESSAY RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- Must be TYPED in English, BLACK INK ONLY
- Must be 300-400 words in length. Word count does NOT include the title or footnotes.
- NO Graphics allowed
- Contestants will NOT identify themselves within their essay to include, but not limited to, their name, school, city, state, race, or national origin.
- Official entry form included with Essay. Form may be printed online at www.vfw.org
- Three typed copies of the Essay

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Posts may submit one winning entry to the District for judging. Districts may submit one winning entry to the Department Chairman.

Patriot's Pen Deadlines:

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November 15, Completion of Post judging**

December 15, Completion of District judging**

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January 10, Completion of Department judging**

January 15, District participation reports to Department Chairman** **January 15**, Department winners to National* **January 31**, Department reports to National*

**required deadlines*

***suggested deadlines*

Points Value in Judging is as follows:

Knowledge of Theme	30pts
Theme Development	35 pts
Clarity of Ideas	<u>35 pts</u>
Possible Total	100 pts

DO NOT mail District entries and required forms to State Headquarters. Mail them directly to the State Patriot's Pen Chairman in above heading.

Note: It's critical that the Post/District reports be accurate. Ask for guidance if something is unclear.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS:

- First, Second, and Third place State Winners will receive awards presented by State Chairman at the Mid-Winter Conference.
- Each Department (state) first place winner competes at the national level for \$54,500 in award money.

NATIONAL AWARDS:

- The first place national winner receives \$5,000 and **an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the winner and a parent or guardian.** Each state winner will receive at least \$500 at the national level.

Individual awards will not be permitted to be presented by the respective District Chairmen at the MidWinter Conference. These awards SHOULD BE PRESENTED AT THE DISTRICT'S AWARDS PROGRAM. Posts and Districts are encouraged to present awards to their respective entries.

OTHER GUIDELINES:

If the **school does not participate**, or if there are no schools in your area, the Post should contact student (s) and have them participate in a Post contest with the Post winner being entered into the District competition. **Home-schooled children**, your child, grandchild, or a friend's child might just be interested in winning a scholarship. Do not lose the opportunity to have your Post or Auxiliary compete in the Patriot's Pen contest. Go online to homeschool.com to look up areas of homeschool contacts.

All entries, including Home Schools, must be judged at the VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post competition. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the local VFW Post provided they have not competed in a school class competition.

Posts and Auxiliaries should make their awards as large as possible. WE HAVE GOT TO have an incentive for the teachers to push the program in order to get larger student participation. Many Posts and Auxiliaries have an Awards Night at the Post Home for teachers, community leaders and students.

Some schools request that it be held at a school function. Whichever is done, make sure the students are rewarded and the community is aware of it. It is suggested that each Post and/ or Auxiliary present some sort of citation to participating winners, students, teachers, etc. Citations can be ordered from the National Emblem and Supply Catalog, Department can help you create a citation also.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S RESPONSIBILITY:

District Patriot's Pen Reporting

District Chairman: Please forward the completed District Report Form and Summary to your Department Chairman.

- **POST NO.** List Posts that have actually declared student winner (s) and have forwarded a winner to District judging. These Posts can be listed in either District or numerical order.
- **AUXILIARY** If Post has an Auxiliary, credit their participation by indicating YES or NO.
- **NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS** Number of students that actually entered the competition by writing an essay.
- **NUMBER OF POST WINNERS ADVANCED** Number of Post winners that were advanced up to the second level of competition (i.e. District.) NOTE: Louisiana allows one winner per Post, irrespective of the form language.
- **MONETARY AWARDS** Total amount of dollars actually awarded to student participants.
- **ADDITIONAL MONEY EXPENDED** All additional monies (other than scholarships and award monies) allocated and expended in conducting their program (banquets, gifts, pins, lackets, etc.)

* * * * * See [Post Information Package](#) or click [Patriot's Pen](#) for Entry Forms * * * * *

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Educating our youth about patriotism and Americanism is worth every effort we undertake. The program incorporates age-appropriate coloring, drawing, or an essay, beginning at kindergarten and encompassing students through the fifth grade. State awards will be presented at the Mid-Winter Conference in January. Each participating post reports the number of schools and students participating to the district chairman using the online reporting system at www.vfwdeptla.org

CATEGORY 1: Open to all students enrolled in Kindergarten:

A coloring of the American Flag (provided) printed on paper no larger than 9" x 12"

CATEGORY 2: Open to all students in 1st and 2nd grades:

A drawing of the American Flag on paper no larger than 9" x 12"

CATEGORY 3: Open to all students in 3rd and 4th grades:

A drawing of a historical event on paper no larger than 9" x 12"

CATEGORY 4: Open to all students in 5th grade:

An essay contest based on the title "**HOW I HONOR VETERANS**" (300 words or less). This essay can be handwritten, typed, or computer generated.

School Deadline for all Categories is: OCTOBER 31 of the current year.

1. STUDENT AWARDS - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place - Trophy is awarded for each category.

2. POST AWARDS - Posts with highest amount of entries in each category will be awarded \$25.00 for their General Fund along with an Award Citation. Posts with Department winners will be awarded an additional \$25.00 for their General Fund.

If the schools will not participate in the State Americanism Program - ask individual students you know who meet the requirements to participate. You may also try local parent-teacher meetings. Private and Home school students are eligible to participate also. Reach out and teach the children; they are our future.

One entry for every 50 received in each category from the Post shall be forwarded to the District Chairman for judging. The District's 1st place winners from each category will be forwarded to the State Chairman for final judging. PLEASE CONTACT DISTRICT CHAIRMAN FOR JUDGING DATES!

Deadline Dates to Remember:

SCHOOL: October 31st

DISTRICT: December 5th

STATE: December 30th

Special Awards Citation Promotion will be for:

1. Post with the most participation of students in any and all categories.
2. Post sponsoring the most schools in the State Americanism Program Cat. I to Cat. IV

NOTE: District Chairmen only must submit a copy of the State Americanism Program's District Summary Form to State Chairman with the following:

1. List of Post/Auxiliary that participated.
2. List of the categories the Post/Auxiliary participated in.
3. Department will provide awards for all STATE WINNERS.

******* See Post Information Package for *****
[Americanism Flag Coloring Page and Entry Form](#)**

CITIZENSHIP, TEACHER, & EDUCATION

***** Awards presented at 2024 State Convention *****

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States traces its roots to the Spanish-American War of 1898. The original organization appeared in Columbia, Ohio, Colorado, and Pennsylvania then agreed to amalgamate to become the VFW. In 1914, the merger became official in Pittsburgh. VFW currently counts 2 million war veterans as members in all 50 states and several overseas locations.

Committed to Community Service for 125 years, the VFW has developed a slate of programs dedicated to this endeavor. VFW's Citizenship Education program stimulates interest in America's history, traditions, institutions, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism, as well as promoting and sponsoring events that emphasize these ideals.

PURPOSE

To recognize exceptional classroom TEACHERS teaching at least half of the school day in classroom environment for grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 who teach **citizenship education topics** regularly and systematically in elementary, middle or junior high, and high school settings .

Promoting the VFW's Buddy Poppy Education, Flag Education, Patriots Pen, Veterans in the classroom and Voice of Democracy programs are good examples or topics.

CRITERIA

A nomination by a supervisor, fellow teacher, or other individual who provides credible evidence of the nominee's achievements. Self-nominations are ineligible.

Developed or used citizenship education instructional materials creatively and effectively. Demonstrated ability to foster the development of **democratic beliefs and values, and the skills for citizen participation to student grade level in classroom, school and community settings.**

Posts are encouraged to submit a candidate for these awards to their Department Headquarters by January 1. The Department then selects a single candidate for the award and submits that entry to National Headquarters by February 1. That honor can establish a great relationship that opens the door for all of the VFW and Auxiliary programs. Additional information concerning the execution of the program can be found at vfw.org, behind the login within the VFW Training & Support hub, under Community Service.

POST NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

*Completion of nomination form and narrative of nominee's achievements consisting of no more than 350 words.

*Each Post may forward one completed nomination form for each grade level along with the following items to the District. Deadline for District Judging is **February 20th**. Department judging must be finished by **March 25th** and sent to National by **April 15th**.

*One page professional resume prepared by the nominee.

*One head & shoulders picture of the nominee.

*Up to 5 one-sided pages of supporting documentation that provides objective evidence. Evidence might include clear reproduction of newspaper articles, teaching evaluations, and letters of support.

*All required documents should be submitted in a presentation folder.

*Now is the time to begin locating exceptional teachers for your Post to nominate for next year's competition. Based on the nominees submitted by the **January 15th** deadline, local VFW Posts will recognize one outstanding teacher in grades, K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Posts then submit the winners' names to their District level judging who will forward their winners to the Department (or state level) by **March 1st**. After judging, each Department forwards the names of its winners to VFW National Headquarters.

DEPARTMENT NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

*Each District may forward one completed nomination form, resume, and supporting documentation for each areas, grade K-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

*Post DEADLINE: **January 15th**. Post Judging must be completed by **January 30th**.

*District DEADLINE: **February 5th**. District Judging should be completed by **February 20th**.

*Each District may forward one completed nomination form, resume, and supporting documentation for each area, grades K-5, 6-8, 9-12 if the entry meets the qualifications.

*Department DEADLINE **March 1st**. Department Judging to be completed by.

NATIONAL NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

*Each Department may forward the names of the Department winners in each category to be recognized by National during the Departments State Convention.

SPECIAL NOTE

The Department of Louisiana VFW Teachers Award Program must go to the District for judging. This is no longer a National Program and not required to make All American. All District Commanders are instructed to appoint a District Chairman for this program. All Post Commanders should contact their respective District Commander for the District Chairman's name. All Post Commanders should have received the "Teacher Award" requirements with the forms given by State Chairman.

AWARDS FOR CITIZENSHIP, EDUCATOR, TEACHER AWARD

***STATE AWARD:** State winners will receive a plaque and \$100.00 presented by the State Chairmen at the State Convention.

***NATIONAL AWARD:** VFW's National Citizenship Education Teacher awards include: Three National 1st Place Certificates of Recognition will be provided to the Department and presented at the State Convention.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

***** Awards presented at 2024 Mid-Winter Conference *****

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All VFW Posts are urged and should endeavor in every way to strengthen and extend their efforts to provide activities that will enhance the moral and physical well being of today's action-oriented youth.

By sponsoring both physical and moral character building and leadership training programs for youth, every VFW Post can be a powerful force in preparing today's youth for tomorrow's challenges.

The need for more and better Youth Programs has never been greater than it is today. This demands a better effort on our part to support all Youth Programs in our Communities. Be sure to appoint a comrade who relates well with the youth and is aware of the problems that the youth face in your community. Help is always available from your Department Chairman and members of the committee. PARTICIPATION is the key word. Please refer to the National Commander's Manual/Section 5 - VFW Programs

SPECIAL AWARD NOTE: Awards will be presented for Youth Activity reporting for First, Second and Third Place based on the total reports, projects, hours and funds spent. The State Chairman has a point system for judging each report. Send reports to Chairman listed above either by mail or Email listed above. Also send a copy to the Community Service Chairman.

SIX BASIC CATEGORIES:

CATEGORY 1

SPORTS/ATHLETICS

A youth athletic team sponsorship will qualify a Post/Auxiliary in this category.

CATEGORY 2

SCOUTING/ORGANIZATIONS

Supporting Boys or Girls Scouting unit or any worthwhile youth organization can qualify in this category.

CATEGORY 3

CONTESTS/SPECIAL EVENTS

Any special event conducted in your local community that involves and benefits youth.

CATEGORY 4

EDUCATION/INSTRUCTION

Many opportunities exist to teach children skills and /or experience or knowledge. Service fair sponsorship!

CATEGORY 5

RECOGNITION

Recognize youth in your community for the achievements and honors they earn. Sponsor them for Summer Camps or Workshops! Check with your State Chairman for details on the listed programs

1. Youth Cadet Awards Program - VFW awards for special recognition of Outstanding Achievement and Exceptional Leadership are available for Junior and Senior OTC Programs, Naval Sea Cadets and Civil Air Patrol Cadets. If any of these programs exist in your community, these awards provide your Post an outstanding opportunity to honor these patriotic young people.
2. Criteria for Civil Air Patrol and Naval Sea Cadets.
 - Good academic standing.
 - Satisfactory progress in the Cadet Program.
 - Outstanding achievement in Community Service and/or the Cadet Program.
 - Outstanding Leadership in the Cadet program.
 - High moral character.
 - Exceptional professionalism in appearance and actions (Officer Award).
 - Outstanding Military Bearing and Conduct in and out of Uniform (NCO Award).
 - Involvement in Patriotic Programs, Drill Team, Color Guard, etc.
 - Demonstrated potential and willingness to assume higher levels of responsibility.
 - Additional Criteria for JROTC & SROTC Awards:
 - a. Positive attitude toward the ROTC program.
 - b. For JROTC must be enrolled as a 10th - 12th grade JROTC student.
 - c. For SROTC, must be an undergraduate student enrolled in Military Science I thru IV.
 - d. Must maintain a “B” average in ROTC curriculum and a “C” average in all remaining subjects with no failing grades in the previous semester.
 - e. Active in at least one other student extra-curricular activity (Music, Athletics, Government, etc.).

CATEGORY 6 PROJECTS/OTHER

Do a project that improves or provides facilities for youth to participate in recreation or other positive activities. The category can also be used to report activities not otherwise covered by the other five categories. Check with your State Chairman for details on the listed programs.

❖ VFW Youth Hero Award: A product of the VFW’s Life Saving Award is the Youth Hero Award. Each year, the VFW reviews the files of those submitted for a Life Saving Citation from the Departments and pulls out all those recipients under 18 years of age at the time of their heroic act.

❖ The VFW’s “Special Projects Judging Panel” reviews those submitted and selects one to receive a \$2,000.00 U.S. Savings Bond and an expenses-paid trip (including a chaperone) to the National Convention. Only those young people who have been nominated for a VFW Life Saving Award during the previous year will be eligible for this award. **National Deadline for all nominations is January 15.**

❖ See the Life Savings Awards details in the National Commander’s Manual.

SCOUTING

* * * Awards presented at 2024 State Convention * * *

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NATIONAL SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Starting this year National will recognize an Eagle Scout, Venture Silver Award recipient, or Sea Scout Quartermaster who has risen above his peers in exemplifying the exceptional qualities of that rank. Candidates must be exceptional in all six of the critical elements of healthy youth development as defined by “The Louis Harris & Associates, Inc. Study of Scouting.”

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Boy Scouts of America have entered into a partnership to promote scouting. National is requesting that every Post and Auxiliary promote a Scouting Troop, Explorer Scouts, High Adventure Scouts or a Varsity Scout Team.

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must have all required items contained in a scrapbook or scrapbook-type folder:

- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or Sea Scout Ship.
- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Award, Gold Award, Venture Summit Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Have demonstrated practical citizenship in School, Scouting and Community.
- Have reached his or her 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.
- Have submitted a complete entry form to a VFW Post in his community.
- Applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified. A Scout may enter through only one VFW Post. A sponsoring Post can be located by contacting VFW State Headquarters. 225-928-5025

DEADLINES:

- March 1 - Deadline for entry to the Post.
- April 1 - Deadline for submission to Department scouting team member from Post.
- May 1 - Deadline for submission to National from Department.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS (STATE WINNER):

First, Second, and Third place winners will receive a trophy presented by the State Chairman at the State Convention in June.

NATIONAL AWARD:

First Place winner nationally may win a \$5,000.00 Scholarship.

YOU CAN FIND THE FORM IN YOUR CofA PACKET OR ONLINE
AT WWW.VFW.ORG/SCOUTING/

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The Role of the Chairperson

The VFW's chairpersons do more than just plan projects to improve their communities. They also recruit volunteers, build relationships with community leaders, organize partnerships with civic groups and promote the VFW.

You Are the Point Person

A program chairperson should understand one important fact right from the outset: You are the Post's point person in your community. As chairperson you will be your Post's liaison to:

- school teachers and administrators
- community leaders
- local military personnel
- city government officials
- members of civic groups
- members of the media
- your fellow veterans

Seek out these new relationships. When it comes time to recruit volunteers or you need specialized expertise for Post projects, these community contacts will prove invaluable. Project an outgoing, friendly personality. Speak positively about your Post, your community and your projects. Articulate your thoughts and plans clearly, concisely and coherently. Remember, you represent not only your Post, but the entire VFW organization as well.

Reporting Your Activities

VFW Post and Department reporting must be completed through Department Reporting Tool or Dashboard. The **deadline** for Department reports to be submitted is **June 30**.

For step-by-step instructions on how to submit your reports on the Dashboard view the [guide](#) here. Documentation of our programmatic efforts is the thing that ensures the VFW's reputation and our not-for-profit status.

Master Organizational Skills

As chairperson, your talents must be varied. Consequently, your organizational skills should be fully developed. Some of your specific duties include:

- recruiting and maintaining a pool of active volunteers
- identifying and initiating programs needed in your community
- motivating your Post members, community volunteers and sponsors involved in your various projects
- recognizing your volunteers efforts
- organizing and maintaining records, photos and newspaper clippings that document your activities
- Reporting to your Department chairperson the volunteer hours, dollars donated by VFW, Auxiliary and Cooties, and other information requested.

Community Service

How a Post interacts with its community determines the relevancy of the VFW.

Someone once said, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." The VFW and its Auxiliary's ability to impact veterans, youth, political issues, patriotism, civic pride, volunteerism, and almost anything you can name, is directly dependent upon the Post being recognized as a caring and involved participant in the community. Hopefully, this guide will provide some ideas as to how a Post can create and grow the kind of reputation that will benefit their community and themselves. The impact on the community is immeasurable. The benefit to the Post is new members, more effective fundraising, greater participation in events and tremendous goodwill. The Post is, for most Americans, the only thing they know about the VFW. Make sure those Americans in your community have a favorable opinion of our great organization and our veterans.

Definition of Community Service

Community Service as defined by the National Community Service Trust Act "encompasses any human act serving the common good; in the interest of the community." Elsewhere, community service is further defined as "a service

that is performed for the benefit of the public or its institutions.”

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. subscribes to the above but adds that, for the purposes of volunteer recognition, VFW community service must be performed by and as a representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and must be performed for an organization outside the VFW and its Auxiliaries and must be verified by an authorized representative of that organization. As it is the intent of VFW community service to impact a broad spectrum of the local community.

In addition, efforts performed for the benefit of the Post or Auxiliary’s benefit should not be considered as community service. An example of this kind of effort would be maintenance, upkeep or beautification of the Post home, cooking or serving a meal for a Post fund raiser, or working on bingo night. Additionally, efforts that are part of the normal requirements of a Post or Auxiliary would not be considered community service. Examples of this would be flying the American Flag, POW Flag, conducting Flag retirement programs, placing flags on graves, building memorials, bingo, Post dinners, Buddy Poppy drives, or anything that only benefits the Post.

A particularly controversial area in VFW community service is service to one’s church. Generally, these efforts are not considered community service for two reasons: 1) they are not performed for the community at large; 2) they are part of an individual’s service to their faith and not to the VFW. The exception to this would be performing the same service for all the churches, etc. in a given community.

National Volunteer Programs

Many volunteer opportunities can be discovered through national volunteer programs. Following is a short list of opportunities for you to explore.

- America’s Promise - The Alliance for Youth connects adult mentors with youth. Call 1.202.657.0600 or visit americaspromise.org.
- Citizen Corps, which is a part of the Department of Homeland Security, is a community-based initiative to engage all citizens in homeland security. It promotes community and family preparedness through public education and outreach. Also, they have training opportunities and volunteer programs. For more information visit their website at citizencorps.gov.

Honor Through Service

Post and Auxiliaries are invited to honor the active duty men and women currently serving and those who died in the war on terrorism by sponsoring a community service project in his/her name. We suggest that the project(s) be conducted on one or more of the following national service days.

- Make A Difference Day pointsoflight.org/signature-events/make-difference-day
- National Family Volunteer Day & National Volunteer Week pointsoflight.org/for-volunteers

Get Involved

Recognize VFW volunteers throughout the year. Follow the steps below to be sure your volunteers receive the recognition they so greatly deserve.

- Select a date and time during National Volunteer Week (in April) to recognize the individuals at your Post home.
- Appoint a committee of at least three, including your Auxiliary representative, to select a VFW and Auxiliary member, a local community service group, educator or youth leader, youth volunteer, military volunteer and a local family to receive a citation.
- Invite local government officials and leaders in your community to the ceremonies, and be sure to introduce them at the beginning.

Citations are available through the VFW Store, 1.833.839.8387.

You are a part of America’s military history.

Retaining the memories and stories of America’s veterans has become a national priority in recent years. Veteran’s

organizations, schools and other civic groups are being encouraged to participate. It is important that future generations understand and appreciate the service and sacrifices of America's veterans.

Veterans Oral History Project

Public Law 106-380, enacted Oct. 27, 2000, calls upon the American Folk life Center at the Library of Congress to develop a program that collects and preserves audio and videotaped oral histories of war vets. Veteran's organizations such as the VFW are among those invited to participate. Coordinators would like to see Posts select veterans from all eras to participate. The emphasis is quality, not quantity.

Once they have decided to get involved, Post members can participate in a variety of ways:

- interview each other (if they have equipment)
- contact radio stations to tape audio
- contact TV stations to tape video
- contact high schools or colleges with audio/visual departments
- contact video rental stores, which might have equipment for rent or use
- look to local businesses for support
- go to military bases to find active-duty vets (also a good opportunity to get on bases and promote the VFW and its programs).

A field kit can be obtained at loc.gov/vets/kit.html to assist anyone interested in participating, which includes the guidelines, a checklist, an audio and video recording log, a photograph log and several forms for the interviewer and veteran to complete. All of these materials must be completed and sent to the Library of Congress for an entry to be included. Contributors may also send in memorabilia related to the veteran's experiences, such as photographs or maps.

To learn more, contact:

Veterans Oral History Project
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Veterans in the Classroom

Schools often study the wars in which our nation has participated. Teachers regularly seek out veterans of these wars to provide personal accounts of events and personal stories to illustrate that time in America's history. Veterans who are willing to participate in the classroom can create valuable relationships that bring honor to all America's veterans and our great organization. In addition, giving schools access to VFW members opens doors for our scholarship programs and Teacher awards.

So, how do I proceed?

Visit vfw.org/Classroom and download the "Veterans in the Classroom" booklet. The initial contact you make with your local school is very important. Explain that you are interested in assisting the teacher by providing a "living history" presentation about your military service. Initial response is usually positive but try to be as flexible as possible regarding your availability to allow the teacher greater latitude to work you into the curriculum. The teacher may wish to audio or videotape your presentation. Decide on which format makes you feel most comfortable.

Preparation

Prepare a short biography of yourself and your military service (send a copy to the teacher at least two weeks prior to your presentation). By beginning your presentation with biographical information, you introduce yourself to the students and provide them with information which might create further questions. Your biographical introduction should include:

- Date and place of birth
- Occupation before joining the military
- Reasons for joining (did you enlist or get drafted?)
- Site and length of basic training
- Geographical location of where you served overseas
- Length of service and what your military job was
- Occupation after leaving the service

Check to see what materials you have from your military service that you could use in your presentation (i.e. military uniform, equipment, photographs, etc.). Food and clothing hold a special fascination for audiences of all ages. Descriptions of C and K rations, what you missed most from home, the importance of certain clothing items, are a few examples about what you address. For example: An army helmet and liner are two separate items. You may want to ask the class why a helmet needs a liner (a demonstration wearing a helmet without the liner would immediately demonstrate why a liner was required.) Then you might describe the different ways you used a helmet: carrying water, cooking and washing. As you prepare, allow time for questions and answers either during or at the end of your presentation. Here is a suggested breakdown of the class time:

Introduction: 5-10 minutes

Main Presentation: 10-15 minutes

Questions and Answers: 5-10 minutes

Wrap up: 2-5 minutes

Presentation Day

Contact the teacher two to three days prior to the presentation to confirm the date and time of your presentation and where you should meet the teacher when you arrive at the school. Prior to your presentation, display your personal items. With the teacher's understanding, try to create an informal atmosphere by having the students sit closer to you. After your presentation, thank the teacher for allowing you to come and encourage him or her to make other teachers aware of your willingness to present. Report to your Post and encourage others to join you. Many veterans find this to be a fun and occasionally therapeutic exercise.

Patriotism & Citizenship Education

Since our inception, the VFW has been known for its patriotism and love of country. Today, although U.S. flags are selling better than ever and commitment to our troops is high, true patriotism and a real commitment to civic responsibility are rare. The VFW is among the last bastions of true patriotism and civic commitment in the land. As war veterans and their families who understand the price that has been paid for our freedoms, VFW and VFW Auxiliary members share a unique and valuable perspective. For that reason, we must do all we can to share our values with our neighbors and show them what real commitment and service means.

Patriotic Holidays

Celebrating patriotic holidays is not just a VFW function but an American tradition. Recognition of the sacrifices of our fellow veterans is not just the act of organizing an event or participating in a parade, but an obligation to past, present and future generations of Americans that set aside their lives to ensure the freedoms of this country's way of life and its citizens' rights. The VFW has historically taken the lead in promoting patriotic celebrations across the U.S. Each Post must recognize its sacred duty to continue to lead their community in celebrations of America's values, its history and its heroes.

The following are some of the patriotic holidays we suggest that the Post become involved in promoting throughout the year. We also recommend that you check the VFW annual calendar for important dates and events in U.S. and VFW history.

Memorial Day
Independence Day
Veterans Day
Flag Day
Patriots Day, Sept. 11

There are numerous ways to celebrate these events and additional support and resources throughout the community. The following are just a few suggestions of events and basic steps for organizing your local events. The key is to be creative. Types of events:

- Parades
- Memorial Services
- Flag Events (grave placement, lining the streets, Flag groves, etc.)
- Dinners & Luncheons – invitees, honorees, presenters
- Award ceremonies (military, first responders, civic leaders, outstanding citizens, etc.)
- The Moving Wall
- Stand Down for Homeless Veterans

Here are some helpful steps to assist you in getting organized for your event:

- Select an event.
- Select a date & venue.
- Have membership approve the event in a regularly scheduled Post meeting, and download materials from vfw.org. Log in from the VFW home page (and then click on “My VFW”) and under the Member Resources heading, you will see “VFW Training and Support” where under the Citizenship Education section, you will see brochures, chairperson’s guides, deadlines, and other resources.
- Identify a chairperson and committee members to oversee various aspects.
 - a. Contacting other groups
 - b. Food
 - c. Fundraising
 - d. Publicity (remember to check the “My VFW” website for PSAs or speeches available for your event)
 - e. Day of the event coordination
 - f. Recognition of contributors, participants and honorees
- Document event; then prepare and submit a Community Service Report.

Here are a few helpful hints and some resources you might consider in planning your event:

- Coordinate with the local government. Have the mayor or city officials prepare a proclamation from the city to recognize the event.
- Approach local businesses for participation and support, not only for funds but contributions of in-kind products and use of their facilities.
- Get with other community organizations such as Eagles, Rotary Club, etc. (offer support for their activities.)
- Ensure that your event does not conflict with any other community or organization’s event.
- Get with local Scout troops for support such as placing flags on graves at cemeteries or as escorts for VIPs at Post-sponsored events.
- Invite local military recruiters and recently returned veterans to participate in events and be guest speakers at events or dinners.
- Have VFW personnel attend events wearing the distinctive VFW logo and headgear.

These are just some of the events and ways to organize your events to celebrate our patriotic holidays. It is our obligation to future veterans and Americans to ensure these traditions live on. Remember, be creative and open-minded in your approach to the event - it's a celebration of American tradition.

Memorial Day

All citizens should observe Memorial Day and VFW Posts should take the lead. Memorial Day is about remembering. This day is, and should remain, sacred for all veterans. But what about non-veterans? Do they really understand the true meaning of Memorial Day?

Decorating the Graves of Comrades

Memorial Day was born out of necessity. In an effort to make sense of the horrendous loss of life suffered in the Civil War - which killed more Americans than any of the nation's wars before or since - citizens across the nation grasped for ways to honor those who had made the supreme sacrifice. It was a war that touched nearly every American family.

On May 5, 1866, residents of Waterloo, N.Y., held the first complete community-wide observance of Memorial Day. Solemnly and in a patriotic manner, Waterloo citizens dedicated the entire day to remembering all Civil War dead. They flew flags at half-staff, which to this day remains the tradition. (All U.S. flags should be displayed at half-staff during the morning hours. At noon they should be raised back to full staff.)

In 1868, Gen. John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, designated May 30 as Decoration Day. He said it was "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion." The GAR hoped the practice would be repeated annually.

In 1873, New York was the first state to legalize May 30 as a holiday. By 1890, all northern states had followed suit. Until the National Holiday Act of 1971, Memorial Day was observed each May 30. Today it is officially recognized on the last Monday of May.

Ponder the Sacrifices

But to many veterans, changing the day merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the meaning of this sacred day. As Memorial Day has grown to honor the sacrifices of all veterans killed in defense of the nation's freedom, all citizens should regard it as their civic obligation to remember why it is a holiday. While non-veterans may not take the time to decorate fallen soldiers graves or attend ceremonies, they should at least take a few moments to ponder how different their lives would be. Without the courage of the many patriots who have died so that the rest of us can live free, American democracy could be a footnote in history.

Perhaps the most profound tribute of all was made on the first national memorial observance in May 1868 by a man who would become the country's 20th President, Union Army Gen. James A. Garfield: "They summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and virtue."

Loyalty Day

Truly a VFW-inspired holiday, Loyalty Day was created by the organization in 1921. In 1955, VFW Post 3 member and U.S. Rep. Jimmy Van Zandt of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill proclaiming May 1 as Loyalty Day - a time to proclaim patriotism and love of country. To celebrate this special day, plan a worthy program. Following is a list of ideas for your program.

- Hold a public ceremony such as the re-dedication of a local memorial or stage a community program at a park or auditorium. Remember our men and women currently serving on active duty and in the National Guard and Reserve. Order a Loyalty Day Poster (item #4413) from the VFW Store online at vfwstore.org or call 833.839.8387.

- Conduct a Loyalty Day poster design contest in local schools.
- Invite recently-naturalized citizens to participate in your Loyalty Day program.
- Request a Loyalty Day proclamation from the mayor or selectmen.
- Participate in the opening ceremony of the [March of Dimes March for Babies](#). You can also call 1.888.274.3711 to find out the location of the nearest March of Dimes chapter.
- VFW Day Celebration Event - Sept. 29
Show your support by honoring all veterans and VFW members in your community. Celebrate the high moral purpose and idealism that motivated the establishment of the VFW.
Here are some suggested ideas to plan your event:
 - Find an appropriate event site.
 - Host an open house at your Post.
 - Have a recognition dinner or lunch.
 - Invite the local community to participate

Veterans Day

Often many well-meaning veterans will say, “This is our day. Why should we have an event honoring ourselves?” While it’s true that this is the day set aside for communities and other organizations to honor those who have served, it is also a time for us to honor those with whom we have served. For that reason alone, it is important for the VFW, at all levels, to attend and participate in city-led events. If your community chooses to ignore its veterans, then it is incumbent on your Post to take the lead. Take advantage of the opportunity to show others why you served. Take advantage of the opportunity to show young people some of the memorabilia that has special significance to you. The following are some ideas you may wish to consider:

- Organize a short parade or a gathering at a local veterans’ memorial. Invite all veterans, other local civic groups/leaders, high school bands, JROTC , Civil Air Patrol, Naval Sea Cadets, Scout units to march and participate in a short program at the end.
- Distribute “Buddy”® Poppies and invite the Scouts, JROTC and local sports teams to help with distribution.
- Have a Post open house displaying your member’s memorabilia, “Buddy”® Poppies, and scholarship materials. Demonstrate proper [Flag etiquette](#), conduct a Flag retirement ceremony, formally [adopt a local military unit](#), invite local politicians to debate each other or answer questions about their positions on veterans and military issues.
- Set up a booth at the local mall incorporating elements listed in the Post open house above.

Anything you can do that recognizes the service of your members and all veterans is appropriate for Veterans Day. Above all, if your community has a Veterans Day event that you marshal every member of the Post and Auxiliary to show up and participate. When veterans fail to attend these events, these events usually go quietly away and that’s the last thing we want.

Independence Day

July 4 is the one day of the year when everyone becomes a patriot. Anything that has been proposed for Memorial Day, Veterans Day or Loyalty Day should be considered for Independence Day. This is an opportunity to participate in numerous civic events and have your own as well. Opportunities that may not exist for the other patriotic holidays are often abundant on July 4. Take advantage of the events of that day to establish relationships with civic leaders, other fraternal and civic groups, local retailers and other groups and individuals who can be encouraged to respond to your Post’s patriotic events on other days. July 4 is a time to “Show Your Colors” and celebrates all that is good and true about our great nation. As individuals who have placed their lives on the line for this country, this is THE DAY to celebrate what we have paid for.

Endless Possibilities

There are many citizenship education projects your Post can tackle. Whether it's a continuing project, like monitoring the display of flags in your community, or conducting annual holiday ceremonies, your community needs you, and you have the means to help. This section offers a variety of suggested citizenship education projects.

Encouraging Patriotism

An important role of every VFW and Auxiliary member is the sharing of our patriotism and encouragement of others to express their love of country and support for our young men and women in uniform. This need is most important for our youth. If this nation is to remain strong and continue to demonstrate the values upon which it was created and has been sustained, it will depend on future generations. We must impart our patriotism to the next generation. A separate booklet entitled, [VFW in the Classroom](#), has been prepared to provide guidance and resources to help your Post and Auxiliary become a resource to your local schools and their teachers.

- Show your support by honoring all veterans and VFW members in your community on September 29, by planning a VFW Day celebration event.
- Decorate veteran's graves on Memorial Day with youth and family volunteers.
- Present "Patriotic Citizen Award" certificates (item #4385 available from the VFW Store) to citizens and merchants who fly the U.S. flag daily.
- Conduct the Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award Program.
- Conduct Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies.
- Dispose of old flags for fellow citizens who do not have a way of properly retiring them. (See guidelines below.)
- Discuss the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance or provide "living histories" at local schools. (Include ["Buddy"® Poppy](#) and [Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen](#) program information in your talk.)
- Invite your local military recruiter to participate in your Post's flag education, Veterans in the Classroom or other school-related activities. The Army Recruiting Command supports this partnership.
- Check your VFW Store catalog, visit vfwstore.org or call them at 1.833.839.8387 for flags, citations, awards, and flag & citizenship education items.

These items can be used to impact your community in numerous ways. As you can see, the possibilities are endless. If your Post is planning to conduct a ceremony, such as a Veterans Day observance, be sure to notify the local newspaper and get your event placed on the community calendar. If the newspaper doesn't have a calendar section, speak with the editor about getting an announcement published. It's important to work with other civic organizations and youth groups when possible. A prime example is the Library of Congress Veterans Oral History Project.

U.S. Flag Disposal

If you see a torn, soiled or badly faded U.S. flag, suggest to the owners that it be disposed of respectfully. The Post can collect the flags and conduct this practice annually.

- The flag should be folded in its customary manner.
- It's important that the fire be sizable and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of the Flag.
- Place the flag on the fire. Individuals present should come to attention, salute the flag (or place hand over heart), recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection.
- After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should then be safely extinguished and the ashes buried.
- Please make sure you are conforming to local/state fire codes and ordinances.

NOTE: Some Posts have procured a retired mailbox from the local Post Office to collect old flags.

Volunteer Recognition

This program is designed to provide recognition and awards to VFW members who volunteer their time in service through outside organizations. Recognition is in the form of certificates and/or lapel pins which are given to volunteers who have completed the number of hours prescribed for those awards. The individual in charge of a local community service organization such as a school, youth group, a food pantry or a shelter must sign the validation form for the VFW or non-member VFW volunteer.

Special Note: For hospital volunteers, use the VFW National Hospital Volunteer Recognition Program. Contact your Department Hospital Chairperson for more information.

The VFW Programs Department will provide the appropriate award for presentation to the volunteer upon receipt of a completed request form properly signed by the coordinator for the community service program, Post Commander and the Department Adjutant. The completed, signed form (see last page of this booklet) must be submitted to the following:

VFW Programs
 VFW National Headquarters 406 W. 34th Street
 Kansas City, MO 64111
 Email: tbeauchamp@vfw.org
 Phone: 816.756.3390, ext. 6287

Awards are provided as follows:

1. 100 hours certificate
2. 150 hours lapel pin
3. 300 hours lapel pin
4. 500 hours lapel pin and certificate
5. 1,000 hours lapel pin
6. 2,000 hours lapel pin and certificate
7. 3,000 hours lapel pin
8. 4,000 hours lapel pin
9. 5,000 hours lapel pin and certificate
10. 6,000 hours lapel pin
11. 8,000 hours lapel pin
12. 9,000 hours lapel pin
13. 10,000 hours lapel pin and certificate
14. 12,500 hours lapel pin
15. 15,000 hours certificate
16. 17,500 hours certificate
17. 20,000 hours lapel pin and certificate
18. 30,000 hours certificate
19. 35,000 hours certificate
20. 50,000 hours lapel pin and certificate

The award pin includes the Cross of Malta, the words “Community Service and VFW Volunteer” and the accumulated volunteer hours. The certificate will recognize the volunteer for attaining the appropriate cumulative hour level.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this recognition, an individual must:

- Be a VFW member in good standing performing volunteer service for a community service organization.
- Such volunteer service must be given under the representation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Non-Member Awards

Non-members volunteering under the sponsorship of the VFW may be issued a certificate once a year for the number of hours served. The form and procedure for that award is the same.

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE POST

There should be at least one Post in your Department that will be selected as a National Outstanding Community Service Post. Each Department will select at least one Post (depending on Department

One-of-a-Kind

Only one award of a kind will be furnished to each volunteer. For instance, a volunteer who has served 450 hours is not eligible to receive three 150-hour pins.

Non-Member Awards

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Volunteer service rendered under sponsorship of any other organization is not recognized for this purpose. Some examples of volunteer work benefiting nonmembers are: coaching youth, working at a food pantry, conducting flag presentations in front of schools or youth groups and supporting funeral homes and cemeteries by providing honor guard details for non-member veterans.

size – see below) to receive the National Outstanding Community Service Post Award at the VFW National Convention.

The award includes an award inscribed with the name of the VFW Post and VFW Auxiliary (if applicable), a \$599 stipend to cover part of the Post representative's expenses to the National Convention, publication of the Post's name in the Convention program booklet and a street sign identifying this national award for the Post to put up in their community. Your VFW Department is responsible for the selection criteria for this award and sending the name of the selected Post(s) to the National Programs Department by April 30 each year. Contact your Department for the selection criteria and further information about this award.

Nominations should be as follows:

Departments w/less than 200 Posts - 1 entry

Departments w/201 to 399 Posts - 2 entries

Departments w/400 + Posts - 3 entries

Post Special Project Award/Fred C. Hall Memorial Award

If your Post, District or Department conducted a special project that you think should be nationally recognized by the VFW National Organization, we would like to hear from you.

To be considered your entry must include the following:

- Copy of the minutes of the VFW meeting at which the project was authorized.
- Signed statement from the Commander summarizing the impact of the project.
- Photos (limit of twenty) of the activity.
- Newspaper clippings featuring the project.
- Letters of congratulation/recognition from civic and local leaders.
- Copy of the project budget/expense sheet.
- Narrative telling how the project was planned and executed and its impact on the community.
- Entry form (on following page) signed by the Department Community Service Chairperson and the Department Adjutant. This form is located within the Community Service Chairperson's Guide, or it can be obtained by calling or e-mailing:

Nick Lopez
VFW Programs (National HQs)
Phone: 816.968.1155
Email: nlopez@vfw.org

Judging is conducted solely on the basis of the information indicated above. Points are awarded for each element and will be deducted for missing items. All documentation must be limited to one binder.

Entries must be postmarked by April 30. Projects must be executed and nominated within the 12 months preceding the national judging.

Noteworthy entries receive a Merit Award Plaque. Exceptional entries receive an Award of Excellence. All recipients of the Award of Excellence are automatically entered in the Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Award competition.

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The Fred C. Hall Award winner could receive a plaque at the VFW National Convention and a \$1,000 service scholarship for community projects. The Post Commander (or designated representative) and a guest will receive round-trip airfare, per diem and accommodations to receive the award at the VFW National Convention.

The late Fred C. Hall was an active Life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, as well as many other civic and fraternal organizations. Throughout his adult life, he was a great proponent of VFW Posts taking an active role in the community. He is credited with starting the VFW Post Insurance program.

******* See Post Information Package for *******
Volunteer Award Request Form
(form revised date 8/22)

Post Special Project Award

If your VFW Post, District or Department conducted a special project that you think should be nationally recognized by VFW National Headquarters, we would like to hear from you.

All entries must be in the form of a record book (binder) and this form must be the first page of your book. Information should be neatly presented and in chronological order. All entries must be postmarked by midnight **April 30** each year.

To be considered your entry must include the following:

- Copy of the minutes of the VFW meeting at which the project was authorized.
- Signed statement from the Commander summarizing the impact of the project.
- Photos (limit of twenty) of the activity.
- Newspaper clippings featuring the project.

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- This form is located within the Community Service

* * * * * See Post Information Package for * * * * *
Post Special Project Entry Form

NATIONAL VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT

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VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT CHAIRMAN RESPONSIBILITIES

General Information:

The Veterans & Military Support Chairperson is essential in coordinating efforts to support our armed forces. The VFW Veterans & Military Support Chairperson serves as the VFW's representative for all four of the major programs:

- Military Assistance Program (military unit support)
 - Virtual PINS
 - Unmet Needs (financial assistance)
 - VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" Program
- Send in the Chairman's Report monthly stating your activities and informing VFW National of local events and activities reported from your Posts
 - Communicate information from VFW National to Districts and Posts i.e.:
 - monthly newsletter
 - email communication
 - Acts as our Point of Contact and coordinator for any military requests from the Department level, i.e.: provides a local VFW POC for specific events
 - Works with the Auxiliary Veterans and Family Support Chairman
 - Must be familiar with all Veterans & Military Support Programs procedures, forms, reports, program information and the various support materials we offer
 - All Veterans & Military Support Programs information is available behind the login at www.vfw.org.
 - Establish and/or build relationships with the active military installations, National Guard and Reserves in your individual state

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT GUIDELINES

(Taken From VFW.org May 30, 2023)

Purpose:

To provide financial assistance to VFW Posts/Depts. and Auxiliaries who sponsor events with their local military community. These funds are meant to build relationships and provide information on VFW programs and services.

How to apply for a MAP Grant:

1. Only a VFW or Auxiliary member may submit a MAP Grant Application.
2. The application must be signed and dated by the Post/Dept. Commander, Quartermaster or the Auxiliary President or Treasurer.
3. The grant is limited to basic food items and Non Alcoholic beverages for currently serving military and their family members only.
It does not cover equipment/venue rentals, gifts, decorations, entertainment, etc.
4. The grant does not cover public or formal events such as: Military Dining In/Out, Military Balls, Change of Command/Responsibility Ceremonies, etc.

5. The grant application must be submitted no earlier than 14 days prior to the event. Any exceptions to this must be submitted in writing to the Director VFW Programs for approval.

6. An After Action Report along with eligible receipts must be submitted within 14 days of the event. Non submission will result in the Dept./Post/Auxiliary being billed for the grant amount.

7. If the event receipts total less than the grant amount provided, the Dept./Post/Auxiliary will be required to refund the difference within 14 days.

8. If the event is cancelled a full refund is required. If rescheduled for a later date, a written explanation must be submitted to the MAP office detailing the new dates. It will be determined by the MAP office and VFW Program Director whether a refund will be requested or the Dept./Post/Auxiliary will be allowed to keep the grant amount.

9. MAP Grants must be submitted through the following form: [MAP Grant Application](#)

Note: Prior approval of similar events does not guarantee future approval. All applications must be signed and dated.

For any further questions or concerns please contact the MAP Office by phone at (816) 756-3390

ADOPT-A-UNIT

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❖ Over 121,000 military and family members are being actively supported by VFW Posts and Auxiliaries through the VFW Adopt-a-Unit program.

❖ Popular examples of Adopt-a-Unit activities:

Δ Family Days- VFW understands the importance of family to the military member and their mission

Δ Welcome Home & Deployment events

Δ Holiday events

Δ Meetings and Support Seminars

Δ Community Projects- Annually VFW posts donate \$ 48.2 million dollars and their 8.6 million volunteer hours to community activities.

Δ Direct assistance- lawn care, auto repairs, renovations to help accommodate a newly wounded service member

Δ And much more.....

❖ VFW Posts work with unit commanders and senior enlisted personnel to develop supportive relationships with units before, during and after deployments. We offer a vast network of free resources and a variety of direct support for military members and their families.

❖ If your unit is interested in being adopted:

◆ Check if someone in the unit is already a member of a local VFW Post.

◆ Use the “Find a Post” locator on VFW’s website: www.vfw.org/find-a-post

◆ Contact VFW National HQs: map@vfw.org or (816) 756-3390

[FIND-A-UNIT NOW](#)

UNMET NEEDS: FINANCIAL GRANTS

(Taken From VFW.org May 30, 2023)

We understand the challenges veterans, service members and military families can face and believe that experiencing financial difficulties should not be one of them. That's the premise behind the VFW's **Unmet Needs** program.

Unmet Needs is there to help America's military families who have run into unexpected financial difficulties as a result of deployment or other military-related activity or injury. The program provides financial aid grants of up to \$1,500 to assist with basic life needs in the form of a grant - not a loan - so no repayment is required. To further ease the burden, we pay the creditor directly.

The needs of our veterans, service members and their families should never go unmet. Let us offer you a hand up when you need it!

For additional information, and to see if you or someone you know qualifies for a grant through the Unmet Needs program, please review the Unmet Needs eligibility criteria.

[APPLY TODAY](#)

STUDENT VETERAN SUPPORT

(Taken From VFW.org May 30, 2023)

Today's veterans can face any number of obstacles while furthering their education. Taking advantage of all the benefits you've earned and DESERVE shouldn't be one of them! This is why we have teamed up with Student Veterans of America and Sport Clips Haircuts to provide the assistance you need.

Scholarships

The VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" provides service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. It's just another way for us to say "thank you" to those who fought for our freedoms.

Scholarship Details:

- Scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to qualified applicants.
- Awarded scholarships are limited to one per family per semester.
- Applications for the fall semester will be accepted Jan. 1 through April 30.
- Applications for the spring semester will be accepted Aug. 1 through Nov. 15.
- Fall semester scholarships will be awarded in August, and spring semester scholarships will be awarded in January.
- Scholarships must be used by the end of the school semester for which the veteran is applying or they will become null and void.
- Scholarships are restricted for tuition and fees only and will be paid directly to accredited schools.

Eligible Applicants Must:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be retired, honorably discharged, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve.
- Have completed Basic Training and follow-on training (Advanced Individual Training, technical school, etc.).

- Separated with or currently hold a military rank of E-5 or below.
- Demonstrate a need for financial assistance.
- Participate in, be accepted to or currently enrolled in a VA-approved program or school at an accredited post-secondary institution.

[APPLY TODAY](#)

STUDENT VETERAN SUPPORT GRANT

(Taken From VFW.org May 30, 2023)

The VFW recognizes that both funding and support for our student veterans and dependents at institutions of higher learning, can often be difficult to find. The VFW's Student Veteran Support Grant offers much needed assistance to support specific student veteran events. The grant, administered by the VFW Washington Office, focuses on supporting the overall student veteran population within the community, which consists of many student veterans at campuses across the country that are not affiliated with an SVA chapter. The grants will be disbursed to a VFW Post or Department that has submitted an application, to support the student veterans at the university or college.

Grant Eligibility:

- Applicants must be VFW members associated with an appropriate entity of the VFW (VFW Post, District, Department, or National).
- Appropriate VFW Post, District, Department, or National leadership serve as the convening authority on the grant request and is responsible for receiving funds.
- Funds must be utilized for events and outreach designed to assist and support veterans currently enrolled in institutions of higher learning.
- Grants may be awarded up to \$500 to support each event, and grants can be awarded to a VFW entity twice each fiscal year, totaling up to \$1,000.

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VFW-SVA LEGISLATIVE FELLOWSHIP

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We have been advocating on behalf of veterans, service members and their families for more than a century, and we want to share our experience with a new generation of veteran leaders. The **VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship** grants exemplary student veterans (Fellows) the chance to join the VFW legislative team on Capitol Hill during the VFW Legislative Conference hosted in early spring each year. The Fellows will walk the halls of Congress, educating their legislators on the issues facing today's student veterans and have the opportunity to meet with policy-makers from federal agencies responsible for implementing veterans' policy.

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SECTION VI

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LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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The VFW's Legacy Life Membership provides an opportunity for Life Members to leave their mark on the nation's largest combat veteran's organization. Available only to current Life Members, the new Legacy Life Membership not only offers expanded and exclusive benefits, but also helps ensure that the VFW's good work will continue for generations to come.

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS COSTS

(\$400 increment levels)

BRONZE—\$400.00 SILVER—\$800.00 GOLD—\$1,200.00

Louisiana has **214** Legacy Life Members and this makes up over \$1,500.00 in our current state budget. *The Department of Louisiana's goal is for twelve (12) for this year. These Legacy Life Memberships pay dividends to your Post for life. Check out Legacy Life Membership online www.vfw.org or contact Debbie McElhannon, the State Life and Legacy Life Membership Chairman.

Once activated, your membership will endow additional income, made in your name, to provide a stable financial foundation for both your Post and the VFW.

Here are some of the benefits of becoming a Legacy Life Member:

- A one-time (or annual) endowment will be made in your name to the VFW
- Your personally engraved Legacy Life Membership card
- An official Legacy Life Membership certificate
- A Legacy Life Membership lapel pin
- Recognition at the Memorial Building kiosk in Washington D.C.
- Recognition at the VFW National Headquarters Museum. Leave a legacy that keeps on giving. Call the VFW 816-756-3390
- Comrades and Sisters, all VFW members can purchase the Legacy Life Memberships! Makes a great gift for some deserving VFW member.
- Promotion: The number of new and increased level of Legacy membership again experienced a sizable increase during our National Conventions. Why, because the program at a National Convention is extremely visible and encouraged among the attendees. It is apparent, from the response during every National Conventions, that our life members are not shunning the Legacy program; rather the vast majority does not know about or understand the program.
- Did you know? A Bronze Level donation of \$400.00 - The fair market value of the items in the Legacy Life Member Bronze packet is \$50.00, therefore, your donation in excess of the \$400.00 donation may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.
- A Silver Level donation of \$800.00 -The fair market value of the items in the Legacy Life Member Silver packet is \$80.00, therefore, your donation in excess of the \$800.00 donation may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.
- A Gold Level donation of \$1,200.00 -The fair market value of the items in the Legacy Life Member Gold packet is \$125.00, therefore, your donation in excess of the \$1,200.00 donation may be tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.

In addition to the A, B, C, D, and E Life Membership fees, your department receives an Annual Endowment payment of: \$6.00 for each Bronze, \$12.00 for each Silver and \$18.00 for each Gold Legacy Life Member.

Legacy Life Membership is a way that you as a VFW member can be remembered for life through its remembrance of income to your VFW Post and the organization.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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Appoint a **LIFE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN IN YOUR POST AND DISTRICT**. An active Life Membership Chairman could easily develop a sound program and most important of all, he/she could present information at Post meetings to acquaint your membership with the “Bargain of a Lifetime.” Pick a chairman who is well versed in the regulations governing Life Membership. Talk, publicize and push Life Membership, develop a payment plan for your members and publicize the use of credit cards (Visa or MasterCard) for payment. A Life Membership is an outstanding gift for the Post Commander and that GO-TO member you can count on to step up and volunteer.

Regulations governing VFW Life Membership are set forth in Article I – Section 101-111 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.

Life membership fees are as follows for the specified age groups:

Age through 30	\$425.00
31 – 40	\$410.00
41 – 50	\$375.00
51 – 60	\$335.00
61 – 70	\$290.00
71 – 80	\$225.00
81 and over	\$170.00

ADVANTAGES OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Pay dues only one time; no interruption in the VFW magazine because you forgot to pay your dues; no more dues notices; VFW “NO COST” insurance remains in force forever; issued sturdy plastic Life Membership cards instead of a paper card; never a question about your continuous membership status; most important of all, you show officials in Washington and the American people that you are committed to ensuring veterans benefits and rights for life. Join over 600,000 other VFW members who have made the commitment. Life Membership can save you money. Posts should consider: Having “Early Bird” Contest. Example: Notify all members that whoever pays their dues by Veterans Day, November 11, will have their names put into a Post drawing in which one or two names may be drawn. The Post can purchase the winner(s) a Life Membership.

NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP POST AWARDS:

PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP POST CHARTER: National will award a POST a PERPETUAL CHARTER when the Post has 25 or MORE LIFE MEMBERS. This is an automatic award.

MEMBERSHIP

***** Awards presented at 2024 Mid Winter and State Convention *****

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“Reaching out to Veterans and their Families”

I. NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MISSION:

To recruit, retain, and mentor a stable membership base, including all generations of veterans. To cultivate a membership that is well versed in institutional knowledge and actively involved at all levels of the organization and in the local community. To establish Posts with a strong tradition of service, leadership, and community outreach.

II. DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP GOALS:

Our National membership goals represent how we as a Department intend to reach our vision. Here are the Priorities:

1. Build a strong organization through recruiting new members while retaining our current membership that creates a solid baseline for the future.
2. Work together to achieve VFW goals. The VFW National Headquarters is available to assist in coordinating programs, developing membership initiatives and building awareness among our membership and the entire veteran community.
3. VFW has been successful in recruiting younger members (39 and younger) since 2005. There is only one way to make this success permanent: retain, recover, and recruit new members.
4. We have to improve the way we communicate with our members. This needs to be done at the grass roots level, by the post members. Use the technology available to you to include members in your meetings.
5. Do you have a newsletter, or an email, or a team that goes out and visits our members? In many cases we have lost touch with our members. We need to know who they are and what their needs are.
6. We have to get back to the basics, and that is taking care of our members and veterans as whole. This is our number 1 priority.
7. Mentoring should NOT be social media, it should be personal contact with our members!

III. MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING:

Department will hold two (2) Membership Recruiting events for the **2023-2024** VFW year. During these events it is suggested that Post divide into small groups and visit the members in your Post that are on the Unpaid List and also those you have not seen in a year or more. Also, set up at local retail facility to raise awareness of your Post and the Activities you are doing and recruit new members.

***Dates for Recruiting events are October 3, 2023 and April 10, 2024**

***Awards will be presented to the Post that shows the largest percentage increase in Membership totals for those two days at the Mid Winter Conference and State Convention.**

***Highest Post increase the Post Commander will be awarded a VFW Logo Tan Canvas Messenger Bag , the Post Quartermaster will receive a VFW Logo Tan Canvas Tablet Crossbody Bag(TBD).**

IV. MEMBERSHIP INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS AND AWARDS:

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AWARDS:

1. **100 % POST MEMBERSHIP:** Post Commanders and Quartermasters who reach 100% by **December 31, 2023**, and their guests will receive a RED CARPET invitation at the Mid- Winter Conference Banquet. They will be honored by walking the Red Carpet to a reserved table and awarded a VFW Logo Tan Canvas Tablet Crossbody Bag during the Program. Post will also be given two (2) Banquet tickets.

2. **100% DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP:** District Commanders and their guest who have 2/3 of their Post at 100% by **December 31, 2023** will receive a RED CARPET Invitation at the Mid-Winter Conference Banquet. They will be honored by walking the Red Carpet to a reserved table and awarded a VFW Logo Tan Canvas Messenger Bag during the Program. District Commanders Banquet ticket will be paid by Department.

3. **85% POST:** Those Post who are at 85% by **December 31, 2023**, will be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 Life Membership to the National Home.

4. **RECRUITER AWARDS** – Every recruiter who recruits 5 members will be awarded a Membership Award. For those recruiters signing up 25 or more new or reinstated members they will be awarded a VFW Logo Tan Canvas Messenger Bag. All winners will be recognized in the following months Mail Call in a Special Awards Section.

STATE CONVENTION AWARDS:

1. **DRAWING FOR \$50.00:** Each Post is to submit the name of each member in their Post who has signed up at least TEN (10) New/Reinstated Members between fiscal year July 1 and May 31 of the current VFW Year. The names are to be submitted to the State Membership Chairman by May 31 of the closing year. The drawing will be held at STATE CONVENTION and one (1) winner will receive \$50.00.

2. **RECRUITER AWARDS** – Every recruiter who recruits 5 members will be awarded a Membership Award. For those recruiters signing up 25 or more new or reinstated members they will be awarded a VFW Logo Tan Canvas Messenger Bag.

All winners will be recognized in the following months Mail Call in a Special Awards Section.

V. POST CONTESTS AND AWARDS:

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE AWARDS:

1. **HALL OF FAME AWARD:** Each Post reaching 100% in MEMBERSHIP transmissions and received by National Headquarters by DECEMBER 31 of current year, will receive a Special Department HALL OF FAME AWARD citation at Mid-Winter Conference and special seating and introduction at the Joint Opening of the Mid Winter Conference.

2. **GOLD CHEVRON AWARD:** To qualify for this award a Post MUST EXCEED its PRIOR year's membership total for TWO or MORE CONSECUTIVE years. Membership is based on the membership as of June 30, current year ending total. This award is presented at the Mid-Winter Conference and is for the past two or more consecutive years. Numerical gain for years 1-5 will receive a citation with their total number of

consecutive numerical gain. Once the Post reaches six (6) years of consecutive numerical gain, they will receive a Plaque. Each consecutive year after six (6), the Post will receive a Gold Bar to add to their Plaque.

3. **100 PERCENT POST:** All 100% Life Membership Posts will be put into a drawing for one to win \$50.00 and two (2) Banquet Tickets at Mid-Winter Conference

STATE CONVENTION AWARDS:

Notification must be sent to State Membership Chairman for the following awards

1. NEW MEMBERSHIP AWARD: ONE DRAWING OF Posts that sign up 25 to 50 New Members will receive \$75.00 for the Post Commander for his/her fine work. A Post that signs up 51 or more members will be included in a drawing and that post will receive \$100.00.

2. POST RETENTION AWARD: Posts retaining 85% Continuous as of June 15 will be put in a drawing and one Post will win \$100.00.

3. POST LIFE MEMBERSHIP NUMERICAL GAIN: Three Divisions (Largest Numerical Gain) for Life Membership will be awarded at the STATE CONVENTION.

Division I 10 – 100 Membership
Division II 101 – 200 Membership
Division III 201 – and up Membership

All Award recipients will be mentioned in the following months Mail Call under Special Awards Section

VI. POST RETENTION:

Although retention is not a prerequisite for the All-American program, it is a REQUIREMENT for All State Team. It is also extremely important to understand how retention is derived and the important role retention plays in accomplishing growth. The number of paid annual members in your Post on July 1 is your ensuing year's "prior year total." One more new or recovered member is required to make up for each prior year annual member the Post fails to retain. Post must have 85% Retention for All State Team!

Your Post retention is derived from six types of payment components based on your prior year total of annual members:

- A prior year annual member pays his or her annual membership dues.
- A prior year annual member pays the life membership installment fee.
- A prior year annual member pays for life membership dues.
- A prior year annual member transfers to another Post and pays his or her annual membership dues.
- A prior year annual member transfers to another Post and pays the life membership installment fee.
- A prior year annual member transfers to another Post and pays life membership dues.

VII. ALL AMERICAN CRITERIA:

ALLAMERICAN DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CRITERIA:

- Membership greater than 100%
- Finish in the top 10 Districts in your division
- Voice of Democracy - minimum of one entry advanced to Department Judging (Overseas District donate \$100 to National in lieu of entry)
- Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to Department judging (Overseas District donate \$100 to National in lieu of entry)

ALL-AMERICAN POST LEADERSHIP CRITERIA:

- Membership greater than 100%
- Voice of Democracy - minimum of one entry advanced to District Judging (Overseas Post donate \$75 to National in lieu of entry)
- Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging (Overseas Post donate \$75 to National in lieu of entry)

- Hold a fundraiser with the proceeds going to National Veterans & Military Support Services, minimum of \$100
- Partner twice with two separate organizations like Team RWB, Operation Ramp It Up, Operation Gratitude, Team Rubicon, Merging Vets & Players and other VSO's to include our friends at Sport Clips and Burger King. (Submit both online reports through dashboard).
- Create Post Social Media site or actively maintain existing site.
- 5 New Action Corps Sign-Ups: To sign up: Text "VFW" to "50457" to sign-up 5 previously unsubscribed members or VFW supporters.
- Have 10% increase in total impact in Community Service. (\$ Donated + Hours = Total Impact) * Baseline has been established within the KPI Tools for Community Service.

All Posts that meet the Qualifying Percentage and the program participation criteria will receive an All-American Post Citation, Post Streamer and be recognized in the VFW magazine

VIII. ALL-STATE POSTS CRITERIA

Within a department, the most effective measure of whether a post fully meets its requirements is selection by the Department Commander as an All-State post. The designation means the post is fully meeting all national and department guidelines in membership and the implementation of VFW programs. Commanders and Quartermasters of posts selected All-State will receive an All-State pin, citation, and cap. Each All State Entry form will be judged based off a Point-System criteria. The Captain of the All State Team will be awarded to the Post with the most points.

Commanders seeking All-State status must complete listed requirements and submit an entry form (supplied) to the Department Headquarters by **May 6, 2024**, only the top 15 Post and Districts will be selected for the All State Team. Qualifying membership activity and program items must be completed on or before that date. All-State selections will be made in sufficient time to allow post members to plan for attendance at the state convention in late June. NOTE: If total number of All State is NOT 15 Posts then, Posts that meet all final applied criteria after May 6th of current year but before June 30th current year will also be considered to receive recognition as All- State, but not necessarily receive caps, citations, and pins at the state convention; for those posts, recognition will be provided at the August Council of Administration.

To clearly recognize the most deserving posts, there is a practical limit to the number of posts that should be selected. For **2023-2024**, the department will apply primary requirements and, if necessary, supplemental criteria. All posts completing primary requirements will be considered for All-State. If the resulting number is too large to adequately separate the most deserving posts from others, secondary criteria will be applied.

PRIMARY REQUIREMENTS:

The primary requirements are divided into Membership Requirements and VFW Program Requirements. Both must be fulfilled in order for a Post to be on the All State Team!

◆MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- Greater than 40 members on May 8 of current year
- Membership greater than 100%
- Post must have Retention 85%

◆PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- Voice of Democracy - minimum of one entry advanced to District Judging
- Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to District judging
- Citizenship Education Teachers Award – one entry advanced to District judging

- Buddy Poppy- must purchase Buddy Poppies (5 per member on roster as 30 June prior year. Post with less than 100 Members MUST order at least 500 Buddy Poppies)
- Hold a fundraiser with the proceeds going to National Veterans & Military Support Services, minimum of \$100.00
- National Veterans Service – Appoint a Post Service Officer
- Post submitted Community Service Record Book for State judging
- Post is appropriately bonded
- Post submitted four Trustee Reports for the 2023-2024 year
- Post inspection completed and all discrepancies corrected
- Post submitted election report for 2023-2024 year

◆ **Extra Points will be given for the following:**

- Safety – entry in at least one category for District judging
- Post submitted monthly Community Service reports
- Post conducted at least one Hospital or Veteran Home visit
- Post participated in a POW/MIA event or ceremony

IX. ALL-STATE DISTRICTS:

Commanders of districts selected All-State will receive an All-State citation and cap. The Department Commander will select the Captain of the All-State Team.

District Commanders seeking All-State status must complete listed requirements and submit an entry form (supplied) to be received by the Department Headquarters by **May 6, 2024**. Qualifying membership activity and program items must be completed on or before that date. All-State selections will be made in sufficient time to allow members to plan for attendance at the state convention in June. NOTE: Districts that meet all final applied criteria after, **May 6, 2024**, but before, **July 1, 2024**, will also receive recognition as All-State, but not necessarily receive caps and citations at the state convention; for those districts, recognition will be provided at the August, Council of Administration.

◆ **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Membership greater than 100%
- Voice of Democracy - minimum of one entry advanced to Department Judging
- Patriots Pen - minimum of one entry advanced to Department judging
- Citizenship Education Teachers Award – one entry advanced to Department judging
- Have 2/3 of Posts in District purchase Buddy Poppies according to Post requirements
- Have a Cook-off Team represent the District at the State VFW Cook-off Competition. Date and location for Cook-off to be determined by Department Commander and Membership Chairman

*** * * * * See Post Information Package for * * * * ***
All State Post and All State District Entry Forms

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MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The Auxiliary sponsors the Buddy Poppy Hat Contest at the Mid-Winter Conference in January. All are requested to contact the Auxiliary President for details and requirements.

IMPORTANT: Remember to place all orders for Buddy Poppies and/or Poppy supplies through Department Headquarters – NOT NATIONAL!! Remember also that all orders should be placed at least 9– 12 weeks ahead of time needed.

STATE CONVENTION

- Buddy Poppy Display Contest Rules for June State Convention Competition Displays presented will be judged in three (3) categories. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded plaques in each category.
- Please review the categories listed and the new rule requirements
- Displays must be accompanied with a small white envelope (4" x 6"). On the FRONT of the envelope in Black Ink, the following information is required::

Theme of the Display

Category

Number of Buddy Poppies used

- On the INSIDE of the envelope submit the VFW Post and/or Auxiliary name, number & location.
- Post and Auxiliaries are responsible for setting up and taking down displays. Contact the State Chairman for display room location upon arrival at State Convention.

CATEGORY 1

PUBLIC PROMOTION OF POPPY SALES: Window, Booth, Parade or Poster Displays, Sales Promotions, etc.

a. Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message urging the wearing of the VFW Buddy Poppy.

b. At least one (1) Buddy Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color with label attached.

CATEGORY 2

MEMORIAL OR INSPIRATIONAL DISPLAYS: Wreaths, Memorial Tablets or Plaques, Patriotic, or Devotional themes.

a. Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy.

b. At least one (1) Buddy Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

CATEGORY 3

ARTISTIC OR DECORATIVE USE OF POPPIES: Post Home Displays, Table Centerpieces, Corsages, Pictures, Plaques, Models, Scenes, Hats, Novelty Pieces, etc.

a. Any display not meeting the requirements of Categories 1 and 2 will automatically be entered in Category 3. Complete freedom shall be permitted in the use of Poppies, Poppy parts or Poppy labels, and in the use of dyes or paints in achieving the desired artistic effect.

b. At least one (1) Buddy Poppy used in the Display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

If a Post and/or Auxiliary wins first place in the State competition in any of the first three (3) categories, the winners are invited to compete at the National Convention. The winners are responsible for setting up and taking down the displays at the National Convention. The Post and State Chairman must contact Department Headquarters in writing giving the size of the display and the amount of space required for displaying the Buddy Poppy entry Competition. National entry Deadline date: July 5 of current year. CHECK DEADLINE WITH NATIONAL by visiting online at www.vfw.org – National Convention. Entry forms are provided by National.

ORDER YOUR BUDDY POPPIES EARLY PLEASE!!! BUDDY POPPY ORDERING FORMS ARE INCLUDED IN THE POST PACKETS FROM C OF A or online www.vfwdeptla.org

Buddy Poppy Price:
1,000 BP - \$135.00 (+ shipping)
500 BP - \$67.50 (+ shipping)
100 BP - \$13.50 (+ shipping)

REMEMBER: Post must order required number of Buddy Poppies over prior year or National quota assigned to meet requirements for consideration for the All-State Team judging. See All-State Team requirements for the details.

All Posts are reminded to purchase Buddy Poppies and help carry out the VFW TAG LINE: ***“No one does more for Veterans than VFW”***, while assisting the Post/Auxiliary Relief Fund.

Buddy Poppy Campaign Donations also go to the National Home to support the Home and the residents.

Note Distributions: \$10.00 – to disabled Veterans making the Poppies
 \$10.00 – to VFW National Rehabilitation
 \$10.00 – to VFW National Home
 \$15.00 – to your own Department Rehabilitation Services

All Post/Auxiliaries should review the National Commander’s Manual for Buddy Poppy awards online at www.vfw.org!

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Do you like to take pictures at VFW and Auxiliary functions? Would you be willing to share your photos? The Department and State Commander need your help!

Throughout the year, the individual Posts, Districts and Department will host VFW functions and events. Many photographs are taken and news articles, notes, programs, and agendas are written up regarding the attendance and participation of the State Commander. We need a copy of these for the State Commander's Historian Book.

In order to compile the State Commander's Historian Book it is respectfully requested that any and all extra photographs, news articles, etc. that you may have, be sent to the State Historian so that a Record Book can be made to document the State Commander's year of activities.

Please mail the items as soon as possible throughout the administrative year. Please try to send all materials no later than May 15 of current year. This year we'd like everything to go to our State Historian so that she can compile the book.

“Reaching out to Veterans and their Families” 2023-2024 State Commander's Theme administration will serve Louisiana for the 2021-2022 year and with your help and generosity the State Commander's Historian Book will be a story to remember.

All items and pictures are greatly appreciated. Mail all materials to address above. For manual submissions, please send only clean, sharp photos. Pictures must be on photo paper, no computer papers. Please no wide lens prints. Number each photograph on the back upper right corner. On a separate sheet of paper, identify people, titles, dates and subject of picture. I will accept newspaper articles. Thank You for your kind assistance as we promote our “Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler For Veterans” speaking out and being active throughout Louisiana. Two action photos that tell a story is what we are looking for!

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All Posts are requested to report any assistance to homeless veterans to the State Homeless Veteran Chairman on a monthly basis. Enter the information concerning homeless veteran (s) on the first page of the Community Service Report Form per category provided.

VA's Stance On Homelessness

We Can All Do Something to End Veteran Homelessness

No one who has served our country should ever go without a safe, stable place to call home.

The entire Department has put its energy and resources into ending Veteran homelessness. VA's programs provide individualized, comprehensive care to Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

Still, VA cannot do it alone. Organizations and individuals in communities across the country are integral to providing services to Veterans and spreading the word about the resources VA provides to end and prevent homelessness among Veterans.

Explore va.gov/homeless to learn about VA's programs for Veterans and to find out what you, your neighbors, and your community can do to help Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

Know that one phone call can be the difference in the life of a Veteran who is homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless. Make the Call to 877-4AID-VET (424-3838) to be connected 24/7 with VA's services to overcome or prevent homelessness for yourself or a Veteran you know.

Note: If you and your Post/Aux know of any Homeless Veteran's Shelters, find out what kind of assistance they need in their program. Let's make this a year that counts toward ending Veteran's Homelessness, especially in Louisiana. Let us be the First to Fight for Veterans!

*A Veteran's family that may be homeless can apply to the VFW's National Home in Eaton Rapids, MI to possibly move there to live until they are able to provide for their family.
National Home Help Line 1-800-313-4200*

HOSPITAL - V.A.V.S REPRESENTATIVES

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“**Hospital Visits**” refers to any visits made at the following facilities:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| a. Community Nursing Homes. | d. VA Hospitals and Clinics. |
| b. Veterans Homes. | e. Private Nursing Homes/Hospitals |
| c. Community Hospitals. | f. Hospice patients |

Use the Department Community Service Report Forms for reporting – copy of the form is in Post packets given at C of A. Post must complete forms with TOTALS included and submit to State Chairman of your respective District. MAKE COPIES FOR YOURSELF!

Service to Veterans and Hospital reporting. Note the section listing Hospitals, Nursing Homes, etc. are listed as points for All-State Team judging.

Reporting Example: VA Clinic or Hospital Visit
352 patients visited
Three (3) needy VFW members benefited

Hospital Credit Allowances are unless changes have been made by National:

GLASSES: \$5.00 credit for all types donated to Hospitals or Nursing Homes only.

TRANSPORTATION: 20 cents per mile per car to and from all Hospital visits.

TOLL ROADS AND TOLL BRIDGES: Actual cost.

REPAIR WORK: Retail price.

RADIO AND TV: Retail price.

TOBACCO PRODUCTS: Actual price.

Also check with VAVS Representative for special updates on allowances.

See Hospital reporting form at www.vfwdeptla.org/forms to fill out and send to respective State Chairman.

HOSPITAL VFW – VAVS VETERANS VOLUNTEER SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

VFW VAVS REPRESENTATIVES: The VAVS Representative and Deputy Representative must possess a sincere interest in the welfare of the hospitalized veteran; have the ability to work with others; possess leadership ability; be able to attend VAVS District and Post meetings; have a thorough knowledge of the VFW; be able to interpret the VAVS programs to the VFW Posts in his/her area; and must have the time, ability and desire to accomplish the work.

RESPONSIBILITY: Coordination of the volunteer resources of the VFW and dissemination and interpre-

tation of VAVS information, policies and procedures; attendance at VAVS committee meetings; participation on subcommittees and study groups; and to coordinate the volunteer services of all Posts serving the hospital to which he/she is assigned.

RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS: He/She will be responsible for all VFW participation in the VAVS program at his/her hospital, including contribution of money and material. Volunteers should be obtained by solicitation of Post Commanders and Post Hospital Chairman. This may require personal visits to Districts and Posts.

If there are any Post and/or Auxiliary members interested in volunteer service, please contact Department Headquarters at 10185 Mammoth Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70814, Ph 225-928-5025 or your area VAVS Representative.

Contact your local TV cable stations and ask them to run a message in solicitation of volunteers to serve in the 1.) VA Medical Centers in Shreveport, Alexandria or New Orleans; 2.) Jennings, Lafayette, Houma, Hammond, and Baton Rouge VA Clinics; and/or 3.) LA Veterans Home in Jackson, Jennings, Reserve, Bossier City, and Monroe, Louisiana. Explain the need for volunteers at VA Healthcare facilities and the types of positions that are available. See list of locations in the packet of forms in the Post Commander's COA Packets.

STRESS THE VOLUNTEER ANGLE: There are thousands of retirees in the State who could fit into this program with great benefits to themselves and the hospitalized veterans. We must reach these people. Just a few things they can do, and are doing, throughout the nation: Rehabilitation Medicine (recreation), Pharmacy Service, Psychology Service, Laboratory Service, Dietetic Service, Escort Service, Library Service, Chapel Service, Social Service, etc. There is room for many more volunteers to help provide the important extra services, which mean so much to the veteran patients. The type of volunteers needed is you – all of you.

See Section of the National Commander's Manual online for information regarding awards to be presented. Visit online www.vfw.org

**VAVS PIN ARE AWARDED TO VOLUNTEERS AS LISTED,
IN COMMUNITY SERVICE YEARLY PLANNING PACKET INSIDE
ALL POST PACKETS GIVEN AT THE COFA TO
POSTCOMMANDERS!**

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS

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The Legislative year will continue to present an opportunity and a challenge for veteran's organizations in the State of Louisiana.

If you care about your American Citizenship, you should care enough to write your public officials. It's one of the most effective ways you can participate in our democratic system. It is important that our Legislators in Baton Rouge and our Louisiana Congressional Delegation in Washington hear from you regarding legislative issues affecting veterans.

Legislative chairman at the District or Post levels or District Commanders can be the focal point for arranging periodical meetings with Congressional Representatives in a particular District or with any State Legislator in their District. Invite your Senators and Congressmen to your District and Post meeting. Let them tell you what they are doing for veterans in Louisiana. Call them – speak to them – not their aide. You have often heard our comrades say the VFW is non-political, which is true in the sense that we are non-partisan. But, we should never use this as an excuse not to have a vigorous Legislative Committee at all levels, and to keep them informed as to the desired legislative goals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Your Legislative Committee will continue your Legislative battle, but YOU, the individual member in your own Home District, will continue to be the most important part in a successful Legislative Campaign – with your VOICE – and your VOTE.

EMAIL YOUR CONCERNS!

To email your Senators or Congressmen see their web pages listed below to contact them.

OR

WRITE LETTERS ABOUT YOUR CONCERNS!

MOST OF ALL VOTE! MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!!

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Senator John Kennedy (R)

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Lafayette, LA 70502
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CENTRAL

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SAMPLE LETTER FORMAT

Letter Brigade: We need to take action today and always to ensure that all veterans receive the benefits that our government promised them. Here's how you can let our leaders in Washington know that we will not let them turn their backs on our veterans.

Sample 1:

Special Veteran's Petition to President of the United States for you to copy and send to: President of the United States, Washington DC.

Letter ~~~~~

Sample 2:

Petition to Honorable Senator John or Jane Doe:

See address listed for Your Senators

Letter ~~~~~

Sample 3:

Petition to Honorable Congressman John/Jane Doe:

See address listed for Congressmen

Letter ~~~~~

Our government has an obligation to all those who have served our nation. Today, the VA claims workload stands at more than one million. Veterans are waiting far too long for the benefits they have earned. As the Commander-in-Chief of our nation, you have a duty to take action.

I urge you to take immediate measures to reduce the VA claims workload. Please show our nation's defenders – including those now returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and other areas of conflicts – which America stands behind her warriors.

We kept our promise to this nation ... this nation must never turn its back on us!

Signed, a Proud Veterans,

(Name)

(City & State)

Your simple letter – could have the same wording – but a different subject such as: No more VA cuts on the backs of veterans, remember veterans vote and roads or wet lands do not, find funds for homeless because on any given day they could be 270,000 veterans homeless, let's cure homelessness – we need our women veterans to be treated so that they can lead normal lives and be viable citizen again. You know the issues we as veterans face – let's put it in writing and use this letter designed to inform our legislatures about their responsibilities to veterans in their state and district.

SAMPLE LETTER FORMAT

NATIONAL HOME

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***LOVE, CARE, DEVOTION AND EDUCATION = VFW AND AUXILIARY DONATIONS.
DONATE AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR!***

HELP, HOPE, AND HONOR

Funds to Operate the National Home:

The National Home for Children is the finest example of our commitment to helping veterans and military families. Through our helpline and on-campus programs, we help families and children in times of crisis. Help is available not only on campus, but in local communities.

Since the first residents arrived in 1925, the National Home has stood as a reminder that the cost of war is not only on the battlefield, but at home too. Located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, the campus consists of 40 homes and many support buildings.

Please remember that the Home is a totally private agency with no support, whatsoever, from the government. It derives its support solely from the kindness of the membership of the VFW Posts, Auxiliaries and Military Order of the Cootie. Following are four of the primary sources of contributions that provide for the operation of the National Home:

The sale of National Home Seals (provides 50% of operating budget).

The sale of Buddy Poppies (one cent from each Poppy sold goes to the Home).

The sale of Life Memberships and Associate Life Memberships (\$50.00 each).

Bequests from wills and gifts.

Tributes.

It may be noted that money received from Life Memberships and gifts are placed in an Endowment Fund and only interest is used to run the Home; these are restricted funds. Encourage your members to support the National Home. For more info contact:

Address: **National Home Director
3573 Waverly Road
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827**

Website: vfwnationalhome.org

Phone: **National Home Helpline 1-800-313-4200**

Please be advised that all Posts are encouraged to donate funds to the National Home. Usually a \$50.00 donation is given. Some Posts match the Auxiliary's donation. Make check payable to: **VFW National Home** and mail to **3573 Waverly Rd., Eaton Rapids, MI 48827**.

HONOR MEMBERS OF YOUR POST WITH A LIFE MEMBERSHIP (\$50.00) IN THE VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN. GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR A FELLOW COMRADE!

POW/MIA

*** * * Awards presented at 2024 State Convention * * ***

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Roger Veillon

National Headquarters recommends writing to: National League of American POW/MIA in Southeast Asia, 1608 K. Street, Northwest, Washington DC 20006, for updated information on the POW/MIA status.

POW /MIA Recognition Day honors the commitments and the sacrifices made by our nation's Prisoners Of War and those who are still Missing In Action. By custom, it is on the third Friday in September.

National POW /MIA Recognition Day is one of the six days specified by law on which the black POW/MIA flag shall be flown over federal facilities and cemeteries, post offices and military installations.

Find out more about POW /MIA Recognition Day!

“Red” was adopted as the color to honor our missing men and women. It is stipulated for National POW / MIA Recognition Day that Red “Battle Streamers” be attached to the American Flag during the entire week of September 13-19.

Proclaim a day for POW and MIA in your City!

National POW/MIA Recognition day is the third Friday of September 18th.

Prayer: Request that local ministers include a prayer in their services for the missing men and women and encourage their church congregations to participate in upcoming events. (Dept. Headquarters has a list of Louisiana's POW MIAs).

Keep Congress and Legislators informed on what we, the VFW, has done!

Examples are included in the Commanders Leadership Manual received from National Headquarters.

Have a Guest Speaker on Veterans Day & Memorial Day!

Contact the families of POWs and MIAs and ask them to attend scheduled programs.

Ribbons:

Ask businesses and government officials who fly the American Flag to attach Red Ribbons to their Flag Poles in the manner of a Battle Streamer as a Symbol of Freedom for POW /MIAs during the week of September 13th - 19th. Request citizens in the Community to tie Red Ribbons to car antennas, around trees, on mailboxes, etc.

Wear a Pin. Ribbon or Tag until all our men and women are accounted for. (Reminder)

DEPARTMENT OUTSTANDING POST PROGRAM

The Department's Program will include an AWARD to be presented to the MOST OUTSTANDING POST PROGRAM to be chosen from the POW/MIA Reports submitted to the State Chairman by **May 1, of current year.**

Points will be given for: Originality of Program; Community Involvement; Pictures (Red Ribbons); Hours Worked; News Articles; Members Involved

See the VFW By-Laws and Manual for an example of the POW /MIA Program Guide for Post POW/MIA Programs.

Each Post is encouraged to have a monthly POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at each Post Meeting,

Things to promote are:

- POW/MIA chair with POW /MIA cover
- POW MIA table for Missing Service Man /Woman
- Give out POW /MIA Flags during POW/MIA week
- Read the LA POW /MIA list and remember those and their families
- Have a candle lit during the Post Meeting to Remember POW/MIA's.

List VFW's web page with POW /MIA links for Post to get information are listed below:

- For Vietnam: <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/vietnam/reports/state/?State=la&Name=Louisiana>
- Korea: <http://www.dticdpmo/korea/reports/state/?State=la&Name=Louisiana>
- Cold War: <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/cold war/reports/>
- WWII: <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/wwii/reports/>
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POW/MIA INFO:

According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, all immediate family members, as well as maternal and paternal relatives, of POW-MIAs, are eligible to donate a family reference sample, which is essentially a cotton cheek swab. Relatives should contact a military service casualty officer for information on how to provide a DNA sample. Those numbers are:

United States Army: (800) 892-2490

United States Marine Corps: (800) 847-1597

United States Navy: (800) 443-9298

United States Air Force: (800) 531-5501

Department of State: (202) 485-6106

SAFETY

*** * * Awards presented at 2024 Mid-Winter Conference * * ***

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PUBLIC SERVANTS AWARD CITATION PROGRAM

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects an emergency services person, a law enforcement officer and a firefighter to receive a VFW Public Servants Award Citation. Post Safety Chairmen are encouraged to submit a candidate for these awards to their Department Safety Chairman by December 15. The Department Chairman must select a single candidate for each category awarded and submit the 1st Place Winners for each category to VFW National Headquarters by February 1.

Emergency Medical Technician Public Servant Citation:

Any individual, who actively gives emergency medical treatment, provides rescue service or civil disaster assistance as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to give emergency medical care, provide rescue and civil disaster assistance to our nation's citizens.

Law Enforcement Public Servant Citation:

Any individual who serves in a municipal, county, state, or federal unit tasked with enforcement of the laws pertaining to their area of responsibility. This award does not apply to individuals employed by private companies or security services.

Firefighters Public Servant Citation:

Any individual who actively fights fires as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to fight fires and give assistance to our nation's citizens.

Criteria: *(Candidates must have demonstrated)*

- Recognition by their colleagues or those they serve.
- Consistent excellence in the performance of their duties.
- Consistent dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibilities and skills within their profession.

Documentation Required For All Candidates:

- Nomination letter containing the candidate's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered
- One page resume of the candidate's overall background
- One page resume of the candidate's background in their field
- One page listing of the candidate's accomplishment and awards in their field
- Photograph (preferably a head shot) of the candidate

All documentation should be contained in a presentation folder.

Nominations:

The Post Safety Chairmen will send the above information to their Department Safety Chairman no later than December 15. Department Chairman will forward their candidate and documentation to National Programs Office to arrive no later than February 1.

The State Safety Chairman will provide 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Plaques for each of the categories **Emergency Medical Technician, Law Enforcement Officer, and Firefighter**.

Life Saving Awards

Safety Chairmen at Posts, Districts and Departments are encouraged to regularly identify and honor individuals throughout the year in their geographic area who have saved a life. The VFW National Programs Office provides the following three different citations, free of charge, for local presentation.

- **Regular Life Saving Citation** - Honors individuals who have, without regard for their own comfort, taken action resulting in the saving of another human life.
- **Line of Duty Life Saving Citation** - Honors individuals who, in the execution of their assigned duties, have taken action resulting in the saving of another human life.
- **Valor Life Saving Citation** - Honor civilians who have taken action resulting in the saving of another human life and have place their own safety at risk.

FOR STATE CHAIRMAN ONLY:

State Safety Chairmen will request citations by sending the following to VFW National Programs:

- Documentation of the event --newspaper clippings, etc.
- Name of the individual receiving the citation.
- Date of presentation and date desired on the citation
- Name and address of the Post Commander or Auxiliary President who will be sent the citation for presentation?

All required items should be contained in a presentation folder.

Send material to:

**VFW Nation Headquarters
Attn: Programs (Recognition)
406 West 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111
Fax: 816-968-1149
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The State of Louisiana, Department of Veterans Affairs maintains a full-time staff of Parish Service Officers throughout the State and they have contact with the officers operating in the Veterans Administration Regional Office and the VA Medical Centers. At each location, trained Service Officers can assist in completing VA Application and Claim for Benefits form. Utilize this valuable asset as a resource and a contact for any service questions. Visit www.louisianaveteransaffairs.com for listings.

One of the most important things Post Service Officers should remember as a Service Officer is to be factual and honest in providing information; do not make any promises that you cannot fulfill; and if you do not know the answer, ask someone who does. When a person asks for assistance in service work, we must remember this is probably the most important thing to the one in need. Be sure and act promptly; do not delay. If you do not know how to properly file a Power of Attorney or a Statement in Support of Claim, refer the person to someone who knows. Your VFW State Roster will give you the name, address and telephone number of the State Service Officer. Service work is one of the large factors in membership retention, for a person usually remembers where and who provided assistance when it was needed. It is also an excellent source for recruiting both new and reinstated members.

Each Post, District, and Department is required in the By-Laws to appoint a Service Officer. Their duties and responsibilities are also defined by the By-Laws. We also welcome the Auxiliary to become involved in service work. It is suggested that anyone interested in service should purchase a copy of “The Service Officer’s Guide” which is the textbook for VFW Service Officers and may be obtained through the VFW National Catalog. Order today!

SERVICE OFFICERS GUIDELINES TO SERVICE

The defined objectives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are known at all levels of leadership within our organization. Each goal is more readily attainable through the strength of membership. As a consequence, if membership is to be retained and experience growth, it must be served. Thus, it can be said that service is the hallmark of the VFW. In this sense, we speak in terms of the Post Service Officer.

The Post Service Officer is the cornerstone of the vast National Veterans Service Programs. Working at the grass-roots level under the guidance of the Department Service Officer, he/she is charged with the responsibility of providing prompt, complete, and comprehensive service to comrades and their families. By knowing who the LDVA Parish Service Officer is in their parish and sending the claimant to the Parish Service Office for benefits service. He needs to be aware of what the Parish Counselor can do for the claimant so that if anything goes wrong the Post Service Officer will know how to respond immediately! Only LDVA accredited Counselors can file claims for VFW members in the state of Louisiana. No Post

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The Post Service Officer is the cornerstone of the vast National Veterans Service Programs. Working at the grass-roots level under the guidance of the Department Service Officer, he/she is charged with the responsibility of providing prompt, complete, and comprehensive service to comrades and their families. By knowing who the LDVA Parish Service Officer is in their parish and sending the claimant to the Parish Service Office for benefits service. He needs to be aware of what the Parish Counselor can do for the claimant so that if anything goes wrong the Post Service Officer will know how to respond immediately! Only LDVA accredited Counselors can file claims for VFW members in the state of Louisiana. No Post Service Officer can file any claims on behalf of veterans or their dependents (claimants).

It is imperative that the Post Service Officer possess not only ability but also demonstrate the willingness to function in this vital lifeline role. Without those essential qualifications, service is ineffective and stagnates a primary thrust of the VFW, which is renowned among veterans for its quality service to others. When this situation occurs, members and families look elsewhere for help and representation in times of stress and need, thereby threatening membership renewal.

The appointment of a Post Service Officer requires that he/she be not only capable but also equipped to perform the duties of the office. He/she should have in their possession a copy of the "Guide for Service Officers." It is an invaluable Reference Text specifically designed for use at the Post level. It is available through the National Emblem & Supply Department, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111. Furthermore, Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure enunciates that the Post Service Officer must work through his Department Service Officer and cooperate fully with that office. Post Service Officers are encouraged to order a Service Officer Guide catalog #4107, at a cost of \$7.25 each and attend August, CofA workshop, VA Service Officer training.

If those guidelines are adhered to, excellence can be achieved in service to members, their dependents, and other veterans who solicit VFW representation. For more information, contact your State VFW Service Officer listed above.

For further information, check the VFW web page at WWW.VFW.ORG, then go to ABOUT US; wVETERANS SERVICES, AND VFW SERVICE OFFICERS. DO NOT SEND ANY REPORTS TO VFW STATE SERVICE OFFICER.

All Post Service Officers are urged to attend the Service Officer's VA Benefit Session scheduled on Saturday at the CofA each year. The CofA is held in August each year. Post Commanders, you have a responsibility to have your Post Service Officer attend the Department's training each year! If one veteran is given assistance in one year by your Post Service Officer – you are doing the work of the VFW.

POST SERVICE OFFICERS AWARDS PROGRAM:

The Outstanding Post Service Officer will receive a Plaque at State Convention. Points will be awarded per report submitted by the Post Service Officer. DEADLINE is May 3rd of current year. All reports are to be mailed to the State Chairman by the Post Service Officer. Reports may be mailed monthly or quarterly to State Chairman.

POSTS ARE REMINDED TO SEND COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER - WITH THE CORRECT DETAIL LISTINGS OF: NUMBER OF WORKERS; HOURS; BENEFIT OF NON-VFW MEMBERS; MONEY SPENT. ALL DETAILS WILL BE APPRECIATED.

**[* * * * * See Post Information Package for * * * * *
Outstanding Post Service Officer Nomination Entry Forms](#)**

STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA

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Today's veterans can face any number of obstacles while furthering their education. That's why the VFW partnered with Student Veterans of America (SVA), to be there for veterans while they pursue their education. SVA and the VFW are committed to ensuring our nation's veterans succeed in their educational pursuits, community service endeavors, careers and personal lives. Working together, SVA Chapters and VFW Posts can help our nation's veterans attain these goals.

The missions and purposes of both organizations share a great deal of synergy. SVA offers peer support for veterans transitioning back to civilian life and academia, frequently after serving one or more deployments overseas. The VFW provides opportunities for camaraderie, community service and veterans advocacy to those who have honorably served in overseas conflicts. While SVA Chapters are unique amongst veterans groups with their location on campus, VFW Posts are located in the same communities off campus.

These two organizations can experience great and mutual success working together through several key avenues of cooperation:

- Shared access to VFW Service Officers to help file disability claims
- Camaraderie, peer support and mentorship
- Cooperating on community and veterans service initiatives
- Conducting joint events, celebrations and recognition ceremonies
- Fellowship Opportunities
- Use of VFW facilities
- Pooling community connections for mutual benefit
- Combined effort on local, state and national advocacy efforts to attain the best possible outcomes for veterans
- Access to VFW Help A Hero scholarships

With more than 6,800 VFW Posts and more than a thousand SVA Chapters, there are many opportunities for cooperation and engagement. Find a [VFW Post](#) or an [SVA Chapter](#) near you to get involved.

For more information please visit www.vfw.org/SVA/

VFW RIDERS GROUP

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PURPOSE:

- To promote and support the programs of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
- To promote motorcycle safety programs
- To provide a social atmosphere for VFW members who share the same interest

FORMATION:

Each VFWRG will be presented as an activity, managed by a VFWRG Committee, established by its sponsoring Department, District, or Post. No VFWRG will represent itself as, or be a Motorcycle Club (MC or part of any MC Confederation/Organization at any level.

NAME:

Each VFWRG may adopt a name of its choosing, subject to rules and regulations adopted by the Department having jurisdiction and the approval of the sponsoring unit and that of the Commander-in-Chief. The use of the name “VFW RIDERS” is recommended.

MEMBERSHIP:

All VFWRG members shall be members in good standing with either the Veterans of Foreign Wars or one of its nationally recognized Auxiliaries. Each must be legally registered owner of a properly insured motorcycle and must possess a valid motorcycle driver’s license in their state of residence (military equivalents acceptable as well) or a rider thereto.

Subject to the rules and regulations of a Department, District, or Post VFWRG may allow Supporters (aka Supporting Riders or Guest Riders). Such supporter classification does not constitute membership in the VFW nor come with the promise of any material, financial, or political benefit to the VFWRG, its members or committee; nor to any other member at any other organizational level within the VFW; nor there be any similar gains for the honoree through the conferring of “Supporter” status, but it is intended as a means to provide recognition to those who show strong support to the VFWRG programs and events. Prospective supporters must, without exception, be the legal to the VFWRG programs and events.

For more information please contact State Chairman for VFW RIDERS GROUP.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

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Ways and Means Committee is charged with the responsibility of selecting programs that raise revenue to support VFW programs and day-to-day operations. Fundraisers fall into two categories, one being the state level and the other at the local level. During the current year the Department will include: Ballpoint pens, baseball caps, vest, shirts, and items to raise a fundraiser.

Other revenues come from State and National Programs that provide funding for our Department's administrative needs. They are the sale of Christmas Cards, Personalized Label Programs, Decals, and Calendars. The proceeds from these individual programs are included in the Department's VFW State Budget Report.

Program proceeds help to support the Veterans Service, Youth, Patriotic, Historical, and Educational Programs on the Post as well as the Department level.

Local fundraisers include Bingo, Video Poker, fund raisers, Riders group, and various Post sales that help's to give continued financial support to our Hospital Program. Other programs such as Scouting, Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, along with Civil Air Patrol and Sea Cadet groups help to strengthen our commitment our Community Service to our communities. Community involvement works well to motivate membership's participation in events. It has been proven; to make money you have got to give money back to your communities.

We are looking forward to working with each Post and/or District Ways and Means Chairman to discuss and develop ideas and/or suggestions in improving the efforts and making this year a MORE SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Let us know if we can help! Please be advised that the programs proposed for this year on a State Level are:

Donated Items to Fundraiser Events
Half and Half
Caps, shirts, etc.
One time yearly donation

(see form to cut out and use for Post/Aux individual donations)

Look for our Sales Booth at the Mid-Winter Conference and at the State Convention.

If each Member donated \$1.00 and each Post donate \$35; the Ways & Means Programs would benefit our great Department's many programs.

Thank all of you for your continued support. We appreciate all of you! We see SSSSS signs in the future! Your donations work for your Department programs and projects. Remember your department when planning Estate Donations too!

*** * * * * See Post Information Package for * * * * ***
VFW Ways and Mean Donation Forms

WOMEN VETERANS

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars understands the need and obligation to identify, reach out to, advocate for, and recognize the nation's women veterans. The Department continues to appoint a female VFW member to serve on the Women Veterans Committee. This position will act as the senior advisor and mentor for issues related to the recruitment, retention, and veteran service in support of VFW-eligible female veterans. She will work together with the Department Membership and National Veterans & Military Support (NVMS) chairmen and Department Veteran Service Officers. She will represent the state in all matters concerning women veterans and promote the VFW's membership campaign to educate women veterans about the VFW. The Department salutes all women veterans and invites them to participate on the Post/District and State levels. Currently 20% of military personnel are women. Also, women are the fastest growing subpopulation of veterans. Louisiana has more than 32,000 women veterans, many of them eligible to join the VFW. Look around in your communities to invite eligible women veterans to join the VFW and attend Post meetings. With more than 280,000 women serving or who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, your community probably has eligible women veterans! What can you do to find women veterans in your community? Why not have a breakfast or a luncheon honoring women veterans of all branches of the Armed Forces, then recruit? Memorial Day and Veterans Day would be good times to recognize women of military service and have a guest speaker for them. HOST A WOMEN VETERANS DAY!

Check out these resources for Women Veterans:

VFW Women Veterans: <https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/women-veterans>

VA Women Veterans Call Center: <https://www.womenshealth.va.gov/WOMENSHEALTH/ProgramOverview/wvcc.asp>

VA Center for Women Veterans (CWV): <https://www.va.gov/womenvet/>

VA Outreach Material for Women: <https://www.womenshealth.va.gov/WOMENSHEALTH/outreachmaterials/ImOne/ImAProudVeteran.asp>

The Department of Louisiana is reaching out to VFW Posts and asking them to bring their VFW women veterans to Council of Administration (CofA), Mid-Winter Conference, and State Convention. LET'S TAKE PRIDE IN THEIR SERVICES TO THIS GREAT COUNTRY!!!