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18th District

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The District 18 Membership Chairman report for July 2026.

Congratulations on a good year! We met last year's goals. The new year has started and it is exciting to announce that Department Commander James Brown as announced that this years goals are 100% plus 3 Members for All-State!

To make Captain it is 100% plus 15 members.

Eligibility requirements for All-State must be met no later than April 30, 2027.

Department Commander Brown has stated that he wants us to Retain, Reinstate and Recruit our members. Retaining members is very important. The first thing to remember is they are already members! Keep them on the rolls. Don't just call to say do you want to renew your membership. Build those relationships to keep them interested and involved in the Post. Learn something about each member to let them know someone cares. Reinstate members. Members walk away from the VFW for different reasons but most just didn't feel connected. Every Post Quartermaster has access to those that can be reinstated. The list is usually a lot bigger than most people expect. It is a source that people often ignore. Often the list is long with inaccurate addresses, emails, and no phone numbers. However, you will still get about 5-10% to reinstate from the list. Lastly, call Department for the members at large list within your area and ask them if they would be willing to join your community. It will help with your numbers and your Post could win one of the many contests this year.

There are 35 contests to compete in. Hold onto those hats because the first contests are taking place right now from July 1 to July 31.

PTI Attendance Award: *All VFW PA Members that physically attend a July 2026 PTI will be eligible for a drawing (at the one attended) for 1 of 9 Life Memberships. If already a Life Member, the winner may choose to upgrade to Legacy Life or gift the Life Membership to another Member. If all individuals at the Post of the winner are Life, a Legacy Life will be awarded.*

Contest 1: *Every VFW PA member that obtains a minimum of 3 New and/or Reinstated Members between July 1 to July 31 2026 will be put in a drawing for 1 Life Membership. If already a Life Member the winner may choose to upgrade to Legacy Life or gift the Life Membership to another member.*

Let's get those competitive juices flowing and lets go forth and win some awards and help our fellow combat veterans find a home!

Robert Leasure
Membership Chairman

