

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS



***“OUT FRONT FOR VETERANS”***

## MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

2026 - 2027

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## VFW Department of Massachusetts

This membership program has been designed to recognize and reward Members and Posts for promoting and growing membership and program participation in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**Note:** To receive credit based on membership, please remember to include your name and VFW membership number on all Membership Application Forms for all new members recruited.

To be eligible for any award:

- ✓ Award criteria must be met NO LATER THAN the Department deadline date, as indicated herein.
- ✓ Membership statistics must appear in MEMSTATS on the OMS section of National's website, [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org). NO LATER THAN Department deadline date, as indicated herein.
- Unless otherwise stated, awards will be presented at the State Convention. Awards not presented at the State Convention will be presented at the next Department Council of Administration following the Convention.

Yours in comradeship,

Craig DeOld  
State Commander

Heath Joseph  
Membership Chairman

**Top Recruiter Monthly Prizes:**

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| July 2025 | \$50.00 & (1) Commanders' Shirt                                 |
| August    | \$50.00 & (1) Commanders' Shirt                                 |
| September | \$50.00 & (1) Commanders' Shirt                                 |
| October   | \$50.00 & (1) Commanders' Shirt                                 |
| November  | \$50.00 & (1) Commanders' Shirt                                 |
| December  | (2) Tickets to VOD/PP Banquet & (1) Commanders' Shirt           |
| January   | (2) Tickets to C-IN-C Banquet & (1) Commanders' Shirt           |
| February  | \$50.00 & (1) Commanders' Shirt                                 |
| March     | \$50.00 & (1) Commanders' Shirt                                 |
| April     | \$50.00 & (1) Commanders' Shirt                                 |
| May       | (2) Tickets to State Convention Banquet & (1) Commanders' Shirt |
| June 2026 | \$50.00 Prize & (1) Commanders' Shirt                           |

**Post Quarterly Recruitment Prizes:**

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| July-September 2025   | \$250 |
| October-December 2025 | \$250 |
| January-March 2026    | \$250 |
| April-June 2026       | \$250 |

**Monthly Recruiter Contest:** Each month Recruiters leading the Department with the most new members on the last day of the month will receive a monthly prize (listed above).

In the event of a tie a raffle drawing will be held to determine the winner. Awards will be based on the current month's totals and not accumulative total. Every month, Posts and Recruiters will have the opportunity to compete as the contest re-starts at the beginning of each month.

**Quarterly Post Recruitment Contest.** A \$250 prize will be given to the Post which has recruited the highest number of new members on the last day of each quarter.

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In the event of a tie, a raffle drawing will be held to determine the winner. Awards will be based upon the aggregate total of new members recruited into the Post between the first and last days of the quarter.

All Posts will have the opportunity to compete recurrently as the contest starts over at the beginning of each quarter, with the exception that if a Post had won previously and there is a raffle drawing to break a tie.

**Early Bird - Continuous Membership Award Deadline: December 31, 2026**

Continuous members who renew their dues at least one month earlier than when they are due, or by the first week of July if due that month, will be entered to win one of five Life Memberships if renewed by December 31, 2026 (5 winners). Drawing to be conducted at the January COA.

**100%+1 Membership Award Deadline: December 31, 2026**

Posts with 50 or more members achieving 100%+1 membership will be entered to win a \$500.00 cash prize. Posts with 49 or less will be entered to win a \$200.00 cash prize.

**101% Membership Award Deadline March 15, 2027**

Posts with 50 or more members achieving 102% membership will be entered to win a \$500.00. Posts with 49 or less members will be entered to win a \$250.00 cash prize.

**Post Commanders Contest Deadline: May 31, 2027**

Post Commanders LEADING in their DIVISION as of May 31, 2027, at 8am and reaching or exceeding 100%+1 will be the guest of the State Commander to attend the State Convention in June 2027. They will receive a full room and tax (2 nights) and two (2) tickets to the Awards Banquet.

**Post and District Life Member Contest**

The Post and District with the highest number of new, reinstated, and converted Life Members by May 31, 2027 will receive a \$300 cash prize. In the event of a tie, a raffle drawing will be held to determine the winner.

**Post and District Legacy Life Member Contest**

The Post and District with the highest number of new, reinstated, and converted Legacy Life Members by May 31st, 2027 (greater than five (5) for a Post and greater than 25 for a District) will each receive a \$500 cash prize. In the event of a tie, a raffle drawing will be held to determine the winner.

## **All-State Post Award**

- ✓ Attain 101% or greater in Membership by **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027, at 8am**
- ✓ Submit all four (4) Quarterly Trustee Audits to the Department.
- ✓ Post Quartermaster MUST be Bonded NO LATER THAN Aug.31, 2026 for the full year.
- ✓ Submit all 4 quarterly Community Service Reports in OMS.
- ✓ Purchase Buddy Poppies through the Department Store.
- ✓ Submit at least one (1) Voice of Democracy entry to District.
- ✓ Submit at least one (1) Patriots Pen entry to District.
- ✓ Submit at least one (1) Smart/Maher Teachers Award entry to District.
- ✓ Submit at least one (1) Candidate to **ONE** of the following to Department:
  - Scout of the year or Public Safety (Police/Fire/EMS/EOD/9-1-1)
- ✓ Attend Field Training/OTI
- ✓ Conduct fundraising event for Special Project or donation of \$125
- ✓ Donation to National Home for at least \$100.
- ✓ Donation to VMS of at least \$125.
- ✓ Purchase two (2) tickets, *prior to the event date*, for VOD/PP Banquet or the CIC Banquet,

## **All State Post Commander**

**Post Commander achieving All-State will receive the following:**

- All State Post Commander's Cap or \$75 prize.
- All State Post Commander's Lapel pin.

Posts who achieve All-State after State Convention will be presented their items at the 1<sup>st</sup> Council of Administration meeting after the State Convention.

## **Post Quartermaster's Award**

**Post Quartermasters of a Post that achieves All-State status will receive the following:**

- All State Quartermaster's Cap or \$75 prize.
- All State Quartermaster's Lapel Pin.

Post Quartermasters who achieve All-State after State Convention will be presented with their items at the 1<sup>st</sup> Council of Administration meeting after the State Convention.

### **All State District Commanders Award**

District Commander must be 101% by 8am on JUNE 30, 2027.

- ✓ Attain 101% or greater in Membership by **June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027, at 8am**
- ✓ All Posts in District Inspected NO LATER THAN March 31, 2027.
- ✓ Submit at least one (1) Voice of Democracy entry to Department.
- ✓ Submit at least one (1) Patriots Pen entry to Department.
- ✓ Submit at least one (1) Smart/Maher Teachers Award entry to Department.
- ✓ At least one (1) Post within the District submit one (1) Scout of the Year nomination to Department.
- ✓ At least one (1) Post within the District submit one (1) Public Safety (Police/Fire/EMS/EOD/9-1-1) nomination to Department
- ✓ Conduct fundraising event for Special Project or donation of \$125
- ✓ Donation to National Home for at least \$100.
- ✓ Donation to VMS of at least \$125.

All-State District Commander Will be awarded the following:

- All-State Commander's Cap.
- All-State Commander's Lapel Pin
- \$250.00 Prize.

District Commanders who achieve All-State after State Convention will be presented their items at the 1st Council of Administration meeting after the State Convention.

### **District Quartermaster's Award**

District Quartermasters that achieve ALL STATE District status will receive the following:

- All-State Quartermaster Cap
- All-State Quartermaster Lapel Pin
- \$100 prize.

District Quartermasters who achieve All-State after State Convention will be presented their items at the 1st Council of Administration meeting after the State Convention.

### **District Commanders Contest**

District Commanders LEADING their DIVISIONS and reaching or exceeding 100%+1 by May 31, 2027, at 8am will receive \$250.00 Prize.

### **Reinstate Members Award**

Post with the most reinstated members by June 1, 2027, will receive \$250.00 cash prize.

### **State Commander Special Membership Awards**

*Awards are in addition to the monthly membership contest.*

3 New Members Recruited: State Commanders Challenge Coin.

5 New Members Recruited: Top Three Challenge Coins.

10 New Members Recruited: (1) Commander's Shirt.

15 New Members Recruited: (2) Tickets to the Commander-in-Chief's Reception.

20 New Members Recruited: (2) Tickets to the Awards Banquet (State Convention).

30 New Members Recruited: (2) nights Hotel Stay (State Convention).

50 New Members Recruited: Special Appointment to the National Convention.

10 New Life Members Recruited: (2) nights Hotel Stay (State Convention).

25 New Life Members Recruited: Special Appointment to the National Convention.