

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

2024-2025

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VFW Department of Massachusetts

This membership program has been designed to recognize and award you for promoting membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Note: To receive credit, please remember to put your name and VFW ID/ member number on all Membership Application Forms for all new members you recruit.

To be eligible for any award:

- ✓ You must meet the award criteria on or before the Department deadline date (as indicated in this guide).
 - ✓ Membership numbers must appear on National's website (memstats) on or before the Department's contest deadline date.
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- Post must have at least 50 members to receive any membership award
 - Unless otherwise stated, awards will be presented at the State Convention.
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Respectfully,

Jody Freitas
State Commander

Keith Jackson
Membership Chairman

VFW Department of Massachusetts
Monthly Membership Contest

Post: TBD Monthly Contest Drawing:

July 2024	\$50.00 & (1) Commanders' Shirt
August	\$50.00 Prize
September	\$50.00 Prize
October	\$50.00 Prize
November	\$50.00 Prize
December	\$100.00 Prize & (2) Tickets to VOD/PP Banquet
January	\$50.00 Prize & (2) Tickets to Commander-in-Chief Banquet
February	\$50.00 Prize
March	\$50.00 Prize
April	\$50.00 Prize
May	\$50.00 Prize (2) Tickets to Awards Banquet (State Convention)
June 2025	\$100.00 Prize

Recruiter: New Members Monthly Contest:

July 2024	\$50.00 & (1) Commanders' Shirt
August	\$50.00 Prize
September	\$50.00 Prize
October	\$50.00 Prize
November	\$50.00 Prize
December	\$50.00 & (2) Tickets to VOD/PP Banquet
January	\$50.00 Prize & (2) Tickets to C-IN-C Banquet
February	\$50.00 Prize
March	\$50.00 Prize
April	\$50.00 Prize
May	\$50.00 Prize (2) Tickets to Awards Banquet (State Convention)
June 2025	\$100.00 Prize

Monthly Contest: Each month posts & recruiters leading with the most new members on the last day of the month will receive a monthly prize (listed above). (Effective date: 1st day of the next month).

In the event of a tie, a raffle drawing will be held to determine the winner. (Must have a minimum (5) for posts, (5) for recruiters. Awards will be based on the current month's totals and not the accumulative total. Every month posts and recruiters will have the opportunity to compete as the contest re-starts over at the beginning of each month.

Early Bird - Continuous Membership Award Deadline: December 31, 2024

Continuous members who renew their dues at least one month earlier than when they are due will be entered to win a Life Membership if renewed by 12/31/2024 (1 winner). The drawing will be completed at the January 2025 Council of Administration. (Effective Date: 1/1/2025)

100% Membership Award Deadline (1st Quarter): September 30, 2024

Posts with 50 or more members achieving 100% membership by 09/30/2024 will be entered to win a first place \$500.00 cash prize (1 winner). Posts with 49 or less will be entered to win a \$250.00 cash prize (1 winner). (Effective date: 10/1/2024).

100% Membership Award Deadline (2nd Quarter): December 31, 2024

Posts with 50 or more members achieving 100% membership by 12/31/2024 will be entered to win a first place \$500.00 cash prize (1 winner). Posts with 49 or less will be entered to win a \$250.00 cash prize (1 winner). Any Post that previously qualified and did not win will be eligible for this drawing. (Effective date: 1/1/2025).

100% Membership Award Deadline (3rd Quarter): March 31, 2025

Posts with 50 or more members achieving 100% membership by 3/31/2025 will be entered to win a first place \$500.00 cash prize (1 winner). Posts with 49 or less will be entered to win a \$250.00 cash prize (1 winner). Any Post that previously qualified and did not win will be eligible for this drawing. (Effective date: 4/1/2025).

Post Commanders Contest Deadline: May 31, 2025

Post Commanders LEADING in their DIVISION as of **May 31, 2025 (effective date of June 1, 2025)**, and reaching or exceeding 100% will be the guest of the State Commander to attend the State Convention in June 2025. They will receive a full room and tax (2 nights) and two (2) tickets to the Awards Banquet. (Effective Date: 6/1/25)

Annual Contest

The Post and District with the highest retention percentage (greater than 100% membership) by **May 31, 2025** each will receive a \$1,500 Stipend to be used for the National Convention. (Effective Date: 6/1/25)

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The Post and District with the highest membership percentage (102% or greater) by **May 31, 2025** each will receive a \$1,500 Stipend to be used for the National Convention. (Effective Date: 6/1/25)

The Post and District with the highest number of New, Reinstated and Converted Life Members by **May 31st, 2025** (greater than 25 for a Post and greater than 100 for a District) will each receive a \$1,500 Stipend to be used at the National Convention. (Effective Date: 6/1/25)

The Post and District with the highest number of New Reinstated and Converted Legacy Life Members by **May 31st, 2025** (greater than 25 for a Post and greater than 100 for a District) will each receive a \$1,500 Stipend to be used at the National Convention. (Effective Date: 6/1/25)

NO POST OR DISTRICT WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MORE THAN ONE ANNUAL CONTEST PRIZE

All-State Post Award

- ✓ Must have 100% or greater in Membership by **June 30th, 2025 (Effective Date: 7/1/2025)**
 - ✓ Must have all four (4) Quarterly Audits submitted.
 - ✓ Post Quartermaster **MUST** be Bonded on or before Sept. 30, 2024, for the full year.
 - ✓ Must have conducted two Membership recruiting events via OMS AA Dashboard.
 - ✓ Must have submitted Quarterly Community Service Reports via OMS AA Dashboard.
 - ✓ Must have participated/purchased Buddy Poppys.
 - ✓ Must have participated in the Voice of Democracy Program (Entry).
 - ✓ Must have participated in the Patriot Pen Program (Entry).
 - ✓ Must have Submitted a Candidate to **ONE** of the following:
 - Teacher Award, Police, Firefighters or EMT Award.
 - ✓ Must have attended a Field Training/OTI.
 - ✓ Post must have participated in a Special Project event or donation of \$50.
 - ✓ Post must have purchased the Special 100th National Home pins for \$50.
 - ✓ Post must have participated in a National Home donation of \$50.
 - ✓ Post must have participated in a Veterans & Military Support donation of \$125.
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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.
- Two (2) ticket to the State Convention's Awards Banquet.

Post that achieve All-State after State Convention will be presented their items at the 1st Council of Administration meeting of the 2025-2026 year. (Cap & lapel pin only). Tickets for the banquet will be provided prior to this.

VFW Department of Massachusetts **Post Quartermaster's Award**

The Post Quartermaster of a Post that achieves ALL STATE POST status will receive the following:

- All State Quartermaster Lapel Pin.
- All State Quartermaster Cap.

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

All State District Commanders Award

District Commander must be 100% by 8 am on JUNE 30, 2025

- All Posts in the District MUST be Inspected by March 31, 2025.
- Must have a Voice of Democracy District entry submitted to the Department.
- Must have a Patriots Pen entry submitted to the Department.
- Must have at least one Post in the District submit a Candidate to the Department for **ONE** of the following: Teachers Award, Police and/or Firefighter Awards.
- Must have all Project Pins Paid.
- The District must have participated in a special project event or donation of \$100.
- The District must have participated in a donation to the National Home of \$100.
- The District must have participated in a donation to the Veterans & Military Support program of \$125.

All-State District Commander Will be awarded the following:

- An All-State Commander's Cap or \$75 Prize.
- A Distinctive Jacket or a \$100 Prize.
- Two (2) tickets to the State Convention Awards Banquet.
- \$250.00 Prize.

Districts that achieve All-State after the State Convention will be presented their items at the 1st Council of Administration meeting. (Cap & lapel pin only). Tickets to the banquet will be provided before this.

District Quartermaster's Award

The District Quartermaster that achieves ALL STATE District status will receive the following:

- All State Quartermaster Lapel Pin.
- Choice of an All-State Quartermaster Cap of \$75 Prize.

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

District Commanders Contest

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District Commanders LEADING their DIVISIONS and reaching or exceeding 100% by May 31, 2025, at 8 am will receive a \$250.00 Prize. (Effective Date: 6/1/25)

State Commander Special Membership Awards

Awards are in addition to the monthly membership contest.

3 Members Recruited: State Commanders Challenge Coin.

5 Members Recruited: Top Three Challenge Coins.

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

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

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

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

50 Members Recruited: Special Appointment to the National Convention.

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

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