

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

2007 MEMBERSHIP - AWARDS PROGRAM
(JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007)

"SERVICE AND TEAMWORK"

This Membership - Awards Program has been designed with incentives to work on membership, VFW programs, meeting attendance and submission of reports. **MIP members will not be counted or used as a part of this Membership – Awards program.**

MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES will be presented at the State Convention to the largest Post in each category. The judging will be based on Membership as of December 29, 2006.

- Category A - Posts with Membership of 10 thru 100
- Category B - Posts with Membership of 101 thru 300
- Category C - Posts with Membership of 301 thru 500
- Category D - Posts with Membership of 501 thru 1000
- Category E - Posts with Membership of 1001 or more

The minimum Post Membership increase Goal **for** the 2007 Membership – Awards Program is 20 members.

POST QUOTAS will be the Post Membership listed at National Headquarters on June 30, 2006.

The quota will **NOT** be reduced because of members who die, move out of the area in which the Post is located, or transfer to another Post.

A NEW POST will be assigned a Membership Quota of 30 members.

POST AWARDS

A NEW AND REINSTATED MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE will be awarded to the Post that recruits the most new and reinstated members by the day prior to awards judging. This plaque will be awarded at the State Convention.

A LIFE MEMBERSHIP INCREASE PLAQUE and \$100.00 will be awarded to one Post in each District. To qualify, the increase must be at least 5% over the total at the beginning of the year. The greatest percentage of increase in Life Members by the day prior to awards judging will determine the Posts selected. The plaques will be awarded at the State Convention.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWINGS - There will be three (3) drawings for a Life Membership in the VFW. Posts with 10 thru 100 members will have one (1) chance, Posts with 101 thru 250 members will have two (2) chances and Posts with 251 or more members will have three (3) chances.

The first drawing will be held on September 29, 2006 and the Post must have 25% of its 2007 membership quota to participate.

GENERAL ORDERS

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

SERVICE AND TEAMWORK

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July 1, 2006

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At the 84th Annual State Convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Virginia, held in Richmond, Virginia, June 15-18, 2006, I Charles (Doc) Crouch, being duly elected and installed as State Commander in Accordance with Article V, Section 517 of the National By-Laws, do hereby assume Commander.

All previous appointments are hereby declared vacant as of June 18, 2006, except those set forth in the By-Laws.

ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2006-2007:

Commander	Charles (Doc) Crouch	Post 3150
SR. Vice Commander	Jimmy Lee Wallace	Post 1503
JR. Vice Commander	Harold Roesch, II	Post 3219
Adjutant/Quartermaster	Kim A. DeShano	Post 993
Judge Advocate	Rex Faris	Post 8467
Surgeon	James K. Martin	Post 1503
Chaplain	Edward L. Powers	Post 392
Chief-of-Staff	Roy Swanner	Post 7726
Inspector	Bill Shifflett	Post 9292
Past Dept. Commander	Daniel D. Boyer	Post 7726
Historian	John S. Nealey	Post 7589
Guard	Charles Stokes	Post 4809
Sergeant at Arms	Melvin Webb	Post 1115
Officer of the Day	Kevin K. Keener	Post 1264
District Commander 1	Joseph L. McClinton	Post 5500
District Commander 2	Phillip M. O'Shea	Post 3160
District Commander 3	George O. Vogel	Post 1426
District Commander 4	Jimmie J. McIlwain	Post 637
District Commander 5	Robert G. King	Post 4637
District Commander 6	John May	Post 1033
District Commander 7	R Scott Simmons	Post 1860
District Commander 8	John S. Nealey	Post 7589
District Commander 9	Milton L. Dye	Post 9640
District Commander 10	J. Gary Wagner	Post 3150
District Commander 11	Jack Flick	Post 632
District Commander 12	Ray Wells	Post 5715
District Commander 13	Curtis Bartmess, Jr	Post 10574

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman	Daniel Boyer	Post 7726
Vice Chairman	Tom W. Hines	Post 9954

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairman	Thomas Gimble	Post 1503
Members	M. Conrad Agresti, III	Post 3150
	Gary D. Dressel	Post 1503
	Joe Martin	Post 1827

AWARDS & CITATIONS

Chairman	Conrad Yetter	Post 993
Members	Bill Coalson	Post 1994
	M.H. Bob Loy	Post 392
	John S. Nealey	Post 7589
	Margo D. Sheridan	Post 5412
	Jill A. Lynch	Post 3219

BUDDY POPPIES

Chairman	Kim A. DeShano	Post 993
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BUDGET & FINANCE

Chairman	Paul T. Moore	Post 4491
Members	Fred L. Wolking	Post 2163
	Chris Birch	Post 9760

BY-LAWS & SOP

Chairman	Rex Faris	Post 8467
Members	Harold J. Roesch	Post 3219
	Margo D. Sheridan	Post 5412

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chairman	Harold J. Roesch	Post 3219
Vice Chairman Americanism	J. Gary Wagner	Post 3150
Vice Chairman Comm. Activities	Lynn Harris	Post 7166
Vice Chairman Safety	Steve Lasseter	Post 4809
Vice Chairman Youth	Larry D. Parham	Post 7327

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

Chairman	Harry Huff	Post 2216
Vice Chairman	Eugene Chavis	Post 10826

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman	Fred L. Wolking	Post 2163
Members	Waynard E. Caldwell	Post 4522

FUND RAISERS

Chairman	Kim A. DeShano	Post 993
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GRAVES REGISTRAR

Chairman	Edward L. Powers	Post 392
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HOMELESS VETERANS

Chairman	James K. Martin	Post 1503
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HONOR GUARD

Captain	Ronald L. Mills	Post 647
Lieutenant	Fred L. Wolking	Post 2163
Members	Douglas S. Hayes	Post 647
	Dean Breeding	Post 993
	Melvin E. Webb	Post 1115
	Oscar K. Creasy	Post 3103
	Kenneth R. Williams	Post 647
	Robert H. Crowe	Post 8545
	Richard Schmidt	Post 993
	Richard Zick	Post 4639
	George E. McCracken	Post 1503

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE

Chairman	James K. Martin	Post 1503
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HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Chairman	Joseph O. Longstreet	Post 3219
Members	Chris Burch	Post 9760
	Lynn Harris	Post 7166
	Winfred H. Beckwith	Post 3219

JOINT LEADERSHIP

Chairman	Daniel D. Boyer	Post 7726
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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman	Peter M Snelling	Post 2157
Members	J. B. Young	Post 7327
	Walter Landry	Post 3150
	Max Taylor	Post 3150
	Phillip M. O'Shea	Post 3160
	Bob Smith	Post 9274

SCOUTING

Chairman	Curtis S. Hunter	Post 1503
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SERVICE OFFICER

	Fred Fralin	Post 4522
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TEACHER RECOGNITION

Chairman	Chris Birch	Post 9760
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TIME & PLACE

Chairman	Clarence Clements	Post 2239
Members	Chris Birch	Post 9760
	John Cain	Post 3103

VIRGINIA COTTAGE

Chairman	W. J. Leonard	Post 7327
Vice Chairman	Wirt C. Alvis	Post 9808

VOD COMMITTEE

Chairman	Earle P. Weekley, Jr.	Post 8644
Vice Chairman	Donald A. Trausneck	Post 1115

WELFARE SERVICE

Chairman	Fred Fralin	Post 4522
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VAMC HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVES

Hampton Representative	Wayne P. Pierce	Post 4809
Hampton Deputy	Charles G. Bohlinger, III	Post 824
Hampton Deputy	James R. Maley, Sr.	Post 176
Martinsburg Assoc. Repr.	William R. Shifflett	Post 9292
McGuire Representative	Clarence E. Clements	Post 2239
McGuire Deputy	James D. Rose	Post 9808
McGuire Deputy	Tom Briggs	Post 2239
Mountain Home Assoc. Repr.	Bascomb Giles	Post 5715
Salem Representative	Percy N. Bolton	Post 1841
Salem Deputy	Waynard E. Caldwell	Post 4522
Salem Deputy	Guy S. Clifton	Post 484
Washington DC Assoc. Repr.	Albert Quaye	Post 3150

STATE COMMANDERS MESSAGE:

Comrades, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the confidence you have placed in me by your election of me as your Department Commander. Commander Boyer led the Department in an outstanding manner during the last year and with you, the Membership, he not only maintained but added to the reputation of Virginia as a leading example of what the Veterans of Foreign Wars is all about: Honoring our dead by serving the living. Service to our veterans on active duty at this time and those who served but who have stowed their uniforms; service to their families and the widows and orphans of those who have gone before us; service to our youth and communities; and service to our great nation. In the coming year your Department Officers have dedicated themselves to continuing that legacy and enhancing that tradition not only within Virginia but in our organization as a whole. The most important part of carrying out that effort is the work of our team. As I write this message our team is made up of 34,584 Virginia VFW members plus our Auxiliaries. Each member plays a roll, sometimes more than one roll, in that work. We need to add members to our team in order to make it more effective and to reduce the burden on those who have multiple tasks to perform. Overall, I have no doubt that our team will succeed because they care. They care about what is happening today and what needs to happen in the future. I look forward to serving with this team, and working for and with you.

Yours in Comradeship,
C. D. "Doc" Crouch

SENIOR VICE MESSAGE:

First, I would like to thank all the comrades for their support this past year. But, we're back into the breach once more. Our new Commander, Doc Crouch, has indicated that his goal is 103% in membership for 2006-2007. We can make this happen! I have been appointed as the Membership Chairman, and as such, do hereby appoint every member of the VFW Department of Virginia as members of my committee. If every member would just recruit one new member and one reinstated member, we would lead the nation. We need to bring new members into this great organization, and we need to bring back those who, for whatever reason, dropped their membership in previous years. As many of you know, you cannot get members by just sitting in your Post and "hoping" someone comes in to join. We need to get out there and "grin and grip", and ask those worthy comrades to join us. To this end, I strongly urge all Post Commanders and Post Quartermasters to attend the School of Instruction in Lynchburg, July 15/16. A major portion of that instruction will be on membership and "how to" to meet our membership goals.

Again, thank you for your support, and I look forward to serving you.

Jimmy Lee Wallace
State Sr. Vice Commander

GENERAL ORDERS:

The cut off for the General Orders is the 20th of the month. No EXCEPTIONS. If you received a hard copy of the General Orders and have the ability to print satisfactory copies from the internet please call us or email us at stateheadquarters@vfwva.org. Subscriptions for General Orders are \$24.00 for the year or \$2.00 per issue.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 274:

Upon the recommendation of the Commander, Department of Virginia, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 210 of the National By-Laws, the charter of Worley-Penland Post No. 956, Dante, Virginia mustered November 21, 1965, is hereby canceled and the Post declared defunct.

The Commander, Department of Virginia, will at once recover the charter, rituals, paraphernalia, and all monies and other property of the Post in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws.

By order of
James R. Mueller
Commander-in-Chief

QUARTERLY AUDIT REPORTS:

Attention is directed to Section 218, Manual of Procedure Duty of Trustees, Form P-113. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail at the close of each quarter, one of which ended June 30th and is now due at State Headquarters.

DISTRICT MEETINGS:

- FIRST –** 08-20-06 11:00 AM MEETING WARSAW POST 7167
STATE REPRESENTATIVE COMMANDER DOC CROUCH
- SECOND –** 08-12-06 NOON MEAL 1:00 PM MEETING VA BEACH POST 392
STATE REPRESENTATIVE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER HAL ROESCH
- THIRD –** 09-16-06 2:00 PM MEETING 3RD DIST HDQRTRS
STATE REPRESENTATIVE COMMANDER DOC CROUCH
- FOURTH –** 08-13-06 2:00 PM MEETING CLARKSVILLE POST 8163 STATE REPRESENTATIVE
COMMANDER DOC CROUCH
- FIFTH –** 08-12-06 LUNCH AT NOON MEETING TO FOLLOW HALIFAX POST 8243 STATE
REPRESENTATIVE COMMANDER DOC CROUCH
- SIXTH –** 08-27-06 2:00 PM MEETING VA MED CENTER SPONSORED BY POST 2157 STATE
REPRESENTATIVE PDC TOM HINES
- SEVENTH –** 09-10-06 11:30 AM MEETING BROADWAY POST 9660 STATE REPRESENTATIVE
COMMANDER DOC CROUCH
- EIGHTH –** 09-17-06 1:00 PM MEETING CULPEPER POST 2524
STATE REPRESENTATIVE COMMANDER DOC CROUCH
- NINTH –** 09-10-06 10:30 AM MEETING PULASKI POST 1184 STATE REPRESENTATIVE
CHIEF-OF-STAFF ROY SWANNER
- TENTH –** 09-10-06 1:00 PM MEETING SPRINGFIELD POST 7327 STATE REPRESENTATIVE
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER JIMMY LEE WALLACE
- ELEVENTH –** 09-10-06 11:30 AM LUNCH MEETING TO FOLLOW BRIDGEWATER POST 8644
STATE REPRESENTATIVE COMMANDER DOC CROUCH
- TWELFTH –** 09-09-06 11:00 AM MEETING CLINTWOOD POST 8979
- THIRTEENTH –** 09-17-06 1:00 PM MEETING CHARLOTTESVILLE POST 1827 STATE
REPRESENTATIVE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER JIMMY LEE WALLACE

IMPORTANT 2005-2006 DATES:

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| July 3-4, 2006 | Department Headquarters Closed |
| July 15-16, 2006 | School of Instruction, Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Room Rates are \$64.00 per night. Telephone 434-528-2500. Pre-registration enclosed. Deadline 7/7, meals must be pre-paid. |
| August 26-31, 2006 | National VFW Convention Reno, Nevada. Must book by July 26, 2006 for group rate. |
| September 8-9, 2006 | Fall Council, State Headquarters |

November 2-5, 2006	Southern Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina, Sheraton Four Seasons, Room Rates are \$95.00 plus tax. 1-800-242-6556. Reservation deadline October 3, 2006.
January 19-21, 2007	Winter Council Meeting, Crowne Plaza Fort Magruder Williamsburg, 757-220-2250, Room Rates 60.00 must be book by December 27, 2006.
July 12-14, 2007	School of Instruction, Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Room Rates are \$64.00 per night. Telephone 434-528-2500 must be made by 6/12/2007 for group rate.

BONDS:

All bonds will expire August 31, 2006. Please see attached rate schedule for costs of your bond and return completed form and payment to State Headquarters.

MEMBERSHIP:

Attached to the General Orders is the 2006-2007 Membership & Awards Program. Also, enclosed is the Individual Recruiting Awards for new/reinstated members. All individual recruiting awards must be certified to State Headquarters by the Post Quartermasters no later than 5:00 PM May 11, 2007. The names of the individuals recruited, Post Number and the name of the recruiter must be received before any award is given.

2007 MEMBERSHIP KITS:

Membership Kits began mailing on May 25th and National anticipates completion by the second week in June. Thereafter, they will be mailed weekly, based on receipt of Election Reports.

REPORT FORMS:

Please mail all Reports to State Headquarters. This includes Americanism, Community Activities, Deceased Reports, Homeless Veterans, Hospital, Inspection, Safety, and Youth Activities. A copy of all reports are attached.

AMERICANISM:

We are in a new reporting year. Prepare reports for your activities for Loyalty Day, Memorial Day, and Flag Day, as well any other projects you completed in May and June. It is too late to report events in April and earlier. Do not report future events until they occur.

You collect and save items for your Community Services record book you submit in May of every year. Think about saving items for an Americanism book to be submitted at the same time.

J.Gary Wagner
Vice Chairman for Americanism

NATIONAL CONVENTION BANQUET:

The National Convention Banquet will be held on Monday, August 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are SOLD OUT- If you would like to be put place on a waiting list please contact State Headquarters. If tickets become available they will be \$50.00 each and must be purchased through State Headquarters.

RECEIPTS:

According to National By-Laws 517 Receipts are not required if payment is made by check. To cut mailing costs State Headquarters will no longer send receipts back to those who make payments by check.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:

The School of Instruction will be held July 15-16 at the Holiday Inn Select, Lynchburg, Room rate \$64.00 per night. Telephone # 434-528-2500. Meal registration form is attached and must be submitted no later than **July 7th**. An agenda is attached.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE SHIRTS:

Orders are being taken for Southern Conference shirts to be picked up at the National Convention. The cost is \$25.00 per shirt. Shirts this year are the same for the men and women's styles. If you would like to purchase one of these shirts please fill out the attached order form and return to State Headquarters by July 15, 2006. All orders must be received by this date. Any received after will not be processed.

VFW GOLF TOURNAMENT AT THE HOLLOWES RESCHEDULED:

The golf tournament scheduled for June 14th was rained out. It has been rescheduled for Friday July 21st with a shotgun start at 1:30 pm.

VFW SPONSORED PROGRAMS CAN HELP YOU:

VFW offers a variety of insurance plans: Post Liability, Medicare Supplement, Medicare Part D Prescription, Cancer, Life, Long Term Care, Vehicle and Homeowners. Additionally, we offer Cell Phone, Lifelong MeMories, Annuities, Funeral Plans, Medical Air Service and Internet Service. Keep in mind, many of these are Department Revenue Sharing Plans. Your support of VFW Sponsored Programs is important and appreciated. For information on any of the Programs, call 1-800-821-2606, option 1.

COMMANDERS CLUB:

2006-2007 Election

President- James K Martin Post 1503
Treasurer- Earle P Weekley, Jr. Post 8644

PASSENGER BUS:

1993-29 passenger bus \$27,000. Fully equipped, garaged kept, extra clean. Turtle top on Chevrolet chasis. 49,000K, new brakes, new tune-up. Ready to go on any trip. Contact VFW Battlefield Post 9808 804-746-9808 between 8 AM and Noon.

Official:



Kim A. DeShano
State Adjutant

By Order of:



C. D. Crouch
State Commander

The second drawing will be held on November 1, 2006 and the Post must have 50% of its 2007 membership quota to participate.

The third drawing will be held on January 3, 2007 and the Post must have 100% of its 2007 membership quota to participate.

DRAWING FOR \$200.00 CASH AWARD - There will be three (3) Posts selected for this award. Posts must meet their membership quota by the day prior to awards judging to be eligible. Drawings will be held on the day of awards judging.

POST RECOGNITION AWARDS

A **POST MEMBERSHIP BANNER** will be awarded to each Post that meets their 2007 Membership Quota by May 11, 2007.

Victory Streamer for reaching the previous years' membership by May 11, 2007.

100% plus Post Commander and Quartermaster pins to Posts exceeding 100% by May 11, 2007.

Post Commander and Post Quartermaster Ball Cap to Posts who are 100% in membership by May 11, 2007.

2006-2007 ALL STATE TEAM

There will be a maximum of **20 Posts** on The All State Team.

The **20** All State Posts will receive an All State Post Banner.

For a Post to be eligible, it must have reached 100% of their Membership Quota by the day prior to awards judging.

The Post Quartermaster must be bonded.

The Post must have been inspected by the day prior to awards judging.

The Post Commander must attend each District Meeting or have an authorized member attend.

All **Audit Reports** must be turned into State Headquarters **as required by the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure**.

Posts with less than 50 members are not eligible for the All State Team. To be eligible the Post must increase their membership to 50 members. The Post will then be classified as 100%.

The Post must participate in the following programs.

Buddy Poppy Program

Voice of Democracy Program

Patriot's Pen Program

Teacher of the Year Program

The Post must have submitted the following reports at least once during the first half of the year (May 1 thru October 31) and once during the second half (November 1 thru April 30)

Hospital Report
Americanism Report
Community Activities Report
Safety Report
Youth Activities Report

Post must submit a Community Service Record Book for judging.

Post will receive points for membership - **When the Post has completed all the above programs, reports, and submitted Community Service Record Book**, one fifth (1/5) of one (1) point will be assigned for each additional member above 100%.

Posts reported in 3 categories of Community Activities, 4 categories of Safety, 8 categories of Americanism and 4 categories of Youth Activities during the reporting period of May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007 will receive a State Citation.

ALL STATE TEAM AWARDS

The All State Post Commanders will receive: A Citation; an All State cap; an All State pin; two (2) free tickets for you and your spouse/guest to the State Convention Banquet to be held on Saturday night. A check in the amount of \$300.00, **to assist in payment of expenses while attending and participating at the State Convention**, will be presented. Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander.

The All State Post Quartermasters will receive: A Citation; an All State cap; an All State pin; two (2) free tickets for you and your spouse/guest to the State Convention Banquet to be held on Saturday night. A check in the amount of \$300.00 **to assist in payment of expenses while attending and participating at the State Convention** will be presented. Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander.

The All State Commanders and All State Quartermasters will be individually recognized at the Awards Program during the State Convention.

From the All State Team, the Post with the highest points in the All State Judging will be designated as the Outstanding Post of the Year 2006-2007. The Commander and Quartermaster of this Post will be the Captains of the All State Team.

The Awards and Citation Committee will break all ties and their decision will be final.

2006-2007 ALL STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS

For a District Commander to qualify, the Commander must meet the following All State District Commanders criteria:

1. Have the District at 100% or more in membership by the day prior to awards judging.
2. Have all Posts, in the District, inspected by January 31, 2007.
3. Have Post Quartermasters, for all Posts in the District, properly bonded by the day prior to awards judging.
4. Have all Audit Reports, for **the District and** all Posts in the District, turned into State Headquarters as **required by the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.**

5. Have all Posts in the District reported in: Americanism, Community Activities, Hospital, Safety and Youth Activities in each reporting period.

ALL STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS AWARDS

Each All State District Commander will receive the following: A Citation and an All State District Commander's cap.

The All State District Commander(s) will also receive two (2) tickets for you and your spouse/guest to the State Convention Banquet to be held on Saturday night and a check in the amount of \$300.00. (Duplicate awards will not be given if a similar one has been earned). Time of payment will be at the discretion of the Department Commander.

Each All State District Commander will receive a VFW Jacket if all Post within the District are 100% or more in membership.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

All individual recruiting awards must be certified to State Headquarters, by the Post Quartermasters, by the day prior to awards judging. The names of the individuals recruited, Post Number and the name of the recruiter must be received before any award is given.

An annual member who recruits 5 New or Reinstated Members will receive:

Annual Dues (National & Department portions) paid, for the current year, by the Department.

Name and membership number entered into a drawing for a Life Membership.

(For each additional 5 members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the Life Membership Drawing).

A Life Member who recruits 5 New or Reinstated Members will receive:

Name and membership number entered into a drawing for **one of three \$100.00 cash awards.**

(For each additional 5 members recruited, an additional entry will be made in the cash award drawing).

The drawings for the Life Membership and cash award listed above will be conducted on the day of awards judging.

An individual recruiter may also receive for:

15 New or Reinstated Members - a Pen and Pencil Set.

25 New or Reinstated Members - a Department Aide-de-Camp Recruiting Award with engraved citation and an official cap.

50 New or Reinstated Members - a National Aide-de-Camp Recruiting Award with engraved citation and an official cap.

100 New or Reinstated Members - a Century Recruiter Award with engraved citation, an official cap, and a pen and pencil set.

RECRUITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The recruiter signing up the most new or reinstated members by May 11, 2007 will receive the following:

Round trip airfare to the 108th National Convention in Kansas City, MO.

One National Convention banquet ticket.

Expense check in the amount of \$500 to help defray expenses.

Department citation.

Distinctive cap and name badge.

THE SAMUEL B. DeVAUGHAN MEMBERSHIP AWARD is awarded to the member who recruits the most new and/or reinstated members of the 2006-2007 Membership Year. Entry must be certified by Post Quartermaster and entry with names of recruited members must be submitted by the day prior to awards judging. Post Quartermasters are excluded from this award. (Post Quartermasters are entitled to participate in most phases of the State Membership Campaign and are eligible to earn other individual awards). This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE GEORGE C. DALBY AWARD is awarded to any Post member for outstanding participation in VFW programs. Rules for this contest are sent to each Post in the spring. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is the day prior to awards judging. Post and District Commanders are excluded from this award. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE W. B. SHAFER, JR. MEMBERSHIP AWARD is awarded to the Post making the greatest percentage gain in membership as shown by the State Membership Report dated the day prior to awards judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE RICHARD A. (AL) GUAGER AMERICANISM AWARD is awarded annually and rules for this contest are sent to each post in the spring. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is by the day prior to awards judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE GEORGE E. McCracken HONOR GUARD/COLOR GUARD AWARD is awarded to the most outstanding Post Honor Guard/Color Guard. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is by the day prior to awards judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD is awarded to the most outstanding fire fighter. The selectee will receive a plaque and a check for \$200.00. The deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 1, 2007. Send resume of nominees' background, resume of background in fire/emergency safety work, accomplishments in fire/emergency safety field, photograph, title and address to State Headquarters. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD is awarded to the most outstanding law enforcement officer. The selectee will receive a plaque and a check for \$200.00. The deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 1, 2007. Send resume of nominees' background, resume of background in law enforcement work, accomplishment in the field, photograph, title and address to State Headquarters. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD is awarded to the most outstanding Emergency Medical Technician. The selectee will receive a plaque and a check for \$200.00. The deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 1, 2007. Send resume of nominees' background, resume of background in paramedic work, accomplishment in the field, photograph, title and address to State Headquarters. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS are presented to the most outstanding Teachers. The selectees will receive a Citation and a check for \$200.00. There are three winners - Kindergarten through Fifth, Sixth through Eighth and Ninth through Twelfth. The deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 1, 2007. These awards will be presented at the State Convention.

Entries (3 levels) **can** be submitted from Posts to their respective District. Districts will judge all entries and select the winners (3 levels) to be sent to Department for judging. The Department will judge entries (3 levels) from each Districts and select winners (3 levels) to be sent to National for judging.

THE W. I. WOODDELL MEMORIAL POST QUARTERMASTER AWARD is awarded annually to the Post Quartermaster who has shown outstanding dedication to his Post and the Department. Submission of nominee is to be sent in by the Post Commander. Submission must be received the day prior to the awards judging. The recipient is to be selected by a committee headed by the State Quartermaster. The award will consist of a custom-lettered citation, plus a check in the amount of \$200.00 from the Department. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE CLAIR B. POFF PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD is awarded to the Post for the most outstanding newsletter or publication and then forwarded to National for judging. To enter, send two different copies of your Post Newsletter to State Headquarters along with the editor's name and address. Deadline for submission to State Headquarters is January 1, 2007. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

THE ROBERT H. RINER AWARD is awarded to the District Commander with the highest percentage gain in membership over last year. Membership gain will be as shown by the State Membership Report dated the day prior to awards judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention.

WILLIAM T. (BILL) ALLEN HOSPITAL AWARD is awarded to Posts for their outstanding reporting in hospital work. Plaques for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be presented. The winning Posts will be determined by the State Hospital Chairman. These awards will be presented at the State Convention.

CLARENCE E. KELLEY MEMORIAL VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AWARD (Trophy) is awarded to the Post that sponsors the State's first place winner and will be presented at the State Convention.

The Post VOD Chairman will receive one night's lodging, mileage and a banquet ticket to attend the Community Service Conference in Washington, D.C. (Duplicate award will not be given if the chairman receives a National Appointment).

Each Post that participates in the program will receive a citation.

The State VOD winners will receive: 1st place - \$1,000.00; 2nd place - \$600.00; and 3rd place - \$400.00 and a plaque. The 1st place winner is expected to attend the Winter Conference Banquet, read entry and receive the State Award.

PATRIOT'S PEN PLAQUE is awarded to the Post that sponsors the State's first place winner and will be presented at the Winter Conference.

The State Patriot's Pen essay winner will receive: 1st place - \$500.00; 2nd place - \$300.00; and 3rd place - \$200.00 and Citation. The 1st place winner is expected to attend the Winter Conference Banquet, read entry and receive the State Award.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

The Eagle Scout selected for this award will receive a plaque and a check for \$500.00. The award will be presented at the State Convention.

This competition is open to any Eagle Scout between the ages of 15 and 18 who is still in High School.

Each scout must submit his application to a VFW Post for sponsorship. The Post may select an Eagle Scout of the Year entry and submit the application to the District Scouting Representative, for judging, no later than March 15, 2007.

Each District may submit one (1) entry to the Department. Entry must be submitted no later than April 1, 2007.

Each **Post** participating in the Eagle Scout Program will receive a citation.

Department judging for this award will be conducted by the Department Eagle Scout and Scouting Committee. The Department's winning entry will be submitted to National for judging.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD BOOK should be kept from May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007 for State judging. Plaques will be awarded to the top three (3) entries. Special Citations will be awarded to the fourth through tenth places; and all other entries not placing in the top ten will receive a citation. The top ten winners will be presented plaques/citations at the State Convention. One award from National will be presented for the top State entry.

In addition to the above awards, all Posts entering a Community Service Record Book will have a chance to win a monetary award in the amount of \$200.00 if judged best overall entry in their respective membership category. One (1) check will be issued to each membership category.

Category A - Posts with Membership of 10 thru 100.

Category B - Posts with Membership of 101 thru 200.

Category C - Posts with Membership of 201 thru 500.

Category D - Posts with Membership over 500.

NOTE: To receive the monetary award for a record book entry in any of the four categories a Post must be 100% in membership.

NOTE: Record Book entries may be used to help break any ties in the All State Team Judging. The amount of effort placed in preparing the entry will be considered.

BUDDY POPPY CITATIONS will be presented to the District Commander whose District purchased the most Buddy Poppies and to the District Commander whose District had 100% participation in the Buddy Poppy Program.

The Post in each District who purchased the most Buddy Poppies will be given a citation.

These awards will be presented at the State Convention.

LOYALTY DAY CITATIONS will be given for the Most Outstanding District Competition and for the Most Outstanding Post Competition. These awards will be presented at the State Convention.

All judging material must be at State Headquarters by 5:00 P.M. (1700 Hours) on May 11, 2007. (**NO EXCEPTIONS!**)

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM 2006 – 2007

01/31/06 FINAL



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES

MEMBERSHIP STATEMENT

In cooperation with Department leaders, the National Organization strives to achieve membership goals. A strategic plan has been conceived and should be, with the assistance from the National Organization, implemented at the Department level. To sustain a vibrant membership base, National Headquarters offers technical, logistical and financial resources to ***make recruiting in the field a well-organized operation.***

Departments have the responsibility to initiate a well-planned program, using Department funds and resources allocated by the National Organization.

MEMBERSHIP GOALS FOR 2006-2007

The National Organization, with a full understanding of the importance of recruiting new and reinstated members in addition to retaining our continuous members, has implemented a plan to recruit at least 175,000 New and Reinstated (N/R) Members for the 2006 - 2007 program year.

- At least 40,000 MIP members.
- 135,000 N/R members from the Departments, Districts and Posts.

NATIONAL CONTESTS AND AWARDS

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S MEMBERSHIP AWARD TRIP TO THE MEXICAN RIVIERA APRIL 2007

All fifty-four (54) Department Commanders and their guest will be enjoying this wonderful vacation award being offered by our Commander-in-Chief as a small token of his appreciation for “a job well done,” provided the Department meets the following criteria by the March 31, 2007:

- 96.75% in membership with 5% new or reinstated members
or
- 97.25% in membership regardless of new or reinstated
or
- 99% in membership including MIP members
or
- If the National membership average is 98.5%, including MIP, on March 31, 2007, all Department Commanders and their guests will be invited on this membership trip.

In addition, if a Department on March 31, 2007 exceeds the number of new and reinstated members it had on March 31, 2006 or is 100% in membership (not including MIP) or 110% (including MIP), the Commander will receive \$250.00 cash, to be awarded by the Commander-in-Chief during this trip.



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S JACKET AWARD

All fifty-four (54) Department Commanders will be presented with a Commander-in-Chief's windbreaker if their October 31, 2006 new & reinstated totals are 5% higher than their new & reinstated totals reported on October 31, 2005 of the prior year.

DISTRICT & POST AWARDS

WELCOME TO KANSAS CITY



Twelve (12) Post and six (6) District Commanders, one from each division can win this exciting Kansas City Award Trip.

Commanders will have to be 100% to qualify for this award and must be the top Commander in their membership division as of March 31st to win.

The award winners will receive round-trip travel for themselves and their spouse/guest from the airport nearest the Commanders' home to Kansas City, Missouri.

A fun filled weekend is planned that may include touring, shopping, a major league baseball game, and a complete tour of National Headquarters.

Awards are not transferable.

100% DISTRICT & POST AWARD

A distinctive streamer will be awarded to every District and Post that reaches 100% in membership by June 30, 2007.

CENTURY RECRUITER AWARD

For recruiting 100 new and/or reinstated members (excluding MIP), the recruiter receives a distinctive citation and cap from the Commander-in-Chief.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RECRUITING AWARDS

Membership pins will be given to those recruiters who sign up *three (3), five (5) and ten (10) new or reinstated members (excluding MIP)*.

For recruiting new or reinstated members (excluding MIP), the recruiter receives the following reward:

- For 25 N/R members – Commander-in-Chief Belt Buckle.
- For 50 N/R members – Distinctive Recruiter Baseball Cap.
- For 75 N/R members – A Distinctive Plaque.

For recruiting the most new or reinstated members (excluding MIP) by December 31, 2006, one Post and District Commander from each membership division (18 winners) will be awarded a specially designed Commander-in-Chief's watch. Note: total must exceed the number of new or reinstated members recruited by December 31, 2005.

RECRUITER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The recruiter signing up the most new or reinstated members (excluding MIP) by June 30, 2007 will receive the following:

- Round trip airfare to the 108th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri for the recruiter and spouse/guest.
- Head table seating at the annual National Convention banquet for winner and spouse/guest.
- Expense check in the amount of \$1,000 (maximum per individual/couple) to help defray expenses.
- Commander-in-Chief's citation.

- Distinctive cap and name badge.

MIP RECRUITER CONTEST

Each recruiter signing up 500 MIP members or more by June 30, 2007 will receive the following:

- Round trip airfare to the 108th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.
- One ticket to the National Convention banquet.
(Accompanied winners to the National Convention will receive an additional ticket.)
- Expense check in the amount of \$500 to help defray expenses.
- Special recognition at the Joint Opening Ceremony.

MIP CONVERSION CONTEST

Each of the top twenty (20) members who reinstate the most (minimum of 50 to qualify) Military Initiative Members (MIP) into Post membership by June 30, 2007 will be rewarded as follows:

The person reinstating the most MIP members into Post membership will receive:

- Round trip airfare to the 108th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.
- \$500 to help defray expenses.*
- One ticket to the National Convention banquet.
(Accompanied winners to the National Convention will receive an additional ticket.)
- Special recognition at the Joint Opening Ceremony.

The 2nd through 20th place finishers will be rewarded as follows:

- \$500 to help defray expenses.*
- One ticket to the National Convention banquet.
(Accompanied winners to the National Convention will receive an additional ticket.)
- Special recognition at the Joint Opening Ceremony.

*** NOTE:** This monetary award will be given regardless of any other National awards or appointments.

ALL AMERICAN COMMANDERS 2006 - 2007

This is a National award.

Up to 165 Post, District and Department Commanders can earn this distinct honor.

All-American Team

In accordance with Division allocations, each member of the All-American team will receive the following:

1. Specially designed All-American cap and name badge.
2. All-American lapel pin.
3. All-American citation.
4. All-American streamer.

In addition, the twenty-four (24) Post and twelve (12) District Commanders who are leading their respective membership divisions on June 30, 2007 will win the following:

5. Round trip airfare to the 108th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.
6. One ticket to the National Convention banquet.
(Accompanied winners to the National Convention will receive an additional ticket.)
7. Expense check in the amount of \$500 to help defray hotel accommodations.
8. Invitation to the All-American breakfast.

******NOTE******

Every member of the 2007 All American team attending the National Convention will receive their awards at the Joint Opening Ceremony.

ALL AMERICAN POST COMMANDER QUOTA

Membership Division	Placement in Division	Membership Division	Placement in Division
1 1,501 & over	1st thru 3 rd	7 126 to 165	1st thru 6 th
2 751 to 1,500	1st thru 10 th	8 96 to 125	1st thru 6 th
3 551 to 750	1st thru 10 th	9 71 to 95	1st thru 6 th
4 326 to 550	1st thru 10 th	10 51 to 70	1st thru 5 th
5 226 to 325	1st thru 10 th	11 31 to 50	1st thru 5 th
6 166-to 225	1st thru 10 th	12 under 30	1st thru 5 th

Eighty-six (86) Post Commanders can be selected on the basis of year-end membership percentage (6-30-07).

QUALIFICATIONS:

- *100% of the previous year's membership*
- *Participated in the three (3) core programs*
 - *Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program*
 - *Patriots Pen Youth Essay Contest*
 - *National Teachers Award*

ALL AMERICAN DISTRICT COMMANDER QUOTA

Membership Division	Placement in Division
1 8,001 & over	1st thru 3 rd
2 4,501 to 8,000	1st thru 5 th
3 2,701 to 4,500	1st thru 4 th
4 1,701 to 2,700	1st thru 5 th
5 1,001 to 1,700	1st thru 4 th
6 1,000 or less	1st thru 4 th

Twenty-five (25) District Commanders can be selected on the basis of year-end membership percentage (6-30-07).

QUALIFICATIONS:

- *100% of the previous year's membership*

ALL AMERICAN DEPARTMENT COMMANDER QUOTAS

Every Department Commander who meets the following criteria *will be recognized as an All American Department Commander* based on the end of year membership percentage (6-30-07).

QUALIFICATIONS:

- *100% of the previous year's membership*
- *Participated in the three (3) core programs*
 - *Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program*
 - *Patriots Pen Youth Essay Contest*
 - *National Teachers Award*