

INDIVIDUAL RECRUITING AWARDS  
NEW/REINSTATED MEMBER AWARDS

This is to certify that the comrade listed below has qualified for the following by recruiting the amount required of new/reinstated members for \_\_\_\_\_ year. Name and Post number of the new/reinstated members must be shown in the space provided on this application form.

AWARDS

_____ 5 new/reinstated members  _____ 15 new/reinstated members _____ 25 new/reinstated members  _____ 50 new/reinstated members  _____ 100 new/reinstated members	Annual Dues paid, entry into a drawing for a Life Membership, each additional 5 members an additional entry will be made in the Life Drawing (Life Members will be entered into a drawing for one of three \$100.00 cash award, each additional 5 members an additional entry will be entered) VFW Pen and Pencil Set Department Aide-de-Camp Recruiting Award with engraved citation and an official cap National Aide-de-Camp Recruiting Award with engraved citation and an official cap; Century Recruiter Award with engraved citation, an official cap, and a pen and pencil set
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NAME OF RECRUITER \_\_\_\_\_ POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 CAP SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ JACKET SIZE \_\_\_\_\_

Application deadline is MAY 11.

Completed applications are to be mailed to DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA, VFW,  
 403 LEE JACKSON HIGHWAY, STAUNTON, VA 24401.

CERTIFICATION: We certify that the recruiter listed above recruited \_\_\_\_\_ new/reinstated members for \_\_\_\_\_ year as listed on the back of this application.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Post Commander Post Quartermaster

New/reinstated members from any Post can be used to qualify recruiter for this award...all applications for recruiter awards are checked against department tax records for verification...awards will not be mailed until verification is made.

Please feel free to duplicate

NEW/REINSTATED MEMBERS RECRUITED

Name of member	Post no.	Name of member	Post no.
1.		26.	
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2007 National Convention  
August 18 – 23, 2007**



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**INSTRUCTIONS**

Reservations can be made in one of the following ways:

**INTERNET:** Visit the **VFW** web site at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

**TELEPHONE:**  
Toll free (US) 800-767-7700 x3833

**FAX:**  
816-691-3880

**MAIL:**  
KCCVA/VFW HOUSING BUREAU  
P. O. Box 26310  
Kansas City, MO 64105-6310

**DEADLINE**

Reservations must be made by phone, fax, mail, or internet by **July 16, 2007** in order to guarantee convention rates.

**CONFIRMATIONS**

The KCCVA/VFW Housing Bureau will send you a confirmation of your reservation. Please review all information for accuracy. Email confirmations will be sent if an e-mail address is provided (preferred), or they can be faxed or mailed. If you do not receive a confirmation or have questions, please call the KCCVA/VFW Housing Bureau. **You will not receive a confirmation from the hotel.**

**TAX RATE and REQUESTS**

All rates are per room and are subject to 15.225% tax (subject to change). Special requests cannot be guaranteed, however hotels will do their best to honor all requests. Hotels will assign specific rooms upon check-in based on availability.

**ROOM DEPOSIT BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD GUARANTEE REQUIRED TO SECURE RESERVATIONS:**

**Room Deposit/Guarantee** will be accepted by form of a check in the amount of \$105.00 (\$5.00 of that amount is a non-refundable processing fee.) Make check payable to: KCCVA/VFW Housing Bureau, mail to the address above. **Rooms** can also be guaranteed with a valid credit card, expiration date, and authorized signature of cardholder. If the charge to the credit card is denied, we reserve the right to release your reservation.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

**Cancellations after July 16, 2007 through August 3, 2007 will be subject to a \$25.00 cancellation fee. After August 3, 2007 and within 72 hours of arrival, one night's room and tax or full check deposit will be forfeited entirely to the hotel.**

**GUEST INFORMATION**

FOR BEST AVAILABILITY, MAKE YOUR RESERVATION VIA INTERNET ([www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)) OR BY FAX (816-691-3880)

**Arrival Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Date** \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

If providing international numbers, please include country and city access numbers

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code, Country: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL SELECTION**

Each state/department has been assigned a hotel with an allocation of rooms. In the event the allotment has been filled, a room will be reserved at another VFW hotel based on your preference of rates, proximity, and availability.

**If hotel assignment is sold out, which is more important? (check one)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Room Rate** \_\_\_\_\_ **Location**

**State you reside in:** \_\_\_\_\_

Marriott-Downtown & Westin-Crown Ctr. Hotels are **Smoke-Free Hotels**  
Hyatt Regency-Crown Ctr. – Only has 1 Floor of **Smoking Rooms**

**Room Type Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_ **One Bed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Two Beds**  
(Submit only one room request per form. Should additional forms be needed, please make copies.)

List all room occupants:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Disability requiring special services  N/S room request

**Special Requests:**

**DEPOSIT INFORMATION**

All reservations requests must be accompanied by a credit card guarantee or check for a \$105.00 deposit. Housing Forms received without a valid guarantee/deposit will not be processed. Faxed requests must include a valid credit card. Check deposits must be mailed with a completed housing form.

American Express  Visa  MasterCard

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\*I hereby authorize the KCCVA/VFW Housing Bureau or any one of the participating hotels to process a charge to my credit card for each Room Deposit in accordance with the policies and information provide herein.

Check deposit for \$105.00 is enclosed and made payable to KCCVA/VFW Housing. Mail housing forms to: KCCVA/VFW Housing Bureau, PO Box 26310, Kansas City, MO 64105-6310. Check deposits must be mailed and post marked no later than the deadline of July 16, 2007.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME(S) OF ADDITIONAL PERSON(S) SHARING ROOM:  
\_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS  
\_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (DAY) \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP/ORGANIZATION: (group) VFWVFWA

DATE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL REQUEST \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations must be received by: <sup>10/1/07</sup> (cut off date)  
All shoulder dates may be available on a space and rate availability.  
After the above date, rooms will be confirmed on a space and rate available basis.

~~SMOKING~~ XXXXXXXX NON-SMOKING \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DAY/DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TIME OF ARRIVAL \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTURE DAY/DATE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

- SELF PARKING IS COMPLIMENTARY.
- CHECK IN TIME AFTER 4:00PM.

**CHECK-IN TIME AFTER 4:00PM:**

Accommodations prior to that time will be handled on a space available basis. Luggage storage is available.

**CHECK-OUT TIME IS 11:00AM**

Please check the type of accommodations desired. ALL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AT CHECK-IN.

NO. Rooms	TYPE OF ACCOMMODATIONS	RATE
	Single: One (1) person	102.00
	Double: Two (2) persons, One (1) Bed	102.00
	Double: Two (2) Persons, Two (2) Beds	102.00

For all reservations, please list each guest's name where provided.

Reservations must be accompanied by a guarantee for first night's lodging via check or credit card.

Fill in American Express, Diners Club, Carte Blanche, VISA, MasterCard or Discover Card information below. You will be charged for the first night's lodging unless reservations are cancelled 7 days prior to arrival.

CARD TYPE \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**Advance Deposit.** Please include one night's room plus 10% tax. Deposits are refundable if cancelled 7 days prior to arrival.

CHECK ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

**2008 MEMBERSHIP - AWARDS PROGRAM**  
(JULY 1, 2007 - JUNE 30, 2008)

**"SERVICE TO OTHERS"**



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 28, 2007.

- 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 2008 Membership – Awards Program is 20 members.

POST QUOTAS will be the Post Membership listed at National Headquarters on June 30, 2007.

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 28, 2007 and the Post must have 75% of its 2008 membership quota to participate.

The second drawing will be held on November 1, 2007 and the Post must have 85% of its 2008 membership quota to participate.

The third drawing will be held on January 3, 2008 and the Post must have 97% of its 2008 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 2008 Membership Quota by May 16, 2008.

Victory Streamer for reaching the previous years' membership by May 16, 2008.

100% plus Post Commander and Quartermaster pins to Posts exceeding 100% by May 16, 2008.

Post Commander and Post Quartermaster Ball Cap to Posts who are 100% in membership by May 16, 2008.

### **2007-2008 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 (minimum of 5 poppies per member of the 2007-2008 quota)  
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, 2007 through April 30, 2008 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 2007-2008. 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.

### **2007-2008 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, 2008.
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 16, 2008 will receive the following:

Round trip airfare to the 109th National Convention in Orlando, Fl.

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 2007-2008 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 November 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 November 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 November 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, 2008. These awards will be presented at the Winter Council Banquet.

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, 2008. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$1,000.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$600.00; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$400.00 and a plaque. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$500.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$300.00; and 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$200.00 and Citation. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2008.

Each District may submit one (1) entry to the Department. Entry must be submitted no later than April 1, 2008.

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, 2007 to April 30, 2008 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 16, 2008. **(NO EXCEPTIONS!)**

# NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

2007 – 2008

## 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 2007-2008

The National Organization, with a full understanding of the importance of recruiting new and reinstated members into the VFW, has implemented a plan to recruit at least 150,000 New and Reinstated (N/R) Members for the 2007 - 2008 program year.

- At least 30,000 MIP members.
- 120,000 N/R members from the Departments, Districts and Posts.

Another important function of the VFW is to retain the members that we have enrolled over the years. It is vitally important for us to work diligently to increase the retention rate of our newest members. This effort coupled with the recruitment of N/R members will allow VFW to achieve its goal of 100% in membership for 2007-2008.

## NATIONAL CONTESTS AND AWARDS

### DEPARTMENT AWARDS

### COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S MEMBERSHIP AWARD TRIP TO THE CARIBBEAN MAY 2008

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, 2008:

QUALIFICATIONS TO WIN BY 3/31/08

Over 90,000	95%
48,001 to 90,000	96%
31,001 to 48,000	96%
24,001 to 31,000	97%
15,001 to 24,000	97%
8,001 to 15,000	98%
Under 8,000	98%

or

Department is 99% Including MIP

or

Everyone is Invited if National Equals 98.5%

**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, 2007 new & reinstated totals are 5% higher than their new & reinstated totals reported on October 31, 2006 of the prior year.

**100% DISTRICT & POST AWARD**

A distinctive streamer will be awarded to every District and Post that reaches 100% in membership by June 30, 2008.

**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, 2007, 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, 2006.*

## **RECRUITER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The recruiter signing up the most new or reinstated members (excluding MIP) by June 30, 2008 will receive the following:

- Round trip airfare to the 109<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Orlando, Florida 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, 2008 will receive the following:

- Round trip airfare to the 109<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Orlando, Florida.
- 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.

## **ALL AMERICAN COMMANDERS 2007 - 2008**

This is a National award.

Each 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 forty-eight (48) Post and twenty-four (24) District Commanders who are leading their respective membership divisions on June 30, 2008 will win the following:***

5. Round trip airfare to the 109<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Orlando, Florida.
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 2008 All American team attending the National Convention will receive their awards at the Joint Opening Ceremony.

**ALL AMERICAN POST COMMANDER QUOTA**

Membership Division	Minimum % Required	Buddy Poppy Requirement
1 1,501 & over	100%	Must Purchase five (5) poppies per Member
2 751 to 1,500	102%	Must Purchase five (5) poppies per Member
3 551 to 750	110%	Must Purchase five (5) poppies per Member
4 326 to 550	110%	Must Purchase five (5) poppies per Member
5 226 to 325	120%	Must Purchase five (5) poppies per Member
6 166 to 225	120%	Must Purchase five (5) poppies per Member
7 126 to 165	135%	Must Purchase five (5) poppies per Member
8 96 to 125	160%	Must Purchase five (5) poppies per Member
9 71 to 95	175%	Must Purchase five (5) poppies per Member
10 51 to 70	175%	Must Purchase five (5) poppies per Member
11 31 to 50	230%	Must Purchase five (5) poppies per Member
12 under 30	350%	Must Purchase five (5) poppies per Member

Every Post Commanders can be selected on the basis of year-end membership percentage (6-30-08).

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- *Minimum membership plus 5% N/R*
- *Participated in the three (3) of four (4) core programs*
  - *Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program*
  - *Patriots Pen Youth Essay Contest*
  - *National Teachers Award*
  - *Military Scholarship Award*
- *Assigned Buddy Poppy Quota*



## ALL AMERICAN DISTRICT COMMANDER QUOTA

Membership Division	Minimum % Required
1 8,001 & over	100%
2 4,501 to 8,000	100%
3 2,701 to 4,500	103%
4 1,701 to 2,700	110%
5 1,001 to 1,700	115%
6 1,000 or less	120%

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Every District Commander achieving the above goals can be selected on the basis of year-end membership percentage (6-30-08).

## 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 (6-30-08).

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- *Minimum 100% in membership plus 5% N/R*
- *Participated in the three (3) of four(4) core programs*
  - *Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program*
  - *Patriots Pen Youth Essay Contest*
  - *National Teachers Award*
  - *Military Scholarship Award*
- *Purchase five (5) Buddy Poppies per Member.*