

## VFW ALL AMERICAN PROGRAM

### OVERVIEW:

All American status is based on participation in VFW Programs by Posts, Districts and Departments. Nominations will be made by the Department Commander from those Posts and Districts that have met the initial criteria. Final selection is at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief. Deadline for completion of all criteria is May 15, 2009. However, for presentations to be made at Department conventions, nominations must be received three (3) weeks prior to those Department conventions.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL AMERICAN ELIGIBILITY:

#### ALL AMERICAN POSTS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Programs: Accomplish all the following:
  - a. Voice of Democracy - a minimum of one entry advanced to District judging.
  - b. Patriots Pen - a minimum of one entry advanced to District judging.
  - c. National Citizenship Education Teacher's Awards - one entry of each level (K-5, 6-8, & 9-12) advanced to District judging.
2. Buddy Poppy
  - a. Purchase of a minimum of ten (10) Buddy Poppies per member.
3. National Military Services
  - a. Make a donation to National Military Services
4. National Veterans Service
  - a. Appoint a Post Service Officer.

#### ALL AMERICAN DISTRICTS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Programs:
  - a. Voice of Democracy - advanced to the Department Judging.
  - b. Patriot's Pen - advanced to the Department Judging.
  - c. National Citizenship Education Teacher's Awards - one entry advanced to Department judging.
2. Buddy Poppy:
  - a. All Posts within the District must submit a Buddy Poppy order.
3. National Military Services:
  - a. Make a donation to National Military Services.
4. National Veterans Service:
  - a. 100% of all Posts must have appointed a service officer.

5. District must conduct a School of Instruction.
6. Appoint a District Service Officer.

#### **ALL AMERICAN DEPARTMENTS REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Programs:
  - a. Voice of Democracy - an entry advanced to National judging.
  - b. Patriot's Pen - an entry advanced to National judging.
  - c. National Citizenship Education Teacher's Award - an entry in all three categories (Grades k-5, 6-8, 9-12) advanced to National judging.
2. National Military Services complete following:
  - a. Must have a Department fundraising event for National Military Services.
3. National Veterans Service:
  - a. DSO must have conducted annual training for Post Service Officers and notified and encouraged all Post and District service officers to participate.

#### **NOMINATIONS FOR ALL AMERICAN:**

1. A Department may nominate one (1) Post for every fifty (50) posts or a fraction thereof (rounded up). Consideration should also be given to the Post's efforts in membership recruitment and retention.
2. Departments may nominate one (1) District for every ten (10) districts or a fraction thereof (rounded up).
3. Additional nominations deemed worthy by the Department Commander may be submitted and will be considered by the Commander-in-Chief.

#### **AWARDS FOR ALL-AMERICAN:**

#### **ALL AMERICAN POSTS RECEIVE:**

1. All American Post plaque for the Post home.
2. Acknowledgement in VFW magazine.
3. All American pin w/diamond for Post Commander and Post Quartermaster.
4. Special All American pin for each member of the Post (Posts will receive a quantity of All American pins determined by the Commander-in-Chief and may purchase additional pins up to the number of documented members).
5. All American caps for the Commander and all members will be available for purchase in the Emblem & Supply Catalog.
6. All American Post streamers for Post colors.

**ALL AMERICAN DISTRICTS RECEIVE:**

1. All American District citation.
2. All American District Commander and Quartermaster diamond pins.
3. District Commander's cap.
4. All American streamers for District colors.

**ALL AMERICAN DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE:**

1. All American Department Commanders' cap.
2. All American Department Commander diamond pin.
3. All American Department streamers for Department colors.
4. Expenses paid to VFW National Convention to include a \$550 stipend, air fare and a banquet ticket (plus a banquet ticket for spouses in attendance). Department Commanders will be the only All American paid to attend the VFW National Convention.

**VFW ALL STATE PROGRAM  
2008-2009 YEAR**

**POSTS**

There will be up to ten (10) All State Commanders this year. 100% Membership plus 5% N/R by May 1, 2009.

**REQUIRED CORE PROGRAMS**

1. Participate in all of the 7 (seven) core programs:
  - a. Voice of Democracy Program - mandatory.
  - b. Patriot's Pen Competition - mandatory.
  - c. National Citizenship Education Teacher's Award - All 3 school levels (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) - mandatory.
  - d. National Military Family Scholarship - Make a donation to National Military Family Scholarship - mandatory.
  - e. Buddy Poppy Program - Purchase a minimum of Ten (10) Buddy Poppies per member - mandatory.
  - f. National Military Services - Make a donation to National Military Services - mandatory.
  - g. National Veterans Services - Appoint a Post Service Officer - mandatory.
2. Post Commander must attend all District meetings

**POST COMMANDERS WILL RECEIVE EXTRA POINTS FOR THE FOLLOWING**

1. 75 pts for 100% membership by Mid-Winter
2. 50 pts for 100% membership by March 31, 2009
3. 5 pts for every member over 100%
4. 25 pts for every new life member
5. 10 pts for every 1% over 100% of last year's Membership
  
6. 10 pts for every membership Drive (must sign up minimum of 1% of current membership)
7. 20 pts for each Community Service Report received on time.
8. 10 pts for every \$100.00 donated to National Home
9. 25 pts for each safety nomination (Firefighter, Law Enforcement, EMT, Public Safety)
10. 10 pts for nominating an Eagle Scout of the Year
11. 20 pts for Commanders Community Service Book turned in by May 15, 2009
12. 50 pts for retaining 80% of annual membership from last year

## ALL STATE DISTRICT COMMANDER PROGRAM

THERE WILL BE ONE (1) ALL STATE DISTRICT COMMANDER

1. Required All Posts within the District must participate in:
  - a. Voice of Democracy - advanced to the Department judging.
  - b. Patriot's Pen - advanced to the Department judging.
  - c. National Citizenship Education Teacher's Awards - one entry per level (k-5, 6-8, and 9-12) advanced to Department judging.
  - d. Buddy Poppy - All posts within the District must submit a Buddy Poppy order (10 poppies per member).
  - e. National Military Services - Make a donation to National Military Services.
  - f. National Veterans Services - 100% of all Posts must have appointed a service officer.
  - g. District must conduct a School of instruction to include Service Officer training at 1<sup>st</sup> District meeting.

## CERTIFIED NATIONAL RECRUITERS

All Certified National Recruiters of the State report to the State Membership Chairman. The State Membership Chairman is in charge of scheduling membership drives, as well as submitting the forms required for the Certified National Recruiters to be reimbursed.