



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA

2017-2018 ALL-STATE PROGRAM

GOAL

The department and its subordinate units excel individually and as a group in membership, program execution, and compliance with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) By-Laws, Manual of Procedure, and Ritual and Department of Nevada By-laws and standing orders.

AWARDS

Posts and districts that excel in membership, program execution, and regulation compliance shall be recognized at department or district meetings. Awards will be presented to Commanders and Quartermasters and Posts that qualify for All-State recognition and comply with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States By-Laws, Manual of Procedure, and Ritual.

- Commander: All-State uniform cap, VFW All-State Commander pin
- Quartermaster: All-State uniform cap, VFW All-State Quartermaster pin
- Post: All-State recognition plaque

The State Commander shall recognize all posts and districts that qualify for All-State awards during the state convention. If the physical awards are not available at the time of the state convention, they will be presented at the first available district meeting.

PROGRAM EXECUTION

The All-State Committee shall administer the All-State Program. The State Commander, State Senior Vice Commander, State Junior Vice Commander, State Membership Chair, State Programs Chair, and State Quartermaster shall serve on the committee.

ELIGIBILITY

Districts and posts that exceed 100% of the prior year's membership, and satisfy all requirements, on or before the deadlines.

1. There will be one All-State Team Captain, whose post or district performance clearly exceeds all others.
2. Membership statistics shall be based strictly on the VFW National's member statistics (Memstats).
3. Determination of success in meeting requirements shall be based strictly upon submitted written reports, and VFW National records to the department.

POST ALL-STATE REQUIREMENTS

1. Must exceed 100% membership on July 1, 2018
2. Recruit new and reinstated members equal to 5% of prior year total
3. Submit community service reports.
4. Membership must exceed 50 members on July 1, 2018
5. Participate in all required programs:
 - a. Voice of Democracy: Received at the post no later than **November 1, 2017**. At least one (1) entry submitted to the district for judging. Must be received by the District Chairman, not later than **November 20, 2017**.

- b. Patriot's Pen: Received at the post no later than **November 1, 2017**. At least one (1) entry submitted to the district for judging. Must be received by the District Chairman, not later than **November 20, 2016**.
 - c. National Citizenship Education Teacher: received at the post no later than **November 1, 2017**. At least one (1) entry submitted to the district for judging. Must be received by the District Chairman, not later than **November 20, 2017**.
 - d. Buddy Poppy: Purchase a minimum of five (5) buddy poppies per post member. **June 30, 2018**
6. Conduct a fund raising event (\$50.00 min) to benefit Veterans & Military Support Programs (VAMS) and must be received by national no later than **June 30, 2018**
 7. The Commander or his/her representative must attend all district meetings,
 8. The Quartermaster and all others having direct access to Post funds shall be bonded not later than **August 31, 2017**
 9. Audit reports to the State Quartermaster must be current.
 10. IRS Form 990 must be filed by the due date and written notification sent to the State Quartermaster.
 11. Must be incorporated and the annual list of officers filing must be current.
 12. Appoint a Service Officer who is identified on the 2017-18 election report.

DISTRICT ALL-STATE REQUIREMENTS

1. Must exceed 100% membership on July 1, 2018
2. Recruit new and reinstated members equal to 5% of prior year
3. Participate in all required programs
 - a. Voice of Democracy: One entry submitted to the Department for judging. Must be received by the Department Chairman, not later than **December 15, 2017**.
 - b. Patriot's Pen: One entry submitted to the Department for judging. Must be received by the Department Chairman, not later than **December 15, 2017**.
 - c. Must submit Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen post participation report to the department Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen chairman no later than **December 15, 2017**
 - d. National Citizenship Education Teacher: One (1) entry in each category (K-5, 6-8, 9-12,) submitted to the department chairman not later than **December 15, 2017**
 - e. Must submit Teacher of the year post participation report to the department Teacher of the year chairman no later than **December 15, 2017**
 - f. Buddy Poppy: 75% of Posts in the District purchase a minimum of five (5) buddy poppies per Post member. **June 30, 2018**
4. The Commander or his/her representative must attend all department Council of Administration meetings
5. The Quartermaster and all others having direct access to Post funds shall be bonded not later than **August 31, 2017**
6. Audit reports to the State Quartermaster must be current.
7. IRS Form 990 must be filed by the due date and written notification sent to the State Quartermaster.
8. Must be incorporated and the annual list of officers filing must be current.
9. Appoint a Service Officer who is identified on the 2017-18 election report.
10. Conduct a school of instruction at each District meeting.
11. The district commander or his/hers representative shall complete all post inspections, and be submitted to the state inspector no later than the **Mid-winter Conference, January 2018**