

KANSAS MEMBERSHIP AWARD PROGRAM 2011-2012

JAYHAWKER STATE MEMBERSHIP TEAM PIN

This pin is available to anyone who actively recruits for a Post. National Recruiter Reports will be used to determine awardees, so ensure that all applications and online transmittals are properly completed with the recruiters name and card number.

MEMBERSHIP SHIRT AWARD

A specially designed shirt will be awarded to the Post Commander and Quartermaster for the highest percentage of membership in each division as of March 31, 2012.

DIVISION I - MEMBERSHIP- 10 -50

DIVISION I V- MEMBERSHIP- 201-400

DIVISION II - MEMBERSHIP- 51-100

DIVISION V- MEMBERSHIP- 401-600

DIVISION III - MEMBERSHIP- 101-200

DIVISION VI – MEMBERSHIP- 601 & OVER

Additionally, any Post member who recruits 15 new or reinstate members will receive a similar shirt.

A specially designed “Top Recruiter” shirt will be awarded to the member who recruits the most new and/or reinstated members.

POST AWARDS FOR 100% CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

A special citation will be awarded to each Post achieving 100% in continuous membership for one (1) through fourteen (14) years. Any Post having 100% membership continuously for fifteen (15) years or more will receive special recognition at the Department Convention in June 2012. For each Post obtaining 100%, the Post is to receive a streamer (from National) for the Post flag. The Post Commander and Quartermaster will each receive a 100% plus pin.

- 1. Audits** for 6/30/11, 9/30/11 and 12/31/11 submitted to State Inspector **within 30 days after end of calendar quarter.**
- 2. Community Service:** The Post must complete a minimum of two (2) verified projects in each Category II area (Veterans Service, Legislative Action, Community Service, and Youth Development) for a total of eight (8) verified projects. Additionally, in order to be considered for All State Honors, the Post must participate in any two of the following Category I projects: Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, EMT Award, Law Enforcement Award, Firefighter Award, Teacher Award, Adopt-A-Unit, Community Service Volunteer Pin Program or Hospital Volunteer Pin Program.
- 3. Post Quartermaster must be bonded** for the period 9/1/11 – 8/31/12 (Required by VFW National By-Laws.)
- 4. Verified attendance at District School of Instruction** (or representative attendance).
- 5. All State Post Entry Form submitted by March 31, 2012.**

Other factors that will be considered in judging **All State Commander** awards:

- Membership totals in excess of 100%.
- Additional verified community service projects.
- Level of Impact in community, as evidenced by community service and award program participation.
- Post Commander or representative attendance at Department Schools and functions.

Each member of the **All State Team of Post Commanders** will receive a diamond set lapel pin, an "All State" VFW cap, a \$25.00 gift certificate from the VFW Emblem and Supply Merchandise Catalog, a special ID card and a National Citation. Each Post Commander achieving All State status will also receive specially designed pins for a minimum of 5% of their membership identified as having been instrumental in the success of the Post.

ALL STATE TEAM OF POST QUARTERMASTERS

In most cases, the success of a Post Commander is directly related to the effectiveness of the Post Quartermaster. Accordingly, the criteria for selection as an **ALL STATE POST QUARTERMASTER** is similar to the requirements for selection as an **ALL STATE POST COMMANDER**. Since the duties of the Post Quartermaster are primarily "behind the scenes," it is difficult for the Department to determine the worthy members of the "**ALL STATE TEAM OF POST QUARTERMASTERS.**" The following are the minimum requirements for selection as an **ALL STATE QUARTERMASTER**:

1. Post 100% in membership by March 31, 2012.
2. Audits for 6/30/11, 9/30/11 and 12/31/11 submitted to State Inspector within 30 days after end of Quarter.
3. Quartermaster adequately bonded for the period 9/1/11 to 8/31/12.

****Note: The selection of a Post Commander for All State honors does not guarantee selection of the Quartermaster to the All State Team.*

Up to sixteen **ALL STATE POST QUARTERMASTERS** may be selected. Each member of the **ALL STATE TEAM OF POST QUARTERMASTERS** will receive a lapel pin, an **ALL STATE QUARTERMASTER** cap, a \$25.00 gift certificate from the VFW Emblem and Supply Catalog and a special ID card.

ALL STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS

ALL STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS will be selected on the basis of the following minimum criteria:

1. 100% in membership by March 31, 2012.
2. Must conduct a District School of Instruction within 60 days of the Department School of instruction in accordance with the Department published guidelines.
3. Community Service: District must have at least 85% of its Posts accredited in both Category I and Category II projects.

ALL STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS will receive an All State District Commander's VFW cap, a special ID card and a National Citation.

DISTRICT COMMANDER WASHINGTON CONFERENCE TRIP AWARD

The *top* District Commander with the highest percentage of membership over 100% by January 31, 2012 will receive the following to the Legislative/Community Service Conference in Washington, D.C.

One (1) round trip air ticket to Washington, D.C. and \$500.00 check for expenses.

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP TRAVELING AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Department Commander will provide a Traveling Award of Excellence to the District having the highest membership percentage at each Department meeting - i.e.: National Training Program (AKA Satellite Training); Department Mid-Winter Council; Department Convention and the 2012 Department Mid-Summer Council. The Leading Membership District will retain possession of the Award until the next Department meeting, at which time it will be presented to the new Leading Membership District. The District having the highest membership percentage as of June 1, 2012 will receive the District Commander.

DISTRICT COMMANDER AWARD

The District Commander with highest percentage of membership on June 1, 2012 will receive an engraved clock (#1869) from National Supply catalog.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S AWARD

Each District Senior Vice Commander whose District is 100% or above by January 31, 2012, will receive a specially designed shirt.

PAST STATE COMMANDER AWARD

All Past State Commanders whose Post is 100% or above in membership on January 31, 2012, will be a guest of the State Commander at the Past Commanders Club Breakfast on Sunday morning at the State Convention in June.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

MEMBERSHIP MISSION AND VISION

MISSION: Retain and recruit a stable membership base from all generations of veterans that is informed and actively involved at all levels of the organization.

VISION: Ensure the organization remains a welcoming environment for our overseas conflict veterans, active duty military service members, families for the membership lifespan of today's Current Conflict Veterans.

MEMBERSHIP GOALS

National Membership Department's Goals state how we intend to reach our Vision. There are two important considerations in how we have prioritized them.

1. Building a strong organization for the future as well as today.
2. VFW National and VFW community organizations must work together to achieve our goals.

VFW National is here for the "BIG FIGHT" ...shaping VFW's image nationally, developing new membership markets and ensuring that our current membership is aware of what our organization is doing for them. The VFW has been successful in recruiting younger members (39 years and younger) for the past several years. There is only one way to make this success permanent...**RETENTION – RETENTION – RETENTION.**

THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM IS IN THE LEADERSHIP REFERENCE GUIDE (COMMANDER'S MANUAL) UNDER (OMS) ONLINE MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM ON THE NATIONAL WEBSITE www.vfw.org FOR ADDITIONAL NATIONAL CONTESTS AND INCENTIVE AWARDS

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ALL-STATE POST ENTRY FORM

Posts wishing to compete in the All State Competition MUST answer the following questions and return this form to Department Headquarters, PO Box 1008, Topeka, KS 66601-1008 by March 31, 2012.

Please answer YES or NO to the following participation programs for the 2011-2012 year	Y	N
A. 100% Membership by March 31, 2012.....	()	()
B. Audits for 6/30/11, 9/30/11 & 12/31/11 submitted to State Inspector within 30 days of end of each quarter.....	()	()
C. Quartermaster adequately bonded for period 9/01/11 to 8/31/12.....	()	()
D. Post Commander or representative attend all District meetings.....	()	()
E. Community Service. 2 verified projects submitted in each area of Category II and Participation in 2 Category 1 projects.....	()	()
F. Recruiting 1 member more than 100% of last years membership (1 point).....	()	()
G. Community Service. 6 verified projects in each Category II area (10 points).....	()	()
H. Post purchased 5 Buddy Poppies per member based on 100% of last years membership (5 points).....	()	()
I. Voice of Democracy Tape submitted to District (5 points).....	()	()
J. Patriot's Pen essay submitted to District (5 points).....	()	()
K. Conduct a project benefiting their adopted unit (5 points).....	()	()
L. Made a donation to National Military Services (5 points).....	()	()
M. Entered a Law Enforcement Officer in District Competition (5 points).....	()	()
N. Entered a Firefighter in District Competition (5 points).....	()	()
O. Entered an Emergency Medical Technician in District Competition (5 points).....	()	()
P. Entered a Teacher of the Year in District Competition (5 points).....	()	()
Q. Entered an Eagle Scout in District/State Competition (5 points).....	()	()
R. Entered Community Service Record Book for Department judging (5 points).....	()	()
S. Nominated a volunteer for Community Service Volunteer Pin (5 points).....	()	()
T. Nominated a volunteer for Hospital Volunteer Pin (5 points).....	()	()
U. For each 5 members recruited over 100% of last years membership (3 points).....	_____	points

POSTS MUST PARTICIPATE IN ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING: VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, PATRIOT'S PEN, EMT AWARD, LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD, FIREFIGHTER AWARD, TEACHER AWARD, ADOPT A UNIT, EAGLE SCOUT, COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER PIN OR HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER PIN PROGRAMS.

I confirm that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Location _____ Post # _____

Post Commander _____ Post Quartermaster _____

Signature of Post Commander or Quartermaster