

STATE of MICHIGAN VFW

2025-2026 POST and DISTRICT ALL-STATE PROGRAM APPLICATION and CHECKLIST

The first page of this application and checklist MUST be completed and submitted to the All-State Director prior to April 30, 2026, preferably by email. The checklist portion is for your record keeping and will be of assistance to the Director if completed. Post Commanders will have until June 30 to meet the reporting and donation requirements for All State contest criteria, but the application must be received by the All State Director prior to April 30. Please plan ahead. Contact the Director with any questions.

Post # _____ Applying as Post Commander _____

District # _____ Applying as District Commander _____

Commander's Name (print): _____

Specify if Life or Legacy Member _____

Hat Size _____ Male/Female _____

Quartermaster's Name (print) : _____

Specify if Life or Legacy Member _____

Hat Size _____ Male/Female _____

All donations must be made to the VFW State of Michigan Headquarters.

Any disagreements with a Post donation, you must contact State Headquarters.

If you have any disagreements with the program reports, you must contact the Director of the program to clear up the issue.

Post Criteria:

To be in contention for All-State Honors, a Post must meet the following criteria:

1. Post must submit and All-State Application prior to April 30, 2026. Email is preferred.
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2. Post must be 101% in membership with new or reinstated members.
Date Achieved 101%: _____
3. Post must be in good standing with:
 - Post Bylaws approved by the Commander-in-Chief ☐
 - All Trustee Quarterly Audits ☐
 - Quartermaster's bond prior to December 31, 2025 ☐
 - Proof of submission and receipt of annual 990 for the last reporting period ☐
 - 2026-27 Post Officers report of election prior to opening of 2026 State Convention ☐
 - All past and current year State Convention delegates fees must be paid prior to opening of the 2026 State Convention. ☐
4. Post Commander and Quartermaster must attend at least one in person State of Michigan conducted VTS.
Dates attended VTS: _____

5. Post must submit a community service activity report through the State website report form by the 10th of every month for the preceding month for at least 10 months of the reporting period, May 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. ☐
6. Post must submit a hospital activity report through the State website report form by the 10th of every month for the preceding month for at least 10 months of the reporting period, May 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. ☐
7. Post must submit a legislative report through the State community service activity website report form by the 10th of the month for the preceding month for at least six months of the reporting period, May 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. ☐
8. Post must submit a Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen entry to their District for judging, verified by the National All-American Dashboard report. ☐
9. Post must submit a minimum of \$125.00 to VMS (Veterans and Military Support). (VMS donations must be made through the All-American Dashboard on the National website.) ☐
10. Post must be registered for a VFW National Day of Service project in May 2026.
Date of Service Project: _____
11. Post must have a Membership Recruiting Table at least one public event. Must be reported with pictures showing conspicuous VFW signage such as tablecloths, banners, etc. to the State Membership Director prior to June 30, 2026. ☐
Date/Location of Membership Recruiting Table: _____
12. Post must order a minimum of 500 Buddy Poppies prior to June 30, 2026. ☐

Posts must earn a minimum of 250 points with at least 125 points coming from Community Service.

- A. 10 points for posting Post's Colors (US Flag and Post Flag) at the National Home on Michigan Day. Colors must remain posted for the entire day. ☐
- B. Post may perform a workday at Camp Trotter with 5 points granted for each member participating up to a maximum of 50 points. Workdays must be coordinated with the Camp Trotter Maintenance Supervisor. ☐
Date of Workday and Number of Members _____
Note: *Posts may earn the same points as above by performing a Community Service project in their area such as a canned food drive for a charity, park cleanup, etc. Project must be approved by the All-State Director in advance.*
- C. 10 points for each nomination submitted for the following categories to the State Safety Program Director (one nomination per category allowed):
 - a. Firefighter of the Year ☐
 - b. Law Enforcement Officer of the Year ☐
 - c. Dispatcher of the Year ☐
 - d. EOD Technician of the Year ☐
 - e. EMT Paramedic of the Year ☐
- D. 10 points each for Senior and Junior Vice Commander attending a VTS.
Date Attended: _____
- E. 10 points for performing a POW/MIA Ceremony. 15 points if open to the public. 10 additional points will be awarded if the ceremony is held on September 19, 2025. Ceremony with pictures must be reported to the POW/MIA Director. ☐
- F. 10 points for a Post having an active Facebook and/or Website. ☐
- G. 10 points for a donation of \$300 to the Camp Trotter General Fund to support necessary major renovations. ☐
- H. 10 points for Post hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive up to 4 events.
Date(s) of Blood Drive(s) _____
- I. 10 Points for each nomination submitted for the following Youth Activity programs:
 - a. Junior ROTC Cadet of the Year ☐

- b. Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year ☐
- c. Scout of the Year Candidate
 - i. Eagle Scout ☐
 - ii. Girl Scout Gold Award ☐
 - iii. Venture Scout Summit ☐
 - iv. Sea Scout QM Award ☐

Nominations must be submitted to the Youth Activities Director.

- J. 25 points for supporting a local homeless Veteran's shelter or an individual homeless Veteran with a fundraiser or other supportive action. Proof of the support must be submitted to the Homeless Veteran Director. ☐

Mental Health and VMS

- A. 25 points for hosting a symposium open to the public on PTSD, Veteran Mental Health, and Welfare and/or Veteran Suicide Prevention. Post may collaborate with other organizations and agencies. Posts should contact the Mental Health Director for information about local agencies and organizations.
- B. 5 points per member, up to a maximum of 25 points, for attending another organization's symposium on Veteran Suicide. The event must be approved by the Mental Health Director.

Donations

5 points for each \$25.00 donated to the following categories: (maximum \$100 (20 Points) per category, maximum of 200 points total by donations):

- i. National Home (to include Post donations made at the National Home on Michigan Day) ☐
- ii. Day of Challenges ☐
- iii. Gold Star Mothers ☐
- iv. National Cemeteries ☐
- v. Mental Health and Welfare (Department fund) ☐
- vi. Youth Scholarship Fund (Scouts and JROTC) ☐
- vii. Cancer ☐
- viii. Homeless Veterans ☐
- ix. Veterans Service Office Fund ☐
- x. POW / MIA Fund ☐
- xi. Keres Burial Assistance Fund ☐
- xii. Foxhole Fund ☐
- xiii. Heroes to Hives Fund ☐
- xiv. State Disaster Relief ☐
- xv. Fisher House Michigan ☐
- xvi. VFW Charities of Michigan ☐
- xvii. 10 points for a minimum donation of \$50.00 to the joint VFW/Auxiliary Special Project, Blue Star Service Dogs. Donations to the Joint Special Project must be made to State Headquarters and earmarked as such. ☐
- xviii. 20 Points for a minimum donation of \$100.00 to the Commander's Special Project: (National Home Store). Donations to the Commander's Special Project must be made to State Headquarters and earmarked as such. ☐

Donations made to support local community programs that support scouting, cancer treatment, veterans' mental health & welfare (to include direct assistance or support of programs such as Honor Flight) or homeless veterans (lodging and / or food programs)

may receive credit for All-State Program purposes with proof of the donation (copy of check or receipt from the organization) provided to VFW Department Headquarters.

District Criteria:

1. Districts must be 101% in membership prior to June 30, 2026. ☐
2. Districts must donate a prize to be raffled by the Cancer Table at both the Fall and Mid-Winter Conference, verified by the State Cancer Director. ☐
3. Districts must hold a School of Instruction at a District meeting with at least 75% of the Posts represented, verified by the State Representative report. ☐
4. Districts must hold at least one District membership recruiting event involving multiple Posts. ☐
5. Districts must have Post inspections completed and reported to the State Inspector prior to May 15, 2026. ☐

Post Awards:

Each All-State Post Commander and Quartermaster that earn All-State honors will receive an All-State citation, pin and All-State cap at the 2026 Fall Conference.

Captain of the All-State Team will be awarded to the Post Commander of the Post with the highest accumulation of All-State program points. In the case of a tie, the Post with the greatest membership percentage will be named Captain. The Captain of the Post All-State Team will receive a \$300.00 cash award at the 2026 Fall Conference. You must attend the Fall Conference to receive this award.

District Awards:

Each All-State District Commander and Quartermaster will be recognized with a District All-State cap and citation and pin at the 2026 Fall Conference.

Captain of the District All-State Team will be awarded to the District Commander with the highest percentage of All-State Posts as of June 30, 2026.

The Captain of the District All-State Team will receive a \$300.00 cash award at the 2026 Fall Conference. You must attend the Fall Conference to receive this award.

THE VFW NATIONAL WEBSITE WILL BE USED FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION (www.vfw.org). NO EXCEPTIONS! ENSURE THAT YOU ALLOW FOR PROCESSING TIME. THE DEPARTMENT CHECKLIST, DONATIONS PAGE, ACTIVITY REPORTS, AND DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE ALL-STATE STATUS.

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