



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA



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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 7

JANUARY 2017

1. BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS, SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP NEW YEAR.
2. The following District meetings are announced:

First District	February 4	Kenyon #141 @ 9:30 AM	Joe Mauricio
Second District	January 7	So. St Paul #295 @ 12:30 PM	Joe Mauricio
Third District	January 7	Marshall #742 @ 10:00 AM	Rick Bugbee
Fourth District	February 18	Roseville #7555 @ 9:00 AM	Rick Bugbee
Fifth District	February 12	Willmar #1639 @ 2:00 PM	Joe Mauricio
Sixth District	February 4	St Cloud #4847 @ 1:00 PM	Rick Bugbee
Seventh District	February 4	Hopkins #425 @ 10:00 AM	Tom Hanson
Eighth District	February 19	Babbitt #1539 @ 9:00 AM	Rick Bugbee
Ninth District	March 4	E. Grand Forks #3817 @ 10:00 AM	Tom Hanson

3. Posts that are contemplating selling real estate or their Post Home must follow Section 709; Control of Units in the National By-Laws. It states: that a letter **must** go to **ALL MEMBERS** and the **DEPARTMENT COMMANDER** ten (10) days before the meeting on which they are going to vote on the sale. Also, please read Section 709 as it pertains to sharing, renting or leasing your Real Estate with outside organizations or businesses.
4. All 2016 members who have not paid their 2017 dues by December 31, 2016 are delinquent and have no voice in Post affairs until their dues are paid. (Under Subscription Dues, some members may vary from this date.)
5. The 114th Annual Grand Banquet in conjunction with the Midwinter Conference will be held at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, January 21, 2017. Tickets at \$28.00 per person must be ordered from Department Headquarters in advance. All tables are reserved. Ticket order forms were distributed to Post Commanders in last month's mailing, this mailing and in the Gopher Oversea'r.
6. The Gopher Oversea'r had details of the meetings planned for the Midwinter Conference in the October-January issue. Any VFW Member with a 2017 membership card is eligible and welcome to attend any of the scheduled meetings. You might invite fellow Post members to attend.
7. The Department Council of Administration will meet at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, January 20, 2017 in Ballroom 4 and again on **SUNDAY**, January 22 at 9:00 P.M. in Ballroom 4 at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center. **ALL OTHER COMMITTEES, WHICH ARE TO MEET, HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BY LETTER.**
9. Bantam Hockey Rules require that every Post sponsoring a team **MUST HAVE** submitted an eligibility roster on or before **DECEMBER 31, 2016**. Teams failing to submit roster forms will not be able to compete in District or Department Tournaments. Rules and Roster forms were available from your District Youth Chairman or online at www.mn.gov/vfw under 'VFW Programs'
10. During the Midwinter Conference there will be some new sessions: **Seminars on Mental Health including PTSD, Military Sexual Trauma, and Suicide Prevention and hands on activities including an Art Therapy Workshop (pre-registration required) and a Poppy Craft Workshop (everyone welcome)** throughout Saturday, January 21st. Please encourage your membership to attend this new format and participate in these valuable opportunities.

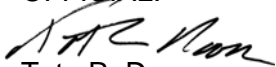
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11. Members are reminded to send in donations for the V.F.W. National Home. These receipts maintain the National Home.
12. The Department Convention will be held in Brooklyn Park/Maple Grove, June 7-11, 2017. Housing forms will be sent to Post Commanders and will be published in future issues of the Gopher Oversea'r.
13. Posts with Club operations, rentals, Bingo or Charitable Gambling are cautioned to review operating procedures to insure that such operations are conducted according to all local and state laws, especially in the area of Withholding Taxes, Liquor, Bingo, Gambling and Sales Tax. **The Financial records of all such functions must be reported to the Post membership each month.** The Post Trustees must include the information in the Quarterly Audit after reviewing all such records.
14. Invitations to Department Officers to participate in 'special' Post Events must be extended well in advance. Whenever necessary, **Posts should arrange to provide overnight housing plus mileage.**
15. All Posts entering Poppy Displays in the Department Display Contest are directed to bring their displays to Atrium of the Minneapolis Marriott City Center, Saturday, January 21, 2017. Registration will be from 7:00 to 9:00 A.M. Judging will be between 9:45 and 11:30 A.M. **Poppy displays will remain up through the Midwinter Banquet Reception** and should be removed any time after 7 P.M. Displays **must be removed NO LATER** than 9 A.M. Sunday Morning.
17. For the purpose of establishing continuous membership, a member may pay back Department and National dues for all Delinquent years, provided he was a member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years prior to the time he last became delinquent. The Post maintains continuous Membership, not the Department or National. Therefore, all dues should be paid to the Post, not Department or National.
18. There will be a SINGLE Buddy Poppy Meeting at the Midwinter Conference on Saturday, January 21st at 2:30 P.M. Anyone interested in the 2017 Poppy Program is encouraged to attend. District Chairmen **MUST** attend in order to receive their per diem.
19. **According to Section 218, Officers, Chairman Duties and Obligations; the Post Quartermaster is to receive all monies, securities, vouchers and other personal properties of the Post. The State law/statute states that he cannot be the Post Gambling Chairman but should receive a copy of the monthly Gambling Report that the Gambling Chairman sends to the Gambling Control Board. It should also be noted, that Post Trustees MUST audit the Books of the Post, Club, Gambling and any Subordinate Units to the Post.**
20. During the Midwinter Banquet, there will be a "Parade of Checks" for the State Commander's Project. **Make Checks out to 'Minnesota VFW Charitable Association' earmarked 'Commander's Project'.** Please bring your donations to the Banquet for presentation and recognition.
21. With the holiday gift items being returned to stores - check with the store's community relations representative to find out what items can be donated and redirected to the overseas troops or to their families. DVD players, DVDs for troops, sweaters, sports equipment and other clothing items for military children are just a few examples.

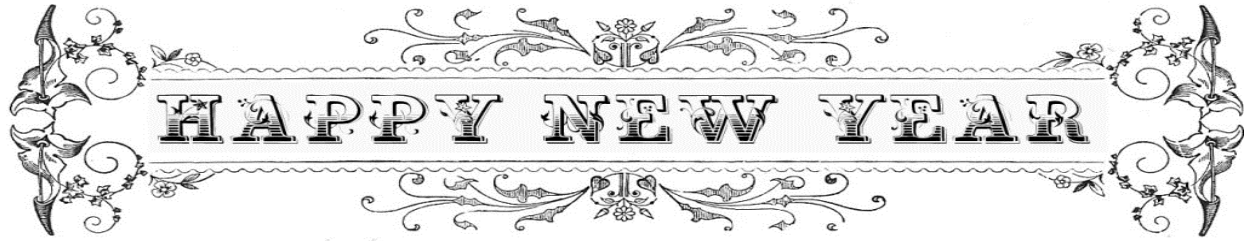
BY ORDER OF:

Joe Mauricio
State Commander
Department of Minnesota, V.F.W.

OFFICIAL:



Tate R. Doom
State Adjutant-Quartermaster



Reporting: Please check on all of your Post reports and make sure you are up to date on all reporting so far. Now would also be a good time to start working on the Community Service Book... it is due April 18, 2017.

MORE....
Full Page Bulletins in
THIS General Orders

- Annual Secretary of State Renewal Reminder to Posts
- Quartermaster Warning
- Midwinter Award Sponsorship Flyer
 - Conference Schedule
 - Donation Challenge Flyer
 - Art Therapy Workshop Registration
 - Poppy Craft Workshop
 - Banquet Registration
 - Housing Form
- Legislative Caregiver Benefits News
- MN Veterans Day on the Hill Info
- Cribbage Tournament 2017
- Bowling Tournament 2017
- Community Service Record Book Contest & Form
- Poppy Order Form
- Best Feature Story & Publications Contest
- Bus Driver of the Year Form
- Traveling Safety Report
- Youth Activities Bulletin
- Youth Activities Report Form
- Scout of the Year Form
- Teacher of the Year Information
- VFW Employer of the Year Form

January 2017



**ROSTER
CORRECTIONS**

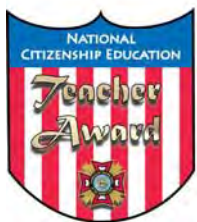
SECOND DISTRICT

District Service Officer: Mike Labovitch, 2416 75th St E., Inver Grover Heights, 55076, Phone 651-457-6868

SIXTH DISTRICT

Post #1140: Commander- Chris Senger, Phone 320-304-0328

Post Chairmen: You only have approx. 45 days to promote the program in your community and get nominations.



**TEACHER
OF THE YEAR**

What about the teachers who promote the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy programs, which comes under Citizenship Education and Americanism, in their class rooms. They should be good candidates for nomination.

Remember the deadlines:

Tuesday February 15, 2017 for post to received nominations packets.

Wednesday February 28, 2017 for District Chairmen to receive nomination packets from their posts.

Tuesday March 15, 2017 for nomination packets to be received at Dept. Hqs.

~Submitted by Jimmy White, Teacher of the Year Chair

ORDER YOUR POPPY'S TODAY!

What Just Happened!

We had a nice Fall, then the Hammer dropped, Cold and Snow arrived. Well it's Minnesota so we are ready for that. And, you made it through the Holidays! The Vikings are not going to the Super Bowl, and everything is back to "Normal".

Let's focus on what we Should do!

The Poppy program is year round. Especially during the months when your posts are involved with their community. Distribution can be done any time for parades, other functions including membership drives and daily meetings, something to think about in the next few months.



BUDDY POPPY

Let's focus on what we Can do!

Poppy Order forms will be available at the District Meetings, and on the Department Web Site:

<http://mn.gov/vfw/hdqrts.html>.

Please call me if you have any questions at 612-270-0190.

Let's lead the Charge for the Department this year!

Be a Buddy, Order Your Poppy's! Do it now. Thank you.

*~Submitted by Paul Mercer, Poppy Chair
612-270-0190 Paulmercer1234@gmail.com*

Nominate your local, Veteran Friendly Employers!

Help provide the recognition this supportive employers deserve by nominating them for:

VFW- Department of MN Employer of the Year

Entry forms can be found in this General Orders

Entries Due to Department:

February 1, 2017



EMPLOYMENT

Please look for the Legislative Flyer in THIS General Orders:



LEGISLATIVE

- MN Veterans Day on the Hill
- Caregiver Benefits- Less Assistance = More Financial Instability

Comrades



MEMBERSHIP

I look forward to seeing a lot of 100% commanders at the Mid Winter membership seminar. We will do a drawing for a \$1,000 stipend to the National Convention in New Orleans in July. Every post in good standing and at 100% membership will have an entry. You will also get extra entries for every percentage point over 100%. Good luck! Please bring membership success stories to the seminar. I want your input.

I would like to thank Len Gudmunson for inviting me to the 372nd Engineer Brigades Holiday Party at Fort Snelling. We met a lot of great soldiers and their families. Many of the senior officers and enlisted soldiers were already life members.

~Submitted by Barry Henriksen, Membership Chair



VFW Action Corps Weekly December 9, 2016



POW/ MIA

9. MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced the identification of remains of three Americans who had been missing in action from World War II and Korea. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

- **Navy Fireman 1st Class Jim H. Johnston**, 23, will be buried in his hometown of Wesson, Miss., on Dec. 7. Johnston was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Johnston was one of 429 crewmen to be killed in the attack. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1010134/airman-missing-from-world-war-ii-identified-moessner/>.
- **Army Master Sgt. Joseph Durakovich** was a member of Company G, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. His unit was attacked by the Chinese forces while establishing a defensive position in Pongmyong-ni east of Kuni-ri, North Korea, on Nov. 28, 1950. After the battle, Durakovich could not be accounted for and was reported missing in action. Interment services are pending. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1011976/soldier-missing-from-korean-war-identified-durakovich/>.
- **Army Cpl. Louis A. Damewood** was a member of Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, operating near Hoengsong, South Korea. He was declared missing after his unit attacked an opposition road block on Feb. 13, 1951. Interment services are pending. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1011982/soldier-missing-from-korean-war-identified-damewood/>.



**POW/ MIA
(Continued)**

1. Congress Passes Major Veterans Bill: This week Congress sent major veterans legislation to the president for his signature. H.R. 6416, the *Jeff Miller and Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2016*, included numerous provisions related to several VFW resolutions. The bill expands eligibility for grave marker medallions to be issued by VA to include those veterans who died before November 1990. Another section of the bill provides for researching how the health of children of veterans exposed to toxic substances is impacted. Changes that make uniform the definition of homelessness were also included in the bill. These important provisions were *2016 Priority Goals* for the VFW and their enactment into

law would fully accomplish VFW Resolution 620, and partially accomplish Resolutions 619 and 621 which were approved at the 117th VFW National Convention. Additional legislation to require VA to pilot a self-scheduling program, to authorize VA to partner with non-governmental agencies to finance VA facilities, and to pay back money withheld from veterans discharged after January 17, 1991 who received severance pay also cleared Congress and awaits the president's signature. This concludes the 114th Congress. The VFW looks forward to working with the 115th Congress to ensure the VFW's *2017 Priority Goals* are accomplished. To view the VFW's *2017 Priority Goals*, visit: www.vfw.org/advocacy/national-legislative-service.

2. National Defense Authorization Act Clears Congress: Legislation providing \$618.7 billion and a 2.1 percent pay raise for the military cleared Congress and was sent to the White House this week. The bill also includes a number the VFW's *2016 Priority Goals*, such as requiring DOD to formulate a process by which veterans who received Less-Than-Honorable discharges due to misconduct resulting from the effects of Post-traumatic stress disorder, Military sexual trauma (MST) and Traumatic brain injury are given a fair shake when appealing for discharge upgrade; calculating the military retirement owed to a former spouse based on the rank at time of divorce instead of at time of retirement; and improved reporting and treatment of service members who are victims of MST. The passage of this important bill also fully accomplishes VFW Resolutions 416 and 418 and partially accomplishes Resolution 410, which were approved at the 117th VFW National Convention.

7. MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced the identification of remains of 12 Americans who had been missing in action from World War II and Korea. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

-- **Navy Seaman 2nd Class Floyd F. Clifford** was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Clifford was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1030547/sailor-missing-from-world-war-ii-identified-clifford/>.

-- **Navy Fireman 3rd Class Kenneth L. Holm** was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Holm was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1030832/sailor-missing-from-world-war-ii-identified-holm/>.

-- **Navy Seaman 1st Class Harold W. Roesch** was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Roesch was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1030550/sailor-missing-from-world-war-ii-identified-roesch/>.

-- **Navy Yeoman 3rd Class Edmund T. Ryan** was assigned to the USS Oklahoma, which was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, when Japanese aircraft attacked his ship on Dec. 7, 1941. Ryan was one of 429 crewmen killed in the attack. Interment services are pending. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1026982/sailor-missing-from-world-war-ii-identified-ryan/>.

-- **Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Byron H. Nelson** was a nose gunner aboard an American B-24G Liberator bomber with the 721st Bomb Squadron, 450th Bomb Group, 15th Air Force. During a bombing run near Varese, Italy, on April 25, 1944, Nelson's aircraft and two others were separated from the formation due to dense clouds and later attacked by German fighters. Of the 10 crewmen, six parachuted from the aircraft and escaped capture, two parachuted and were captured by German forces, and two perished in the crash. Nelson was reported to be one of the two who perished. Interment services are pending. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1026982/sailor-missing-from-world-war-ii-identified-ryan/>.

[News-Stories/Article/1027977/airman-missing-from-world-war-ii-identified-nelson/](http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Article/1027977/airman-missing-from-world-war-ii-identified-nelson/).

-- **Army Air Forces Capt. Albert L. Schlegel**, of Cleveland, Ohio, disappeared Aug. 28, 1944, while piloting his P-51D Mustang on a ground strafing mission near Strasbourg, France. In his final communication, the fighter "ace" radioed he'd been hit by heavy anti-aircraft fire and would need to bail out. Interment services are pending. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1027011/airman-missing-from-world-war-ii-identified-schlegel/>.

-- **Army Cpl. Gerald I. Shepler** was the lead scout on a reconnaissance patrol for Company K, 3rd Battalion, 187th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, near Hajoyang-ni, North Korea, when his patrol was ambushed by enemy forces. Shepler was unaccounted for after the mission, and the U.S. Army declared him deceased on Nov. 29, 1950. Interment services are pending. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1027031/soldier-missing-from-korean-war-identified-shepler/>.

-- **Army Sgt. Homer R. Abney** was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, when his unit was engaged in heavy fighting with Chinese forces on the road from Kunu-ri to Sunch'on, North Korea — later named "The Gauntlet." After several days of fighting, his regiment declared Abney missing on Nov. 30, 1950. Interment services are pending. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1027019/soldier-missing-from-korean-war-identified-abney/>.

-- **Army Cpl. James T. Mainhart** served with Company I, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team deployed east of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. The RCT was attacked by an overwhelming number of Chinese forces in late November, 1950. Mainhart was among 1,300 members of the RCT killed or captured in enemy territory. He was reported missing as of Nov. 30, 1950. Interment services are pending. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1027973/soldier-missing-from-korean-war-identified-mainhart/>.

-- **Army Cpl. Edward Pool** was reported missing in action on Nov. 30, 1950, while serving with 31st Heavy Mortar Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. His unit was part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team deployed east of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. Pool could not be accounted for after several days of intense fighting. Interment services are pending. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1027047/soldier-missing-from-korean-war-identified-pool/>.

-- **Army Cpl. Jules Hauterman** was a medic with the Medical Platoon, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, attached to the 31st Regimental Combat Team deployed east of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. The RCT was attacked by an overwhelming number of Chinese forces in late November, 1950. Mainhart was among 1,300 members of the RCT killed or captured in enemy territory. He was reported missing as of Dec 2, 1950. Interment services are pending. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1030834/soldier-missing-from-korean-war-identified-hauterman/>.

-- **Army Cpl. George A. Perreault** was part of Support Force 21, assigned to Headquarters Battery, 15th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, near the Central Corridor in South Korea. While supporting Korean-led attacks on Chinese forces, they were caught in a massive Chinese counterattack on Feb. 11, 1951. Perreault was declared missing on Feb. 13, 1951. Interment services are pending. Read more at: <http://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/Recent-News-Stories/Article/1029293/soldier-missing-from-korean-war-identified-perreault/>.

~Submitted by Dr. Jim Tuorila, POW / MIA Chair

PUBLICATIONS END IS NEAR



PUBLICATIONS

Just a reminder that only your newsletters from 2016 are eligible for the contest. So after your December letter is written, pick out your best two from the past year and enter the contest. There are three categories based on membership size so everyone should enter.

Don't forget that entries must be in by
March 1st, 2017

EMT / Firefighter / Law Enforcement entries
were due to Department by January 1st.



SAFTEY

There is still time to submit entries for the
Bus Driver of the Year...
Due to Department Headquarters
not later than March 1, 2017

**All Safety Awards will be presented at the June
Convention in Rochester.**

**Scout of the Year Nominations
DUE to Posts by March 1, 2017.**

**That sounds like a long time out but it is just around the corner.
How do you begin? Start with these easy steps:**



SCOUTING

1. Contact local troops and find out who received their Eagle award this past year. They must have it by the March 1, 2017 deadline.
2. Contact local Girl Scout troops and find out who has received their Girl Scout Gold award.
3. Give them the location of the application on- line at VFW.org under “scholarship programs”
4. Make sure they begin right away so they can get a great application in on time.
5. Send all nominations to the Department by April 1, 2017
6. Sit back and give yourself a pat on the back for doing another great job for the VFW and our communities.

VOD and Patriot’s Pen CD’s and Essays have been sent to Department. The judging is done and you all need to make your reservations for Mid-Winter Banquet so that we can be there to cheer on and give our support for our youth.



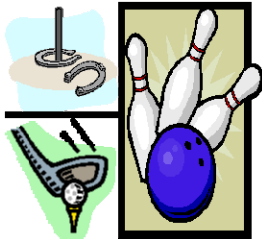
VOICE OF
DEMOCRACY/
PATRIOT’S PEN

A thank you to the judges that took time out of busy schedules to listen and read essays.

District Chairmen should have already completed your participation reports and sent to Department. We need to compile them and send on to National.

District entrants and their sponsoring Post & District will receive letters with their invitation to the Midwinter Banquet. Be sure to help with informing your District winners what is expected of them.

~Submitted by Don Nix, Voice of Democracy & Patriots Pen Chair



**VETERANS
ACTIVITIES**

- ArcheryFarmington Post #7662 will Host 2016
- Bean bag.....Alexandria Post #936 will Host 2016
- BowlingApril 1-2 and 8-9, 2017** Hosted by Sauk Rapids Post #6992
- CribbageApril 1st, 2017** Hosted by Hastings Post #1210
- FishingAlexandria Post #936 will Host 2016
- GolfAustin Post #1216 will Host 2017
- Horseshoes ...White Bear Lake Post #1782 will Host 2016-2017
- Military Rifle Match...** St Cloud East Side Post #4847 will Host 2017
- Pistol comp.....** Brooklyn Park Post #3915 will Host 2017
- Trap shooting...** Austin Post #1216 will Host 2017

~Submitted by Dan Meyer, Veterans Activities Chairman

Be sure to include all of your Youth Activity participation on BOTH the Youth Activity Report Form AND your monthly Community Service Report Forms.

Upcoming Events:

BASEBALL: Willmar Post #1639 will Host 2017
(Marshall Post #742 to Host 2018)

HOCKEY: March 24-26, 2017 – White Bear Lake Post #1782
(Dilworth Post #1223 to Host March 16-18, 2018)



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

****Interested in**
Advertising
in the**

**State Hockey Tournament
Program Book?**

Please contact
VFW Department Headquarters for
Information at 651-291-1757.

*~Submitted by Jim Hesselgrave, Youth Activities Chair
612-599-9149, email: vfwmn@aol.com*



REMINDER

It's That Time of the Year Again —
Annual Renewal of Your
Post Articles of Incorporation are
Due by December 31 to the Secretary
of State

All registered businesses and nonprofits must renew their Articles of Incorporation each calendar year. For most businesses there is no charge. This has to be done online.

Businesses required to file include corporations, limited liability companies (LLCs), partnerships and nonprofits (including VFW Posts). Failure to renew will result in dissolution of your Non-Profit Status.

COMMANDERS – QUARTERMASTERS – TRUSTEES

WARNING!!!

Taxes, Payroll Taxes and Other Post Debts Are YOUR Responsibility!

Comrades,

Recently, one of our Past Post Quartermasters was contacted relative to Unpaid Payroll Taxes. This Quartermaster allowed the Club Manager to handle the Financial transactions of the Club Operation --- and the Payroll Taxes. Over a year and a half, the Club Manager failed to pay the aforementioned Payroll Taxes.

Long story – short, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recognizes the (in the VFW) Post Quartermaster as the Chief Financial/Fiduciary Officer of the Post. They therefore started repayment/retribution proceedings against that Post Quartermaster and his personal assets.

It the past, the IRS, other agencies and Vendors have gone after the assets of the Corporation or the Post. Times have changed, especially when Governmental Agencies are concerned! Additionally, they WILL prosecute that Officer in accordance of the Law. This includes jail or prison time and additional fines above the repayment of the debt.

The Department of Minnesota, Veterans of Foreign Wars recommends that ALL Commanders, Quartermasters and Trustees stay on top of ALL Financial obligations of the Post, Club, Gambling or any other Financial commitments of subordinate Units. Additionally, we suggest that you contact your Accountant or a local Accountant to get a better understanding of the IRS and other Governmental Statutes as they apply to your various operations.

To ALL Quartermasters --- YOU MUST BE IN CONTROL OF ALL YOUR ASSETS AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS --- as YOU are the Chief Financial Officer of the Post and the FIRST TARGET of agencies like the Internal Revenue Service!!!

Should you have any questions, PLEASE call at 651-291-1757 and we will do the best we can to help you.

THANK YOU!!

Yours In Comradeship,
Tate R. Doom, State Adjutant-Quartermaster
Department of Minnesota, VFW

ATTENTION: Districts, Posts & Auxiliaries



Want To See Your Name In Lights?!?

Well, not exactly, but if you choose to Sponsor a winner's award for the Dept. of MN Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen contest...

We **WILL** highlight your Post's name in the Midwinter Conference Book and Midwinter Banquet Book

Prize Sponsorship Opportunities:

Voice of Democracy Monetary Awards

1st Place	\$2,000
2nd Place	\$1,000
3rd Place	\$600
4th Place	\$500
5th-9th Places	\$100 each (5 opportunities available)



Patriot's Pen Monetary Awards

1st place	\$250
2nd Place	\$200
3rd Place	\$100

Memorial Opportunity:

*Considering naming your sponsorship
in memory of a special person*

**To Sponsor a Prize, please discuss this at your next meeting and then contact
Department Headquarters to lock-in your Sponsorship level.**

Contact Tate or Melody at VFW State Headquarters 651-291-1757

Fine Print:

- You may sponsor a full award or awards can be split between two entities (both names would be listed in the award title)
- Sponsorship of specific award levels will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. If your desired level is taken, we would work to assign you to the level immediately below your first choice
- Length of Sponsorship: We encourage sponsorship commitments for as long as your group feels comfortable— desiring 2-5 year commitments, however, 1 year commitments are also appreciated

DEADLINE: December 27th to Sponsor Awards for Midwinter 2017

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

January 20-22, 2017

TENTATIVE Friday- Sunday Midwinter Schedule as of 12/22/16

FRIDAY – JANUARY 20:

- 1:00 - 6:00 P.M. Registration and Banquet Tickets
- 1:00 P.M. Auxiliary Hospital Board Meeting
V.F.W. Finance Committee
- 2:30 P.M. Auxiliary Budget Meeting
- 2:30 - 4:30 P.M. Gambling Seminar**
- 3:00 – 6:00 P.M. Displays & Vendors
- 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. Claims Staff Open Office
- 6:00 P.M. VFW Council Meeting**
- 6:30 P.M. Auxiliary Council Meeting**



SATURDAY – JANUARY 21:

- 6:30 A.M. Rise & Shine Workouts TBD** (Pre-Registration Friday Recommended)
- 7:00 - 9:00 A.M. Register Poppy Displays**
- 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Registration and Banquet Tickets
Displays, Vendors & Health Fair
- 8:00 A.M. VFW Committee Meetings**
VFW Finance Committee
Youth Activities
Veterans Activities
- 8:30- 11:30 A.M. Auxiliary Meeting**
- 8:30- 9:30 A.M. Military Sexual Trauma Seminar
- 9:00 A.M. **VFW Committee Meeting:** By-Laws Committee
- 9:45- 11:45 A.M. PTSD & Mental Health Seminar
- 12:00 Noon Past Department President's Luncheon
- 1:00-2:15 P.M. Suicide Prevention Seminar
- 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. Claims Staff Open Office
- 1:30- 3:30 P.M. ****Art Therapy Workshop (Pre-Registration Required)**
****Buddy Poppy Craft Workshop (Everyone Welcome)**
- 2:00 – 3:30 P.M. District VOD Winners Party
- 2:30- 3:30 P.M. Passing the Baton- Assisting Reintegration & Stability Seminar
- 2:30 P.M. Buddy Poppy Chairmen Meeting**
Poppy Displays Remain up through Grand Banquet- takedown afterward
- 4:00 P.M. Church Service
- 6:00 P.M. District V.O.D. Winners Reception
- 6:00 P.M. Banquet Reception (Cash Bar)
- 7:00 P.M. Grand Banquet**

SUNDAY – JANUARY 22:

- 9:00 A.M. Auxiliary Meeting (Tentative)**
- 9:00 A.M. V.F.W. Council of Administration**
General Orders

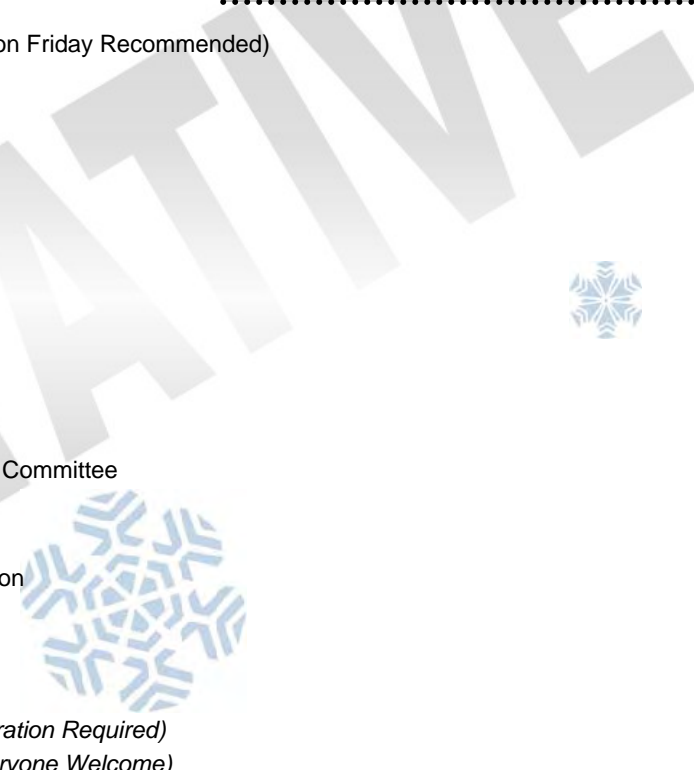
DONATION & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

MNVFW Donation Challenge

***YOU Give Something,
WE Give Something,
THEY Get Something!***

Please See the
Attached Flyer for More Details

(Please note that the Conference [Donation Challenge](#) should be above and beyond your normal contributions to our VA Homes and Hospitals.)



Conference & Convention **MNVFW Donation Challenge**

(Please note that the Conference [Donation Challenge](#) should be above and beyond your normal contributions to our VA Homes and Hospitals.)

Our Minnesota VFW Posts & Auxiliaries do a great job of supporting the Veterans Homes throughout the State. However, we all know how tough it can be to accomplish everything that should be done with a limited budget. As a result, we are establishing the 'MNVFW Donation Challenge'.

YOU Give something, WE Give Something, THEY Get Something

YOU:

- **Post/Auxiliary makes a Donation**
 - Must be \$25 or more per Post/AUX at any given event
 - Turned in at Registration during Fall Conference, Midwinter Conference and/or State Convention (or mailed to VFW Headquarters to arrive BEFORE the event)
- There are benefits to simply donating the minimum \$25 and an incentive to donate more...
 - Any group donating at least the minimum will be in prizes drawings
 - Post or Auxiliary that donates the MOST \$\$ will receive a BONUS leveraging entire Donation Challenge funds to the Veterans Facility nearest their Post

WE:

- **VFW Headquarters will hold drawings at each event**
 - ALL Posts & Auxiliaries donating at least the minimum \$25 at an event will be included
- Prizes drawn at each event will include:
 - Fall Conference: 2 prizes of Midwinter Banquet Preferential Seating for up to 4 people each
 - Midwinter: 2 prizes of Ten (10) Poppy Cards each
 - Convention: 2 prizes of Hard Copy General Orders for the incoming year
 - Additional 'Surprises' may also be awarded
- Winners will be announced at the respective banquets
- Prizes are not transferrable to another Post or Auxiliary
- Districts with the highest percentage of Posts or Auxiliaries participating will be honored with a fun, traveling 'trophy' to display at the next event

THEY:

- **MN Veterans Homes receive 100% of the funds collected at each event**
 - Facilities Include: Fergus Falls, Hastings, Luverne, Minneapolis, Silver Bay & St Cloud
 - Funds will be divided in the following manner:
 - 25% to the Facility closest to the Post or Auxiliary Donating the most
 - 75% divided among the remaining five (5) facilities
- Facilities will have the ability to share specific needs or goals prior to each VFW event

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. **VOTE** at a Post or Auxiliary meeting on a donation amount for the most upcoming MNVFW Conference or Convention (Minimum \$25 to qualify for prizes)
2. **WRITE** a check made out to the "**MNVFW Charitable Association**" earmarked for the '*MNVFW Donation Challenge*'
3. **BRING** to the event and turn it in at the VFW Registration Desk
 - a. Or place in the mail for arrival at least 1 week prior to the event
 - i. Mail to MNVFW Charitable Association,
Veterans Service Bldg, 20 W. 12th Street- Suite B5, St Paul, MN 55155
4. **CELEBRATE** as the overall *Donation Challenge* amount is announced at the Banquet and individual prize winners are revealed

QUESTIONS?? Contact Melody at VFW Headquarters 651-291-1757 or melodymnvfw@vfwmn.us

Art Therapy Workshop

Midwinter Conference 2017

Saturday, January 21st

Minneapolis Marriott City Center

Join fellow VFW members
for this two hour Art Therapy Experiential

NO Art Experience Needed!

This workshop is a great introduction for people who are not familiar with art therapy and would like to learn more.

Ars Bellum Foundation's licensed art therapists will lead participants through this session, giving them a chance to express their experiences and emotions through art. This non-verbal expression provides the ability to work through traumatic experiences. The process of making art through a whole mind-body experience can be very fulfilling.

Workshop Limited to 25 Attendees

-Space Filled in Order Reservations are Recieved

-We will Call/Email to Confirm Your Enrollment

-A waiting List WILL be Established When We Go Over 25 Registrants

Questions? Please call Melody at VFW Headquarters 651-291-1757

Ars Bellum Foundation is a Non-Profit 501 C-3
Founded by Veterans to Help Veterans Through Clinic Art Therapy Programs

*****Registration for Art Therapy Workshop*****

Name _____ VFW Post # _____

Address _____

Best Datime Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Any Special Accomodations Needed? _____

NOTE: Spots will be filled based on Email Receipt Dates & Postmark Dates

Email Registration Information to: melodymnvfw@vfwmn.us

Mail Registration Form to: Dept. of MN V.F.W.
Rice Street Station, PO Box 17146, St Paul, MN. 55117



the creativity workshop

Join us on Saturday, January 21, 2017

Midwinter Conference Poppy Project

2:15pm-3:30 pm Maple Lake Room

We will be making Valentines for our
Hospitalized Veterans.

*Happy Valentine's
Day!*

Bring your poppies, embellishments and glue
guns. Let's do a good deed and have some
fun together.

114th Annual Midwinter Banquet

Saturday, January 21, 2017

Minneapolis Marriott City Center

MENU:

*Beef Short Ribs with Yukon Mashed Potatoes, Fingerling Carrots and Green Beans
Specialty Quinoa Salad (incl. Quinoa Ancient Grains, Romain, Tomato, Watermelon Radish,
Zucchini Squash tossed with Citrus Dressing), Artisan Rolls
Alternating Desserts of Caramel Apple Cake and Chocolate Decadence*

TICKETS: \$28.00

Reception: 6:00 P.M.

Dinner: 7:00 P.M.

Naming of Voice of Democracy & Patriot's Pen
State Winners, Donation Challenge Results

Send ticket order form and check to:

V.F.W. State Headquarters
Rice Street Station – PO Box 17146
St Paul, MN 55117



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Department of MN, V.F.W.

**** NO TICKETS WILL BE MAILED OUT ****

PLEASE PICK THEM UP AT THE REGISTRATION DESK

Ticket orders will be stamped with date of receipt and filled in that order. **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.** Tickets will bear a table number and orders will be filled as received. Tickets will be reserved under the name of the person designated on the order form.

THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP POST AND AUXILIARY DELEGATES TOGETHER IS TO ORDER THE TICKETS AT THE SAME TIME- This goes for V.O.D. Chairmen (at ALL levels), Post Officers, etc.

Most Posts and Auxiliaries have followed a practice of purchasing a pair of tickets for their Commander and President as a gesture of appreciation for their efforts during the year. This makes it possible for them to meet with others who have shared similar responsibilities and challenges.

Clip and mail

Deadline: January 10, 2017

BANQUET RESERVATION
Saturday, January 21, 2017

Deadline: January 10, 2017

Please reserve ___ tickets at \$28.00 each. Enclosed is Check # _____ for \$_____.

NAME: _____

PHONE # _____ E-MAIL: _____

POST/AUXILIARY # _____ DISTRICT # _____ CITY: _____

Please list ALL people for this Reservation – Up to 10 (Include their positions if applicable)		1
2	3	4
5	6	7
8	9	10

SPECIAL NOTES or DIETARY REQUESTS: _____



**Minnesota Veterans of Foreign Wars
Midwinter Conference - January 20-22, 2017**

Minneapolis Marriott City Center
30 South 7th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55402

You MUST use this form provided by the Department of MN, VFW to receive the special VFW rate.

Name (Please PRINT in Boxes)

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Address:

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City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:**

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Affiliation: _____ **Phone**

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Arrival Date: _____ **Departure Date:** _____

Sharing room with: _____

Please reserve a: Single @ \$91^{+tax} Double @ \$91^{+tax}
 Triple @ \$91^{+tax} Quad @ \$91^{+tax}



Room/Bed type: King Two Double Beds

Parking: City Center Ramp- \$23 weekday/ \$17 weekend from 2 pm to 2 pm (*Subj. to Change*)

All requests for reservations must be received by December 29, 2016. Please include first night's deposit to guarantee your reservation. In the event that a guaranteed reservation is not cancelled prior to 6:00 p.m. on your arrival date, one night's room and tax will be deducted from your deposit or billed through your credit card. Special group rates and accommodations are based on availability. Checkout time is 12:00 noon. Guest rooms will be available after 4:00 p.m. All rooms subject to applicable taxes.

PLEASE REMEMBER --- Make your check or money order payable to the Minneapolis Marriott City Center. Please do not send currency. Reservations will be held until 6:00 p.m. unless guaranteed by one night's deposit.

Credit Card Type (*circle one*): **Visa Mastercard Discover American Express**

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____



Check # _____ for one (1) night made out to the **Minneapolis Marriot City Center**

Money Order for one (1) night made out to the **Minneapolis Marriot City Center**

YES - I would like to receive an Email confirming my Reservations. My email address is:

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MAIL RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY TO MARRIOTT CITY CENTER!

NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY PHONE

LESS\$ = MORE

Caregiver Benefits Less Assistance = More Financial Instability

Issue: Caregiver Benefits are currently provided to only Post-9/11 veterans.

Background: VA provides a monthly stipend, mental health and medical care, and respite care for caregivers of severely disabled Post-9/11 veterans, but not to caregivers of veterans of previous eras. The VFW believes that severely wounded and ill veterans of all conflicts have made incredible sacrifices, and that all family members who care for them are deserving of equal recognition and support.

The Impact: Family caregivers who choose to provide in-home care to veterans who were severely disabled in the line of duty choose to put their lives and careers on hold, often accepting great emotional and financial burdens. The lack of a monthly stipend or supportive services impacts a caregiver's ability to provide in-home care and often results in veterans receiving more costly long-term care in an institutional setting.

Where It Stands: In 2014, VA reported to Congress that it could provide caregiver training and benefits for all eras of veterans, but funding would need to be increased. Congress has introduced legislation to expand caregiver assistance to all generations, but it fails to pass because of the lack of funding. Family members of veterans who would otherwise qualify for caregiver assistance still suffer, leaving them in financial and emotional distress.

What Needs to be Done: Congress must readjust outdated budget caps which prevent VA from expanding much needed veterans programs, and pass legislation to expand eligibility for caregiver benefits to veterans of all eras who have a severe service-connected illness or injury without taking funding from other veterans benefits or programs.

Commitment: Will you cosponsor legislation that will end sequestration and replace the current budget caps with limits that match the needs of veterans, so caregiver benefits can be provided to all generations of eligible veterans?



VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2017

WHEN: March 20, 2017

WHERE: The Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda, St Paul, MN.

TIME: 10 A.M.

WHO: ALL VFW MEMBERS AND AUXILIARY MEMBERS

TRANSPORTATION: CAR, TRUCK, BUS, TRAIN AND PLANE, WALK, RUN, CRAWL IF YOU MUST, BUT BE THERE.

WHY: WE HAVE EARNED OUR VETERANS BENEFITS AND IT IS OUR JOB TO ENSURE THE NEXT GENERATION OF MINNESOTA VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE THEIRS. ENCOURAGE OUR LEGISLATORS TO SUPPORT VETERAN FRIENDLY LEGISLATION.



Mark your calendars!

**VFW State
Cribbage Tournament**

**Hastings Veterans Home
April 1, 2016**

Registration 8:30-9:00

\$20 entry Fee includes lunch

More information next month

or email Susan.register@state.mn.us



FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Al Eiyneck
 Phone 320-251-6193
 2003 Oak Dr.
 Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Send entries to above address
ENTRIES CLOSE
 March 25, 2017

PLEASE NOTE:

FEEES MUST ACCOMPANY ALL ENTRIES

Make checks payable to State VFW Tournament

Rights Reserved to Extend if necessary

Bowlers are not entered in All Events

unless fee of \$2.00 accompanies Teams, Double and Singles entry.

**70th Annual V.F.W. and Auxiliary
 State Bowling Tournament
 Entry Blank**

April 1-2 and 8-9
 Alternate Dates April 22-23

ENTRY FEE \$25.00

Per Person Per Event
 PRIZE FEE RETURNED 100%

DATES REQUESTED	
TEAM _____	DOUBLES & SINGLES _____
TIME: _____	TIME: _____
DATE: _____	DATE: _____

Prize Fund.....\$10.00
 Bowling Expense.....\$12.00
 Tournament Expense.....\$3.00
 Optional All Events.....\$2.00

TO THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: The undersigned entrants agree to abide by the Rules and Laws of the U.S.B.C.

THE _____ BOWLING TEAM OF POST OR AUXILIARY POST # _____ TEAM CAPTAIN _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

I hereby certify that all averages are true and correct. Bowling Ass. Secretary _____

I hereby certify that all entrants are in good standing. Post Quartermaster or Auxiliary Treasurer _____

THE FOUR PERSON TEAM Will be composed of the Following (Print Names in Full in Order They Bowl)	HIGHEST Average '10-'11 Season	USBC Sanction Number	Doubles and Singles (Print full names in bowling pairs)	All Events	Individual Entry Fees
1.				Y / N	
2.				Y / N	
3.				Y / N	
4.				Y / N	
TEAM ENTRY TOTALS			DOUBLES-SINGLES AND ALL EVENT TOTALS		

January 2017

**Held at Great River Bowl In Sartell, MN
 208 2nd Street S., Sartell, MN 56377**

Your Hosts: VFW Post 6692 and Auxiliary
 901 N. Benton Dr, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

IMPORTANT
 READ REVERSE SIDE FOR
 TOURNAMENT RULES.

CHECKS MUST BE CASHED 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING

ENTRY FEE TOTAL: \$ _____

VFW COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RECORD BOOK CONTEST

Post will compete with other Posts of similar size. Divisions for competition are as follows:

DIVISION I - Posts with less than 100 members

DIVISION II - Posts with 101 to 500 members

DIVISION III - Posts with 501 or more members

Division will be determined by the total members reported by National Headquarters from the prior year on June 30, 2016.

Community Activities record books are permanent records of one year's community service work. After the contests they may be put to practical use in promoting membership, proof of charity expenditures, and display to the community.

CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. Record books should contain community service projects that are completed during the period April 1 through the following March 31.
2. **BOOK SIZE:** Should be no larger 12 by 16 inches nor more than three inches thick. Make two or more volumes if thicker than three inches. Number each volume, e.g., Volume I; Volume II, etc.
3. **FASTENER and COVER:** If books have metal posts, steel is preferable to brass or aluminum. If covers have decal's, place self-adhesive clear plastic over the decal's so they will not be damaged during shipping and handling. Please use superior quality page dividers and index tabbing; the extensive handling that the record books experience must be considered.
4. **CLIPPINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS:** Show dates and captions. Include supporting information.
5. **ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES:** In a brief statement show how money was spent for each category (one to two pages at the most for each category),
6. **ARRANGEMENT OF BOOK:** Enter each project by category. (Chronological or month by month listing makes your entry more difficult for the judges to evaluate.)
7. **ENTRY FORM:** Complete and fasten inside front cover of volume one.
8. **MAIL OR SHIP RECORD BOOK ENTRY FOR THE DEPARTMENT CONTEST** to Department Headquarters.

PREPARING A RECORD BOOK

Posts and Auxiliaries carry on many projects which are of public service. The best way to tell the story of your Post and Auxiliary's work in the community is through a Community Activity record book that contains evidence of the many projects and programs your Post and Auxiliary perform. From the respective sections of the Community Service Record book, the following programs will be judged: **Americanism, Youth Activities and Safety.** (There is **NOT** a separate Record book Contests for **Americanism, Youth Activities and Safety**).

The contents of your record book should be so arranged and in such detail that it tells the story of each project, clearly and completely, to those who may read and judge it.

Posts and Auxiliaries should combine their community activity programs into one book or one set of books. The Post and its Auxiliary are judged as a unit.

Creditable community service projects will usually fit into one or more of the categories that are listed in the Community Activities guide booklet. Select and list each project in only **ONE** category. **DO NOT** duplicate.

Remember, compile your book so the judges can easily read and evaluate the facts. Do not assume the judges are familiar with your Post or area. In other words, make your record book as complete as possible for it must "tell the story" of your community service.

Attach all entries in the book securely, Make bindings strong and yet flexible so the books may be opened easily and fully. Index or summarize the activities and projects that are included in the book. The index or summary should be placed in front of the record book. Put the front of each category or section. Apply titles or captions to photos, and dateline newspaper clip-

The entry form provides vital information to the Department judges concerning the number of members in your Post; the number of projects you have completed; the number of people who have benefited; the amount of money and time that has been spent (both Post and Auxiliary) and the size of your community.

Top winners in Department judging are those Posts and Auxiliaries who have performed, recorded, and entered evidence of their community activities.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY RECORD BOOKS ARE DUE IN DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY APRIL 18, 2017

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, HOW and WHY are very important words in telling any story. By answering these questions you will help yourself in preparing an award winning record book.

Consistent winners start early in gathering data to place in the record book. They maintain a file of newspaper clippings, pictures, photo copies, etc.

If you live in an area where it is difficult to obtain newspaper articles of your Post or Auxiliary's community activities, keep a camera handy. **ONE PICTURE CAN REPLACE A LOT OF WORDS.**

Record books are judged solely on the contents of the community service projects that are reported. It is not necessary to prepare an expensive or costly book. Record books are judged by their contents and not by their cover.

EVALUATING A RECORD BOOK

Listed on the check sheets are the principal categories which are found in the Community Activity Guide booklet. Each category is further subdivided into additional subheadings.

Each record book is evaluated thoroughly. A detailed study is made of the entries therein. Each creditable activity or project is recorded and scored. Points are given for each acceptable project that is reported. Several factors determine the point value that is awarded each project. They include (1) the extent to which the project is developed; (2) the effort, time and funds that have been expended; (3) the completeness or detail in which the project has been described and (4) the number of non-affiliated persons who have benefited by the project. When all of the projects have been evaluated and recorded on the check sheet, the points are then totaled to establish the final rating of the record book. Sometimes entries are re-examined several times to make certain they have been properly evaluated.

CATEGORIES FOR RECORDING PROJECTS

The Community Activities Program is divided into **SIX** general categories: (1) AMERICANISM & COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS; (2) SAFETY; (3) AID TO OTHERS; (4) SCHOOL AND CHURCH ASSISTANCE; (5) YOUTH AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY; (6) HOSPITAL/BLOOD. **Your Community Service Record book SHOULD be put together in this order.**

When making up a record book it is advisable to group your projects and programs into one of the above categories. If a project qualifies for more than one category, select and list it under one category. It will be given credit, regardless of whether it is listed under the proper category. For example: Lite-a-Bike could be listed under categories one (Safety) or five (Youth and Voice of Democracy). Do not duplicate your efforts by placing them in each of the categories.

Remember, when compiling your community service record book you are telling a story of your work to judges who generally are not familiar with your efforts or community. The easier it is for the judges to read the facts, the easier it is for them to evaluate your work.

Remember, also if you enter your record book in other competitions, the judges will be less likely to know about the VFW Community Activities Program. Just like composing a good letter, let your record book present the story so there will be no misunderstanding.

There will be two Posts in our Department that will be selected as National Outstanding Community Service Posts. The award includes a plaque inscribed with the name of the VFW Post and it's Auxiliary (if applicable), a \$600 stipend to cover part of the 2016-2017 Post Commander's expenses to the National Convention and publication of the Post's name in the Convention program booklet.



Community Activities Record Book Entry Form 2016-2017



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT RECORD BOOK: APRIL 18, 2017

1. This form must be filled in and attached to the inside cover of the Community Activities Record Book that your Post enters in the Department Community Activities Record Book Contest.
2. Be sure to provide the name, address and zip code of the person to whom the Record Book should be returned following the judging. (We prefer to use United Parcel Service, so please provide a mailing address that is not a Post Office Box. Prompt delivery is more certain when made to a street address.)
3. This form must be signed by the Post Commander.

Send your entry: By United States Postal Service
Department of MN, VFW
Rice Street Station, PO Box 17146
St. Paul, MN 55117

By UPS
Department of MN, VFW
20 W 12th St.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Post No. _____ City _____ State _____

Total Projects Since 4/1/16 _____ Total Hours (Volunteered) _____ Total Funds Used/Donated _____

Total Post Members as of 6/30/16 _____ Total Auxiliary Members as of 6/30/16 _____ City Population _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN:

Post _____ Auxiliary _____
 (Name of Chairman) (Name of Chairman)

JUDGES, NOTE THE FOLLOWING LEADING PROJECTS:

- Category 1: (Amer. & Coop) Page _____, _____
- Category 2: (Safety) Page _____, _____
- Category 3: (Aid to Others) Page _____, _____
- Category 4: (School/Church) Page _____, _____
- Category 5: (VOD & Youth) Page _____, _____
- Category 6: (Hospital/Blood) Page _____, _____

Return Record Book to: **(for United Parcel Service delivery, if possible)**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature -Post Commander: _____

Post Commander's Name (print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA, V.F.W PROGRAMS

MONTHLY REPORT FORM

(Reporting Year: April 1 – March 31) (Use this form to report each Calendar month's activities.)

District # **Post/Auxiliary #** (One JOINT report per month)

REPORT for the calendar month of: **Year:**

PREPARED Title:
 Phone #: Email Address:

The following Community Activity Projects have been completed during this Calendar month:

A. AMERICANISM AND COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

- 1 **Organized and Assisted in Fund Drives (March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy, etc)**
 Describe
 Hours # Members: \$
- 2 **Flag Presentation or Education**
 Describe
 Hours # Members: \$
- 3 **Distribution of Literature**
 Describe
 Hours # Members: \$
- 4 **P.O.W./M.I.A. Program**
 Describe
 Hours # Members: \$
- 5 **Loyalty, Memorial Day, Pearl Harbor, Veterans Day**
 Describe
 Hours # Members: \$
- 6 **Other Americanism Projects**
 Describe
 Hours # Members: \$

CAT A	Hours	# Members	Amount
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B. SAFETY:

- 7 **Pedestrian Safety**
 Describe
 Hours # Members: \$
- 8 **Drug Awareness**
 Describe
 Hours # Members: \$
- 9 **Recreational Safety**
 Describe
 Hours # Members: \$

10 **Highway Safety**
Describe
 Hours # Members: \$

11 **Home and Fire Safety**
Describe
 Hours # Members: \$

12 **Other Safety Projects**
Describe
 Hours # Members: \$

CAT B	Hours	# Members	Amount
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C. AID TO OTHERS:

13 **Senior Citizens**
Describe
 Hours # Members: \$

14 **Members/Family**
Describe
 Hours # Members: \$

15 **Community Involvement & Recognition**
Describe
 Hours # Members: \$

16 **Other Aid & Other Projects**
Describe
 Hours # Members: \$

CAT C	Hours	# Members	Amount
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D. SCHOOL AND CHURCH ASSISTANCE

17 **Volunteerism in School**
Describe
 Hours # Members: \$

18 **Other School or Church Projects**
Describe
 Hours # Members: \$

CAT D	Hours	# Members	Amount
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E. YOUTH

19 **Sports Organizations**
Describe
 Hours # Members: \$

20 **Voice of Democracy**
Describe
 Hours # Members: \$

MONTH YEAR

21 **Youth Essay**

Describe

Hours		# Members:	

22 **Other**

Describe

Hours		# Members:	

CAT E	Hours	# Members	Amount
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SUBTOTALS (Categories A, B, C, D and E)

Hours	# Members	Amount
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THESE FIGURES SHOULD BE ADDED TO CATEGORY F AND PUT ON PAGE (3)

F. HOSPITAL/ BLOOD:

23. (Report Activities for this month only.)

DATE	PROJECTS & DESCRIPTIONS	DONATIONS & SERVICES	PINTS OF BLOOD	TOTAL HOURS	TOTAL MILES	# OF MBRS	# OF PATIENTS VISITED
COLUMN TOTALS:							
DOLLAR VALUES: To be added to 25, 26 and 27 below.			X \$75 \$ -		X \$.14 \$ -		
Add Total above to:		Line 27	Line 27	Line 25	Line 27	Line 26	

TOTALS FROM CATEGORIES A, B, C, D, E, AND F
THE FOLLOWING MUST BE FILLED OUT OR NO CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN!!!!

25		Number of hours members donated to complete projects on this
26		Total numbers of members actively involved in completing projects
27		Total amount of monies used/donated to complete projects on this

PLEASE RETURN TO: Frank Presfield
 Community Service
 Rice Street Station- PO Box 17146
 St Paul, MN 55117

MONTHLY REPORT DEADLINE:	This form MUST BE Postmarked by the 20 th day of the following month and into the Department Office no later than the 25 th .
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Revised 4/26/15

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

NEW POPPY ORDER FORM
 As of 1/2015

Date _____

POST/AUXILIARY LOCATION _____ NO. _____ DISTRICT _____

Poppy Department
 Department of Minnesota, V.F.W.
 Rice Street Station, P.O. Box 17146
 St. Paul, MN 55117

Please place our order for the following:

_____ Buddy Poppies (Assembled) @ **\$125.00** per 1,000.....\$ _____
 _____ Buddy Poppy Parts @ **\$625.00** per 5,000*.....\$ _____
 *POPPY PARTS WILL ONLY SHIP IN QUANTITIES OF 5,000 AND **WILL NOT** BE BROKEN UP
 _____ Poppy cards, easel-back @ \$1.00 each (For re-sale to merchants)..... \$ _____
 _____ Poppy coin canisters @ **\$1.15 each**\$ _____
 _____ Poppy promotion caps @ \$.30 each..... \$ _____
 _____ Poppy promotion buttons @ \$.30 each.....\$ _____
 _____ "Buddy Poppy" MEMORIAL WREATH @ \$4.50 each.....\$ _____
 _____ Story of the "Buddy Poppy" @ \$6.50 sold only in pkg of 100..... \$ _____
 TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER.....\$ _____

Ship the above to: _____ Title _____

Address: _____
 (Street No., Rte.No., etc. ****NO PO BOX****) (Town and State) (Zip)

PLEASE NOTE: Poppy orders are shipped via UPS. To avoid delay, please give a street address or route number. **U.P.S. CANNOT DELIVER TO A POST OFFICE BOX.**

Signed _____ Title _____

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO FILL OUT ON THE BACK. IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE THIS INFORMATION, YOUR ORDER WILL NOT BE SHIPPED UNTIL JANUARY 1ST****

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY:

Date received	Date recorded	Date shipped
Partial shipment	Order completed	Date Paid/Invoiced

IMPORTANT

None of this Material will be included with your order unless requested

PLEASE INDICATE HOW MANY, IF ANY, YOU NEED OF THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW.

THERE IS **NO CHARGE** FOR THIS PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL. REQUEST ALL YOU NEED, BUT NO MORE THAN YOU WILL USE.

POPPY DEPARTMENT
Department of Minnesota, V.F.W.

Please include the following with our Poppies:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
_____	Arm bands
_____	"Help for the promotion worker". Hints on how to do a more effective job of promoting Poppies.
_____	Pledge cards.

Receipt books will be furnished automatically at no additional cost **with each order of 25 easel-back cards.** This receipt can be used by the merchant as proof of a **TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION.**

Please Fill out the below information.

****If you do not fill it out your shipment will be filled after January 1st****

When do you need your orders (Circle one)	Preferred Delivery method (Circle One)
A-Immediately (Ships same day UPS *NO PO BOX*)	1-Ship via UPS (*NO PO BOX*)
B-Within in a Month or write in a date below	2-Pickup Directly at Department Headquarters
	<u>**Poppy Cards may be shipped separately**</u>
C- After January 1 st (Will ship first in first out)	

Best Feature Story Contest

Publications 2016-2017



The Department of Minnesota, along with the National Organization, is now recognizing your Best Feature Story.

- Eligibility:** All VFW Members and their Auxiliaries
Length: 300 Words or More
Published Date: January 1 to December 31, 2016 (The story must be a published article and can be originally written by your newspaper staff or by a freelance writer from a newspaper within your state.)
Topic: State VA departments, Local military units deploying overseas, Local troop support operations, VFW Programs, Dedication of state Veterans memorials, and editorials advocating positions on veterans issues within your state.

Please Fill out the below form & send it to Department Headquarters by March 1, 2017

Department of Minnesota, VFW
Rice Street Station
PO Box 17146
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Please attach a copy of the publication where the article was printed (clippings are fine).

All Articles will be judged on:

Topic Knowledge: Shows knowledge of the theme and use of research.

Topic Development: Answers, relevant facts—who, what, where, when and why. Relates to writer’s own experiences.

Clarity of Ideas: Provides a clear explanation of the writer’s interpretation of the theme.

If you have any questions if your Article would be acceptable please call Melody at Department headquarters 651-291-1757 or email at melodymnvfw@vfwmn.us

Cut out the form below and submit to Department Headquarters along with proof of publication

Name/Post: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date Published: _____

Topic of Article: _____



2016 – 2017
ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS CONTEST
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES

For more information on the 2016-2017 Post and District Publications Contest: contact, Department Publications and Public Relations Chair.

The 2016-2017 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and District Publications Contest recognizes excellence in Post and District publications. Entries will be judged on content, design, pictures and graphics (where relevant), and overall quality. Awards will be presented to the winners at the Department Convention and will include a Sweepstakes Award to the best overall publication.

Any Minnesota VFW Post or District that regularly publishes a newspaper or newsletter for its members may enter. Awards will be presented for first, second, and honorable mention, if judged applicable, to the winners. Entries will be judged by Membership Category - 99 and less; 100-179; and 180 or more. If your Post has a web site, it must be recognized by the Department of Minnesota and listed as such in the Department's list of Posts. The web site should be easy to access, please keep it up to date as well as informative for your members. We will be searching through the web sites from time to time throughout the year.

Please submit your entries early. **Deadline is March 1, 2017.** Send your two (2) best issues, printed between **January 2016 and December 2016.** Place your entry in a 9 X 12 envelope and clearly identify it by writing **“Publications Contest”** on the outside. Include your return address and enclose the completed form below.

MAIL TO: Department of Minnesota, V.F.W. Publications and Public Relations
 Rice St Station - PO Box 17146
 St Paul, MN 55117

Entries will NOT be returned, and the judges' decisions will be final

ENCLOSE THIS FORM WITH YOUR POST/DISTRICT ENTRY!

POST/DISTRICT # _____ COMMANDER'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ Phone _____

EDITOR'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ Phone _____

NAME OF PUBLICATION _____

How many times published annually _____

CATEGORIES:

POSTS: SMALL (99 or Fewer) MEDIUM (100-179) LARGE (180 or more)

DISTRICTS: SMALL (1,299 or less) MEDIUM (1,300-2,099) LARGE (2,100 or more)

Membership total _____

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER AWARD

DIRECTIONS: Each VFW Post/Auxiliary may nominate one (1) School Bus Driver for the Safe Student Transportation Award by completing this form.

NOTE

NEW DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2017 **Candidate applications must be the hands of the Department Chairman Vern Bolle Jr. for judging no later than this date.**

Send Entries to: Dept of MN Veterans of Foreign Wars
Attn: Safety Chair
Rice Street Station
PO Box 17146
St Paul, MN 55117

Post/Auxiliary sponsoring nomination # _____ VFW District # _____

Post/Auxiliary Commander/President Signature _____

Post/Auxiliary Safety Chairman _____ Date _____

Post/Auxiliary Safety Chairman PHONE _____ Email _____

School Bus Driver's name _____ **School** _____

Bus Driver's Address: _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

The following questions are to be completed by Driver's Supervisor.

I (Print Supervisors Name) _____ acknowledge and attest to accuracy of the following information for this school bus driver (Print Name) _____

1. Is Bus Driver's drivers license current (yes or no) _____
2. Minnesota Law requires school bus drivers to undergo a criminal history background investigation. Are the background check results for this person on file? _____
3. Total number of years of driving school bus. _____
4. Lifetime total number of "chargeable accidents" that occurred while driving a bus (Driver cited/fined) _____
5. Lifetime total number of "moving violations" that occurred while driving a bus. _____
(Driver cited/fined)
6. Is person currently a school bus driver? _____
7. Present route's miles driven (total, round trip per day) _____
8. Present route's number of children transported on an average day.
(Calculate each student only once) _____
9. Average number of minutes driven per daily morning route? _____
10. Average number of minutes driven per daily evening route? _____
11. Number of extra-curricular bus trips in an average month.
(Calculate each game or field trip as one). _____
12. Total number of years that I have supervised this person _____

Supervisor's Signature _____ Date _____

THIS PORTION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Safety Award is to acknowledge and honor the services and contributions that school bus drivers selflessly provide for the safety, care and well-being of our children. The Veterans of Foreign Wars provide local awards. From among the local awards winners, one top winner is then selected in each of the nine (9) VFW Districts. One State Winner is then selected and honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at their State Convention in June 2017.

DIRECTIONS:

As a School principal, please write a brief letter of reference on behalf of the local candidate that attests to this candidate's character and devotion to the service and well being of school children. Please include specific examples. The information may be written in the space below (signed/dated) or you may choose to attach a letter. (Please sign and date)

SCHOOL NAME _____

PRINCIPAL'S NAME _____ DATE _____

UPDATED 5/30/16

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

TRAVELING SAFETY TROPHY

- I. District Commanders and Post Commanders please pass this along to your Safety Chairperson.
- II. The following requirements for participation in and winning of the Department of Minnesota Traveling Safety Trophy for 2016-2017 are as follows:
 - A. To be eligible, your Post or Auxiliary must enter a Community Service Recordbook.
 1. The first page of the Community Service Recordbook must show Post name, Post number and location of Post or Auxiliary. **This form will be sent to all Posts/Auxiliaries by the State Community Service Chairman via the General Orders.**
 2. Your Community Service Recordbook (Category 2 - Safety) will be judged on the number of Safety Projects completed as well as the quality of the project. Document your projects with newspaper articles, pictures and other verifications.
 3. The six basic Safety Programs are: Pedestrian Safety; Drug Awareness; Recreational Safety; Highway Safety; Home/Fire Safety; Recognition/Other. You do not have to complete all six (6) programs to qualify for this award.
 4. Is your Recordbook presented in chronological order or in a manner easily understandable? It is to your advantage to write up each project as completely as possible.
 5. How did the Community benefit from the Safety projects sponsored or offered by your Post or Auxiliary? Was this apparent in your Recordbook?
 - B. Entries must be in the Department Office by April 18, 2017 so that the entries may be judged and the Trophy engraved by Convention time.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!

AWARDS

FIRST PLACE	\$40.00 + TRAVELING TROPHY
SECOND PLACE	\$35.00 + CERTIFICATE
THIRD PLACE	\$30.00 + CERTIFICATE

- OVER -

V.F.W DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

SAFETY REPORT

Post/Auxiliary # _____ District _____ Location _____

Post/Auxiliary Membership _____

Chairman's Name _____ Reporting Period from _____ to _____

The following Safety Categories have been completed:

1. **Highway Safety**
AAA Driver Improvement Program
55 Alive/Mature Driving – AARP
National Safety Council
Youth Driver Education Classes
Buddy System
2. **Drug Awareness**
Contact and Supply your local Police Department Social Services and Schools
Support Drug, Treatment - self-help Groups
Assist Established Programs
3. **Recreational Safety**
Hunter Safety, Boating Safety, Snowmobile Safety, Play Ground Safety
4. **Pedestrian Safety**
Lite-A-Bike, Bicycle Safety, Lite-a-Bike
5. **Home / Fire Safety** (work with local Police & Fire Department)
Home Security Classes
Fire Prevention Classes
Domestic Abuse
Home Crime Prevention
6. **Recognition** (All citations are available from National Headquarters)

Life Saving Award	Paramedic Citation
Police Citations	Citizen Citation
Sheriff Citation	Firefighter Citation

Completion of all six categories are not required. Pick one or two and do a good job. Community Service Recordbooks are required for the top 5 winners. Who, What, When, Where, How and Why - Involve the Community. If classes or Seminars are held, a list of names of the people taking classes must be included.

List your local media for news releases:

Newspapers _____ Radio & TV Stations _____

Vernon Bolle Jr., Chairman
Safety Program
Department of Minnesota, VFW

DEADLINE: April 18, 2017

THIS FORM SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CATEGORY 2 - SAFETY SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORDBOOK



Youth Activity Programs

By Jim Hesselgrave, State Youth Activities Chairman

763-753-4467 (H)

vfwmn@aol.com

Comrades,

HOCKEY: By now, your Post and District should have sought out a local 'A' or 'AA' Bantam Hockey Team to participate in the VFW District Bantam Hockey Tournament. Post Commanders, if you need help with this process, you can seek out your District Youth Activity Chairman or contact myself at the above phone number or email.

BASEBALL: It's never too early to start looking for potential VFW Baseball Teams in your Community and surrounding area. We do understand that the competition with some American Legion Programs might hinder this process. So start looking for Teams to sponsor NOW!

There were a number of items for both Baseball and Hockey that were carried over to the Midwinter Conference. Again, we ask that you download the 'updated' Hockey and Baseball Rules from our Minnesota VFW Web Site or contact Department Headquarters for a copy.

Please complete the Youth Activity Report form for each month of the year and make sure that you record all Youth Activity Programs on your monthly Community Service form. Look around your Community, there are many Youth Programs that need the support of the Veterans of Foreign Wars..... Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Scouting, Soccer, Football, Music, 4-H and more.

In the Interest of a Better Future for our Youth.... THANK YOU!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES REPORT FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM AND SEND TO YOUR DISTRICT YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN (SEE LIST ON THE BACK)

POST NAME _____ NO. _____ DISTRICT _____

TYPE OF ACTIVITY	TIME INVOLVED	# OF YOUTH INVOLVED	# OF MEMBERS INVOLVED	APPROXIMATE COST TO POST
BASEBALL				
HOCKEY				
BAND				
SONS OF VETS				
JR. BOWLING				
TEEN DANCES				
SCOUTS				
FOOTBALL				
FIREARMS SAFETY				
CHRISTMAS PARTIES				
EASTER EGG HUNT				
SPECIAL OLYMPICS				
YOUTH ESSAY				
GIFTED SOFTBALL				
OTHERS:				

SEND COMPLETED REPORT TO **YOUR DISTRICT YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN by April 15th**

If your Post intends to participate in the Scrapbook contest, **SEND A COPY** of this report with the scrapbook. You can find the necessary information in your Post Community Service records and Quartermaster books.

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM even if you haven't done anything....which I find hard to believe!!! Then, WRITE **NONE** ACROSS THE BLANK REPORT.

5/8/14

Roster - Youth Activities

General Orders

District	Title	First	Middle	Last Name	Address 1	City	State	Zip	Phone Number	Post
State	Youth Activities	Jim		Hesselgrave	7601 166th Ave NW	Ramsey	MIN	55303	763 753-4467	5518
State	Baseball	Richard	L	Bugbee	2825 Lakeview Dr	Fergus Falls	MIN	56537	218 998-3517	612
State	Hockey	Jim		Hesselgrave	7601 166th Ave NW	Ramsey	MIN	55303	763 753-4467	5518
1	Youth Activities	Steven	C	Kahnke	609 2nd Ave NW	Waseca	MIN	56093	507 835-5832	1642
1	Hockey	Steven	C	Kahnke	609 2nd Ave NW	Waseca	MIN	56093	507 835-5832	1642
2	Youth Activities	Wilbert	E	Burdorf	1121 N Franklin St	New Ulm	MIN	56073-1317	507 354-6687	1648
2	Hockey	Wilbert	E	Burdorf	1121 N Franklin St	New Ulm	MIN	56073-1317	507 354-6687	1648
3	Youth Activities	Ricky	J	Gagnon	706 Southbend Ave	Marshall	MIN	56258	507 537-0767	742
3	Hockey	Ricky	J	Gagnon	706 Southbend Ave	Marshall	MIN	56258	507 537-0767	742
4	Youth Activities	Vernon	H	Wehlage	185 Century Trl	Lino Lakes	MIN	55014-4002	651 484-2425	724
5	Youth Activities	Brian	E	Gislason	309 Trott Ave SE	Willmar	MIN	56201-4325	320 235-7592	1639
5	Hockey	Brian	E	Gislason	309 Trott Ave SE	Willmar	MIN	56201-4325	320 235-7592	1639
6	Youth Activities	Charles	K	Hanson	3420 Interlachen Rd S	Baxter	MIN	56425	218 820-8614	1647
6	Hockey	Charles	K	Hanson	3420 Interlachen Rd S	Baxter	MIN	56425	218 820-8614	1647
7	Youth Activities	Gerald	E	Wegscheid	4524 Fillmore St NE	Columbia Heights	MIN	55421-2436	612 250-2013	230
7	Hockey	James	R	Hesselgrave	7601 166th Ave NW	Ramsey	MIN	55303	763 753-4467	5518
8	Youth Activities	Jerry	L	Sanborn	1958 E 25th St	Hibbing	MIN	55746	218 263-5575	1221
8	Hockey	Jerry	L	Sanborn	1958 E 25th St	Hibbing	MIN	55746	218 263-5575	1221
9	Youth Activities	Richard	L	Bugbee	2825 Lakeview Dr	Fergus Falls	MIN	56537	218 998-3517	612
9	Hockey	Dennis	R	Bushy	655 Beech LN	Moorhead	MIN	56560	218 236-5851	1223

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January 2017

Scout of the Year Program



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

girl scouts



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

WHAT IS THE SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM?

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States awards three individuals who are: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank. Awards are as follows:

\$5,000 1st place National scholarship

\$3,000 2nd place National scholarship

\$1,000 3rd place National scholarship

AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.
- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.
- Have reached his or her 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school or home schooled at the time of selection.

Applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified. A Scout may enter through only one VFW Post. Prior National Scout of the Year winners are ineligible. A local Post can be identified by zip code at www.vfw.org.

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

- Deadline for entry to VFW Post is March 1.
- One candidate with full entry criteria must be submitted by a VFW Post to the next level of judging by April 1. The VFW Department (state) Scouting chairman can provide this information.
- The Department winner must be selected and submitted by their Department (state) Scouting chairman to the VFW National Headquarters by May 1.

Questions should be directed to **Kris Harmer at 816-756-3390 ext 6117 or emailed to kharmoer@vfw.org.**

WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED?

The following documentation should be submitted:

- **Photograph of the Scout** — must be attached to this form. The Scout must appear in correct, complete uniform for their current rank. Recommended size 3" x 5".
- **High School Participation Record** — a single page, one sided resume of the candidate's high school activities indicating academic achievements, offices held, awards received and significant participation in other activities.

Official Entry Form

VFW Scout of the Year Program

MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH CONTESTANT
and submitted DIRECTLY TO A VFW POST IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

()

Home Phone

Email

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Scout Troop Number

SCOUT/VENTURE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is accurate and if I am the winner, I will make myself available to receive the award at a presentation ceremony as designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Scout/Venture Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above-named Scout/Venture is an active member of our unit and the information supplied by the candidate is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Unit Leader's Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

PARENT'S CONSENT

I hereby certify that all information on this application is correct. I willingly submit this name for consideration as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States' Scout of the Year. If this individual is selected as the winner, I will ensure that he/she is allowed to attend a presentation ceremony as designed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Father, Mother or Guardian Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
January 2017

- **Scouting Record** — maximum of three pages, one side only, listing of all Scouting participation beginning with Cub Scouts or Brownies - years of participation, unit numbers and sponsors. Also include when Eagle, Gold, Summit or Quartermaster Award was received and Palms. Identify leadership positions held at all levels, participation in Scouting activities (jamborees, Order of the Arrow conferences, etc.) and the candidate's Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit or Sea Scout Quartermaster Project.
- **Community Service Record** — a single page, one sided resume listing participation in community and religious service organizations (excluding Scouting and school), noting leadership positions held and any recognition received.
- **Letters of Recommendation** — Submit three letters, no more than two pages in length from:
 - A scout leader.
 - A community member.
 - A teacher/faculty member (if homeschooled, a parent letter is allowed).
 • In addition, you may include one or two additional letters, no more than two pages in length from local community members who have special knowledge of the candidate's abilities/accomplishments.
- **Completed Entry Form** – submitted to a local VFW Post. Local Posts can be identified by zip code at www.vfw.org.

WHO MAKES UP THE VFW SCOUTING TEAM?

The backbone of Scouting in the VFW is the VFW Scouting Team. These VFW members are deeply involved in Scouting, most with decades of experience.

Appointed by their Department commander, they are responsible for promoting Scouting in their state. They are available to encourage Posts to sponsor units, support units and individual Scout projects. They should be the Department's "expert" on all phases of Scouting. Many Departments have multiple members of the VFW Scouting Team, but every Department should have at least one individual to promote the values of Scouting to youth and to the VFW itself. For more information on the VFW Scouting Team call 816-756-3390 ext 6117 or e-mail kharmer@vfw.org.



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 Kansas City, Missouri
 816-756-3390 ext 6117



Scout of the Year Program

**VFW DEPARTMENT (STATE)
SCOUTING CHAIRMAN**

PHONE: _____

SPONSORING VFW POST

POST NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE:

DISTRICT CERTIFICATION
 IF APPLICABLE, CHECK WITH THE VFW
 DEPARTMENT (STATE) SCOUTING CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT #: _____

DISTRICT CDR.: _____

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION
 MUST BE COMPLETED BY DEPT (STATE) VFW SCOUTING
 CHAIRMAN OR DEPT. COMMANDER

DEPARTMENT: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

SIGNATURE:

VFW Teacher Nomination Form

Please photocopy or cut out and attach to nomination essay.

Nominated Teacher

Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Subject and grade taught: _____
 Current school: _____
 School address: _____

 School phone #: _____

On a separate piece of paper, please describe (type or print) in 350 words or less why you feel your nominee should be selected for the Smart/ Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award, then sign the nomination statement.

Submit nomination materials to your local VFW Post. Visit www.vfw.org for locations. **DO NOT** send to VFW National Headquarters.

_____ Number of words in essay (not to exceed 350). Please provide this information.

Person Nominating Teacher

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Date submitted: _____
 Signature: _____

Deadline: Submit to local VFW Post by February 15.

Identify and recognize America's best educators. Wouldn't you like to see them get the honor they deserve?

Now you can.



For more information, contact your local VFW Post or its Auxiliary or visit our website at www.vfw.org.

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
 406 W. 34th Street
 Kansas City, MO 64111
 (816) 756-3390 ext. 287
 E-Mail: tbeauchamp@vfw.org
www.vfw.org

Local VFW Post Information

VFW Honors America's Teachers



**Smart/Maher
 VFW National
 Citizenship Education
 Teacher Award**
 Grades K-12





Recognize teachers who care about America

VFW Cares About Education

Founded in 1899, the VFW highly supports the education of America's youth. VFW and its Auxiliary have developed a slate of programs dedicated to helping America's educators. VFW Citizenship Education programs stimulate interest in America's history, traditions, Americanism, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism.

VFW wants to identify and recognize America's best educators who instill a sense of national pride in students. It offers cash awards, commemorative plaques and all-expenses-paid trips to the VFW National Convention for these worthy teachers. The trip provides an opportunity for winners to network with like-minded individuals.

Teachers care deeply about America and its children. They're concerned about the perpetuation of America's noblest traditions and highest ideals. Wouldn't you like to see them get the honor they deserve? Now you can...

VFW annually recognizes the nation's top classroom elementary, junior high and high school teachers who teach citizenship education topics regularly and promote America's history and traditions effectively.

Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates for this award. For example, do you know a teacher who plans field trips to city hall or organizes community volunteer projects? Maybe you know an instructor who invites veterans into the classroom to discuss their military experiences. Perhaps you are familiar with a teacher who fosters the development of democratic values and beliefs through special projects. If you know of such a teacher, honor him or her today with the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

How Does the Contest Work?

Based on the nominees submitted, VFW local chapters, called Posts, will recognize one outstanding teacher in grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Posts then submit these winners' names to their District-level judging, who will forward their winners to the Department (or state) level. After judging, each Department then forwards the names of its winners to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the national awards contest.

Who is eligible?

All current classroom teachers (teaching at least half of the school day in a classroom environment) in grades K-12 are eligible. Previous national VFW winners and homeschooled teachers are ineligible. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals (not relatives). Self-nominees are not eligible.

How are teachers nominated?

Fill out the nomination form contained in this brochure. In 350 words or less, describe why you feel your nominee should be selected. Describe the teacher's innovative teaching and resource development methods, as well as his or her dedication to education. Please submit your completed nomination form and signed essay to your local VFW Post. Visit www.vfw.org for Post locations or call VFW Programs Department at (816) 756-3390 ext. 287 to find the Post nearest to you.

All Post-level nominees, if they win, should provide a one-page resume, up to five pages of documentation of their teaching experience (references, news articles, etc.) and a head-and-shoulder photo of themselves. These items will be forwarded on to the District with the nomination form and essay.

When is the deadline?

Nominations must be submitted to your local Post by February 15. Judging occurs February 16-28.

What are the National awards?

Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards include the items below:

- A national \$1,000 Past Commander-in-Chief John Smart award for each of the top K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses.
- \$1,000 award for each winning teacher's school.
- Plaques for both the winning teacher and school.
- An all-expenses-paid trip to attend the VFW National Convention.

NOTE: (Winners will receive a 1099-MISC as a result of their award and all-expense paid trip.)

Nominate Someone Deserving

Have a teacher in mind? Complete the nomination form and required essay, then submit it to your local VFW Post. The investment that a teacher makes in today's youth will be the dividends we will all reap from future leaders.

Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Advancement Form (Post Teacher Entry Form)

(Attach to original Post entry documentation for each teacher nominated.)

Nominee's Full Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Social Security Number _____ Grade level K-5 6-8 9-12

Name of School _____ School's Phone _____

School Address _____

Post/Ladies Auxiliary Chairman Section Due to District February 28, 2017

I certify that the teacher named above is the duly selected Post winner of the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award Program in his/her grade level category and is our Post's authorized entry into the District finals.

Signature of Post Commander/Chairman _____ VFW Post No. _____ Phone _____

Post Address _____

Signature of Ladies Auxiliary President/Chairman _____ Auxiliary No. _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Total number of teacher nominations for all categories _____ Total dollar amount spent by Post/Ladies Auxiliary for awards for all categories and other (citations, gifts, medals, banquet) \$ _____

District/Ladies Auxiliary Chairman Section Due to Department March 15, 2017

I certify that the teacher named above is the duly selected District winner of the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award in his/her grade level category and is our District's entry into the Department finals.

Signature of Dist. Commander/Chairman _____ Dist. No. _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Signature of Auxiliary Dist. President/Chairman _____ Dist. No. _____ Phone _____

Address _____

List all Posts participating in program _____

Total dollar amount spent by Posts/Auxiliaries for awards for all categories and other (citations, gifts, medals, banquet) \$ _____

VFW Department Commander/Chairman Section

I certify that the teacher listed above is the duly selected winner of the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award in our Department in his/her grade level and is our official entry into the National judging. This winner will be/was notified that they are the first place **state** winner in their grade level on the following date: _____

Signature of Dept. Commander/Chairman _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Note: Be sure this form is entirely completed before sending to National Headquarters with your state winner's original nomination form, essay, one page resume, up to five pages of documentation and a good quality head and shoulders photograph. Remember this form is due back to VFW National Headquarters Programs Department by April 5th.

Mail to: VFW PROGRAMS, VFW NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 406 W. 34TH ST., KANSAS CITY, MO 64111.

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Rev.5/30/16

The Employer of the Year Award is given each year in recognition to employers whose policies and achievements in hiring, promoting, and training of veterans, with special emphasis on disabled veterans, is outstanding.

ELIGIBILITY:

Any individual, corporation or agency with an exceptional record of employing veterans.

NOMINATIONS:

Any individual may nominate a candidate for this award. The Department will select one candidate to honor in each of the subcategories. **Deadline is February 1, 2017 for nominees to reach Department Headquarters.**

CATEGORIES:

- ❖ Employers with less than 250 total employees (SMALL)
- ❖ Employers with more than 250 total employees private sector(LARGE)
- ❖ Employers with more than 250 total employees who are federal contractors (LARGE)

PROCEDURE:

Recommendations should include a statement detailing the exceptional character of the nominees' accomplishments in providing employment services to veterans

Recommendations must include, but not limited to:

Nominees name		
Business address		
City	State	Zip
Name and telephone number of a contact		
Type of business		

Total number employees	_____	Percentage who are veterans	_____%
Total number of veterans	_____	Percentage who are disabled veterans	_____%
Total number of non-veterans	_____	Percentage who are non-veterans	_____%
Total number of disabled veterans	_____		
Number hired last year	_____	Percentage of new hired veterans	_____%
Number of veterans hired	_____	Percentage of disabled Veterans	_____%
Number of disabled veterans hired	_____	Percentage of non-veterans	_____%
Number of non-veterans hired	_____		

- ❖ Does the employers' regulations/policies provide preference for veterans in: Recruiting _____
Placement _____ Promotion _____ (Indicate yes or no and include a paragraph of explanation)
- ❖ Retirement Policy: Is military service credited in retirement computation? _____
- ❖ The date the company was established and the average employees in the past five years _____
- ❖ Is the business seasonal? _____ (If yes, indicate if full or part time employees)
- ❖ On a separate sheet describe employer's policy on employment and advancement of veterans and attach a copy of the policy. Explain why you believe this nominee should receive the annual "Minnesota Veterans of Foreign Wars Employer of the Year" award.

NOTE:

Except as required above, do not submit still film, movie film, filmed spots, tape recordings, transcripts, records, drawings, diagram, meeting programs, books or other material that does not support the requested information.

Submitted by:

Address:

Date: