



June 9th, 2024

Comrades,

Let me begin by expressing my gratitude for your support, guidance, and tolerance with me in reaching this position as your State Commander. I honestly believe that we will have an opportunity to continue the forward momentum with positive changes in the VFW overall. I am not saying that it will be easy, but I believe that we can adjust to the changes that are happening and make the VFW overall even better.

We are better together, no one can do it all but together we can accomplish anything! We can achieve our missions more easily, effectively, and quickly when we cooperate with the Auxiliary and include them. Remember that they have a mission too and by supporting them, we also benefit.

Doing and reporting hours for events like community service is how we keep relevant and one of the requirements to be a nonprofit. Advocacy and Service Officers are two of the most important duties of the VFW. Through our continued efforts with the VFW, we continue to honor and serve veterans, the military, and communities in which we live. We do all that we do for our fellow veterans and their families, hence "still serving."

How do we grow the VFW? How do we inspire new members to attend? EASY, if you build it, they will come! If it is a meaningful project or event they will come! They do not want to just sit at a monthly meeting and hear about issues that have not been solved in decades, they want to do something that brings fulfillment, and has meaning. So, get engaged in your community doing events and projects, and show them why the VFW is still relevant in your community then ask them to participate!

Mentoring – sharing knowledge, skills, and experience to help another person to progress. This progression could be professional or personal. The objective is to create future leaders by giving them good advice and mentoring so that they will be willing to embrace roles and tasks in this great organization in the future. Be that positive influence, be that person they remember for being honest and helpful, being a mentor.

Membership of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary is the responsibility of every member and if each member just recruited one new member, we would have no

problem. Recruiting at outreach events is the perfect opportunity to ensure Veterans and their families are doing okay and that they are receiving the benefits they have earned. You must recruit at least one new member to be eligible to be selected to go to national convention and get a stipend.

To have influence for the veteran community, and the communities we serve, we must build better together, we must fight our battles together, no matter when you served. Stop the division, it really does not matter what war you served in, the fact is that it is going to take us all to accomplish the goals of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. We are better when we work together!

Thank you for all you do, your selfless services to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and your communities!

Building Better Together,



Kenneth R Yount
State Commander
Department of Nebraska
Veterans of Foreign Wars



Department of Nebraska

Ken Yount
Incoming State Commander

2431 N. 48th Street
Lincoln, NE 68504



Youth Programs

Due to Post – October 31st, 2023

Now is the time to get working on recruiting students to participate in this year's VOD/PP Essay Contests.

Don't Delay – Start Today!

Voice of Democracy

"Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"

Patriots Pen

"My Voice in America's Democracy"

Quarterly Community Service Report

Don't forget that Community Service Reports must now be reported, at minimum, quarterly. This allows for Posts to keep up with all the great work that you are doing on behalf and for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Thank you for #stillserving your communities! The easiest way to report – go to www.vfwne.com and click on the Resources Tab.

Post Inspections

Post Inspections must be completed no later than October 31st. Your District Commander will be reaching out to your Post to conduct your Post Inspection, so please coordinate to get inspections done as soon as you are able.

20 Questions (Recommended but not Required)

There isn't an easier way to learn about what changes have been made this year than taking 5 minutes to complete the 20 Questions form found in your leadership manual.

Extra Credit points will be awarded for the All-State Program

Public Service Awards

Do you know a Police Officer, Firefighter, or an Emergency Medical Technician? Your community has individuals dedicated to public service and they deserve to be recognized. The application is included in this month's Genmail and it is encouraged that each Post nominates at least one individual. Recognize those who protect and serve your community, your neighbors and your friends – see application for more details.

Commander's and President's Homecoming

Mark your calendars and consider attending this year's Homecoming Celebration as we honor our Commander and President as they take over leadership of the Department of Nebraska. Reservations may be made by contacting the Kearney Holiday Inn at 308-237-5971. Watch future Genmail for additional information.

2025 World War II Veteran Medals

***CELEBRATING OUR
WORLD WAR II VETERANS***

Governor Jim Pillen and the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs are launching an initiative to recognize the state's World War II veterans with special recognition medals in 2025 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II.

To learn more about the World War II Veteran Recognition Program and eligibility requirements, visit
veterans.nebraska.gov/WW2

NEBRASKA
Good Life. Great Sacrifice.
VETERANS AFFAIRS

Department Headquarters

2431 N. 48th St.
Lincoln, NE 68504



Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

District Meeting Information

District 1: Oct 20th @ 1:30 PM—Gering VFW

District 3: Oct 6th @ 1:00 PM - Niobrara VFW Post 4834

District 4: Sept 15th @ 12:00 PM - Stapleton VFW

District 6: Aug 18th @ 2:00 PM - Beatrice VFW

District 7: *No Information available at time of publication*

District 9: Sept 8th @ 2:00 PM - Lincoln Post 3606

District 10: July 14th @ 2:00 PM –Omaha Post 2503

District 11: Sept 19th @ TBD - Taylor Post 6159

District 13: Aug 18th @ 2:00 PM - Kearney Post 759

District 15: Sept 15th @ 2:00 PM - Schuyler Post 4836

Post #	Recruiter	Count
2704	Larry M. Gerft	110
4755	Jeffrey M. Baker	63
9675	Chris A. Beaty	30
1504	David V. Beran	23
5820	Kenneth R. Yount	21
1077	Davin L. Stege	18
2280	Joseph E. Smith	12
759	James A. Lutz	11
2503	Alan R. Dorn	10
7722	Merle J. Thompson	7
5138	Rex G. Gallino	7
131	Michael R. Kunce	7
131	Norman L. Anton	6
3606	Charles R. Gill	6
3606	James B. Averill	6
2280	Gary L. Niedbalski	6
3704	Jerry L. Chlopek	5
1347	Ronnie E. Hitch	5
10727	Margaret E. Wearing	5
10727	Ronald S. Sibal	5
1077	Leon D. Bryson	5
4502	David J. DuBois	5
4959	Jerald H. Kubicek	4
7970	Robert A. Jordan	4
1517	Chad A. Buschow	4
2503	Randy L. Davis	3
9675	Ernest P. Garcia	3
1504	Charles B. Roberts	3
10727	Judith M. Mulligan	3
7970	Amy J. Buckley	3
3602	Clinton W. Warnke	3
1681	Steven L. Jordan	3
4688	Eric J. Gonzalez	3
4755	Martin L. Walter	3
7998	Gerald L. Ludwig	2
8223	Cheryl A. Feala	2
131	Patrick J. Stanosheck	2
2503	Sharon M. Cooper	2
7029	Larry Proskocil	2
6157	Gene E. Tullis	2
10724	Arthur D. Runge	2
736	James Kurtenbach	2
8334	Gregory L. Kleve	2
2704	Darrell R. McMillan	2
1346	James McKee	2
2503	Dominick J. Bohelski	2
4755	Marty L. Baker	2
10491	Troy D. Johnson	2
9675	Joshua G. Lively	2
7002	Gordon L. Wilkins	2
7603	Thomas E. Nelson	2
4626	Ryan E. Buck	2
854	Marty A. Kotik	2
8334	Lawrence W. Stunkel	2
9875	Joseph E. Dalton	2
9357	Roger D. Brougham	2
10725	David L. Dietze	2
4755	Aaron J. Shropshire	2
10491	Dustin R. Sabatka	2
2503	Elroy Trotty	2
4755	Josh Struble	2
5759	Henry W. Bigge	1

Post #	Recruiter	Count
5547	Garry W. Hillman	1
10535	Gary C. Steckelberg	1
7002	William D. Klingman	1
2280	Terry L. Fuchser	1
3606	John V. Juricek	1
9897	Elmer G. Wasserburger	1
1644	Keith R. Anderson	1
5547	James H. Pierce	1
2634	Thomas E. Grooman	1
3606	Thomas E. Goodwater	1
8258	Dan R. Kramer	1
1347	Dennis A. Glover	1
7996	Dennis L. Pfeiffer	1
5287	Keith R. Zuhlke	1
5537	Matthew J. Cavanaugh	1
1347	Michael W. Ponte	1
6928	Eugene D. Case	1
3602	Gene E. Barg	1
1077	Steven B. Calkin	1
3421	James E. Grove	1
10725	Larry J. Cushing	1
8334	Kristine L. Maxey	1
1347	Timothy D. Bartz	1
1077	Scott D. Bates	1
3606	Joseph L. Rogers	1
8221	John D. Baum	1
759	Matthew L. Starkey	1
1347	George J. Olsen	1
7970	Jerry M. Lemmon	1
5283	Edward D. Mc Gregor	1
7998	Dale E. Yarges	1
4755	Daniel D. Gross	1
10491	Celeste K. Johnson	1
3113	David J. Bruns	1
1251	Gregory D. Kulus	1
1581	Dean C. Mathisen	1
10648	James L. Otte	1
2503	Timothy K. Schelle	1
5820	Denise E. Behrendt	1
2243	Andrew J. Bremer	1
8221	Charles W. Pierce	1
3606	Krystal Salisbury-Hendricks	1
4755	Russell W. Anderson	1
759	Jared J. Woody	1
759	Richard J. Bock, Jr.	1
890	Bradley A. Peltier	1
4755	Karey K. Engel	1
2503	George L. Quilliam	1
1504	Hobie A. Vogt	1
8597	Jeffrey A. Thompson	1
4502	Matthew T. Sutton	1
2704	John R. Day	1
131	Tony J. Anguiano	1
9675	Leonard J. Laporte	1
9675	Geroge W. O'connell	1
1681	Kenneth V. Fitzgerald	1
10727	Timothy Lawrence	1
3355	Wesley C. Beguin	1
2503	Logan Timothy Schiermeyer	1
4502	Jason D. Blackwell	1
3355	James Flores	1
759	Kory J. Krahling	1

POST MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

As required by Department or National Bylaws:

2024-2025

- AUDITS:** All four (4) Trustees' Reports of Audit must have been received at Department. Each audit must be received within 30 days following the end of the observed quarter and must be completed in full and signed by all three Trustees and Commander. *A grace period of up to fifteen (15) days will be extended to allow for Posts that meet later in the month.*

- QUARTERMASTER BONDING:** Post Quartermaster must be bonded through Department or provide proof of local bonding which must be submitted to Department by September 30th, 2024.

- IRS 990 FORM:** Must submit copy of **2023** IRS Form 990 to Department Headquarters no later than September 30th, 2024.

- INSURANCE: For Posts owning property.** A Post must submit a copy of their current Certificate of General Liability Insurance and Liquor Liability Insurance Policy if the Post has a Canteen Policy showing Department and National VFW as additional insured to Department Headquarters by September 30th, 2024.

- POST ELECTION REPORT:** Submit Post Report of Election of Post Officers for 2025-2026 by May 1st, 2025.

- DISTRICT MEETING PARTICIPATION:** Post Commander or designee must attend and represent the Post at all properly called District meetings, training sessions and conventions.

- STATE DELEGATE CREDENTIALS PAYMENT:** All State Delegate Credential and new member admission fees must be paid to cast Post delegate votes in ballots at the Annual State Convention. Delegate Dues are to be paid at the time of the Post Inspection based on the June 30th, 2024 membership total.

District Commanders have been directed to complete all Post Inspections for VFW Posts by October 31st, 2024

2024-2025 Theme

“Is America Today Our Forefathers’ Vision?”

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2024

Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$35,000 Award

What is the Voice of Democracy Program?

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars’ (VFW’s) premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 27,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year’s theme is, “**Is America Today Our Forefathers’ Vision?**”

Why Should I Enter?

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, state and national level. Department (State) winners receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington DC, to tour the city, be honored by the VFW and its Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$171,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$35,000.

The Rules

Who can enter?

The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 by the Oct. 31 deadline who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

What do I need to enter?

Record your original 3-5 minute (+ or – 5 second max.) audio essay on a flash drive, or other electronic device. You will submit the recording, typed essay and this completed entry form. Provide these items to your school/group competition or VFW Post for judging. In addition you can submit your emailed entry form, essay, and audio file to the VFW Post upon approval. You must be the sole author of your essay. Inappropriate use of ChatGPT or other AI tools is not allowed. The recording must be in your own voice and in English. Hearing/speech impaired students should email the Voice of Democracy National Office at youthscholarships@vfw.org for special instructions. No music, singing, poetry or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in any way, (including, but not limited to your name, school, city, state, race, or national origin) although the recording & typed essay should be labeled with your name, to show ownership.

Where Do I Submit My Entry?

All entries begin at the VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the VFW Post. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. Entries sent to VFW National will be returned. One winner for every 15 entries from each Post advances to District and one District winner advances to the state (Department) competition. If you need help finding a participating VFW Post, follow these instructions: First, visit this website vfw.org/FindaPost to “Find A VFW Post.” If you do not have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble getting in touch with them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit this link <https://www.vfw.org/ContactUs/> and look for “Find a State Contact” to get your VFW state office’s phone number and email. If you still need assistance, please email us at VFW National Headquarters at youthscholarships@vfw.org

What Is the Deadline for My Entry?

All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of that VFW Post by midnight, **Oct. 31, 2024**. It is the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location by ensuring it is a participating Post.

What Are the Judging Criteria?

Originality is worth 30 points:

Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest.

Content is worth 35 points:

Clearly express your ideas in an organized manner. Fully develop your theme and use transitions to move smoothly from one idea to another.

Delivery is worth 35 points:

Speak in a clear and credible manner.

2024-2025 Official Entry Form Voice of Democracy Competition

Must Be Completed by All Contestants

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

()

Phone

Email

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

Grade in School

Age

Jacket Size

School Name, City, State

Teacher's name and Email (if applicable)

To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian

(Required even if student is 18 or over)

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

()

Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone

Parent/Guardian Email

Participant Agreement for Students Advancing to National Level

If selected as a first-place state winner, I have the consent of my parent/guardian and school to attend the Voice of Democracy National Finals in Washington, D.C. as a guest of the VFW National Organization. In consideration for permission to participate in the National Voice of Democracy Competition ("Competition") I do hereby, for myself, for my heirs, executors, administrators and assignees, waive, release and discharge all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue against the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and/or the Departments (state organizations) of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective officers, agents, successors and assigns from any damages which may be sustained by me in connection with my participation in or association with the Competition and/or arising out of any travel related to the Competition. In the event of sickness, accident or injury in connection with the Competition, I consent to and accept the services of a duly licensed medical, surgical or dental specialist selected on my behalf and for such treatments, as they may deem necessary. I understand that VFW will not be liable for such treatment. I further understand that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States retains non-exclusive rights to use my audio file, essay, name and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

I Have Read and Understand the Rules and Participant Agreement

I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that I have not inappropriately used any AI tools or Chat GPT. I have only entered the competition once yearly if otherwise eligible. I understand that if it is found that I have entered any other Post's competition or used this essay for another VFW competition, I face elimination from the competition and will return any and all prizes or incentives awarded.

Signature of Student Participant

Date

To Be Completed by the VFW Post

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post Level Voice of Democracy Competition.

Post Commander/Chairperson Signature

Post #

VFW Auxiliary President/Chairperson Signature (if applicable)

Post Address

City, State, Zip

VFW Post Email

No. of students participating

No. of winners advanced to District

Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarship awards \$

Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.) \$

To Be Completed by the VFW District

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Departments.

District Chairperson Signature

Dist. #

Address

City, State, Zip

()

Phone

Email

To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairperson

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Voice of Democracy Department Competition and is our sole entry into the National Judging.

Department Chairperson Signature

()

Daytime Phone

Email

The winner has been will be (check one) notified that they are the first-place Department winner on _____.

For assistance contact:

816.968.1155

Email: youthscholarships@vfw.org

Local VFW Post Information:

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Best Time To Call: _____

Alternate Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Best Time To Call: _____



2024-2025 Theme

“My Voice in America’s Democracy?”

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2024

Patriotic Written Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$5,000 Award

What is the Patriot’s Pen Program?

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join the more than 73,000 students who participated last year in this contest.

Why Should I Enter?

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, State and national level. Department (State) winners receive a portion of \$55,000 in national awards. National Winners will receive at least \$500. **The first-place national award is currently \$5,000.**

The Internal Revenue Service requires a recipient awarded more than \$599 be given Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable income. This may require the winner to provide their social security number.

How Does the Contest Work?

All entries begin at the VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the VFW Post. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post.

The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) is sponsored by VFW Posts. Post winners advance, one for every 15 entries, to the VFW District (regional) level where the one first-place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level. The first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition.

Who Can Enter?

Patriot’s Pen is open to 6th, 7th and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Home-schooled students also are eligible. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. (Foreign exchange students are ineligible.)

How Do I Get Started?

- Ask a teacher or youth group/club adult leader to supervise the Patriot’s Pen writing contest.
- Contact a participating VFW Post and indicate your interest in participating.

- Establish a contact person who is a member of that VFW Post or its VFW Auxiliary.
- Make sure that your essay is submitted to the VFW Post before the contest deadline of October 31, 2024. You can submit your essay and entry form by email upon the Post’s approval. Entries sent to the VFW National Headquarters directly will be returned.

How Am I Judged?

Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points:

You must show a thorough knowledge of the theme in your work. Demonstrate you have researched the issue extensively.

Theme development is worth 35 points:

Answer all relevant facts about the theme such as the who, what, where, when and why. Relate the theme to your own experiences.

Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points:

Write your essay in an easy-to-understand format. Leave your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme.

What Is the Theme?

VFW’s Commander-in-Chief annually chooses the year’s theme. The 2024-2025 theme is:

“My Voice in America’s Democracy?”

Deadline Information.

To qualify, all entries must be submitted to a sponsoring VFW Post by midnight October 31, 2024.

Note:

If you need help finding a participating VFW Post, follow these instructions:

First, visit vfw.org/FindaPost to “Find a VFW Post.”

If you don’t have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble contacting them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) headquarters office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit vfw.org/contactus to look for “Find a State Contact” to get your VFW state office’s phone number and email.

**For assistance contact
the VFW National Headquarters
at 816.968.1155
Email: youthscholarships@vfw.org**

2024-2025 Official Entry Form Patriot's Pen Competition

Must Be Completed by All Contestants

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

()

Phone

Email

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

Grade in School

Essay Word Count

School Name, City, State

Teacher's name and Email (if applicable)

To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian

(Required even if student is 18 or over)

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

()

Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone

Parent/Guardian's Email

What Are the Rules?

- You must write your own essay.
- All essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics. 300 - 400 words in length (+ or - 5 word max). Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count.
- In no way may contestants identify themselves within their essay (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin.) Do not put your name on the essay. The entry form is your essays cover sheet. Secure the Official Student Entry Form with a staple or other fastener on top of your essay. Contestants are allowed to enter only once each year if otherwise eligible (one Post competition).
- The essay must be contestant's original work and a product of the contestant's own thinking. Inappropriate use of ChatGPT or other AI tools is not allowed. The approach to the Patriot's Pen theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not acceptable. Quotations may be used sparingly if plainly identified wherever used. A contestant's teacher, counselor or parent may check the essay for punctuation, grammar and/or spelling, but the content must remain the contestant's. Contestants will be judged on the basis of their essay alone and are not required to present the essay orally. All essays become the property of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The VFW retains non-exclusive rights to the use of your essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.
- At any time during the contest additional participant personal information (i.e. SSN, photo, etc.) could be requested by the VFW.

I Have Read and Understand the Contest Rules

Signature of Student Participant

Date

To Be Completed by the VFW Post

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post level Patriot's Pen Competition.

Post Commander/Chairperson Signature

Post#

VFW Auxiliary President/Chairperson Signature (If applicable)

Post Address

City, State, Zip

VFW Post Email

No. of participants

No. of winners

Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarships awards \$

Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expenses (Banquet, Pins, etc.) \$

To Be Completed by the VFW District

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Patriot's Pen Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department.

District Chairperson Signature

Dist. #

Address

City, State, Zip

()

Phone

Email

To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairperson

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Patriot's Pen Department Competition and is our sole entry into the National Judging.

Department Chairperson Signature

()

Daytime Phone

Email

The winner has been will be (check one) notified that they are the first-place Department winner on _____.

Local VFW Post Information:

Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Best Time To Call: _____

Alternate Contact: _____

Phone: _____ Best Time To Call: _____



PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD
EMT/FIRE/LAW ENFORCEMENT
Department of Nebraska - VFW

Emergency Service Award is presented to any individual who actively gives emergency medical treatment, provides rescue service or civil disaster assistance as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to give emergency medical care, provide rescue and civil disaster assistance to our nation's citizens.

Firefighters Award is presented to any individual who actively fights fires as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to fight fires and give assistance to our nation's citizens.

Law Enforcement Award is presented to any individual who serves in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with enforcement of laws pertaining to their area of responsibility. This award does not apply to individuals employed by private companies.

Candidate must have demonstrated: 1.) recognition by their colleagues or those they serve. 2.) Consistent excellence in the performance of their duties. 3.) Consistent dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibilities and skill within their profession.

Entered by: _____ Service: EMT/FIRE/LAW (Circle One)

Name of Nominee: _____

Title of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Sponsored by VFW Post: _____

(1.) Resume of Nominee's Overall Background: (Attach required documentation)

The resume of these activities should be contained on one page; therefore, it will be necessary to be concise.

(2.) Resume of Nominee's Background in Emergency Services Work:

(Attach required documentation) The resume of these activities should be contained on one page; therefore, it will be necessary to be concise and highlight major events.

(3.) Nominee's Accomplishments in the Emergency Services Field:

(Attach required documentation) The resume of these activities should be contained on two pages; therefore, it will be necessary to be concise.

(4.) Photograph of Nominee: (Attach Required Head and Shoulder Photograph)

Send Completed Form, Resumes and Photograph to:

Department of Nebraska
PO Box 4552
Lincoln, NE 68504

Department of Nebraska

Genmail Calendar (As of 6/30/2024)

July 2024

- 13 Officer Training Seminar - Gretna (*Gretna Crossing YMCA*) 8:30 AM
- 20 Officer Training Seminar - Columbus (*VFW Post 3704*) 9:00 AM
- 31 Deadline (T-1) Trustee Quarterly report to Department (April 1-June 30)
- 27-Aug 1 VFW 125th National Convention - Louisville, KY

September 2024

- 28-29 Nebraska Women Veterans Symposium - Kearney
- 30 Bonds due to **Department**
- 30 Delegate Registration due to **Department**
- 30 IRS 990 Form due to **Department**
- 30 Quarterly Community Service Report (Q-1) due to **Department**

October 2024

- 4 **Commander's & President's Homecoming - Kearney Holiday Inn**
- 5 **Fall Council of Administration Meeting - Kearney Holiday Inn**
- 31 Deadline (T-2) Trustee Quarterly report to **Department** (July 1 - Sept 30)
- 31 Patriots Pen, VOD, and Teacher to **Post** level
- 31 Inspections - 100% **Department**

November 2024

- 11 Veterans Day
- 15 Patriots Pen, VOD and Teacher to **District** Level

December 2024

- 15 Patriots Pen, VOD and Teacher to **District** Level
- 31 20 Questions to **Department**
- 31 Quarterly Community Service Report (Q-2) due to **Department**

January 2025

- 1 Cut off Date—Battle of Midway Award (Post/District)
- 1 Public Servant Award (EMT/Fire/Law) to **Department**
- 10 Calendar Raffle Drawing
- 15 Patriots Pen, VOD and Teacher summaries to **Department**
- 31 Deadline (T-3) Trustee Quarterly report to **Department** (Oct 1 - Dec 31)



3RD ANNUAL
NEBRASKA
Women Veterans
SYMPOSIUM

NEBRASKA
 Good Life. Great Sacrifice.
 VETERANS' AFFAIRS



SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2024

HOLIDAY INN HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER - KEARNEY, NE

BE THE FIRST TO KNOW WHEN REGISTRATION OPENS! SIGN UP FOR
 EMAIL UPDATES FROM NDVA

VETERANS.NEBRASKA.GOV/SUBSCRIBE



EXPOSED TO TOXINS? YOUR COMPENSATION AWAITS.



The PACT Act adds more than 20 presumptive conditions for burn pits, Agent Orange and other toxins, extending VA benefits and compensation to more toxic exposed veterans than ever before. Don't wait to file your VA claim. Get started today.



CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY



 @vfwfans    @vfwhq

The appearance of U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) visual information does not imply or constitute DoD endorsement. Photo by Cpl. Samuel Corum.