

2021-2022 Program Book Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Department of Nebraska



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NEBRASKA VFW PROGRAM DEADLINES 2021-2022

Due Date	Program	(White Hat Guide)	Date Complete
July, 2021	(T-1) Trustee Quarterly report to Department (April 1 to June 30)	(5 Points)	_____
September 1st	Bonds Due In Department	(10 Points)	_____
October	(T-2) Trustee Quarterly report to Department (July 1 to Sept 30)	(5 Points)	_____
October 31st	Patriot's Pen, VOD and Teacher to Post level		_____
November 1st	20 Questions to Department	(10 Points)	_____
November 1st	Inspection - 100% District		_____
November 15th	Patriots Pen and VOD to District Level		_____
November 15th	Teacher nominations to the District level		_____
December 15th	Patriots Pen and VOD Entry to Department		_____
December 15th	Teacher entry to Department		_____
January, 2022	(T-3) Trustee Quarterly report to Department (Oct 1 to Dec 31)	(5 Points)	_____
January 1st	Cut off (Mid Winter Conference Feb 6-8, 2020)		_____
January 1st	Top Membership District Commander - Mid-Winter		_____
January 1st	Inspection —100% District		_____
January 1st	Public Servants Award (EMT; FIRE; LAW) to Department		_____
January 4th	Calendar drawing		_____
January 15th	Patriot's Pen, VOD and Teacher summaries to Department		_____
January 16th	Final deadline 20 Questions Department	(5 points)	_____
March 1st	Eagle Scout Entry to Post		_____
March 31st	Scholarship Student Applications to Department		_____
March 31st	Delegate Registration due to Department		_____
April, 2022	(T-4) Trustee Quarterly report to Department (Jan 1 to March 31)	(5 Points)	_____
April 1st	Eagle Scout State Entry to Department		_____
April 15th	Cut Off for All-State Commander & Q.M. for State Convention		_____
April 15th	Cut Off for Top District Commander for State Convention		_____
April 15th	12 month Program reporting due to Department	(10 points)	_____
April 30th	Post Service Officer entry to Department		_____
May 1, 2022	Cut off for Election Reports		_____
May 1st	Americanism--Post Scrap Book to Department		_____
May 1st	Blood Report (information in Genmail)		_____
May 1st	Chaplain Memorial Record to Department Chaplain		_____
May 1st	Community Service Record Book to Department		_____
May 1st	Loyalty Day (May 1, 2019 activity) — Record book to Dept.		_____
May 1st	Post Color Guard Report to Department		_____
May 1st	Youth Activities — Post Scrap Book to Department		_____
May 1st	Volunteer of the Year (Letter of Nomination)		_____

“Serving Those Who Have Served”

Comrades,

I am both excited and humbled by the trust and comradeship that you have shown me on my journey to this position. It is truly a great honor for me to represent and serve as your State Commander for the Department of Nebraska, Veterans of Foreign Wars. I want to thank you for the confidence you have shown me, and I will do my utmost to maintain that confidence and trust. I always strive to “SERVE VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED”

We have a great team of elected and appointed officers and chairpersons in place, to make Nebraska a stronger VFW. You may start to see some changes in the way we operate and we look forward to growing our organization, not simply through our membership, but through our investment to our Post and District leadership and those charged with leading our organization forward.

Jerry L. Chlopek

Department of Nebraska State Commander 2021-2022



Department of Nebraska VFW Meeting Schedule 2021-2022

Council Meeting and School of Instruction

July 10th, 2021; 9am until 4PM

Seward Civic Center at 616 Bradford Street in Seward

Fall Council of Administration & Homecoming

October 8th and 9th, 2021

Ramada Inn at 265 33rd Ave in Columbus

Midwinter and Council of Administration

February 3rd thru 5th, 2022

The Graduate at 141 North 9th Street in Lincoln

State Convention

June 9th thru 11th, 2022

Ramada Inn at 301 2nd Ave in Kearney

National Meeting Schedule for 2021-2022

Big Ten Conference Rapid City, SD October 15th-17th, 2021

National Convention Kansas City, MO July 16th-21st 2022

**We are here to help. If you need anything, call
Department Headquarters at 402-464-0674**

Or email us:

John Liebsack: Johnl@vfwne.org

Jeff Baker: jbaker@vfwne.org

VFW Nebraska Website Information: VFWNE.com

Veterans can sign up online using the navigation: "join VFW" "for membership and pay by credit card".

You can download the VFW Mobile Recruiter application for smartphones. Go to the navigation, "join VFW", dropdown to "VFW Mobile Recruiter Application".

The VFW NE directories can be found at the navigation, drop down: "department of Nebraska directories". All posts, districts, committees, programs and Webmail directories are located there.

You can access the VFW Nebraska Newsletter on the home page. This is our electronic newspaper. You can also access gen mail here.

Items that you receive by post office mail, are also on line on the www.vfwne.com website if it is available for electronic format.

Nebraska Information Nebraska VFW and State Adjutant & QM John Liebsack
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Nebraska VFW Web Site --- www.vfwne.com

Nebraska VFW Phone: 402-464-0674 Nebraska VFW Fax: 402-464-0675

National VFW Information

Direct Dues Nebraska (LaDonna Miles) . . . lmiles@vfw.org

General Questions or comments ..(FAQ) . info@www.vfw.org

Feel free to call the Member Service Center at 833-839-8387.

Emblem and Supply (order information) . . .(Kelly Durham) . . kdurham@vfw.org

Programs: (Nick Lopez) . . youthscholarships@vfw.org; Tammy Beauchamp) TBeauchamp@vfw.org

Programs: Teacher Award (Citizenship Ed.) ; VOD; Patriot Pen; Scholarship

US Flag Information: (Tammy Beauchamp) . . . TBeauchamp@vfw.org

Buddy Poppies / Community Services . . .(Daniela Garcia) BuddyPoppy@vfw.org

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- 1.) A member in good standing is a members whose current dues are paid through their anniversary date and, unless suspended or terminated, is entitled to all membership rights in accordance with the National By-Laws. (Section 105 of the National By-Laws).
- 2.) "Only members in good standing shall be eligible to hold any office in the Post." (Section 215 of the National By-Laws). Any officer or committee member whose membership is not in good standing by reason of failure to pay current dues by their anniversary date shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office in that administrative year.
- 3.) Any member who is suspended from membership, pursuant to Article IX, shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office during the period of suspension.
- 4.) Reinstated (member): A member whose dues remain unpaid for a period of more than two years may be required to reapply for membership (Manual of Procedure Sec 106),
- 5.) Post election report for the ensuing year: April call for nominations, and elect officers; May installation of those officers; New officers take their position after the State Convention. (Manual of Procedure Sec 217)
- 6.) (Section 213: a properly completed REPORT OF ELECTION of OFFICERS for the ensuing year is submitted to Department and National before June 1 or post is considered in arrears.

DIRECT DUES INFORMATION : Direct Dues Phone 1-800-963-3180 or contact LaDonna Miles, Supervisor (1-816-968-2782), or [e-mail: lmiles@vfw.org](mailto:lmiles@vfw.org).

Example of Dues Break down: \$21.50 National; \$12.50 Department; Total payment per member \$34.00, the dollars over \$34.00 are post dues. Example \$40.00, \$6.00 are post dues.

Mail dues forms and check (new, reinstate, renewal) to:
VFW Direct Dues; PO BOX 119028; Kansas City, MO 64171-9028 or to Department Headquarters;
PO Box 4552; Lincoln, NE 68504

Mail Life dues forms and check (life and installment life) to:
VFW Life Membership; PO BOX 119028; Kansas City, MO 64171-9028

Use of credit cards on member application in place of Post check no. write (VISA; MC; Discover) Member report any changes by letter to: Data Entry Department; [Email: dataentry@vfw.org](mailto:dataentry@vfw.org) VFW National Headquarters; 406 W. 34th St Suite 200; Kansas City MO 64111

VFW Membership Quartermasters /or members can manage all VFW business online, go to "LOGIN"

- 1.) www.vfw.org (Click on create an account)
- 2.) Choose Account login (top of page)
- 3.) Secure Sign In - follow instructions
- 4.) Select Quartermaster Tools (bottom of page)
- 5.) New member or QM -- Create a new account - follow instructions
- 6.) Confirm your Identity -- follow instructions
- 7.) Account Request Confirmation
- 8.) Confirm PIN Number
- 9.) Secure Sign In (Secures that you sign into the VFW Membership site.)
- 10.) At this site you can download the ADOBE reader to get forms and PDF files.

VFW Post Query: A Post Quartermaster logging onto this post query for the first time must press the First Time User button to enter vital information to successfully log on to the Query screens. If NOT a first time user, enter the requested information. Post Query: Enter State Code (NE) and Password (which is your member ID number). Questions can be directed to National toll-free number at 1-800-963-3180.

20 Questions

Due to Department November 1st, 2021 to receive 10 points towards white hat.
Final deadline January 16th, 2022 for 5 points.

Name: _____ Title: _____ Life: Y or N

Legacy Level? _____

Post #: _____ District #: _____ Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

1. When will white hats be awarded this year? _____
2. How much does your Post pay for Delegate Registration? _____
3. What is the deadline date to have VOD/Patriot's Pen entries to the Department? _____
4. How many hours of college credits must have been completed to apply for a VFW scholarship? _____
5. Does failure to send in the new election report cause a post to go under suspension? Y or N
Month to elect officers: _____ Month to install: _____ Assume office: _____
6. Reporting community service to the Department allows a post to maintain their non-profit status. How often does a post need to report these activities? _____
7. In a canteen of a VFW club, who is the treasurer for the house committee? _____
8. Can Trustees serve on the house committee? Y or N
9. Can a post be bonded by a company other than the VFW? Y or N
What position is bonded? _____
10. There are 3 Patriot's Pen District winners invited to Midwinter, how many of the 10 District winners in the V.O.D. competition are invited to Midwinter? _____
11. What are the 3 levels of Legacy Life membership? _____
12. What is the membership requirements for white hat? How many recruiting events must be held?

13. Where will the 2022 State Convention be held? _____

14. What is the deadline for White Hat program awards? _____
15. How many points does your post get for selling 20 calendars? _____
16. In lieu of entries for VOD, Patriot's Pen and/or Teacher, a Post may make a donation to these program to receive credit towards a white hat. T or F
17. When is the Scout of the Year awarded? _____
18. Name 3 ways in which a post can spend money raised with Buddy Poppy donations.

19. Is the district required to hold Service Officer instruction at their district meetings? Y or N
20. What programs make up the National Military Services?

Questions or Comments:

Please return completed questionnaire to: VFW Department of NE; PO Box 4552; Lincoln, NE 68504

I have read and understand the VFW Canteen and Club Rules and Regulations.

_____ Date: _____

Signature

Cap size: _____

RITUAL FOR CONDUCTING A POST MEETING

The Manual of Procedure contains ritual for every occasion, for example, opening a post meeting, swearing in a new member, presenting a flag, conducting a funeral, etc. Ritual adds both dignity and formality to a meeting. I urge each Post Commander to conduct his meetings in accordance with the ritual contained in the Manual of Procedure. For those Commanders who do not have a Manual available, the following abbreviated guide for conducting a post meeting may be used until such time as your Quartermaster has ordered a Manual from National Headquarters.

A variety of prayers are also in the Manual of Procedure. (Officer & Chairman duties SEC 218)

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. Commander: "The Officers will take their respective stations. All persons not members or authorized guests of the VFW will kindly retire and the guard will close the doors." (Commander ascertains if nonmembers have retired.)

2. Commander: "By the power and authority vested in me, I am about to open
(name) _____ Post No. _____ for the transaction of any business that may lawfully come before it. (*Two gavel raps*). Officer of the Day (O.O.D.), satisfy yourself that all present are entitled to remain."

(As cards are inspected, members take their seats.)

0.0.D.: Comrade Commander, I find all, except those standing, in possession of official VFW dues receipts for the current calendar year. (Commander instructs QM to determine status of members standing. Those who have not paid their current dues will be required to pay said dues or leave the meeting room. Q.M. will report finding to the Commander.)

Commander: "Officer of the Day, you will prepare the Post room for the salute to the Colors." (*Two gavel raps.*)

0.0.D.: "Salute the colors, one - two-." (to use appropriate commands for the Colors.)

(Chaplain proceeds to the Altar, taking his station between it and Sr. Vice.) Proceeds to face altar and opens the Bible.

Commander: "Attention, parade rest"
After the prayer is delivered - -

Commander: "Attention, Comrades: You will join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. One (pledge) Two.

Commander: "Officer of the Day" you will place the colors.

Commander: "Comrades, we are assembled again to transact business of mutual benefit.

Do not let petty jealousies or trivial personalities influence our deliberations.

Let us uphold the obligations of unselfish comradeship and loyalty to our organization and the government of the United States of America.

I now declare (name) _____ Post No. _____ duly opened for the transaction of business.

Commander: Guard, You will admit any in waiting who may be worthy.

Commander: (Leading all members in recitation of Section 230102 of the Congressional Charter.)

"The purpose of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies."

Order of business (Post)

3. Calling the roll of Officers.
4. Introduction of guests.
5. Reading, referring membership applications.
6. Report of investigating committee.
7. Mustering in of recruits.
8. Adjutant report, reading of the minutes. (Are there any corrections or omissions? If not, they will stand approved as read." If corrected, "They will stand approved as corrected.)
9. Reading of bills.
10. Quartermaster's report: Disbursements.
11. Quartermaster's report: Receipts -- Reading of bills.
12. Is there a comrade or family of a comrade in distress?
13. Report of all committees and reading of related correspondence (Membership, Service officer, House committee, Hospital, Boy Scouts, Relief, Ways and means, Community service, Youth activity, Sports, Employment officer, etc.).
14. Remember our National Home. (As close to 9 p.m. as possible.)
15. Unfinished business. (A list should be ready, prepared by Adjutant.)
16. New business. NOTE: Reading of communications should be read in the order of business it is associated with (Unfinished, New, Good of the Order).
17. Balloting for candidates. (See page of the ritual). Nominations, elections, and installation of officers.
18. Good of the order. (All guests should be invited to speak.)
19. There being no further business, we will have our closing ceremony. (Two raps, all rise.)

CLOSING CEREMONY

Commander: Prepare to retire the colors. (O.O.D. issues the orders) "Comrade Chaplain, you will deliver the closing prayer. Parade rest! Prayer (be sure Chaplain closes Bible).

Commander: Attention! Right hand salute. Two!

Comrades, I now declare this business session of (name) _____ Post No. _____ closed.

Our next regular meeting will be _____ (Date and hour). *RAP THE GAVEL..*

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA VFW CANTEEN AND CLUBS RULES & REGULATIONS

1. A House Committee shall be elected or appointed by the post members to manage the affairs of the club. It shall consist of not less than three (3) members, one of which shall be elected annually for a three (3) year term. Trustees shall not serve on the House Committee. *All other elected post officers are eligible to serve on the House Committee.*
2. The House Committee shall employ such personnel, including manager, as shall be necessary. No member of the House Committee, including the Post Commander, Post Quartermaster, and Trustees, shall serve as manager.
3. The House Committee shall have the authority to suspend all club privileges of any member or nonmember, for misconduct on club premises, subject to appeal to the post membership.
4. The post membership may overrule any action of the House Committee by regular vote at any post meeting.
5. The manager or employee handling club monies shall be bonded to the post for twice the amount normally handled.
6. The manager shall be responsible to the House Committee and the Post Commander and Post membership for strict enforcement of club regulations, local ordinances and state laws applicable to the operation of clubs.
7. The club manager shall be discharged for violation or permitting violations of any of the above rules or regulations; if House Committee refuses to remove such manager upon proof of such violations, the post may discharge said manager.
8. Elected and Appointed House Committee members may be removed in accordance with Section 220 of the National By-Laws.
9. The House Committee and manager shall keep accurate records open to inspection of the post members at all reasonable times.
10. The club manager shall keep an accurate and approved set of records and accounts.
11. The Club By-Laws may provide the largest sum of which the manager or House Committee may spend without a vote of the post authorizing same. This sum shall be (to be set by each Post).
12. All incomes and profits shall be held or deposited in the name of the post and in no other name.
13. The Post Quartermaster shall act as treasurer of the House Committee.
14. At least once a month, the club manager shall furnish the Post Quartermaster a complete written profit and loss statement, to be read to the post membership and spread on the post bulletin board; all expenditures to be supported by bills and vouchers.

- 15.** All club books and records shall be audited quarterly by the post trustees or qualified accountants approved by them.
- 16.** All club regulations may be amended by the majority vote of the members present at any regular or special post meeting, subject to written notice to members at least three (3) days prior to such meeting and shall be submitted to Department and National for approval.
- 17.** House Committee members missing three (3) consecutive House Committee Meetings without valid excuse will be dismissed from his position by majority vote of the post at a regular meeting. Commander will appoint a new member for the remaining term of office.
- 18.** VFW and Auxiliary members only will be admitted to the club. Nonmembers will not be admitted unless accompanied by a member and registered in the guest book.
- 19.** Infraction of club rules by member's guest(s) shall be considered as an infraction of rules by the member.
- 20.** In accordance with Section 708 and 709 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedures, all clubs incorporated separately from their respective posts shall have Department permission and National approval to do so. They shall be under the direct control of the post membership, Department Commander, Department Council of Administration and Department Convention.
- 21.** These rules and regulations shall be posted in a conspicuous place in all posts operating a club or canteen.

Approved: June 6, 2021 by Council vote.



John R. Liebsack
State Adjutant/Quartermaster Department
of Nebraska, VFW

CHAPLAINCY

“To Honor the Dead By Serving the Living”

This is the motto of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Based on the logic that a veteran's organization has the right to existence only if its primary purpose, next to promoting the welfare of the nation, is that of service, or "taking care of its own". Listed below are a few guidelines for Post services to the living, sick and bereaved; and to so honor the blessed memory of deceased comrades.

The Post Commander, with his Chaplain and Service officer, constitutes a knowledgeable committee of leadership in fraternal service. Some guidelines to follow are (A) each Post member is ever on the alert for opportunities for fraternal service and should report these to his Commander or Chaplain; (B) fraternal services are rendered not only to the VFW but also to unaffiliated veterans when in serious need; (C) Commanders and Chaplains should maintain contact with the Auxiliary for purposes of cooperation and coordination.

In case of sickness, the Chaplain should (A) send a get well card in the name of the Commander; (B) call on the family and explore its situation; (C) if need, notify the Service Officer; (D) call on the patient, inquire about his needs; and (E) report his action and findings to the Commander.

Post Chaplains upon notice of a death of one of your members, please send directly to me; Department Chaplain, a Memorial Record Card with all the information necessary about the deceased. Please be sure that the name and address of the next-of-kin are listed correctly. I will send the relative a remembrance card in memory of the deceased comrade, signed by the Department Commander and myself.

All of the Memorial Records are due to the Department Chaplain by May 1st in order to allow time to print the Memorial Booklet.

Nebraska VFW Chaplain Jerry Ludwig, 10533 N 152nd Ave Cir; Bennington, NE 68007

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Memorial Record

PLEASE PRINT _____ Date: _____

Post No. _____ District No. _____

Name: _____ Member No. _____

Last _____ First _____ initial _____

Date & Place of Birth: _____

Date & Place of Death: _____

Name & Address, (Next of Kin) _____





TRUSTEES' REPORT OF AUDIT of

The Books and Records of the Quartermaster and Adjutant of _____ (1)

Department of _____ (2) For the Fiscal Quarter ending _____ (3), 20__

(4) FISCAL QUARTERS: Jan 1 to March 31 April 1 to June 30 July 1 to Sept 30 Oct 1 to Dec 31

FUNDS:	(5) Net Cash Balances at Beginning of Quarter	(6) Receipts During Quarter	(7) Expenditures During Quarter	(8) Net Cash Balance at End of Quarter
National and Department Dues (Per Capita Tax)	(9) ⇨			
Admission or Application Fees (Department)	(10) ⇨			
Post General Fund	(11) ⇨			
Post Relief Fund (Poppy Profits, Donations, etc.)	(12) ⇨			
Post Dues Reserve Fund (See Sec 218, Manual of Procedure)	(13) ⇨			
Post Home or Building Fund (including savings but not real estate)	(14) ⇨			
Post Canteen or Club Fund	(15) ⇨			
Bingo Fund	(16) ⇨			
	(16) ⇨			
	(16) ⇨			
Bonds and Investments Not Credited to Funds	(17) ⇨			
(18) ⇨ TOTALS:				⇨ (19) ↑

(24) OPERATIONS	RECONCILIATION OF FUND BALANCES
Have required payroll deductions been made? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (A)	Checking Account Balance _____ (20)
Have payments been made to the proper State	Less Outstanding Checks _____ (21)
And Federal Agencies this Quarter? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (B)	Actual Balance _____ (22)
Have sales taxes been collected and paid? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (C)	Savings Account Balance _____ (22A)
Are club employees bonded? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No (D)	Cash on Hand _____ (22B)
Amount of Outstanding Bills _____ (E)	Total _____ (22C)
Value of Real Estate _____ (F)	Bonds and Investments (cost value) _____ (22D)
Amount of liability insurance _____ (G)	Total _____ (23)
Owed of mortgages and loans _____ (H)	
Value of Personal Property _____ (I)	
Amount of Property Insurance _____ (J)	

TRUSTEES' AND COMMANDERS CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

Date _____ (25), 20__

This is to certify that we (or qualified accountants) have audited the books and records of the Adjutant and Quartermaster of _____ (26) for the Fiscal Quarter ending _____ (26A) in accordance with the National By-Laws and that this report is a true and correct statement thereof to the best of our knowledge and belief. All Vouchers and Checks have been examined and found to be properly approved and checks properly countersigned.

Post Quartermaster _____ (27)
(Name)

Signed _____ (33) Trustee

Signed _____ (33) Trustee

Signed _____ (33) Trustee

_____ (28)
(Address)

This is to certify that the Office of the Quartermaster is bonded with _____ (29) in the amount of _____ (30) until _____ (31), 20__, and the Audit is correctly made out to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed _____ (32) Commander

Template for Post Audit Report

1. This line depicts whether it is a District Audit, a County Council Audit, or a Post Audit. If it is a District Audit, just write down the District number. There are no County Councils in Nebraska so this part does not apply. If it is a Post Audit, write down the Post number and the name of the town the Post is located in. The Post name is not necessary.
2. This line should read "Nebraska".
3. This line should show the date the Quarter being audited ended. The four Quarters are listed on Line 4. Please print or write legibly.
4. Please circle the Quarter being audited. This will help if line 3 is not legible.
5. This column is for the amounts that were in column 8, the last Quarterly Audit. These numbers should add downward and the total should be entered in Line 18, Column 5.
6. This column is for the amounts for each appropriate line in that column that money was received during the Quarter being audited. These numbers should add downward and the total should be entered in Line 18, Column 6.
7. This column is for the total of each appropriate line in that column that money was expended during the Quarter being audited. These numbers should add downward and the total should be entered in Line 18, Column 7.
8. This column is for the total of each appropriate line in that column, i.e. the balance forward in that line of column 5 should be added to the receipts in that line of column 6, and then subtracted by the expenditures in that line of column 7. The total for each appropriate line is then added downward and entered in box 19, which also matches the totals from line 18, columns 5,6 and 7.
9. This line is for all National and Department dues collected and remitted by the Post during the Quarter being audited. The amount carried over from the previous audit, which would be line 9, column 8 of the previous audit, and then added to all receipts for this Quarter entered in column 6 and subtracted by all expenditures entered in column 7 and then entered as the total in column 8.
10. This line is for all Admission fees collected by the Post, (\$1.00 for each new member). Any carryover from previous audit/s is in line 10, column 5. All Admission Fees collected during this Quarter should be entered on line 10, column 6 and all expenditures of these fees should be entered on line 10, column 7, with the totals entered on line 10, column 8. The same procedure used in Line 9.

11. This line is for the General Budget. It should include cash kept on hand by the Post for use as change at functions. Use the same procedures as explained in Line 9 to complete this line.
12. This line is for the Post Relief Fund which are donations from Poppies and Poppy expenditures. This line is governed by the By-laws Section 219 and explained in Section 219 of the Manual of Procedure. Use the same procedures as explained in Line 9 to complete this line.
13. Has been done away with.
14. This line is for the Post Home or Building Fund and may include Savings Accounts. Use the same procedures as explained in Line 9 to complete this line.
15. Post Canteen or Club Fund. Any cash used for change for the Canteen should be included on this line. Use the same procedures as explained in Line 9 to complete this line.
16. These lines are for any other funds not already included or listed on line 17. Use the same procedures as explained in line 9 to complete these lines.
17. This line is for any Bonds or Investments not already included to any other funds. Use the same procedures as explained in line 9 to complete these lines.
18. This line is the total of each respective column added down, column 5, plus column 6, minus column 7. The total will be entered in Box 19 which will match the total of column 8.
19. This is a double check. It is the total of Line 18, column 5, plus column 6, minus column 7, and will be the total of column 8 added down. They will match.
20. This line is your Checking Account Balance at the end of this Quarter.
21. This line is any outstanding checks that have not been reconciled.
22. This line is the reconciled balance of your Checking Account.
- 22 A. This line is taken from line 14, column 8 or from any other Savings accounts included on a line 16, column 8, not previously included.

- 22 B. This line is the amount of cash you included in Line 11.
- 22 C. This line is the total of Lines 22, 22A, and 22B.
- 22 D. This line is taken from line 17, column 8.
23. This line is the total of line 22C plus line 22D and will be the amount in Box 19.
24. This is the operations Box. If your Post has no canteen and no Post home, then write NA in this box.
If your Post has no canteen, write NA in Boxes A, B, C, and D.
- 24 A. If applicable, a Yes or No answer.
- 24 B. If applicable, a Yes or No answer.
- 24 C. If applicable, a Yes or No answer.
- 24 D. If applicable, a Yes or No answer.
- 24 E. If applicable, the amount of outstanding bills. If zero, so indicate.
- 24 F. If applicable, the value of Real Estate, (Post Home, etc.).
- 24 G. If applicable, the amount of liability insurance the Post has.
- 24 H. If applicable, the amount owed on Mortgages and Loans, if zero, so indicate.
- 24 I. If applicable, the amount of Personal Property.
- 24 J. If applicable, the amount of Property Insurance the Post has.
25. Date this Audit was completed.
26. This line is the same as Line 1, but can include the Post name too.
- 26 A. This line is the same as Line 3.
27. This line is the printed name of the Post Quartermaster. No signature necessary.
28. This line is the address of the Post Quartermaster.
29. This line is the name of the bonding company your Post is bonded with. In most instances, it will be VFW/Tallman if bonded with the NE VFW.

30. This line is the amount of bond your Quartermaster is bonded for. This amount must be greater than Box 19 or Line 23. If it is not, your Quartermaster is underbonded. The position of Quartermaster is bonded, not the person. If the Quartermaster is replaced, the position is still bonded for the person assuming that position for the remainder of the year.
31. This line is the date your Quartermaster's Bond expires.
32. This line is the signature of the Commander showing his/her approval of the audit.
33. These three lines are the signatures of the Post Trustees. If a Trustee is not available in the proper time period, a Past Post Commander would suffice. All three trustee lines must be signed.

Nebraska VFW

990 Report Form Request

Post Name: _____ Post # _____ Aux # _____

Fed I.D.# _____

Address: _____

City: _____ NE Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Gross Income: \$ _____ July 1 to June 30

Less than \$50,000 _____ (yes / no)

I request that the Department of Nebraska Veterans of Foreign Wars

E-file our Post / Auxiliary 990 information as our Post /Auxiliary does not have a computer.

Signature _____ Print name _____

Title _____ Date _____

2021-2022 Calendar Program

Credit of 20 Points will be given towards the White Hat Competition for all Posts that sell 20 Department of Nebraska Raffle Calendars. (1 pt. extra for each calendar sold over 20—10 pts max)

SEND IN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CALENDAR MONEY AND TICKETS TO:

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

P.O. Box 4552; LINCOLN, NE 68504

POST:

CALENDARS SOLD?

The 2022 State Calendar raffle will be held at the Nebraska Department Headquarters on Tuesday January 4th, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. All 365 prizes will be drawn. After each ticket is drawn it will be returned to the drawing drum. You need not be present to win. Each weeks winners will be awarded and mailed on the Friday of that week.

Unclaimed prizes (unable to locate) will be donated to the MAP program.

Calendars will be available to pick up at September REGIONAL trainings or from your District Commander. If you need some mailed to you, call Department Headquarters.

They will be \$20.00 each.

Raffle rules are in accordance with NE State Gaming Statutes. Nebraska License No. 423483.

Selling points

- It is a raffle.
- You have the opportunity to win up to \$500.00 in a day.
- The raffle pays out \$16000.00
- It pays every day. If you win your name still goes back in the drawing so you can win multiple times.
- There are 2 \$500.00 payouts, 8 \$100.00 payouts and 355 \$40.00 payouts.
- Any amount raised over the raffle payout goes to support veterans in need and their families, the hospitals and homes and to scholarship programs.
- They are all drawn on January 4, 2022 at Department Headquarters.
- The complete listing of winners will be posted on our State website by January 11, 2022.



DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
 TRAVELERS CASUALTY & SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

THIS RECEIPT IS EVIDENCE THAT YOUR ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER AS LISTED BELOW IS BONDED THROUGH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. RETAIN THIS WITH YOUR RECORDS AND HAND IT OVER TO YOUR SUCCESSOR IF ANY CHANGE IS MADE IN THE POSITION BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2022.

Department of _____
 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

 (Date)

This Certifies that the _____ of Veterans of Foreign Wars

 Give Name, Number, and Location of Post

is carried on a bond obtained through the Department Headquarters in the principal sum of \$ _____
for the bond year September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022.

 Department Quartermaster

V.F.W. DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE OFFICERS A1EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER SURETY BOND

This bond is written in consideration of the safeguards which Section 218, Manual of Procedure, requires for the handling of funds. Section 218 provides that any negligence on the part of the Commander and Trustees shall make them individually and collectively liable with any others for any discrepancies. Every Unit should require that the Quartermaster deposit all moneys coming into their possession in the exact form in which they are received. THE ACCOUNTABLE OFFICER SHOULD WELCOME A THOROUGH AUDIT FOR HIS OWN PROTECTION.

In connection with the quarterly audit performed by the Trustees, the following minimal procedures are recommended:

1. The Trustees should obtain the bank statement directly from the bank and reconcile the account themselves.
2. Amounts shown on the audit report should be obtained from, or agree to the financial records of the Quartermaster, by the Trustees.
3. Both the audit report and the financial records should be verified mathematically by the Trustees. The beginning balances shown on the current audit report should be agreed to, the ending balances as shown on the previous report. Deposits shown on the financial records should be compared and agreed to deposits shown on the bank statement. Checks returned by the bank should be compared, as to amount and payee, with financial reports during the process of bank reconciliation.

In the event of defalcation, the exact amount of the shortage must be proven. Your Department Quartermaster should be notified immediately and furnished with a certified copy of the audit showing in detail receipts, disbursements, and the amount of the shortage. The bonding Company requires that we handle our affairs in a businesslike way, and there is a time limit, 120 days from the first date of discovery of the loss, for both reporting a defalcation and for determining the extent thereof, after which time the liability of the Company ceases.

COVERAGES OF THE POLICY REQUIRE THAT:

1. You agree to make/or cause to be made, at least annually, an audit of your books and accounts, including complete verification of all securities and bank balances pertaining to each "employee". Employee means any duly elected position, as listed on policy schedule. If the above is not complied with, the Surety Company will refuse to honor claim of missing funds which cannot be proven by records.
2. The Surety Company will not pay for loss resulting from any unauthorized advances made by an "employee" to any member for delinquent dues and assessments.

3. IF BOND IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE OF 9-1-2022, THE POST HAS ONLY 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FOR PRIOR TERM. AFTER 90 DAYS PRIOR COVERAGE CEASES.

THIS BOND IS ONLY FOR THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 TO AUGUST 31, 2022

The funds of your Post are protected only for that year. Premium for the following year will be due September 1, 2022.

Current Rates VFW Quartermaster Bond 20201-2021

\$5.50 per thousand	\$4.50 per thousand	\$4.00 per thousand	\$3.75 per thousand
\$3000.00=\$16.50	\$26000.00=\$117.00	\$251000=\$1004.00	\$501000=\$1875.75
\$4000.00=\$22.00	\$27000.00=\$121.50	\$252000=\$1008.00	\$502000=\$1882.50
\$5000.00=\$27.50	\$28000.00=\$126.00	\$253000=\$1012.00	\$503000=\$1886.25
\$6000.00=\$33.00	\$29000.00=\$130.50	\$254000=\$1016.00	\$504000=\$1890.00
\$7000.00=\$38.50	\$30000.00=\$135.00	\$255000=\$1020.00	\$505000=\$1893.75
\$8000.00=\$44.00	\$35000.00=\$157.50	\$256000=\$1024.00	\$506000=\$1897.50
\$9000.00=\$49.50	\$40000.00=\$180.00	\$257000=\$1028.00	\$507000=\$1901.25
\$10000.00=\$55.00	\$50000.00=\$225.00	\$258000=\$1032.00	\$508000=\$1905.00
\$11000.00=\$60.50	\$60000.00=\$270.00	\$259000=\$1036.00	\$509000=\$1908.75
\$12000.00=\$66.00	\$70000.00=\$315.00	\$260000=\$1040.00	\$510000=\$1912.50
\$13000.00=\$71.50	\$80000.00=\$360.00	\$270000=\$1080.00	\$520000=\$1950.00
\$14000.00=\$77.00	\$90000.00=\$405.00	\$280000=\$1120.00	\$530000=\$1987.50
\$15000.00=\$82.50	\$100000.00=\$450.00	\$290000=\$1160.00	\$540000=\$2025.00
\$16000.00=\$88.00	\$110000.00=\$495.00	\$300000=\$1200.00	\$550000=\$2062.50
\$17000.00=\$93.50	\$120000.00=\$540.00	\$310000=\$1240.00	\$560000=\$2100.00
\$18000.00=\$99.00	\$130000.00=\$585.00	\$320000=\$1280.00	\$570000=\$2137.50
\$19000.00=\$104.50	\$140000.00=\$630.00	\$330000=\$1320.00	\$580000=\$2175.00
\$20000.00=\$110.00	\$150000.00=\$675.00	\$340000=\$1360.00	\$590000=\$2212.50
\$21000.00=\$115.50	\$160000.00=\$720.00	\$350000=\$1400.00	\$600000=\$2250.00
\$22000.00=\$121.00	\$170000.00=\$765.00	\$360000=\$1440.00	
\$23000.00=\$126.50	\$180000.00=\$810.00	\$370000=\$1480.00	(\$501,000 and up
\$24000.00=\$132.00	\$190000.00=\$855.00	\$380000=\$1520.00	is \$3.75 per thousand)
\$25000.00=\$137.50	\$200000.00=\$900.00	\$390000=\$1560.00	
	\$210000.00=\$945.00	\$400000=\$1600.00	
(\$3,000-\$25,000	\$220000.00=\$990.00	\$410000=\$1640.00	
\$5.50 per thousand)	\$230000.00=\$1035.00	\$420000=\$1680.00	
	\$240000.00=\$1080.00	\$430000=\$1720.00	
	\$250000.00=\$1125.00	\$440000=\$1760.00	
Send to: VFW NE		\$450000=\$1800.00	
PO Box 4552	(\$26,000-\$250,000	\$460000=\$1840.00	
Lincoln, NE 68504	\$4.50 per thousand)	\$470000=\$1880.00	
		\$480000=\$1920.00	
		\$490000=\$1960.00	



Tallman Insurance

A.1 Employee/Volunteer Theft (Dishonesty Bond)
VFW APPLICATION FOR CLUB EMPLOYEES &
BINGO TO BE COMPLETED BY BONDED
INDIVIDUAL

TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA

Bond Term: October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022

1. a) Name of Post _____ Post # _____

b) Post Address _____

2. a) Name of Person to be Bonded _____

3. Position to be Bonded _____ Bond Requested \$ _____

4. Number of Persons Bonded 1

5. Number of Locations 1

6. Post Annual Income _____

7. Has the post had any bond losses over the past three years? _____

If Yes, provide a description along with the date and amount of loss.

8. a) Have you ever been bankrupt or insolvent? _____

b) If yes, please give details in a separate confidential letter to the Insurance Company

9. a) Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? (Other than Traffic Violations) _____

b) If yes, explain _____

**IF BOND IS NOT RENEWED, TERMINATED, OR CANCELLED AT EXPIRATION DATE
OF 10-1-2021, THE POST HAS ONLY 90 DAYS TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF LOSS FOR
PRIOR TERM, AFTER 90 DAYS PRIOR COVERAGE CEASES.**

**If this is a replacement for a current position bonded, please advise what person you are
replacing**

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____
(day) (month) (year)

Signature: Person to be Bonded

Form # 4B

VFW Canteen Managers and Canteen Employees, Bingo Managers, Gaming Managers and Gaming Workers Rate

\$6.00 PER THOUSAND

\$ 1,000.-----\$ 6.00
\$ 2,000.-----\$ 12.00
\$ 3,000.-----\$ 18.00
\$ 4,000.-----\$ 24.00
\$ 5,000.-----\$ 30.00
\$ 6,000.-----\$ 36.00
\$ 7,000.-----\$ 42.00
\$ 8,000.-----\$ 48.00
\$ 9,000.-----\$ 54.00
\$10,000.-----\$ 60.00
\$11,000.-----\$ 66.00
\$12,000.-----\$ 72.00
\$13,000.-----\$ 78.00
\$14,000.-----\$ 84.00
\$15,000.-----\$ 90.00
\$16,000.-----\$ 96.00
\$17,000.-----\$102.00
\$18,000.-----\$108.00
\$19,000.-----\$114.00
\$20,000.-----\$120.00
\$21,000.-----\$126.00
\$22,000.-----\$132.00
\$23,000.-----\$138.00
\$24,000.-----\$144.00
\$25,000.-----\$150.00

\$4.00 PER THOUSAND

\$26,000.-----\$104.00
\$27,000.-----\$108.00
\$28,000.-----\$112.00
\$29,000.-----\$116.00
\$30,000.-----\$120.00
\$31,000.-----\$124.00
\$32,000.-----\$128.00
\$33,000.-----\$132.00
\$34,000.-----\$136.00
\$35,000.-----\$140.00
\$36,000.-----\$144.00
\$37,000.-----\$148.00
\$38,000.-----\$152.00
\$39,000.-----\$156.00
\$40,000.-----\$160.00
\$41,000.-----\$164.00
\$42,000.-----\$168.00
\$43,000.-----\$172.00
\$44,000.-----\$176.00
\$45,000.-----\$180.00
\$46,000.-----\$184.00
\$47,000.-----\$188.00
\$48,000.-----\$192.00
\$49,000.-----\$196.00
\$50,000.-----\$200.00

\$3.00 PER THOUSAND

\$ 51,000.-----\$153.00
\$ 52,000.-----\$156.00
\$ 53,000.-----\$159.00
\$ 54,000.-----\$162.00
\$ 55,000.-----\$165.00
\$ 56,000.-----\$168.00
\$ 57,000.-----\$171.00
\$ 58,000.-----\$174.00
\$ 59,000.-----\$177.00
\$ 60,000.-----\$180.00
\$ 61,000.-----\$183.00
\$ 62,000.-----\$186.00
\$ 63,000.-----\$189.00
\$ 64,000.-----\$192.00
\$ 65,000.-----\$195.00
\$ 66,000.-----\$198.00
\$ 67,000.-----\$201.00
\$ 68,000.-----\$204.00
\$ 69,000.-----\$207.00
\$ 70,000.-----\$210.00
\$ 71,000.-----\$213.00
\$ 72,000.-----\$216.00
\$ 73,000.-----\$219.00
\$ 74,000.-----\$222.00
\$ 75,000.-----\$225.00
\$ 80,000.-----\$240.00
\$ 85,000.-----\$255.00
\$ 90,000.-----\$270.00
\$ 95,000.-----\$285.00
\$100,000.-----\$300.00

Nebraska VFW State Convention Registration Form

\$4.00 per 30 members as of March 31st, 2022

Round up and send to department by May 20, 2022

Delegates attending

Address

E-mail

Member No.

Registering of your delegates ensures that your Post is entitled to vote at the convention.

You must send in registration fees regardless of attendance.

Quartermaster _____ VFW Post _____

Membership total 30 days prior to June 9, 2022 convention _____ Total delegates _____

Enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____ Date _____

Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Nebraska



Department of Nebraska
By-Laws Article VI-Delegates
Article VI - Section 3:

Each Post will be required to pay four dollars (\$4.00) for each delegate to which the Post is entitled. Delegates to the State Convention shall not be recognized unless they personally register their completed delegate card with the State VFW convention staff. Posts failing to comply with provision shall be considered delinquent and in arrears.

Mail completed form to:

**VFW Nebraska
PO BOX 4552**

2021 - 2022 MEMBERSHIP & WHITE HAT PROGRAM

“Serving Those Who Served”

Membership Chairman: Larry Gerlt

All State White Hat Competition Guideline (to be awarded at State Convention)

ALL STATE CRITERIA: This criteria applies to BOTH the Post Commander and Quartermaster.

The items in red are required items.

1. Post **MUST** be 100%+1, or above, in membership by April 30th, 2022.
(Post MUST have over 10 members and have at least 1 new or reinstated member)

One extra point will be given for each percentage, or portion thereof, over the 100% level.

2. Post Commanders and Quartermasters **MUST** submit the completed Twenty (20) Questions from this program book. **Ten (10) points** will be awarded if completed and received at Dept. HQ by Nov. 1st, 2021. **Five (5) points** will be awarded if completed and received at Dept. HQ by Jan. 15th, 2022.
3. Each of the following programs carry a **twenty (20) point** value, Post **MUST** complete a **MINIMUM** of **five (5) of these core programs**:
 - (a) Voice of Democracy Program (VOD)
 - (b) Patriot's Pen Program
 - (c) Citizenship Teacher's Award
 - (d) VFW State Scholarship
 - (e) Military Assistance Program (MAP) Donation by Division
 - (f) Nat'l Veterans Service (appoint a Post Service Officer)
 - (g) Purchase at least five (5) Poppies Per-Member based on June 30, 2021 membership.

Credit will be given for Items a, b, c and d above if the Post sends in a donation for the proper amount by Division (see below). MEMBERSHIP WILL BE BROKEN INTO 3 DIVISIONS:

MEMBERS	DIVISION	DONATION
0-100	ONE	\$50.00
101-300	TWO	\$100.00
301 & over	THREE	\$150.00

In lieu of entries for VOD, Patriot's Pen and/or Teacher, donations to these programs may be made for 15 points for each donation made.

4. Host two membership drives (in person/calling), one in each calendar year (7/1/21-12/31-21) & (01/01/22-06/30/22) **10 points**
- Sell at least 20 Department of Nebraska raffle calendars. (form is on page 20) **20 points**
5. **C** Community Service Report. **10 points**
6. Post Trustee reports completed and filed on time, 5 points each. **20 points max.**
 - T1 Apr-Jun T2 Jul -Sep 3 Oct - Dec T4 Jan - Mar
7. **Y** Youth Activities Report. **10 points**
8. **V** Veterans Volunteer Report. **10 points**
9. **B** Post is Bonded according to Nat'l By-Laws. **10 points**
10. **A** Americanism Report. **10 points**
11. Post Cmdr., Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice and QM receive 2 points and all other Post members receive 1 point for attendance at the FALL and SPRING District meetings. **20 points max.**
12. Prompt payment of all Dept. bills (QM only) **5 points**

SCORECARD

This also gives you a tracker to refer to.

2021-2022 Score card

WHITE HAT POINT SYSTEM GUIDE	OFFERED	EARNED
100%+1 before April 30th, 1 new or reinstate		15+++
20Q (BY NOV 1ST COMMANDER)	10	
20Q (BY NOV 1ST QM)	10	
20Q (BY JAN 16TH COMMANDER)	5	
20Q (BY JAN 16TH QM)	5	
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY	15	20
PATRIOTS PEN	15	20
TEACHER AWARD	15	20
STATE SCHOLARSHIP DONATION		20
POST SERVICE OFFICER		20
MAP DONATION		20
BUDDY POPPY PURCHASE 5 EACH MEMBER		20
VFW NE RAFFLE CALENDARS	20	30
COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT		10
4 CORRECT TRUSTEE REPORTS-5 POINTS EACH		20
YOUTH ACTIVITIES REPORT		10
VETERANS VOLUNTEERS REPORT		10
BONDED PER NAT BYLAWS		10
AMERICANISM REPORT		10
FALL & SPRING MEETINGS +2 POINT EACH OFFICER & +1 POINT MEMBERS		20
PROMPT PAYMENT OF ALL DEPT BILLS		5
HOLD 2 MEMBERSHIP DRIVES—IN PERSON/CALLING		10
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS		305+++

Midwinter Conference, February 3rd thru 5th, Lincoln, NE

District Commanders' Competition-Cut off date is January 1st, 2022

Division 1: Districts 1,7,11,13 and 15

Division 2: Districts 3,4,6,9 and 10

- 1. District Commander with the highest membership percentage in each Division will receive \$50.00.**
- 2. District Commanders who are 100% in Post inspections by Nov. 1st will receive a shirt and certificate.**
- 3. District Commanders who are 100% in Post inspections by Jan. 2nd will receive a VFW ball cap and certificate.**

State Convention, June 9th-11th, Kearney, NE

All State Commander & Quartermaster Competition-Cut off date is April 30th, 2022

You will be recognized at State Convention.

Captains of the All State Commanders and Quartermasters teams will receive \$599.00 each to help defray the cost of attending the National Convention in Kansas City in July of 2022.

State Commander Selects:

The Charles G. Klingman Memorial Award: awarded to the best All-Around Post.

The Cliff Polk Membership Memorial Award: awarded to Post with the greatest numerical membership increase.

There will be 1 All State District Commander

Competition Judging Criteria:

1. Must have submitted 20 questions from this program book.
2. Must have reported on service officer training at a District Meeting.
3. Community Service reporting has been completed by 95% of the Posts in the District.
4. Submit District Meeting reports to Department Headquarters after the District meets.

The Distinguished All State District Commander will receive a \$100.00 award.

2021-2022 LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM "A BARGAIN OF A LIFETIME"

Any person otherwise eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States may become a Life Member upon the acceptance of his application and payment of a specified fee. Following are the regulations governing Life Membership and the payment required in each category.

The life fee is to be determined using the applicants age at December 31 of the calendar year in which the application is submitted, regardless of the actual birth date. Members can E-file on the National Web site.

The Life Membership Installment Plan: LIFE (12 Month Plan) Initial installment of \$45.00 due at application, then pay (11) monthly installments (see chart). VFW National will handle the billing process for the installment plan. The card issued will be a "Provisional Life" membership card. A permanent card will be issued upon completion of the agreement.

<u>Attained Age</u>	<u>Life Fees</u>	<u>Life 11 Month Plan</u>	<u>Attained Age</u>	<u>Life Fees</u>	<u>Life 11 Month Plan</u>
Through age 30	\$425.00	\$38.64	61-70	\$290.00	\$26.36
31-40	\$410.00	\$37.27	71-80	\$225.00	\$20.45
41-50	\$375.00	\$34.09	81 plus	\$170.00	\$15.45
51-60	\$335.00	\$30.45			

If a life member desires to transfer, the transferring member shall surrender their membership card to the Quartermaster of the accepting post. These changes can be made on line (vfw.org) or with a VFW MCR form signed by the Post Quartermaster and sent to the Quartermaster General. A new life member card will be issued by National VFW.

Death of a life member should be reported promptly to the Quartermaster General on line (vfw.org) and Department State Quartermaster, or by using the VFW Form MCR. Regulations governing VFW life membership are set forth in Section 111 (Life members) of the National By-Laws.

Address changes should be reported online to the VFW (vfw.org) or by completing the VFW MCR form.

Life Membership Chairman: Larry Gerlt

2431 N 48th Street; Lincoln, NE 68504 402-464-0674

"Leave a Lasting Legacy" That's a legacy to be proud of !!

Legacy Life Member: A current life member can leave a lasting mark on the great organization by helping to ensure that we continue to "honor the dead by helping the living."

This membership offers **3 levels of membership (Gold for \$1200, Silver for \$800 or Bronze for \$400)**, each package offers its own prestigious benefits. Once activated, an annual endowment will be made (in your name) to the VFW that will help support your post, your department and the VFW organization. Your financial contribution to the Legacy Life program is tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by the law. Questions can be answered by contacting the VFW Membership Department at 816-756-3390. As a Life Legacy Member, future generations will know you, not only for the sacrifices you made as a veteran, but for the contributions you made as a member. A portion of Legacy Life membership is paid back annually to the post after one year of membership.

Gold legacy receives a "Legacy Life Patch" for your VFW uniform hat.

Legacy Life Chairmen: Larry Gerlt

2431 N 48th Street; Lincoln NE 68504



Service Office

The primary purpose of our organization and this office is to provide service to our veterans, dependents and survivors. Because of constant changes in laws and regulations pertaining to veteran's entitlements, this office will provide update information through our NE state VFW/ web site and/or at various conferences and conventions.

The Department Service Officer will conduct various workshops periodically for interested individuals and Post Service Officers at District meetings and conferences. These workshops will consist of updates on veterans programs, medical benefits issues and ample time will be provided for general questions.

Each Post must appoint a Service Officer. (This qualifies under National Military Service requirement.) Each District must conduct a school of instruction for Post Service Officers.

The Department Service Officer is available for invitations to conduct an "Open Benefits Meeting". The request for the meeting should be made well in advance, giving first, second and possibly a third date for the meeting. Send your request to the Department of Nebraska VFW at P.O. Box 4552 in Lincoln, NE 68504.

As your Department Service Officer, please feel free to contact my office anytime in you have concerns or questions about veteran's benefits.

My office phone number is 402-643-4105.

Matt Starkey, VFW Department Service Officer

320 S. 14th Street

Seward, NE 68434

mstarkey@co.seward.ne.us

VFW Outstanding Post Service Officer of the Year State Award

Objective: The Post Service Officer is the crucial first link for veterans and their dependents at the "Grass Roots" level. This program is designed to provide annual state recognition to a VFW Post Service Officer who provides exemplary service to veterans and their families.

Criteria: Nominees for the annual award must have demonstrated exceptional efforts in assisting veterans and their families from May 1, 2021 to April 15, 2022. Deadline entry to Department is April 30, 2022.

A brief summary (not to exceed one page) is to be submitted which explains the who, what, when, where, and how the nominee's efforts are considered exemplary.

The Service Officer will receive a framed certificate awarded at State Convention.

2021-2022 BUDDY POPPY PROGRAM

As we enter the **100th** year of the Buddy Poppy Program, we reflect on how it benefits the disabled and needy veterans, also the widows and orphans of deceased veterans. Since 1922 the Buddy Poppy is the VFW's official memorial flower representing blood shed by American service members. It reiterates that the VFW will not forget their sacrifices.

Poppy assembly is great therapy and provides extra money paid to the patients in Veterans Hospitals and homes that assemble these VFW Buddy Poppies. It helps in counseling service for disabled veterans, entertainment of hospital patients, and assistance to servicemen.

The proceeds from the Buddy Poppy donations go into your Post Relief Fund (National By-Laws Section 219 and Manual of Procedure Section 704 and **711**). From the relief fund you can help the needy veterans and their families in your local community. Buddy Poppy funds can be expended to purchase educational materials (examples: VOD, Patriot Pen, Citizen Education and Community Service): Note Section 711 of the Manual of Procedure.

I urge all Posts in the Department of Nebraska to participate in this program. Order your poppies and supplies early. The Poppy year runs May 31, 2021 to May 30, 2022. Good distribution dates are Memorial Day in May and Veterans Day in November. Volunteer your time to distribute poppies. The minimum order is **100** poppies and thereafter in multiples of 50 poppies.

Distribution of Buddy Poppies should be included in every Post, District or Department activity or anything in *which* you participate, membership drives, Patriotic events, even Bingo should include distribution of our favorite flower.

Ideas for poppies: Sell coat hanger wreaths made from poppies; A wall of Remembrance using poppy cards filled with poppies; Poppy center pieces; Speak on poppies at civic organizations and take poppies to collect donations. Take poppies to school and talk about what they mean.

All participants will receive a certificate and the following cash awards in membership division for the greatest numerical increase over a 3 year average:

Division I: Post Membership 1 - 100	Prize: 1st Place - \$75
DIVISION II: Post Membership 101 - 300	Prize: 1st Place - \$75
DIVISION III: Post Membership 301 and Over	Prize: 1st Place - \$75

Entries for the Buddy Poppy Display Contest will be judged at State Convention and the program is detailed on following page.

If I can be of any assistance throughout the 2021-2022 program year, please contact me.

Honor the dead by helping the living.



Dale Wittrock, Chairman (402) 364-2585; PO Box 216, Davenport, NE 68335

The Buddy Poppy Display Contest

The 2021-2022 Buddy Poppy Program has the following display contests which each Post and Auxiliary can enter for cash prizes.

Buddy Poppy Display Contest: Rules and Judging in conformance with the National Contest; judging to be at Department Convention.

Category 1: Public Promotion of Buddy Poppy Campaign. (Window, booth, parade, poster displays, campaign promotions, etc.)

- A. Displays must be designed for public exposure and must bear a message soliciting a donation for and wearing of the VFW Buddy Poppy.
- B. At least one **(1)** Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color with label attached.

Prizes: 1st Place - \$75 2nd Place - \$50

Category 2: Memorial or Inspirational Display. (Wreaths, memorial tablets or plaques, patriotic or devotional themes).

Displays must be designed to honor the dead, to inspire devotion to God and Country, or to dramatize the activities supported by the Buddy Poppy.

- a.) At least one **(1)** Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

Prizes: 1st Place - \$75 2nd Place - \$50

Category 3: Artistic or Decorative Use of the Buddy Poppy (Post Home displays, table centerpieces, corsages, pictures, plaques, models, scenes, hats, novelty pieces, etc.)

Any display not meeting the qualifications of Categories 1 or 2 shall automatically be entered in Category 3.

At least one **(1)** Poppy used in the display must be in its original form and color, with label attached.

Prizes: 1st Place - \$75 2nd Place - \$50

Poppy Display JUDGING

Judging of displays will be on the basis of effectiveness, purpose, clarity of theme, suitability, originality, beauty and number of Poppies used. Where a sample of a large number of identical items (such as corsages or wreaths) are entered, full credit shall be given for the total number of poppies used.

DISPLAYS may be entered and set up at any time after 3pm on Friday and no later than 3pm on Saturday, judging to begin by 4:00pm on Saturday. Displays shall be set up in the space provided by the Convention location.

The individual responsible for the display must complete an entry form which will show the category, number of poppies used, the purpose of the display, the Post and or Ladies Auxiliary number and location and the name of the person who will remove the display at close of convention. Entry should be placed in an envelope on the underside of the display, with the envelope **CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE CATEGORY NUMBER and NUMBER OF POPPIES USED on the outside of the envelope.**

A POST OR AUXILIARY NUMBER OR NAME SHOWING WILL DISQUALIFY THE ENTRY.

DISPLAYS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A WHITE CARD, NOT TO EXCEED 6" X 12" IN SIZE, ON WHICH IS LETTERED IN BLACK INK, AN EXPLANATION OF THE THEME OF THE DISPLAY OR OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO THE VIEWER OR THE JUDGES.

ANY DISPLAYS USED IN PREVIOUS YEARS WILL *BE* DISQUALIFIED.

The Department Buddy Poppy Committee shall have no responsibility in setting up, taking down or returning displays. (Note: This rule applies at the National Convention.)

Posts that will represent the Department at National Convention in each category must notify the Department Adjutant by **June 15, 2022. National contest rules** must be followed.

DATE _____	CONTACT PHONE # _____
POST/AUXILIARY NO. _____	THEME DISCRPTION ATTACHED? _____
DO YOU HAVE A DISPLAY FOR: Category I _____ Category II _____ Category III _____	
NUMBER OF POPPIES ORDERED IN 2019-2020 _____	2020-2021 _____
NUMBER OF POPPIES ORDERED IN CURRENT YEAR BY MAY 31st, 2022 _____	
POST COMMANDER _____	
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT _____	
PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR DISPLAY PICK UP _____	

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

BUDDY POPPY ORDER BLANK

Purchased Poppies are CREDITED between May 31, 2021 through MAY 30, 2022

DATE OF ORDER _____

POST # _____ DATE OF POPPY DISTRIBUTION _____

NAME OF POST/AUXLOCATION _____ DISTRICT NO. _____

Buddy Poppies @ \$200.00 per thousand # ordered _____ at \$ _____

minimum order is 100 for \$20.00

NOTE: Price of poppy includes shipping and handling.

POPPY POSTERS @ \$.45 cents each # ordered _____ at \$ _____

The Poppy Coin Canisters item and other items are available from VFW National catalog.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER \$ _____

AMOUNT INCLUDED WITH ORDER \$ _____

BALANCE DUE \$ _____

Ordered by: _____

SHIP THE ABOVE TO: _____

TITLE _____

ADDRESS _____

PLEASE ALLOW 30 DAYS FOR DELIVERY.

Mail to: Department of Nebraska V.F.W.

2431 N. 48th St.

Lincoln, NE 68504



2021-2022 AMERICANISM PROGRAMS

In 1958, an 18-year old high school student, in Lancaster, Ohio, designed our 50-star Flag on the living room floor of his grandparents' home. Robert Heft, designer of our Flag, is a robust, enthusiastic American who travels 100,000 miles a year promoting Old Glory's history on Americanism to groups ranging from members of veterans' organizations to elementary school children.

When you look at those who take on the initiative in the community, such as Robert Heft, you will normally see people active in the VFW. We have those people in the VFW and that is the reason our great organization has always been the champion of positive Americanism. Americanism programs are not only an excellent way to promote the interest of the members within your Post or District, but also to focus favorable publicity upon the organization. Favorable publicity builds interest in the VFW within the community and such interest helps build membership.

Some of the things you can do are listed below:

1. Appear yourself and have other VFW representatives appear before service clubs, public schools and other groups.
2. Give awards, certificates or scholarships to students for essays or other developments of patriotic themes.
3. Present U.S. Flags and/or flagpoles to scouts, schools, churches, police, patriotic organizations, fire stations or public/private institutions.
4. Furnish Color Guard for parades, civic programs, funeral services, etc. Participate in parades and public ceremonies.
5. **Proper U.S. Flag disposal education:** Respectfully dispose of U.S. flag by folding in customary manner, (a fire sizeable and of sufficient intensity to ensure complete burning of flag and within local and state fire codes), place flag on the fire, individuals present should come to attention, salute the flag, or place hand over the heart, recite the Pledge of Allegiance and have a brief period of silent reflection. Afterwards, fire should be safely extinguished, and the ashes buried. (Contact local posts, fire departments.) More information is available from National.
6. The Short Flag Stories (available at National): Veterans in the classroom / Veterans Oral History Project count towards Americanism.

Criteria for Special Accreditation in Americanism

An Americanism record book must be **submitted** by May 1, 2022. Only projects for the current reporting year (May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022) will be credited. First place receives a certificate and \$75.00, second place receives a certificate and \$50.00, third place receives a certificate and \$25.00. Let's have 100% in reporting Americanism in Nebraska for 2021-2022.

A **Loyalty Day** record book contest (Note reporting date) May 1st, 2021 events should be reported by April 15, 2022, 1st place \$75.00; 2nd place \$50.00; 3rd place 25.00 and certificates.

The Department will judge all entries of record books by posts and auxiliary. Awards will be presented at State Convention. Citations will be given to all posts submitting record books.

Send record books to: VFW Nebraska, 2431 N 48th St.; Lincoln, NE 68504

Phone: 402-464-0674

COMMUNITY Service a Valuable Resource

How a Post interacts with its community determines the relevancy of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The VFW and its Auxiliary's ability to impact veterans, youth, political issues, patriotism, civic pride, volunteerism, almost anything you can name, is directly dependent upon the Post being recognized as a caring and involved participant in the community. This also help increase the interest of Post members.

Commanders, be sure to appoint a Community Service Chairman who has the leadership capabilities to conduct a strong and vibrant program. The 2021-2022 program will begin May 1, 2021 and will end April 30, 2022. Reporting to the Department Headquarters is now only mandatory to be done annually.

Our goal is to have all Posts reported and accredited by December 2021. District Commanders and Presidents are urged to get these reports on their inspection visits. Documentation of your efforts is the thing that ensures the VFW reputation and our not-for-profit status.

Reporting to your Department the volunteer hours, dollars donated by VFW, Auxiliary, Cooties, Jr. Girls and any other information supporting your activities.

Community Service Program reporting can be submitted online on our Department web site. If reporting is accomplished using the mail-in form, May 1st to April 30th period to be received no later than May 15th. Mail in form is included in this program book. Send to: VFW; 2431 N. 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68504. Report only what you can verify with the IRS with meeting minutes and/or receipts. Be careful of duplicate reporting to Department Headquarters.

Reporting: Hours- Only projects benefiting the community are to be reported and number of volunteers and their hours. (Do not report value of the hours on your report, National will apply the current value of hours.) Money that should be reported are the dollars donated or expended by the members in the performance of the community service hours reported, plus \$.14 per mile for each mile driven by the volunteer.

National Volunteer Programs:

- **America's Promise** — The Alliance for Youth connects adult mentors with youth.
February 2 National Groundhog Job Shadow Day
- **March of Dimes Walk America** — improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, infant mortality and much more. (Organize a team to raise money, provide a color guard for opening ceremonies.)
- **St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital** — Cancer research —www.stjude.org

Citizen Corps - Part of Homeland Security, community based initiative to engage all citizens in homeland security.

Honor Through Service —honor active duty men and women currently serving and those who died in the war on terrorism by sponsoring a community service project in his or her name.

- :Make A Difference Day
- :National Family Volunteer Day & National Volunteer Week
- :March of Dimes March for Babies

Be creative and plan new projects and report.



COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD BOOKS

The RECORD BOOKS play an important part in our program, not only as proof of the project, but also as an historical record for the Post. Displaying the post and community events is a great public relations tool. Posts are eligible for Department prizes. The Record Book should be submitted to Department Headquarters prior to **May 1st, 2022**. Material enclosed in the book may cover the period of May 1st, 2021 through April 15th, 2022. When completing your Community Service Record Books answer the questions of What?, Why?, When?, Where?, and How? as to your actions, and Who? benefited by your efforts.

All entries will receive a certificate for their efforts.

The following cash prizes will be presented at the Department Convention.

Best Overall Book	\$100.00 and certificate
Second Place	\$ 75.00 and certificate
Third Place	\$ 50.00 and certificate

The District Commander who is first to report 100% in Community Service will receive:

First Place \$75.00
AND Second Place \$50.00

Please use this form and attach to the inside cover of the Community Service Record Book that your Post/Auxiliary enters in the Department Community Service Record Book Contest.

Include a card in your record book with this information.

Name of the individual responsible for pickup of record book. _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Post _____ Auxiliary (Yes/No) _____

(Chairman Name) _____

Submit reports and books to the Department Chairman:

State Judge Advocate

2431 N. 48th St; Box 4552; Lincoln, NE 68504. Phone 402-464-0674

Programs Reporting Form

Reporting Period: May 1st, 2021 to April 15th, 2022 (only required to file 1 report)

Post # _____ Aux. # _____ District _____

Name of person completing this report: _____

Title: _____

Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Programs:	# of Volunteers	Hours	Mileage	\$ Spent
Youth Activities:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Volunteer Vets:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Americanism:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Community Service:	_____	_____	_____	_____

Note: Report Safety Under Volunteer Vets

Report only what you can verify with the IRS by using meeting minutes and/or receipts.

Be careful not to duplicate your reports. Submit only one report per event.

It is essential that the VFW maintain a valid system of program reporting in order to substantiate our tax exempt status (*income tax only*) and provide information about Post and Auxiliaries volunteer efforts in their communities.

Compile reports for the above Programs for charitable work allowed by the IRS. Only volunteer service projects representing the VFW and its Auxiliaries that benefit the community should be reported. Projects/Activities benefiting the VFW and/or its Auxiliaries CANNOT be reported. Examples of WHAT NOT to report; church activities, city council work, local service organizations, paid police and fireman activities and flying the flag daily are not reportable.

DO NOT calculate the dollars for volunteer hours or mileage, National will do this at the prevailing IRS rates.

DO REPORT actual cash expended or donated and/or the value of a gifts given.

Department will review all Post / Auxiliary reports and compile a summary and file a report with National.

New: report online at www.vfwne.com

Required Documents for your Post Inspection

- 1) Post By-Laws, if applicable
- 2) Post incorporation document
- 3) Current National and Dept. by-laws
- 4) Current election report
- 5) Officers proof of eligibility
- 6) QM ledger
- 7) Last 3 months bank statements
- 8) Copy of last trustees report filed
- 9) List of all post assets and their value
- 10) QM bond
- 11) Copy of last IRS 990 filed
- 12) Post EIN
- 13) insurance papers, if applicable
- 14) Current activity reports

State Inspector Roger Broecker

216 East Walnut; Maywood, NE 69038

National Military / Service (MIMS)

National Military Services -- Military Assistance Program (MAP), Operation Uplink and Unmet Needs provide support to the troops and their families via our VFW / Auxiliary membership.

Military Assistance Program (MAP) works to give troops and military families the help they need during long deployments and when they return.

Adopt-a-Unit (grants) promote involvement and interaction with the local military community. 2,300 military units have been adopted since 2007. Request grant applications or forms from the state chairman or go on line to National, www.vfw.org.

VFW Unmet Needs helps service members and their families who face unexpected financial difficulties, often as a result of unexpected or extended deployments. Military families can apply for grants of up to \$5,000 to cope with emergencies and get through tough times. Grants are paid directly to creditor.

Operation Uplink connects active-duty troops and hospitalized veterans with their loved ones through Free Call Days.

VFW's Sport Clips Help-A-Hero Scholarship will provide scholarships to help our veterans complete their educational goals.

Send your donations to: VFW NE; 2431 N. 48th; Lincoln, NE 68504

Remember: Post participation and your Post donations receive points for white hats by April 15th.

Chairman: Jeff Baker, 2431 N.48th St. Lincoln, NE 68504

Phone: 402-525-7937 Email: jbaker@vfwne.org

Department of Nebraska, Veterans of Foreign Wars Nebraska VFW Riders (VFWR)

The VFW Riders are a Chapter of members of the VFW within a VFW Post who share comradeship of riding motorcycles.

The Mission: Support and enhance existing VFW and Department programs; Be an additional tool that is used by each Post to assist in veterans assisting veterans and establish programs that further enhance the credibility and image of the VFW and the Department. In particular the VFW Riders are to be a positive tool for Post Commanders to increase the visibility of the VFW in their community.

NEBRASKA VFW RIDERS (VFWR)

JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY: The Nebraska Group of the VFW Riders and Chapters therein shall be formed and operated under the jurisdiction and authority of the Department of Nebraska, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Each Chapter shall report to the host VFW Post Commander.

Start a Chapter: Nebraska VFW Riders

Contact: Ron Packard, Chairman, Phone: 402-798-7879 [email: rpackard95@yahoo.com](mailto:rpackard95@yahoo.com)

S p o r t s P r o g r a m

Posts wishing to bid on locations for tournaments must submit their proposal in writing to the Department Adjutant prior to presentation to the Council, to be voted on. Tournament schedules and locations will be in the Genmail to all posts as well as on the Department website.

- Bowling Tournament: Submit bid for April 2022 tournament; Vote at State Convention.
- Fishing Tournament: Submit for June 2022 tournament; Vote at State Convention.
- Golf Tournament: Submit bid for September 2022 tournament; (Eastern & Western NE); Vote at State Convention.
- Cornhusker Veterans Sport Shoot in "March" for information call Ron Packard; Vote at State Convention.

Participate and Plan ahead for these events and arrange for sponsors, donations and prizes.

Ron Packard, Sports Chairman Phone: 402-798-7879 Cel#: 402-890-0333
405 Lincoln Ave
Cortland, NE 68331 [email: rpackard95@yahoo.com](mailto:rpackard95@yahoo.com)

POST COLOR GUARD

Entry Form from May 1st to April 30th

POST # _____ LOCATION _____ DISTRICT _____

POST MEMBERSHIP COUNT _____ DIVISION _____

COLOR GUARD NUMBER OF MEMBERS: _____

COLOR GUARD MEMBERS TOTAL HOURS: _____

COLOR GUARD NUMBER OF FUNERALS: _____

COLOR GUARD NUMBER OF PARADES: _____

COLOR GUARD MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES: _____

COLOR GUARD MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION. GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Special Event _____

RETURN TO:

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA, VFW

2431 N. 48th St.

LINCOLN, NE 68504

DUE BY: May 1st

WINNERS TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATE AND CASH AWARD AT STATE CONVENTION.

Certificate of Recognition to all reporting Color Guard.

Division 1 0 - 250 members

Division 2 251 and up

1st Place Certificate And \$100.00

2nd Place Certificate And \$ 75.00

3rd Place Certificate And \$ 50.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Albert Van De Walle Sgt-At-Arms at 402-741-9037

POW/MIA Program

The POW/MIA Program is designed to support all Americans and their families of all wars who are still unaccounted for.

This program is as important as any other that the department has. This is mostly because of the progress that is being made in getting an accounting of the many Americans who are POW/M1As. There is now more information available than ever before.

Each District and Post should have someone appointed as a POW/MIA Chairman. These Chairmen should gather information on the status of POW/M1As and keep their Post informed as to what is being done to get an accounting. The Post Chairman should gain knowledge of this program so they will be able to answer questions from concerned members and act as a point of contact within their community.

Each Post should fly a POW/MIA flag at their Post. If this is not possible, then they should contact their city government and see if it is possible to fly a POW/MIA flag somewhere within the community. By doing this, we as Americans are showing that we do care about and have not forgotten these brave Americans who have given so much.

If there is a family of a POW/MIA within your community, get in touch with them. Express the concerns of the VFW to show them that we are trying to do something also. In return, they may be able to supply you with information that will help in making your local program even better.

We must keep our State and Federal elected officials aware as to how we feel about the progress that is being made in getting an account of the POW/M1As. We cannot allow them to place this mater on the back burner and become forgotten. We now have access and cooperation in more countries than in any prior years.

Please forward your reports to the Department Chairman listed below; if you have any questions or comments on the program, please get in touch with him. In your report, please include any information as to what your District, Post, and Community are doing on this program.

Your Post POW/MIA participation will count 5 points towards your white hat, when reported as Americanism

Larry M. Gerlt, Department Chairman



Post# _____ Location _____ District _____

Person Responsible for program _____

Address _____ Phone _____

POW / MIA

Activity Report Form (**Americanism**)

This completed report counts 5 points towards a White Hat

Report Deadline: APRIL 15th, 2022

Description of POW/MIA activity or the # of pins purchased. _____

Number of VFW / Auxiliary members involved: _____

Estimated number of the public influenced: _____

Return this report form to: VFW NE at PO Box 4552, Lincoln NE 68504

Student Veterans (SVA)



VFW & Student Veterans (SVA) The VFW and the SVA are working together for America's heroes.

The VFW continuously advocates on the behalf of veterans. Most notable, is legislative efforts in making college education affordable for service members, the signing of the 1944 GI Bill of Rights, the Montgomery GI Bill in 1984 and the Post -9/11 GI bill in 2008. The VFW has also fought to reinstate military Tuition Assistance.

The Student Veterans of America founded in 2008 is a chapter network providing peer to peer support empowering veterans to achieve academic success. The nation's renewed focus on veterans' welfare has ignited change on campuses and in Congress.

Posts get involved with an SVA Chapter and strengthen a relationship that will help ensure a bright future for veterans. Find a chapter near you at www.studentveterans.org.

To assist student veterans experiencing difficulty accessing their GI Bill or other VA benefits email the VFW at www.1studentveteran@vfw.org.

THE VFW "Sports Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" will provide service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt.

Student veterans are encouraged to apply! Visit: www.vfw.orescholarship

Chairman contact: John Liebsack 402-210-5198

Nebraska Scholarship Program 2021-2022

The VFW Nebraska Scholarship Program was started in 1967 by a committee of three members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and three members of the Auxiliary, duly appointed by the Department Commander and President of the Auxiliary. The first awards were made for the school year of 1968-69.

The fund is available to students who are attending accredited colleges, with exceptions noted under scholarship qualifications guide. Eligible students may be a veteran, or a child, grandchild, or spouses of members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or its Auxiliary and have completed one year of college or have achieved 24 college credit hours in high school.

The committee concentrates on the VFW Department Scholarship, trying to get all Posts, Auxiliaries, and members to contribute to the scholarship fund, either by memorials or voluntary contributions.

It is the hope of the committee that Posts, Auxiliaries, and members will continue to support the Department Scholarship and also try to start a Scholarship Program of their own in their local community. Some Posts and Auxiliaries have had this program for quite some time. **A post contributing to their own scholarship should report this contribution to Department for credit.** Citations will be presented to the Posts and Auxiliaries that report a Scholarship Program on their Community Activity Reports. Contact the Department of Nebraska VFW and establish a new perpetual scholarship, recognizing Post/Aux; Memorials, or Organization. Some ideas for the program would be to honor someone that has done an outstanding job and made great contributions to the community, such as doctors, nurses, law enforcement officers, teachers, city and county officials, Post and Auxiliary members and Officers of the Posts, Auxiliaries, District and Department or memorials for a deceased person.

Contributions are tax deductible, acknowledgment or receipt of contribution is sent to all who contribute and to the next of kin on memorial contributions. Contributions should be received no later than April 1 of each year, so that they can be used for the following school year. Applications for grants must be received by March 31st of each year. Use only current years application.

Posts may participate in the Scholarship program to qualify a post commander for a white hat. Division donations to the Scholarship program will be accepted as participation at state in this "CORE" programs. **All American Posts/ Districts** must have participated in donations or awarded a scholarship.

THREE DIVISIONS Minimum Donations:

Members	Division	Donation	Members	Division	Donation
0-100	One	\$50.00	301 & up	Three	\$150.00
101-300	Two	\$100.00			

Questions: Call the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Nebraska at 402- 464-0674

Send Applications by March 31 to: VFW Nebraska; 2431 N 48th St; Lincoln, NE 68504

For more information, contact:: Jeff Baker, VFW Scholarship Chairman; 402-464-0674

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND ITS AUXILIARY

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023: MARCH 31 DEADLINE

On a separate sheet of paper, please state why you feel you should receive a scholarship award. Include your goals and other supporting information. Use only application for the appropriate school year. List all income for you, your parents, and spouse. Should special situations need explanation, attach a separate sheet citing appropriate details.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone: () _____

City _____ State _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____ Veteran _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Nebraska Resident: _____ Marital Status _____ Dependents _____ Ages: _____

Any college credit hours received in high school _____ (total of 24 credit hours = 1 year)

College Now Attending _____ Years Completed _____ **(Must have completed one year)**

Name of College Accepted In _____ Address _____

Current Grade Average _____ Hours per semester _____ Cost/credit hour \$ _____ Cost/Year \$ _____

Major _____ Student's School Contribution \$ _____

Student and/or Spouse's Employer _____ Income Past Year \$ _____

Applicant VFW/Auxiliary _____ VFW/Auxiliary affiliated member is: _____

Name of VFW/Auxiliary, Dept. of NE _____ Life Member? _____

Relationship: _____ Deceased? _____ Post/Auxiliary number and location _____

Participation in VFW or Auxiliary (officer, chairman)? _____

Parent's Name: _____ Address: _____

Names & Ages of Other Dependents: _____

Parent's Net Income \$ _____ Parent's Contribution Next Academic Year \$ _____

Estimated (\$) Needs After Grants, Scholarships, Loans, etc.: _____

All Other Aid Received for Next Academic Year (Grants, Fellowships, Scholarships, & Loans): _____

SOURCE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED	DATE APPROVED
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____

All VA Benefits (Per Month): \$ _____ Date Benefits Terminate: _____

Other Income (List Source): \$ _____

CHARACTER AND ACADEMIC REFERENCES:

Name: _____ Address: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

All information is true to the best of my knowledge _____

As of this date: _____ (Signature)

SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

1. Generally, qualified, needy applicants must have completed at least one year (or 24 college credit hours acquired in high school) of college education and be members, spouses, children, grandchildren, or stepchildren of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or its Auxiliary, Department of Nebraska. Individual scholarship requirements or restrictions are as follows:

Department of Nebraska, VFW State Scholarship requires attending school in Nebraska

Darrell Thibault and Nathan Grossman VFW State Memorial Scholarships

other restrictions apply and requirements to be determined by committee

Post 3704 Columbus VFW State Scholarship requires awards with VFW Post 3704 Columbus affiliation. If none received, then VFW District 15, then State affiliation. Allows awards for in or out of state schools

Department of Nebraska, VFW @2 Nuts & Bolts Scholarship VFW Post 8334, District 10, State affiliation

Department of Nebraska VFW Kenny Bellows Scholarship VFW Post 5289, District 6, State affiliation

1504 Auxiliary North Platte Auxiliary 1504, District 4, State affiliation

Marilyn Haines Music Scholarship Music student

6016 Hildreth Scholarship Wilcox/Hildreth area. If none received, Post 6016, District 13, State affiliation

Past State Commanders In or out of state schools

Phillips Scholarship No restrictions apply, to use for education

Post & Auxiliary 2704 Irvin Holst Scholarship Post 2704, District 10, State affiliation

Connie Liebsack Memorial Scholarship No restrictions apply, use for education

Post 2503 Scholarship VFW Post, State affiliation

Post 131 Scholarship VFW Post 131, State affiliation

2. If you are recently accepted initially or for your second year at a qualifying school, you must enclose a copy of the acceptance letter with your application. Must have 12 hours scheduled per semester and be attending school fulltime. A school year is considered September to June. VFW payment is per semester made September 10th and January 10th.
3. Qualified applicants must be prepared to present themselves, when properly notified in writing, for a personal interview before the Scholarship Committee at the VFW Department of Nebraska headquarters building located at 2431 North 48th Street, Lincoln, NE. Any necessary and required personal interviews will be scheduled during April each year at the applicant's own expense. Thorough applications usually preclude the need for personal interviews of applicants. Use of the telephone may be considered for conducting necessary personal interviews. Social Security # will be given if necessary.
4. Completed applications **must be received** at the listed address **by March 31 each year** and clearly identify Nebraska VFW or Auxiliary affiliation.
5. Nebraska VFW and/or Auxiliary member and applicant must be a resident of Nebraska.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Phone: 402-464-0674

Or email to:

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA VFW

2431 N. 48th Street

Lincoln, NE 68504-0552

jbaker@vfwne.org

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SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

The VFW and America's scouting organizations are partners in patriotism and our continued cooperation can only produce citizens who will share our concern and love of this great nation.

Scouting in the 21st Century will continue to keep young people involved. Their pledge is one that every American should make "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight" gives these young people direction. The first uniform donned by many veterans from WWI to the Persian Gulf was not in the military, but rather years earlier in the BSA. In Scouting these future soldiers learned teamwork, preparedness and sense of responsibility.

National VFW and Nebraska VFW offers 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.

Contact Chairman for more information.

Department of Nebraska, VFW has a \$500.00 award.
This award provided by Post 3704, Columbus.

National sponsors scholarships: 1st place \$5,000.00, 2nd place \$3,000.00 and 3rd place \$1,000.00.

To enter the competition a scout needs to submit a completed application (available from National or pages 47-48) and submit the necessary documentation of Achievements. Inclusion of his/her scout record and fully documenting scouting activities, religious activities, community service activities and High School extracurricular activities. An explanation of how leadership was displayed in each of them is crucial to winning at Department and National levels. Letters of recommendation from parents, teachers, clergy and others should talk about the scout's moral character, demonstration of patriotism, leadership abilities and service to others. Deadline to Post is March 1st, 2022 and to Department is April 1st, 2022.

If eligible to take part in the program, contact the nearest VFW Post in your area and get the details on the state wide competition.



Larry Gerlt
VFW Scouting Chairman
2431 N. 48th
Lincoln, NE 68504



SCOUT OF THE YEAR Program



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 the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship at the time the above reward was received.
- Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.

Prior National Scout of the Year winners are ineligible. There is no minimum age requirement for applicants as long as all other eligibility criteria has been met. The maximum age requirement for applicants is 18 years old. If an applicant reaches their 18th birthday during the nomination year, they remain eligible as long as they are still in high school at the time of the submission deadline. A Scout may enter through only one VFW Post. A local Post can be identified by zip code at vfw.org/FindaPost.

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 Scouting chairman can provide this information.
- The Department winner must be selected and submitted by their Department Scouting chairman to the VFW National Headquarters by May 1.

Questions should be directed to 816.756.3390, ext 6155. during normal business hours Monday through Friday or emailed to scouting@vfw.org.

Official Entry Form

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

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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 or was when the award was received 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 designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Father, Mother or Guardian Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

SCOUT OF THE YEAR Program

VFW DEPARTMENT SCOUTING CHAIRMAN

PHONE: _____

SPONSORING VFW POST

POST NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE: _____

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

DISTRICT #: _____

DISTRICT CDR.: _____

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

DEPARTMENT: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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".
- **School Participation Record** — a single page, one-sided resume of the candidate's school activities indicating academic achievements, offices held, honors received and significant participation in other activities.
- **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 vfw.org/FindaPost.

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 6155, or email scouting@vfw.org



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Patriot's Pen 2021 - 2022

THEME: "How Can I Be A Good American?"

AGE: 6th, 7th, 8th grade levels of "Student Participation"

PRIZES: National VFW - 1st Place - \$5,000.00. 46 place winners receive at least \$500.00.

Department of Nebraska VFW:

First Place winner: \$1,000.00 Cash award and

1st, 2nd & 3rd place - Invitation to Mid Winter Banquet in February to accept scholarship award, 3 banquet tickets and an expense check when attending.

2nd & 3rd place scholarship awards to be determined by special sponsorships.

Thank you to the 2020-2021 Special Sponsors: VFW Post 2704-\$1000.00; VFW Post 854 Fremont-\$750.00; VFW Auxiliary-\$500.00.

Contact NE VFW State Headquarters and sign up now to be a special sponsor for 2021-2022.

District / Post Awards – are optional at each level.

COMPETITION: Post to District to Department to National.

- ENTRY:
- 1.) Official Student entry form
 - 2.) The typed entry should be (300-400 words) in English. All words must be counted, including one letter words. Check with the National guidelines.
 - 3.) Head and shoulder picture required.

State Deadlines: State: judging dates may not be altered.

District Chairman and Auxiliary Chairman must coordinate jointly entries for judging.

Critical dates:

Essay entry to local VFW Post - October 31; Post Judging is November 1st - November 14th

Essay student entry to District - November 15; District Judging is November 16th - December 14th

District winner to Department - December 15th Deadline

District /Post Participation summary - January 15th to department (important to receive participation credit at National).

Send district winner's essay and entry forms to VFW Department Headquarters,

2431 N 48th St; Lincoln, NE 68504 by December 15th, 2021

JUDGING CRITERIA:	1. Addresses theme	= 20 points
	2. Theme development	= 50 points
	3. Clarity of ideas	= <u>30 points</u>
	TOTAL POINTS:	100 POINTS

**Public, private or parochial schools and Home Schooled Students are eligible.
In no way should the contestant identify themselves in their essay.**

PATRIOT'S PEN JUDGING: Program chairman should review essays several days before judging to allow students to correct minor discrepancies. It is the responsibility of chairman at all levels to keep accurate records of participation. Summary reports are due to Department by December 15th.

Judges from outside the organization. Recommendation: Utilize community Leaders, Church Leaders, Educators.

Winner Entries Increments of 15 entries can go to District.

Example: Post to District: 1- 15 entries = (1) entry to District; 16-30 entries = (2) Two to District; 31 - 45 entries = (3) Three to District.

Only one student winner per district to Department.

CHAIRMEN: *Remember:* The District Chairman is responsible for notifying every Post Chairman in his district of the exact time, date and place of their district judging in writing 5 days prior to judging. It is the responsibility of the District Commander to provide to the Patriot's Pen Chairman a copy of these programs so all judging dates will be the same.

More Patriot Pen information on the Internet at the VFW web page - www.vfw.org

A. The Patriot Pen Chairman at all levels will be given the responsibility of coordinating this competition.

B. Program information available on line www.vfw.org (programs)

Essay information will be sent out in general mailing.

Judge program (all levels) per state deadlines. District summaries DUE- January 15th.

Send District Reports to VFW Department Headquarters, 2431 N 48th St; Lincoln, NE 68504

Posts may participate in Patriot's Pen program to qualify a post commander for a white hat.

Division donations to the program will be accepted as participation at State level if unable to obtain entry and report where applications were distributed. Donations do not qualify at the National level.

THREE DIVISIONS Minimum Donations:

MEMBERS	DIVISION	DONATION	MEMBERS	DIVISION	DONATION
0 to 100	ONE	\$ 50.00	301 & OVER	THREE	\$ 150.00
100 to 300	TWO	\$100.00			

State Chairman: J. Douglas Whitaker

Jd_whitaker@hotmail.com

Phone: 816-916-4857

2021-2022 Theme "How Can I Be A Good American?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2021

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

What Is Patriot's Pen?

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 138,000 students who participated last year in this contest. The national winners will receive at least \$500. The first place national award is currently \$5,000.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.

Big National Prizes

National awards total: \$55,000

Prizes include the various amounts listed below:

1st: \$5,000	7th: \$1,750
2nd: \$4,000	8-10th: \$1,500
3rd: \$3,500	11-12th: \$1,250
4th: \$2,750	13-23rd: \$1,000
5th: \$2,500	24-25th: \$750
6th: \$2,000	26-53rd: \$500

The Internal Revenue Service requires that any recipient that receives more than \$599 award should receive a Form 1099, identifying the proceeds as taxable. This may require the winner to provide their social security number.

How Does the Contest Work?

All entries begin at the 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 local VFW Post competition. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This participating Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence.

The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) is sponsored by local 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 one first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition. The winner from each Department (state) then competes for the national prizes.

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. 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 for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools can participate, too. (Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in the National contest are excluded from the contest.)

2021-2022 Official Entry Form Patriot's Pen Competition

Must Be Completed by All Contestants

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

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Phone

Email

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

Grade in School

Age

School Name, City, State

Teacher's name and Email (if applicable)

To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone

Parent/Guardian's Email

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's/Chairman's Signature

Post #

VFW Auxiliary President's/Chairman's 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.) \$

2021-2022 Theme

"How Can I Be A Good American?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2021

I Have Read and Understand the Contest Rules

I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that 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 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 Departments.

District Chairman's Signature _____

Dist. # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Phone _____

Email _____

To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairman

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 Chairman's Signature _____

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Daytime Phone _____

Email _____

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

How Am I Judged?

You will be judged on how well you understand, develop and present the theme. A positive approach is recommended to express your viewpoint.

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.

How Do I Get Started?

- Ask a teacher or youth group/club adult leader to supervise the Patriot's Pen writing competition.
- Contact a local VFW Post within your local area within your state and indicate your interest in participating.
- Establish a contact person who is a member of that VFW Post or its Auxiliary.
- Make sure that your essay is submitted to the VFW Post before the contest deadline of Oct. 31, 2021. You can submit your essay and entry form electronically (by email) upon the Post's approval. Entries sent to VFW National directly will be returned.

What Are the Rules?

- Essay length: 300-400 typewritten words (+ or - 5 words max).
- You must write your own essay.
- All essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics and cannot be less than 300 words or greater than 400 words in length. (Essays under or over these word amounts will be eliminated. Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count. At any time during the contest additional participant personal information (i.e. SSN, photo, etc.) could be requested by the VFW.

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 your essay. The entry form is your essay's 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). Contestants found in violation of this rule will face elimination from the competition and will be required to return any and all prize money awarded or received.

The essay must be a contestant's original work and a product of the contestant's own thinking. 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 retain non-exclusive rights to use your essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

Deadline Information

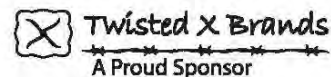
To qualify, all entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by midnight October 31, 2021.

Note:

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

First, visit vfw.org/FindaPost to "Find A VFW Post." Be sure this post is within the state you reside in.

If you need assistance, please email us at the VFW National Headquarters at youthscholarships@vfw.org.



For assistance contact:
816.756.3390 ext. 6155
Email: youthscholarships@vfw.org

Revised 4/2021

LOCAL VFW POST INFORMATION:

CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

74th Annual Voice of Democracy Program 2021-2022 **THEME :**

“AMERICA: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE ?” AGE: 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th
grade students.

Awards: National VFW - 1st Place - \$30,000.00 Scholarship. 53 Place winners receive \$1,000-\$16,000.

All expense paid trip to Washington D.C.; February 27th-March 3rd, 2022.

Department of Nebraska VFW:

First Place: \$ 2000.00 Scholarship

Invitation to Mid-Winter Banquet in February to accept award, 3 banquet tickets and expense check when attending.

All expense paid trip to Washington D.C.; February 27th - March 3rd, 2022

Second to tenth place to be determined by special sponsorships.

"Thank you" to the 2020-2021 Special Sponsors of Scholarship Awards:

**VFW Post 2704 Omaha - \$2000.00; VFW Post 854 Fremont - \$1500.00;
Past State Commanders—\$1200.00; VFW Post 131 Lincoln - \$1250.00;
VFW Post and Auxiliary 8334- \$1,000.00; Lyle C. Petersen Memorial
Scholarship - \$600.00; VFW Post 2280 - \$550.00; VFW Department of
Nebraska Auxiliary - \$500.00; Ron & Dixie Hild and VFW Post 1581 -
\$250.00; VFW Post 3755 - \$250.00; VFW Post 10727 \$200.00.**

**Contact: NE VFW Headquarters and sign up now to be a
special sponsor for the 2021-2022 Awards.**

All District Winners will be honored at the Mid-Winter Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska during the Friday evening banquet held on February 4th, 2022. They will be provided with three banquet tickets and one night free lodging, if remaining overnight. A mileage allowance will also be given to defray traveling costs. Each District will pay a portion of their District winner's cost, payable to the department.

Official VOD program information and forms are available on the VFW web site: www.vfw.org/vod

State Deadlines State judging dates may not be altered.

District Chairman and Auxiliary Chairman must coordinate jointly entries for judging.

Critical dates:

VOD student entry to local VFW Post November 1; Post Judging - November 2 - November 14; VOD student entry to District - November 15; District Judging - November 16 - December 14; District winner to Department - December 15th Deadline: District / Post Participation summary— January 15th.

Mail District entries to: VFW NE; 2431 N 48th St; Lincoln, NE 68504

Judge Criteria (Form available online: Originality - 30 points, Content - 35 points and Delivery - 35 points)

Remember: The District Chairman is responsible for notifying every Post Chairman in his district of the exact time, date and place of their district **judging in writing 5 days** prior to judging. It is the responsibility of the District Commander to provide to VOD Chairman a copy of these programs so all judging dates will be the same.

**Winner Entries example: Post to District: 1- 15 entries - (1) entry to District; 16-30 entries (2) Two to District; 31 - 45 entries (3) Three to District. Increments of 15 entries (1) can go to District.
Only one student winner per District to Department.**

VOD Entry: Send the District winner entry and information to State Headquarters *only*.

VFW NE; **2431 N 48th St; Lincoln. NE 68504**, by December 15th, 2020.

- 1. Official Entry form and Post entry form (complete both sides)**
- 2. Three (3) neatly typed copies of script**
- 3. Recording (good quality audio CD or flash drive)**
- 4. A good quality close up photo of head & shoulders**
- 5. Completed District VOD participation summary report form**

Do not send final District Winner tapes to Department Chairman.

Please make sure that the District VOD Participation Summary Report form (showing the posts, auxiliaries, students, and money for VOD) are filled out and forwarded to the Department immediately with the district winner information. These forms when properly completed provide National with the participation report of posts and auxiliaries. **Deadline for report is January 15th.**

Helpful Hints: Program Chairman should **1.)** review recordings several days before judging to allow students to correct minor discrepancies and time limit. **2.)** Audio recording should be recorded on audio CD that can be played on standard cd player. Look for sound quality which is free of outside noise. Make sure the body of the essay does not identify who is making the speech, school, etc., only text should be recorded.

KNOW AND COMMUNICATE ALL DEADLINES: It is imperative that deadlines are communicated to all involved. It would be a shame if a contestant was denied the chance to compete because of a chairman's lack of attention to the deadlines.

Posts may participate in VOD program to qualify a post commander for a white hat.

Division donations to the program will be accepted as participation if unable to obtain entry.

THREE DIVISIONS Minimum Donations:

Member	Division	Donation	Member	Division	Donation
0-100	One	\$50.00	301-over	Three	\$150.00
101-300	Two	\$100.00			

V.O.D. Supplies: Purchase from Voice of Democracy Program, VFW National Headquarters, 34th & Broadway Streets, Kansas City, MO 64111. You can request program booklets, certificates of merit, award citations, wall posters, entry forms and judging sheets.

State VOD Program Chairman: J. Douglas Whitaker

Phone: 816-916-4857

State Headquarters: VFW Nebraska; **2431 N 48th St; Lincoln, NE 68504** Phone:402-464-0674

2021-2022 Theme

“America: Where do we go from here?”

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2021

Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$30,000 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 57,000 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, **America: Where do we go from here?**

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, to tour the city, be honored by the VFW and its Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$154,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$30,000.

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, previous Voice of Democracy first place state winners, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

What do I need to enter?

Record your original 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 seconds max.) audio essay and submit the recording, typed essay and completed entry form to your school/group competition or local 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. 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 and typed essay should be labeled with your name, to show ownership. You may enter only one competition at one Post (if otherwise eligible) per year. At any time during the contest, additional participant personal information could be requested by the VFW, including but not limited to a photograph, SSN or biographical information.

2021-2022 Official Entry Form Voice of Democracy Competition

Must Be Completed by All Contestants

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

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Phone

Email

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

Grade in School

Age

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

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Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone

Parent/Guardian's 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.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

2021-2022 Theme

“America: Where do we go from here?”

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2021

I Have Read and Understand the Rules and Participant Agreement (On Opposite Side)

I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that 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’s/Chairman’s Signature _____ Post # _____

VFW Auxiliary President’s/Chairman’s 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 Chairman’s Signature _____ Dist. # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

() _____

Phone _____ Email _____

To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairman

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

Department Chairman’s Signature _____

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Daytime Phone _____ Email _____

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

Where Do I Submit My Entry?

All entries begin at the local 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 local VFW Post. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This VFW Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence. 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 in your area, follow these instructions: First, visit this website www.vfw.org/FindaPost to “Find A VFW Post.” Be sure this Post is within the state you reside in. 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, 2021**. 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.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.



For assistance contact:
816.756.3390 ext. 6155
Email: youthscholarships@vfw.org

Revised 4/2021

LOCAL VFW POST INFORMATION:

CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award

Recognize Teachers Who Care About America

Founded in 1899, the Veterans of Foreign Wars is concerned with the education of America's youth. The VFW's Citizenship Education program stimulates interest in America's history, traditions, institutions, Americanism, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism.

The VFW wants to identify and recognize America's best educators who instill a sense of national pride in students. Teachers care deeply about America and its children. They're concerned about the perpetuation of America's noblest traditions and highest ideals. The investment a teacher makes in today's youth will be the dividends we will all reap from future leaders. Teachers change our society one day, one class lesson, and one student at a time.

Promoting Citizenship Education

Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates for the "VFW's National Citizenship Education Teacher" award. Do you know a teacher who plans field trips to city hall or organizes community volunteer projects, invites veterans into their classroom to discuss their military experiences, or one who fosters the development of democratic values and beliefs through special projects, nominate this teacher for this award.

Who Is Eligible

All teachers in grades K-12.

Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals to the VFW Post in their area. Contact state office to locate participating posts. (Self nominees are not eligible.) (Previous state and National VFW winners are not eligible.) All entries must be judged at each level. One entry per district and category.

Entries per teacher check list includes:

1. Winner's original entry form and original signed nomination essay of 350 words or less why be selected.
- 2. Winner's official Post Teacher Entry form w/signatures at Post & District level (Advancement form)**
3. One page resume (no more than two sides).
4. Up to 5 pages (both sides) of additional documentation: Describes teachers' innovative teaching and resource development methods as well as his or her dedication to education. (i.e. News articles, supervisor recommendations, testimonials)
5. Good quality head and shoulders photograph.

State Deadlines:

Note: if your district does not participate in judging send entries to department.



Teacher entry to local VFW Post - October 31st.

Teacher entry to District with the Advancement Form - November 15th.

District winner to Department with Advancement Form - December 15th.

Deadline District /Post -Participation summary January 15th.

State winner to National - January 15th.

Mail District entries to: VFW NE; 2431 N 48th; Lincoln, NE 68504

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

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

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: VFWNE State Headquarters - 2431 N. 48th St. Lincoln, NE 68504

HELP YOUR KIDS GET A HEAD START ON THEIR FUTURE



An Open Letter to Teachers and Youth Leaders:

Thank you for the time, effort and commitment you invest each year in America's young people. Because of you, our nation continues to produce scholars, dreamers and leaders who benefit the entire world. We, the more than 1.5 million members of the VFW and the VFW Auxiliary share your commitment to America's youth. Each year, we provide millions of dollars worth of awards and college scholarships to students across the U.S. and overseas. The purpose of these awards is to encourage personal growth and foster a greater understanding and appreciation for America, its history and values. This brochure is provided to acquaint you with the VFW's programs that benefit those young lives you touch each day. Again, thank you for all you do. If we can serve you in any way, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Lynn W. Rolf, III
Director, VFW Programs
lrolf@vfw.org



Patriots Pen Essay Contest

Patriot's Pen provides 6th, 7th and 8th grade students the opportunity to express their opinion on a patriotic theme and improve their writing skills while they compete for worthwhile awards and prizes. Awards can be given at the local, district and state levels. The state winners compete for \$55,000 in awards at the national level. The first place national winner receives a \$5,000 award. **The entry deadline is Oct. 31.**

Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) started the Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition in 1947. The VFW became a national sponsor in the late 1950s and assumed sole responsibility for the program in 1961. Many notables have participated in Voice of Democracy including journalist Charles Kuralt, Miss America Anita Bryant and U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft. The Voice of Democracy competition provides high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors the opportunity to write and record an essay on a patriotic theme, competing for more than \$2 million in college scholarships and incentives. State winners compete for \$154,000 in scholarships - with the first place national winner receiving a \$30,000 scholarship. **Deadline is Oct. 31.**

Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award Program

Each year, the VFW presents an elementary, middle and high school teacher with its Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award to recognize them for their outstanding commitment to teach and promote America's history, traditions and citizenship.

VFW Posts nominate their top local candidate in each category to their (state) Department, which then selects a candidate from each category to submit to VFW National Headquarters. The national Department winners in each grade category will receive a VFW National citation for both themselves, and their school.

All current certified/licensed teachers in grades K-12 who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates for this award. From planning field trips to city hall and organizing community volunteer projects, to inviting veterans into the classroom to discuss their military experiences and teachers who foster the development of democratic values and beliefs through unique projects, if you know of such a teacher nominate them today.

Nominations must be submitted to a local VFW Post by Oct. 31. For additional information about our program, please visit our website at vfw.org/TeacheroftheYear.

HELP YOUR KIDS GET A HEAD START ON THEIR FUTURE

To encourage as many students as possible to participate, the VFW provides a number of ways to enter.

Submitting Student Entries

Students can enter directly by submitting the required entry form, along with their essay (and in the case of Voice of Democracy, their recording) to a local participating VFW Post.

Your local VFW Post's contact information can be obtained at vfw.org/FindaPost or by calling the VFW National Programs office during normal business hours at 816.756.3390. Entry forms and instructions can be downloaded from the VFW website at vfw.org/YouthScholarships.

PATRIOTIC PROJECTS

Teachers and youth leaders may obtain student entry forms in the manner indicated above. You may then select from the following options:

Patriot's Pen (Grades 6-8)

Write a 300-400 word essay on the annual theme available online at vfw.org/PatriotsPen or by calling 816.756.3390. Use the competition as a patriotic assignment and encourage the students with the best essays to complete the entry form and forward those, along with the essay, to the local VFW Post competition.

Voice of Democracy (Grades 9-12)

Write an essay on the annual theme available online at vfw.org/VOD or by calling 816.756.3390. Again, use the competition as an essay contest and encourage the students with the best essays to record their essays, complete the entry form and forward them, with the recording and typed essay, to the local VFW Post competition.



Local VFW Post Information



Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

VFW Programs
406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111
816.756.3390
youthscholarships@vfw.org
www.vfw.org

Revised 8/20

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/find-a-post 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 October 31.

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

Now you can.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.



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. 6287
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 and required documents 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 homeschool teachers are ineligible. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals (not relatives). Self-nominations 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/find-a-post for Post locations or call VFW Programs Department at (816) 756-3390 ext. 6287 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 Post Teacher Entry form, nomination form and essay.

When is the deadline?

Nominations must be submitted to your local Post by October 31. Judging occurs November 1-15.

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.
- Top 10 high school teachers invitation to attend a summer Graduate Seminar at Freedoms Foundation in Pennsylvania.

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.

Department Teacher Awards

\$200.00 cash award and certificate as well as a certificate for their sponsoring school.

The winning teacher receives an invitation to Nebraska VFW State Banquet, June 2022 to receive their award and an expense check when attending.

Posts may participate in Teacher Citizenship to qualify a Post Commander for a white hat.

(Division donations to the program will be accepted as participation at state if unable to obtain entry.)

Donation requirement:

Members	Division	Donation	Members	Division	Donation
0-100	One	\$50.00	301-over	Three	\$150.00
101-300	Two	\$100.00			

National Award:

1. National Certificate

Judging entries. (Recommend 3 - 5 judges that are competent and unbiased) (All rules are adhered to.)

Be sure entry is not a self nomination. The nominator should keep to the 350 word limit and sign the nomination.

Judges should grant points based on three criteria:

1. Innovative approach to teaching citizenship. (1- 50 points)
2. Development of resources to teach citizenship education. (1 - 25 points)
3. Compassion to teaching citizenship education. (1 - 25 points).

J. Douglas Whitaker Teacher Chairman

Email: jd_whitaker@hotmail.com



YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

The Veterans of Foreign Wars believes in the youth of America and their abilities to meet the challenges and accept the responsibilities of citizenship today and in the years ahead. America's youth is our Nation's greatest asset.

We believe that the future of our Nation depends upon the youth of today. We would like to have a hand in shaping their attitude toward freedom and democracy.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is committed to providing, promoting, sponsoring and participating in the activities that will enhance the moral and physical well-being of today's action-oriented youth, by continually striving to expand and improve quality youth programs.

There are many activities or programs that the VFW Posts and Auxiliaries can sponsor:: Voice of Democracy , Patriot's Pen, Youth ball games, JROTC, SROTC, Ice Hockey, Boxing, Wrestling, Naval Sea Cadets, Boy & Girl Scouts, Youth Hunting & Shooting, Civil Air Patrol Cadets, Sons of the VFW , Holiday parties.

If we are to meet the challenge of developing tomorrow's leaders today, our VFW teams must be ever alert to provide more and better programs for our youth. With our help, the goal can be reached, be innovative.

As your Department Youth Activities Chairman, I am asking each District Youth Activities Chairman to be responsible for seeing that each Post in the District sponsor and participate in these activities and have them reported properly. Work closely with the Auxiliary and record the activities. I am asking that the final report from Post and/or Auxiliary to be sent to me no later than May 1st, 2022.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Post and/or Auxiliary with the best overall participation in Youth Activities, based on monies and time spent; number of members involved; and total number of dollars spent. Proof of activity (newspaper clippings, photos, and copies of checks, etc...) must submit scrapbook for period covered from May 1st to April 30th.

1st Place - Certificate and \$ 75.00

2nd Place - Certificate and \$ 50.00

3rd Place - Certificate and \$ 25.00

DEADLINE TO STATE CHAIRMAN IS MAY 1st, 2022.

Send to: *2431 N 48th St; Lincoln, NE 68504, or report online at vfwne.com.*

Youth activities must be reported to State Chairman on the Department Community Activities Report form if not reported online.

J. Douglas Whitaker Chairman

816-916-4857

Email: jd_whitaker@hotmail.com

Volunteer Recognition

This program is a mainstream program for our organization. Volunteering has become more and more important, not only for local recognition, but nationally. When members of Congress see that we have volunteered not hundreds, or thousands, but millions of hours, we receive additional recognition from them.

We need to insure that we have all of our hours and dollars reported. Please report all of your volunteer hours and dollars annually.

Volunteer recognition is designed to provide recognition to members who volunteer their time in service through outside organizations. Write a nomination letter of recommendation, include hours, special information send it to me. I will ensure that everything is good and get these awards processed. Please, send only one nomination for each member you recognize. If they are involved in more than one thing, please include the information with your nomination. A certificate will be presented at State Convention.

Veterans in the Classroom-For every veteran you report that visited a classroom a certificate will be given to the post they represent.

State Awards: Mail these nominations to: VFW Nebraska, 2431 N. 48th; Lincoln NE 68504. A.) Volunteer Award

(Volunteer service must be given under the representation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization only.) Some examples: coaching youth, working at a food pantry, conducting flag presentations, supporting funeral homes and cemeteries by providing honor guard details for non- member veterans. Send nomination to the state chairman by May 1, 2022.

B.) "Volunteer of the Year"

(for any individual who actively volunteers under the sponsorship of the VFW, does not need to be a VFW or Auxiliary member). Send nomination to the state chairman by May 1, 2022.

Forms available at Department Headquarters and will be sent to Posts in the monthly Genmail. Emergency Service Awards (Entries due to Department January 1, 2022)

1.) Emergency Medical Technician " EMT" of the year. An individual who actively gives emergency or medical treatment, provide 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.

2.) Firefighter of the Year. An individual who actively fights fires as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to fight fires and gives assistance to our nation's citizens.

3.) Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. An individual who serves in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with enforcement of the laws pertaining to their area of responsibility.

Send Entry to Department of Nebraska, VFW; 2431 N. 48th; Lincoln, NE 68504

Chairman: Norman Anton

Phone: 402-304-8543

Volunteer Award Form (VFW affiliation)

Entered by: _____

Name of member Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Please attach a brief description of activities and service.



“Volunteer of the Year” Form

Entered by: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Please attach a brief bio and volunteer activities.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Public Service Award

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.

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: _____

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, VFW

P. O. BOX 4552

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68504

The Deadline for your Nomination must be submitted and received by : January 1st, 2022

**Firefighter of the Year
Public Service Award
Department of Nebraska, VFW**

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.

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: _____

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, VFW

P. O. BOX 4552

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68504

The Deadline for your Nomination must be submitted and received by : January 1st, 2022

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
Public Service Award
Department of Nebraska, VFW

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: _____

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, VFW

P. O. BOX 4552

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68504

The Deadline for your Nomination must be submitted and received by : January 1st, 2022

Addresses of your State Elected Senators and Representatives

Senator Deb Fischer United States Senate

454 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Office Phone #: 1-202-224-6551

Senator Ben Sasse United States Senate

139 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Office Phone #: 1-202-224-4224

The Honorable Adrian Smith United States House of Representatives

502 Cannon HOB
Washington DC 20515

Office Phone #: 1-202-225-6435

The Honorable Don Bacon United States House of Representatives

1024 Longworth House Office Bldg
Washington DC 20515

Office Phone #: 1-202-225-4155

The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry United States House of Representatives

1514 Longworth House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

Office Phone # 1-202-225-4806

Governor Pete Ricketts State Capitol

PO Box 94863

Lincoln, NE 68509

Phone #: 402-471-1966

Nebraska Veterans Affairs Director

John Hilgert

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VA Health Care

Grand Island VA Health Care (CBOC)

2201 N Broadwell Ave (68803)

308-382-3660

Lincoln VA Clinic (CBOC)

420 Victory Park Drive (68510)

402-489-3802

Holdrege VA Clinic

1118 Burlington St (68949)

402-370-4570

North Platte VA Clinic

600 East Francis, Suite 3 (68701)

308-532-6906

Norfolk Out Patient Clinic

710 S 13th St, Suite 1200 (68701)

402-370-4570

Omaha VA Medical Center

4101 Woolworth Ave (68105)

402-346-8800

Cheyenne VA Medical

2360 E Pershing Blvd (82001-5392)

307-778-7550

Nebraska Veterans Homes

Central NE Veterans Home

4510 E 56th St

Kearney, NE 68847 (308-865-6000)

Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home

12505 S. 40th St

Bellevue, NE 68123 (402-595-2180)

Norfolk Veterans Home

600 E Benjamin Ave

Norfolk, NE 68701-0830 (402-370-3330)

Western NE Veterans Home

1102 W 42nd St

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