

Talking Points

1. The All State Program runs until June 30, 2018. Entry forms are due no later than April 30, 2018. This applies to the county councils and districts as well. No exceptions. If a post attains 125 All State Points by April 30, 2018 but has not reached 100% in membership, they have until June 30, 2018 to make 100% in membership to make All State but must have submitted the All State entry form by April 30, 2018.
2. Quarterly audits are due into Dept by the end of the month following the end of the quarter. If a post goes two audits behind they will be placed on suspension.
3. All quarterly audits must be signed by the 3 elected trustees. The post commander **may not** appoint a pro tem trustee. If a trustee cannot make the audit, the post commander must submit a letter along with the audit explaining why they were not available to conduct the audit.
4. All posts are required to have a representative at each district meeting. If a post misses two district meeting the post commander will be relieved.
5. All posts are required to file a IRS Form 990. Failure to file for 3 years will result in the post losing its tax-exempt status. Deadline is the 15th day of the 5th month following the end of your tax year, Nov 15 for fiscal year or May 15 for calendar year.
6. Before donating to other charities, please consider donating to the Dept of Michigan VFW programs. 100% of what you donate goes to that program. Nothing is taken off the top to cover expenses. You will not get a better bang for your buck.
7. We need to stop the loss of membership. As our membership drops, so does our clout in congress. All the benefits that have been fought for over the years are in danger as our membership drops. If you don't think our elected officials won't gut the VA to save money so they can spend it on their pet projects you are mistaken. All posts should begin contacting their unpaid annual members now. Post quartermasters can download a list of members that have not renewed their dues from prior years. If you need help getting this list, please contact Dept HQ. We need to go after these members and get them back into the VFW. Put a team together in your post and district and go visit these comrades. Knock on their door and find out if they are ok. Go visit them. They may be on hard times and can't afford the dues. If that is the case you can use the Post Relief Fund to pay their dues until they are back on their feet again. Just like when we were in the service, we do not leave a comrade behind.