## Department of Michigan VFW Member of the Year Award Nomination Form



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.** 

**Purpose:** The award is to recognize a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who has exemplified in their actions and accomplishments, the true spirit of our organization in serving the needs of their Post, and Community, and who has dedicated themselves in a professional manner to addressing the Pillars of our Organization. Post leaders are encouraged to submit a narrative write up on a comrade from their Post that is leading from the front and supporting one or more of the purposes of our Congressional Charter.

Eligibility: This award is intended to recognize a member in good standing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars who has been a member a minimum of one full membership year and has received a nomination for their activities during the award Year according to the Award guidelines. Award candidates holding any of the following elected or appointed office during the award year, are not eligible. (Specifically-Commander, QM, Adjutant, Service Officer or Chaplain) In addition, Past State Commanders and Past National Council members are ineligible from nomination. More than one nominee from a Post may be submitted.

**Type of Recognition:** The Department winner will receive a plaque and a \$100.00 cash award presented at the State Convention. All other Post nominees will receive a citation from the State Commander.

**Criteria:** This award recognizes exceptional performance as a member of the VFW. Examples of service that would be considered in judging the nominee include the following:

- Nominee presents themselves in a professional and helpful manner within the Organization and within the Community.
- Nominee shows an active interest in their Post, District and Department by attending meetings and showing a willingness to consider leadership roles.
- Nominee participates in activities and events within the Post, District and Department to help raise awareness of the Organization in the Community.

- Nominee has shown a willingness to work together with other VFW, Auxiliary, and Riders Members in a spirit of cooperation to accomplish the same goals.
- Nominee volunteers for and participates in activities and events that address the needs of target groups and individuals in the Community.
- Nominee has demonstrated actions which contribute to improving the quality of life for those we are intended to serve, whether they are children or adults, and whether they are homeless, hospitalized, handicapped, in need of a job or education.
- Nominee encourages members of the Community to support VFW programs and continually encourages others to become members.
- Nominee is encouraged to have enrolled in the VFW #StillServing campaign recognition at <a href="https://todaysvfw.org/">https://todaysvfw.org/</a>

Process: Any VFW member in good standing may be nominated as Department Member of The Year using the Member of The Year Nomination Form, by the Post Commander. Award candidates holding any of the following elected or appointed office during the award year, are not eligible. (Specifically the following officers - Commander, Adjutant, Service Officer or Chaplain). In addition, Past State Commanders and Past National Council members are ineligible from nomination. Nominations are due to the Department Director on March 28.

Name of nominator (Post Commander):			
Your Post #:	City:		District:
Your Phone #:			
Your Email:			
Nominee's Name:			Member #:
Nominee's Phone #:			
Nominee's Email:			
Nominee's Address:			
Address Line 1			
Address Line 2			
City		State	ZIP Code

Why do you feel this person deserves this award?

(use this space or attach nominating statement)

Additional Evidence (identify and attach)

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