

## STATE of MICHIGAN VFW

### 2025-2026 VFW RIDERS GROUP HONOR AWARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Program Criteria: The Riders Group (RG) must be in good standing to qualify for the Honor Award.

#### **Attendance at State VFW events:**

There will be ten (10) points granted for each category completed. Fifty (50) points total available.

- RG Bylaws approved by the sponsoring organization and filed with the State Director
- Monthly RG Activity reports filed to the State RG Director by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month for the preceding month
- Annual RG election report submitted to the State Director within 10 days after the election
- RG President and Vice President must attend either the 2025 State Convention, 2025 Fall Conference or 2026 Mid-winter Conference
- The RG must have at least one (1) member registered in attendance at each of the following: 2025 State Convention and 2025 Fall Conference and 2026 Mid-winter Conference

#### **Donations to VFW projects:**

There will be five (5) points granted for each \$50.00 donated to each of the following categories. There will be a maximum of 10 points allowed for each category, total of 40 points available.

- VFW National Home
- Camp Trotter
- VFW State Commander's Special Project
- Other: Cancer or other VFW endorsed activity such as Homeless Veteran Fund, Scout Scholarship Fund, Disaster Relief Fund, VFW Service Office Fund, Fisher House, Foxhole, etc.

All donations must be made to VFW State Headquarters and reported to the State RG Director.

#### **Volunteerism: (other than Camp Trotter Cleanup weekend in 2026 (which may be in May 2026) all activities must be between May 1, 2025 and April 30, 2026)**

There will be two (2) points granted for each hour volunteered to each of the following activities. There will be a maximum of fifty (50) points allowed per category and a maximum of 150 points available.

- National Home
- Camp Trotter
- Other: VFW Posts, District or community events

Volunteer hours must be reported to the RG State Director with date of event of number of members.

#### **VFW RG Rides: (other than Camp Trotter Cleanup weekend in 2026 (which may be in May 2026) all activities must be between May 1, 2025 and April 30, 2026)**

There will be two (2) points granted for each member participating per event. There will be a maximum of 25 points allowed per category and a maximum of 100 points available.

- VFW RG National Home Memorial Ride on Michigan Day at the VFW National Home
- VFW RG Camp Trotter cleanup weekend
- Participation by the RG in a Community Charity Benefit Ride
- Participation by the RG in a Veteran Service Group Ride: Forgotten Eagles, Rolling Thunder, Patriot Guard Riders, etc.

Each Riders Group which earns 180 points or more will be recognized as a "Honor Award Riders Group" and be presented with a Honor Award Banner at the 2026 State Convention.

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