

STATE of MICHIGAN VFW

2026-2027 POST and DISTRICT ALL-STATE PROGRAM APPLICATION and CHECKLIST

The first page of this application and checklist MUST be completed and submitted to the All-State Director prior to June 30, 2027, preferably by email. The checklist portion is for your record keeping and will be of assistance to the Director if completed. Post Commanders will have until June 30 to meet the reporting and donation requirements for All State contest criteria, but the application must be received by the All-State Director prior to June 30, 2027. Please plan ahead. Contact the Director with any questions.

Post # _____ Applying as Post Commander _____

District # _____ Applying as District Commander _____

Commander's Name (print): _____

Specify if Life or Legacy Member _____

Hat Size _____ Male/Female _____

Quartermaster's Name (print) : _____

Specify if Life or Legacy Member _____

Hat Size _____ Male/Female _____

All donations must be made to the VFW State of Michigan Headquarters.

Any disagreements with a Post donation, you must contact State Headquarters.

If you have any disagreements with the program reports, you must contact the Director of the program to clear up the issue.

Post Criteria:

To be in contention for All-State Honors, a Post must meet the following criteria:

1. Post must submit an All-State Application prior to June 30, 2027. Email is preferred. ☐
2. Post must be 100% + 1 in membership with new or reinstated members.
Date Achieved 100% + 1: _____
3. Post must be in good standing with:
 - Post Bylaws approved by the Commander-in-Chief ☐
 - All Trustee Quarterly Audits prior to opening of the 2027 State Convention ☐
 - Quartermaster's bond prior to December 31, 2026 ☐
 - Proof of submission and receipt of annual 990 for the last reporting period on date of inspection or proof of an extension on file ☐
 - 2027-2028 Post Officers report of election prior to opening of 2027 State Convention ☐
 - All past and current year State Convention delegates fees must be paid prior to opening of the 2027 State Convention. ☐
4. Post Commander and Quartermaster must attend at least one in person State of Michigan conducted VTS. (or in lieu of the QM, the Post Assistant QM or Post Trustee if QM cannot attend. Must be listed on the VTS Registration Form before the VTS)
Dates attended VTS: _____

5. Post must submit a community service activity report through the State website report form by the 25th of every month for the preceding month for at least 10 months of the reporting period, July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. ☐
6. Post must submit a hospital activity report through the State website report form by the 25th of every month for the preceding month for at least 10 months of the reporting period, July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. ☐
7. Post must submit a legislative report through the State community service activity website report form by the 25th of the month for the preceding month for at least six months of the reporting period, July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. ☐
8. Post must submit a Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen entry to their District for judging. If the Post cannot sponsor both programs they may make a \$50 donation to the District Program for the missing program verified by the District Quartermaster. ☐
9. Post must be registered for a VFW National Day of Service project in May 2027.
Date of Service Project: _____
10. Post must have a Membership Recruiting Table at at least one public event. Must be reported with pictures showing conspicuous VFW signage such as tablecloths, banners, etc. to the State Membership Director prior to June 30, 2027. ☐
Date/Location of Membership Recruiting Table: _____
11. Post must order a minimum of 500 Buddy Poppies prior to June 30, 2027. ☐

Posts must earn a minimum of 250 points with at least 125 points coming from Community Service.

- A. 5 points for every parade a Post participates in. ☐ Dates: _____
- B. 5 points for each time a Post donates their hall for a Benefit. ☐ Dates: _____
- C. 5 points for each time a Post donates their hall for a Community function. ☐ Dates: _____
- D. 10 points for every event that a Post does that involves community, for example, holidays, farm markets, school events, and sporting events. ☐ Dates: _____
- E. 10 points for every Community project done, for example, cleaning the parks, highways, cemeteries. ☐ Dates: _____
- F. 10 points for posting Post's Colors (US Flag and Post Flag) at the National Home on Michigan Day. Colors must remain posted for the entire day. ☐
- G. 5 points per person who volunteers at Camp Trotter up to a maximum of 50 points. ☐
Date of Workday and Number of Members _____
- H. 10 points for each nomination submitted for the following categories to the State Safety Program Director (one nomination per category allowed):
 - a. Firefighter of the Year ☐
 - b. Law Enforcement Officer of the Year ☐
 - c. Dispatcher of the Year ☐
 - d. EOD Technician of the Year ☐
 - e. EMT Paramedic of the Year ☐
- I. 10 points each for Senior and Junior Vice Commander attending a VTS, 5 points for any other Post member attending a VTS.
Date Attended: _____
- J. 5 points for hosting or taking part in a POW/MIA Ceremony. 10 points if open to the public. 10 additional points will be awarded if the ceremony is held on the third Friday of September 2026. Ceremony with pictures must be reported to the POW/MIA Director. ☐
- K. 5 points for a Post having an active Facebook and/or Website. ☐
- L. 5 points for Post hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive up to 4 events.
Date(s) of Blood Drive(s) _____

M. 10 Points for each nomination submitted for the following Youth Activity programs:

- a. Junior ROTC Cadet of the Year ☐
- b. Civil Air Patrol Cadet of the Year ☐
- c. Young Marine Cadet of the Year ☐
- d. Scout of the Year Candidate
 - i. Eagle Scout ☐
 - ii. Girl Scout Gold Award ☐
 - iii. Venture Scout Summit ☐
 - iv. Sea Scout QM Award ☐

Nominations must be submitted to the Youth Activities Director.

N. 10 points for supporting a local homeless Veteran's shelter or an individual homeless Veteran with a fundraiser or other supportive action. ☐

O. 10 points for hosting a symposium open to the public on PTSD, Veteran Mental Health, and Welfare and/or Veteran Suicide Prevention. Post may collaborate with other organizations and agencies. ☐

P. 5 points per member who registers at a Department Conference / Convention. ☐

Q. 5 points per member, up to a maximum of 25 points, for attending another organization's symposium on Veteran Suicide. ☐

R. 5 points for every new or upgraded Life Member. ☐

S. 10 points for every new or increased level of Legacy Life Member. ☐

T. 5 points for ½ page ad or 10 points for a full-page ad in a conference ad book (2026 Big Ten Conference, Dept Fall, Mid-Winter, Convention or Testimonial). ☐

U. 5 points for sponsoring a hole at any veteran oriented golf outing / tournament. ☐

V. 5 points per member that attends the 2027 Camp Trotter Golf Outing. ☐

W. 5 points per each level of Teacher of the Year level (K-5, Elementary, High School) submitted to District judging (15 points maximum). ☐

Donations

5 points for each \$25.00 donated to the following categories: (maximum \$100 (20 Points) per category, maximum of 200 points total by donations):

- i. National Home (to include Post donations made at the National Home on Michigan Day) ☐
- ii. Day of Challenges ☐
- iii. Gold Star Mothers ☐
- iv. Camp Trotter – General or Scholarship Fund ☐
- v. National Cemeteries ☐
- vi. Mental Health and Welfare (Department fund) ☐
- vii. Youth Scholarship Fund (Scouts and JROTC) ☐
- viii. Cancer ☐
- ix. Homeless Veterans ☐
- x. Veterans Service Office Fund ☐
- xi. POW / MIA Fund ☐
- xii. Keres Burial Assistance Fund ☐
- xiii. Foxhole Fund ☐
- xiv. Heroes to Hives Fund ☐
- xv. State Disaster Relief ☐
- xvi. Fisher House Michigan ☐
- xvii. VFW Charities of Michigan ☐
- xviii. 15 Points for a minimum donation of \$75.00 to the National DPAA Program through the National Program Dashboard ☐
- xix. 20 Points for a minimum donation of \$125.00 to the National VMS Program through the National Program Dashboard. ☐

- xx. 20 Points for a minimum donation of \$100.00 to the Commander's Special Project (TBA). Donations to the Commander's Special Project must be made to State Headquarters and earmarked as such. ☐
- xxi. 50 Points for fully sponsoring a child to Camp Trotter (\$475.00) by a direct sponsorship or donation to the Camp Trotter Scholarship Fund. ☐

Donations made to support local community programs that support scouting, cancer treatment, veterans' mental health & welfare (to include direct assistance or support of programs such as Honor Flight) or homeless veterans (lodging and / or food programs) may receive credit for All-State Program purposes with proof of the donation (copy of check or receipt from the organization) provided to VFW Department Headquarters.

District Criteria: Districts must have at least 50 points accumulated from the below:

1. Districts must be 100% +1 in membership prior to June 30, 2027. ☐
2. Districts must donate a raffle prize to the Cancer Table at both the Fall and Mid-Winter Conference, verified by the State Cancer Director. ☐
3. Districts must hold a School of Instruction at at least one District meeting with at least 75% of the Posts represented, verified by the State Representative report. ☐
4. Districts must hold at least one District membership recruiting event involving multiple Posts. ☐
5. Districts must have Post inspections completed and reported to the State Inspector prior to June 1, 2027. ☐
6. 1 point for every 1/10 of a point over 100% of prior year's membership. ☐
7. 10 points for submitting a balanced District budget to Department QM by October 15th, 2026. ☐
8. 5 points for half page ad, 10 points for a whole page ad placed in the 2026 Big Ten Conference, Department Fall Conference, Mid-Winter Conference, Convention or testimonial ad book. ☐
9. 5 points for sponsoring a hole at any veteran oriented golf outing / tournament. ☐
10. 10 points for each quarter an officer expense report is submitted by the District QM to the Dept QM on a prescribed form provided by the Dept QM. ☐
11. 10 points for donating a raffle prize to the 2027 Convention Cancer table. ☐

Post Awards:

Each All-State Post Commander and Quartermaster that earn All-State honors will receive an All-State citation, pin and All-State cap at the 2027 Fall Conference.

Captain of the All-State Team will be awarded to the Post Commander of the Post with the highest accumulation of All-State program points. In the case of a tie, the Post with the greatest membership percentage will be named Captain. The Captain of the Post All-State Team will receive a \$300.00 cash award at the 2027 Fall Conference. You must attend the Fall Conference to receive this award.

District Awards:

Each All-State District Commander and Quartermaster will be recognized with a District All-State cap and citation and pin at the 2027 Fall Conference.

Captain of the District All-State Team will be awarded to the District with the highest percentage of All-State Posts.

The Captain of the District All-State Team will receive a \$300.00 cash award at the 2027 Fall Conference. You must attend the Fall Conference to receive this award.

THE VFW NATIONAL WEBSITE MEMSTAT REPORT WILL BE USED FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION (www.vfw.org). NO EXCEPTIONS! ENSURE THAT YOU ALLOW FOR PROCESSING TIME. THE DEPARTMENT CHECKLIST, DONATIONS PAGE, ACTIVITY REPORTS, AND DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE ALL-STATE STATUS.

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