Department of Michigan

All-State Program Checklist

2023-2024

Commander’s Name:

Hat Size (Male/Female) **Specify if Life Member and Post Number**

Quartermaster’s Name:

Hat Size (Male/Female) **Specify if Life Member and Post Number**

**All donations must be made through the Department of Michigan.**

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

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

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

1. Post must be 100% in membership with new or reinstated members as shown below:
   1. Division 1: 10-65 members must have 1 new or reinstated member.
   2. Division 2: 66-125 members must have 2 new or reinstated members.
   3. Division 3: 126-225 members must have 3 new or reinstated members.
   4. Division 4: 226+ members must have 4 new or reinstated members.

Date Achieved 100% Plus: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Post must be in good standing with all bylaws, audits, bond, etc. (Department Checklist) □
2. Commander and Quartermaster must attend at least one in person Department sponsored VTS or attend 6 one hour Zoom VTS’s.

Dates attended VTS\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Post must submit an activity report by the 10th of the month every month.
2. Post must be reported in all the following categories every month:
   1. Community Service □
   2. Americanism □
   3. Youth Activities □
   4. Drug □
   5. Safety □
3. Post must contact at least one of their respective State Senator, State Representative, U.S. Representative or U.S. Senator’s office quarterly, at a minimum, and report it on their monthly activity report. □
4. Post must submit a Hospital Report by the 10th of every month. □
5. Post must submit a Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen entry to their District for judging. □
6. Post must earn a minimum of 150 points from the following:
   1. 5 points for each $25.00 donated to the following categories: (maximum $100 [20 points] per category) Check which donations were made:
      1. Cancer (Posts will be given credit for any cancer donations made at the National Home on Michigan Day.) 🗆 Amount \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
      2. Commander’s Special Project (Cancer) 🗆 Amount \_\_\_\_\_\_
      3. Day of Challenges 🗆 Amount \_\_\_\_\_\_
      4. Gold Star Mothers 🗆 Amount \_\_\_\_\_\_
      5. National Cemeteries 🗆 Amount \_\_\_\_\_\_
      6. Mental Health (PTSD) 🗆 Amount \_\_\_\_\_\_
      7. Scouting 🗆 Amount \_\_\_\_\_\_
      8. All donations must be made through the Department of Michigan except VMS (Veterans and Military Support). **THIS DONATION ONLY MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL THRU THE VFW NATIONAL WEBSITE**
   2. 10 Points for posting the Post colors at the National Home on Michigan Day. Colors must remain posted for the entire day.

Colors Posted: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. 5 points for every $25.00 donated to Camp Trotter (Maximum $100.00/20 points) or 5 points for each Post member who participates in a Camp Trotter Workday (maximum 50 points). Because of location and logistics, Posts in Districts 13, 14, & 15 may earn the same points as above by performing a Community Service project such as a canned food drive for a charity, park cleanup, etc. Project must be approved by the All-State Director in advance.

Camp Trotter Donations: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Workday\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. 5 points for sponsoring a child to Camp Trotter (maximum 4 children). A donation of $300.00 to the Camp Trotter Scholarship Fund counts as one child. Number of Children Sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  2. 10 points for Post for submitting at least one entry in either the category of Firefighter, Law Enforcement, Dispatcher or EMT/Paramedic of the Year.
  3. 10 points for a Post having an active Facebook and/or Website.
  4. 10 points for performing a POW/MIA Ceremony on POW/MIA Day September 16, 2023. 15 points if open to the public. Ceremony with pictures must be reported to the POW/MIA Director. □

Date of POW/MIA Service: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Open to the Public? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. 5 points for each Post member who volunteers at a Membership Table at a public event (maximum 4 members per event and 2 events). Must be reported with pictures showing conspicuous VFW signage such as tablecloth, banner, etc. to the Membership Director.

Dates of Membership Table: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Members: \_\_\_\_\_

* 1. 10 points for holding a symposium open to the public on PTSD, Veteran Mental Health and Welfare and/or Veteran Suicide Prevention. Must be reported with pictures to the Mental Health and Welfare Director.

Date of Symposium: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. 5 points for a Post member doing an interview on either radio or TV talking about the mission of the VFW. Maximum 2 interviews. Must be reported to the All-State Director at the time of the interview.

Dates of Interviews: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. 5 points for sponsoring a Scout of the Year candidate (5 points for each category: Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Scout Summit, or Sea Scout QM Award) 15 points maximum.

Scouts Sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. 50 points for hosting a Homeless Veteran Stand Down with pictures showing conspicuous VFW signage such as tablecloth, banner, etc. to the All-State Director. Stand down specifics must be approved by the All-State Director in advance. Date of Stand Down\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  2. 5 points for the first submission of a candidate for New Member Community Service Volunteer of the Year Award. One point will be given for any additional candidates. 5 additional points will be awarded to the Post if their entry is chosen as their District winner and 5 additional points will be awarded to the Post whose entry is chosen as the Department winner. No. of Entries\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  3. 10 Points awarded to any Post that submits an entry for a Post Special Project Award.
  4. 10 Points for ordering a minimum of 500 Buddy Poppies.
  5. 10 Points for holding a fundraiser for the Desert Storm Memorial with a donation of at least $100.00. Post donations must be made directly to the National Desert Shield and Desert Storm Association at 1101 Connecticut Avenue NW #450, Washington DC 20036. Posts will need to provide proof of donations made if they want credit on the Department donation page. The first $750,000.00 in donations will be matched by an anonymous donor.

Date of Fundraiser\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Donation $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Captain of the All-State Team will be awarded the Post with the highest membership percentage as of April 30, 2024.

Each All-State Commander will receive an All-State Post Commander’s cap, All-State Commander’s pin, and All-State Commander’s citation. Each All-State Quartermaster will receive an All-State Quartermaster’s cap and All-State Quartermaster’s pin.

A Post or District which meets all the requirements for All-State by April 30, 2024, will receive the All-State Award at the State Convention. However, a Post or District that has all their reports completed and the necessary number of points turned in by April 30, 2024, but is lacking the membership requirement has until June 30, 2024, to meet the membership requirement. Post and District All-States earned after April 30, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, will have their awards presented at the Post/Districts first meeting or if requested, at Fall Conference.

THE VFW NATIONAL WEBSITE WILL BE USED FOR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION ([www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)). NO EXCEPTIONS! ENSURE 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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