

2024-2025 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

New Member Community Service Volunteer of the Year Award:

The Department will recognize at the 2025 Department Convention a "New Member Community Service Volunteer of the Year". A new member for the purpose of this award is any VFW member in good standing who has been a member of the VFW for less than two (2) years. (A VFW member who has been a member of your Post for less than two (2) years but has been a member of the VFW for two (2) years or more, is not eligible for this award).

Each Post is asked to nominate at least **one** (1) new VFW member for this award, using the entry form found on this website with this program document. Post nominations will be submitted using the guidelines established by the Department of Michigan Community Services Director, described below. Any Post member in good standing can submit a nomination form to their Post Commander. Post members in good standing who meet the award criteria may nominate themselves.

District Commanders will establish the deadlines for Post Commanders to submit their nominations to District and will notify the Department Community Service Director of these deadlines NLT 15 September 2024. The deadline for submission to the Department Community Service Director is 1 April 2025.

Every Post will receive ten (10) All State points for submission of their first nomination for this award and five (5) All State points for each additional nomination submitted. Post Commanders will submit all nomination forms directly to their District Commander. If a Post nominates two (2) or more members for this award, a Post winner must be selected, the Post Commander will clearly indicate on the nomination form which nominee is their Post winner and the Post will receive an additional ten (10) All State points. If a Post only submits one nominee for this award, no additional All State points will be awarded for the Post winner.

Each District will select a District winner from among the Post submissions. District Commanders will establish the procedures for selecting their District winner; for example, the District Commander may select the winner, let a committee select the winner or have a committee pick the top three (3) or (4) candidates from which the District Commander will select a winner. The Post that submitted the winning entry in each District will receive an additional fifteen (15) All State points.

District Commanders will sign and date all nomination forms submitted to them, check the yes or no box to indicate whether or not the entry was their District winner and forward all nomination forms, and the required narratives, to the Department Community Service Director, Joseph L. Tebor. One (1) entry, from among the District winners submitted, will then be selected as the Department of Michigan New Member Community Service Volunteer of the Year. The Post that submitted the winning entry at Department level will receive an additional twenty (20) All State points. The Department winner will be appropriately and publicly recognized at the 2025 State Convention.

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