

## **MI VFW RIDERS GROUP HONOR AWARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

To be eligible for the MI Riders Group Honor Award Recognition Program the Riders Group must be in good standing meeting all the basic report criteria required by the Department and National SOPs.

### **Riders Group Reporting**

10 points will be granted for each of the following categories completed.

(Maximum 50 Points).

- Each Riders Group shall submit to the Department Director a copy of the Group ByLaws, SOP or written Rules and Procedures which have been approved by the sponsoring organization to be retained on file with the Department Rider Group Director.
- Monthly activity reports filed with the Department Director (Reports are due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month). For the 2024-2025 Administrative Year the required reporting period will commence in July 2024 and end on April 30, 2025. If continued in subsequent years this reporting period shall mirror the reporting period of other Department programs, May 1 to April 30 of each year.
- Annual report of election timely filed with the Department Director. (Due within 10 days after elections).
- In the 2024 -2025 Administrative Year, the Rider Group President and Vice President must attend either the 2024 Fall Conference or the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference. If continued in subsequent years, the annual State Convention shall be included in this criteria.
- In the 2024 -2025 Administrative Year, the Rider Group must have at least one member attend each of the following: the 2024 Fall Conference and the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference. If continued in subsequent years, the annual State Convention shall be included in this criteria.

### **Riders Group Donations**

10 points will be granted for each \$50 donated to the following VFW Programs.

(Maximum of \$100 per program. Maximum 80 points total allowed)

- VFW National Home – either directly to the National Home with proof of donation provided to Department of Michigan or as otherwise directed by the Department VFW National Home Program.
- VFW Camp Trotter for Children – donation to the Department earmarked for Camp Trotter
- Department of Michigan Commander's Special Project – donation to the Department
- Other donation to any of the VFW Programs either directly to Department or to a local program that supports the mission of the VFW Program with proof of donation to Department. (example: Cancer, Homeless Veterans, POW/MIA programs, Veterans & Military Support programs)

### **Riders Group Volunteerism**

2 points for each hour volunteered to any of the following VFW Programs.

(Maximum of 50 points awarded per category. Maximum of 150 points allowed)

- VFW National Home – volunteer activity at the National Home requires pre-approval by National Home staff, either the Program or the Facilities Director.
- VFW Camp Trotter for Children – volunteer activity at Camp Trotter requires pre-approval and be coordinated with the Camp Trotter Board Maintenance Director.
- Volunteering at any Post, District or Community event assisting veterans. (examples: Veterans Day or similar programs, Homeless Veteran Standdowns or similar events. If there is a question about the event being allowed, please contact the Rider Group Director. A full report of the event is required to be provided to the Rider Group Director).

### **Riders Group VFW Rides**

2 points per participant in each of the following ride event categories.

(Maximum 26 points allowed per category. Maximum 104 total points allowed).

- VFW RG participants in Department Michigan Day – Department VFW RB Memorial Ride
- VFW RG participates in VFW Camp Trotter cleanup weekend.
- VFW RG participates in a community (charity) benefit ride. (example: cancer benefit ride for a local program or support for a cancer patient (or any other disease), benefit ride to support a local disabled veteran or family, etc).
- VFW RG participates in a Veteran Service Group Ride. (example: support for Forgotten Eagles, Rolling Thunder, Patriot Guard Riders event, etc)

180 ACCUMULATED POINTS ARE REQUIRED TO REACH “HONOR AWARD” STATUS.

Each Riders Group earning the Department “Honor Award” will be presented with a “Honor Award Banner” at the 2025 State Convention by the State Commander.

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