

**DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
2023 - 2024 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**



“Make Service Your Legacy”

MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

Any member who recruits five (5) or more New, New Life or Reinstated Members will be eligible for three (3) cash drawings of \$100.00 and one (1) cash drawing of \$250.00 at the State Convention. Recruiters will receive (1) chance for every (5) members recruited Cutoff **date April 30, 2024.**

102% MEMBERSHIP PIN

Every Post Commander and Post Quartermaster who becomes 102% in Membership as recorded in the VFW Online Membership System (OMS), as of June 1, 2024, will receive a special 102% Membership Pin, Commander’s Pin, Commander’s Coin, and Commander-in-Chief Pin.

MEMBERSHIP

Each Post that reaches 88% in Membership by 30 September 2023, and or 93% in Membership by 31 October 2023, and or 100% in Membership by 30 November 2023 will be entered in a drawing for one of two \$100 awards at each benchmark. Additionally, each Post that reaches 102% in Membership by 31 December 2023 will be entered in a drawing for one of two \$500 awards. Awards to be drawn at the Mid-Winter meeting. (*Posts can qualify for more than one award*)

Each District that reaches 102% in membership by 31 December, 2023 will receive \$500 for your District.

The Department Commander will be contacting each District Commander monthly to receive updates on their District.

STATE COMMANDER'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

July Challenge: The Post that has the largest percent of continuous annual members that pay their dues between 1 July and 31 July, 2023 will receive \$200 for their Post.

August Challenge: The Post that has the largest number of reinstated members to renew between 1 August and 31 August, 2023 will receive \$200 for their Post.

September Challenge: The Post that has the largest percent increase of paid members between 1 September and 30 September, 2023 will receive \$200 for their Post. (*excluding life members*)

October Challenge: The Post that has the largest number of annual members converted to life member between 1 October and 31 October, 2023 will receive \$200 for their Post.

November Challenge: The Post that recruits the largest number of new members between 1 November and 30 November, 2023 will receive \$200 for their Post.

December Challenge: The Post that has the largest number of new, reinstated, annual and life members paid between 1 December and 31 December, 2023 will receive \$200 for their Post.

POST LEGACY LIFE AWARD

The post with the largest increase in new and upgraded Legacy Life members for the year will receive \$400.00. A point system will be used to determine the winner. Posts will receive 1 point for each level increased and 4 points for each new Gold Legacy Life member i.e., bronze to silver = 1 point, bronze to gold = 2 points, new silver =2 points, new gold =4points.

*State Headquarters will use information from the Online Membership System (OMS). **Cutoff date will be 30 April 2024***

ALL-STATE POST COMMANDERS & QUARTERMASTERS

To qualify for All-State Post Commander and Quartermaster the following requirements are established.

1. Your Post must be 102% in the Membership Program by June 30, 2024
2. Your Post must be inspected by 15 October, 2023.
3. Your Post must have Four (4) Quarterly Post Audits for the year April 1, 2023– March 31, 2024, on file with the Department Quartermaster. Specifically, the Quarterly Audits for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Quarters, calendar year 2023 and the 1st, Quarter, of calendar year 2024 must be received before 30 April, 2024. Any exception to this requirement must be addressed to the Department Quartermaster in advance of the report due date. Each audit is worth 25 points for a total of 100 points.

4. Your Post must have a representative at both the Fall and Spring District meetings.
5. Your Post must host or participate in a minimum of two (2) recruiting events and report results on the Community Activity Report or dashboard by 30 April 2024.
6. Your Post must participate in a minimum of one (1) community service special project and report the results on the Community Activity Report by 30 April 2024.
7. You must have a 2024–2025 Election Report on file at the Department Headquarters by May 1, 2024.
8. Must turn in at least one (1) community activity report quarterly to Department headquarters.
- 9. Posts that have failed to turn all documents in by the deadline will not be qualified for All-State**

MEMBERSHIP

Points can be credited by achieving the following goals by the dates posted:

Posts 100% by December 31, 2023.	50 Points
Achieving 102%	
Cutoff date June 30, 2024.	75 Points
Total	<u>125 Points</u>

PROGRAMS

Posts will receive **10 Points** for each of the following programs that they report in; Americanism, Community Activities, Buddy Poppies, National Home, National Military Service, Safety, Scouting and Youth Activities. Information will be collected from the Post Community Activity Report and other reports. An additional 10 points each can be credited by forwarding, a Scout of the Year, Fireman of the Year, Emergency Medical Technician of the Year and Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, 911 Dispatcher of the Year, Employer of the Year, or Member of the Year to Department for judging (entry forms available at vfwmt.org).

Total **150 Points**

Submit a Citizenship Teacher of the Year to District	25 Points
Submit a Patriot’s Pen entry to District	25 Points
Submit a Voice of Democracy entry to District	25 Points
Total	<u>75 Points</u>

BUDDY POPPY

Purchase less than three (3) Poppies per member	10 Points
Purchase more than three (3) Poppies per member	50 Points
Total	<u>50 Points</u>

Grand Total **400 Points**

The top ten (10) All-State Post Commanders and Quartermasters (5 each) will receive an All-State Commanders Cap or All-State Quartermaster Cap respectively. One (1) of the All-State Commanders will be selected as Captain and (1) of the All-State Quartermasters will be selected

as Captain and will receive All-State Commanders/Quartermaster Captain Caps. If your Post is not 102% by April 30, 2024 but is 102% by June 30, 2024 and you otherwise qualify for All-State Commander, Quartermaster the All-State star will be presented at a later date and an All-State cap can be ordered through the State Quartermaster at the officer or Post's expense.

NOTE: If you already own an All-State cap for this position, you will be offered a special insignia, a Gold Star, to place on your current cap instead of receiving a new cap. This will allow the next Commander in line to receive his/her first cap. As can be deduced from above the Department will only purchase ten (10) caps and unlimited Gold Stars. This does not limit the number of All-State Commanders that may be recognized. If a Commander qualifies for All-State but falls out of the ten All-State Cap limits, it will be required for the Commander / Quartermaster or their Post to purchase an All-State cap if so desired. All-State Caps must be ordered through the Department Headquarters.



ALL-STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS

The highest scoring District Commander will be selected as Captain - All-State District Commander, and will receive a special All-State District Commanders Cap. If no District is 102% by April 30, 2024, but is 102% by June 30, 2024 the All-State cap will be presented at a later date as long as you qualify for All-State.

To qualify for All-State the District must complete the following

Each Post in the District **MUST** be inspected by 15 October 2023.

The following criteria and points will be used to determine the Captain of the All-State team of District Commanders:

District 102% Membership by <u>June 30, 2024</u>	Total	30 Points
Every Post in the District 102% by <u>April 30, 2024</u>	Total	100 Points
District 100% Inspected by <u>October 15, 2023</u>	Total	60 Points
District 100% of Posts reporting in Community Activities Programs by <u>April 30, 2024</u>	Total	50 Points
Districts 100% of Posts purchasing Buddy Poppies by <u>April 30, 2024</u>	Total	40 Points
	Grand Total	<u>280 Points</u>

NOTE: If you already own an All-State cap for this position, you will be offered a special insignia, a Gold Star, to place on your current cap instead of receiving a new cap. This will allow the next Commander in line to receive his/her first cap. As can be deduced from above the Department will only purchase one (1) cap and unlimited Gold Stars. This does not limit the number of All-State District Commanders that may be recognized. If a District Commander qualifies for All-State but falls out of the top one (1) limit, it will be required for the Commander, Quartermaster or their District purchase an All-State cap if so desired at the member's or District's expense. All-State Caps must be ordered through Department Headquarters.