

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

2009-2010

The 2009-2010 All-State Membership for Post Commanders and Post Quartermasters contest features competition without regard to size of membership. It is designed to recognize California VFW Posts who participate successfully in ALL VFW PROGRAMS. The program is designed so that if the Post qualifies for All-State both the Commander and the Quartermaster will be recognized. This is a VFW TEAM EFFORT.

The first criteria for any Post to be considered for All-State are obtaining 100% in membership plus quota and completing additional requirements as listed below.

The following requirements, along with a minimum of 100 points as outlined on page 3, must be met before a Post will be considered for All-State Honors during 2009-2010:

1. The Post must reach at least 100% plus quota no later than May 15, 2010.
*NOTE: As recorded on the National Membership report on May 16, 2010.
2. All Trustees Reports of Audit must have been received at Department. Each Audit must be received within 30 days following the end of the observed quarter.
3. Post Quartermaster must be bonded with the Department or submit proof of local bonding by September 1, 2009.
4. The name and complete address for the Post Service Officer must have been received at Department by September 1, 2009.
5. Post must have purchased Buddy Poppies in the amount stated in the Buddy Poppy program prior to April 30, 2010.
6. Post report of Election of Post Officers for 2009-2010 must have been received in Department Headquarters prior to July 15, 2009.
7. Post Commander and Post Quartermaster must have attended a District or Department School of Instruction and at least two (2) District Meetings (District Commander will confirm).
8. Delegate dues to the 2010 State Convention must be paid no later than May 15, 2010.
9. All monies owed to National or Department must be paid prior to May 15, 2010.

NOTE: Post Commanders receiving All-American honors at National will only receive All-State Honors if they meet the Department requirements. Reaching All-American is not automatic All-State.

ALL POSTS ATTAINING 100% IN MEMBERSHIP WILL RECEIVE A DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND A 100% COMMANDER PIN.

ALL-STATE POST PROGRAM

A “WHITE HAT” CAN BE YOURS.
THIS SHOULD BE THE GOAL OF
EVERY POST.



To be eligible you must achieve the following by
May 15, 2010:

1. Membership growth is essential. You must meet or exceed your membership goals plus QUOTA as indicated (Look for your membership division – based on National Membership Year-End dated 6-30-09).

Membership Division	Membership Size	Membership Goal	Membership Quota***
1	1501 & over	100%	40
2	751 to 1500	100%	25
3	551 to 750	100%	20
4	326 to 550	100%	13
5	226 to 325	100%	10
6	166 to 225	100%	8
7	126 to 165	100%	6
8	96 to 125	100%	5
9	71 to 95	100%	5
10	51 to 70	100%	5
11	31 to 50	100%	5
12	30 & under	100%	5

***New or Reinstated members

2. Participation in National and Department Programs. Achieve 100 points. Reports must be submitted to receive credit for participation.

MINIMUM MONETARY DONATIONS AND PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

	Points
1. Buddy Poppy – Meet goal stated in Buddy Poppy Program	10
2. Legislative	10
3. Military Services (includes MAP, Unmet Needs & Operation Uplink)	10
4. Political Action	10
5. Programs (i.e. Teacher, Law Enforcement, EMT, etc.)	10
6. Service Program	10
7. Wheelchair Games	<u>10</u>
	70

Items #2 - #7 are minimum monetary donations to Department based on Membership Division.

Division	Amount
1 – 4	\$75.00
5 – 8	\$50.00
9 – 12	\$25.00

8. Post exceeds Buddy Poppy goal by at least 500 poppies	10
9. Post Service Officer submits at least two benefit claims through a DSO	10
10. Enter an individual in District/Department competition for Law Enforcement	10
11. Enter an individual in District/Department competition for Fire Fighter	10
12. Enter an individual in District/Department competition for Emergency Medical Technician	10
13. Enter a student for District judging for Voice of Democracy	10
14. Enter a student for District judging for Patriot's Pen	10
15. Present a student with a JROTC/ROTC Award	10
16. Enter an individual in District/Department competition for Scout of the Year	10
17. Enter a Teacher Award participant for District judging	10

You must complete at least three of the programs #8 - #17 to gain the 30 points required to reach the 100 point All-State goal.

3. Every Post Commander and Quartermaster that meets or exceeds these requirements will be awarded "All-State" honors at the Department Convention in Sacramento in June.

All-State Awards

Each member of the All-State Team of Commanders will receive an "All-State" Commander Pin and an official All-State Commanders Cap.

All-State Post Quartermasters will receive a specially designed cap or a \$50.00 gift certificate from the VFW Emblem & Supply Department.

POST MEMBERSHIP ‘SPECIAL AWARD’

The Top Two Posts (must reach at least 100% plus quota) in each membership division will receive an award of \$300.00 and \$200.00 respectively. The Top Posts will be determined by the National Membership Report ending on May 15, 2010.

The intended use of the monetary award is for the Post to hold an event for the Post membership. This is a THANK YOU for the hard work and effort to achieve number one or two in your division.

The awards will be presented at the Department Convention in Sacramento.

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP ‘SPECIAL AWARD’

The Top District (must reach at least 100%) in each membership division will receive an award of \$300.00 to be used as determined at the District Meeting. The top district will be determined by the National Membership Report ending May 15, 2010.

District Commanders who attain 100% or more of their membership by May 15, 2010 will receive a special gift from the State Commander.

The awards will be presented at the Department Convention in Sacramento.

AWARD FOR RECRUITING NEW AND REINSTATED MEMBERS

- 3, 5, 10 New or Reinstated Members – Commander’s Membership Pin
 - (Presented during official visits)
- 25+New or Reinstated Members – Commander’s Shirt
 - (Presented at Council of Administration meetings)

STATE AWARD FOR TOP RECRUITER

\$200.00 gift certificate to National Emblem and Supply will be awarded at the State Convention to the individual that has recruited the largest amount of NEW members as of May 15, 2010 according to the report by the National Membership Department.

DISTRICT ALL STATE PROGRAM

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DIVISIONS

Division	Membership size
1	8,001 & over
2	4,501 to 8,000
3	2,701 to 4,500
4	1,701 to 2,700
5	1,001 to 1,700
6	1,000 or less

Based on National Membership standings ending June 30, 2009

ALL-STATE DISTRICT COMMANDERS

The 2009-2010 All-State District Commander contest features competition by Districts ensuring their Posts are participating in Veterans of Foreign Wars programs without regard to size of membership. It is designed to recognize California VFW District Commanders who motivate Posts to participate successfully in ALL VFW Programs. The program is designed so that if the Posts participate in the VFW programs the District benefits. **This is a VFW Team Effort!**

Up to 24 District Commanders can earn this distinct honor and one (1) Captain will be chosen based on the best overall program and solely at the discretion of the State Commander.

To qualify for All- State District Commander

1. The District must reach at least 100% in membership no later than **May 15, 2010.**
2. Each Post's Trustees' Reports of Audit, Quartermasters Bonds, Election Reports, Inspections and Delegate Dues must be current or paid and received in Department Headquarters by **May 15, 2010.**
3. District must submit to Department a participant in the following three (3) programs;
 - a. Voice of Democracy
 - b. Patriots Pen
 - c. Teacher Award

NOTE: District Commanders receiving All-American honors at National will only receive All-State honors if they meet the Department requirements. **Reaching All-American is not automatic All-State**

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Regulations governing VFW Life Membership are set forth in Section 111 of the National By-Laws. Check the Department Chairman if additional information about this program is needed.

Life Membership fees are as follows for the specified age groups:

Age through 30	\$425
31-40	\$410
41-50	\$375
51-60	\$335
61-70	\$290
71-80	\$225
81 and over	\$170

Any applicant whose 31st, 41st, 51st, 61st, 71st or 81st birthday will occur after the date of application and on or before December 31st of the current year shall pay only the fee that would be required on his next birthday.

The Life Membership Fund will pay a per capita tax to National Headquarters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the Department Headquarters, and the local POST to which each life member belongs. The National Life Membership Committee shall determine the said amount.

Said amount shall be paid during September of the current year for the following calendar year on all life members recorded as of August 31 of the then current calendar year and in addition, the same amount shall be paid in January of the following year for persons who have become life members during the period September 1 to December 31, provided however, only to the extent funds are available in the Life Membership Fund. Payments shall never be less than three dollars and fifty-cents (\$3.50). Use "VFW FORM MCR" for the following changes to a life member:

Requesting transfer to another Post
Change of address
Reporting deceased members
Replacement of Life Member Card

"VFW FORM PT-MD MEMBERS DECLARATION" is to be signed at the new Post by transferring member and kept on file indefinitely by the Post Quartermaster. DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO DEPARTMENT OR NATIONAL.

Detailed instructions for these forms are outlined in the Post Quartermaster/Adjutant Operations Manual for the current year.

ADVANTAGES TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Pay dues only one time; no interruption in the VFW magazine because you forgot to pay dues; no more dues notices; VFW "No Cost" insurance remains in force forever; issued sturdy plastic Life Member card instead of paper card; never a question about your continuous membership status; most important of all: You show officials in Washington and the American people that you are committed to ensuring veterans' benefits and rights for life; join over one million other VFW members who have committed themselves for life; and a Life Membership can save you money in the long run.

AWARDS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

1. Member who signs up ten (10) new Life Members between July 1, 2009 and April 30, 2010 will receive a Plaque. Verification by the Post Quartermaster must be received at the State Headquarters no later than May 15, 2010 and will be awarded at the State Convention
2. The Post in each Membership Division that transmits the MOST Life Members between July 1, 2009 and April 30, 2010 will receive a special designed Plaque. Award to be presented at the State Convention.
3. The District in each Membership Division transmitting the MOST Life Members between July 1, 2009 and April 30, 2010 will receive a special designed Plaque. Award to be presented at the State Convention.

MEMBERS CAN USE THEIR VISA, MASTERCARD, OR DISCOVER CARD FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP.