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Department of Nevada 2024-25 Programs Guide

June 8, 2024



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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF NEVADA 2024-2025 PROGRAMS



Thursday, June 8, 2024

The All-State program is the pillar of the Department programs. Our state program is built from the National Membership program as our foundation for the All-State program. Not all elements of the National program are contained in the state program. The All-State program is designed for all post to achieve All-State if they put in the effort.

The All-State program is designed to accomplish a few key goals of success:

- 1. Post participation in VFW National programs
- 2. Post meets policy, procedures, and regulations
- 3. Posts meets and exceeds membership goals.

All-State program can be accomplished by following the program set before the membership. Post must operate in a meaningful and strategic manner and be intentional in achieving each task set before the program.

It takes effort for a Post to work effectively and efficiently **together** to meet all goals in the All-State Program, to include turning in reports on time, but if Post remain focused in their efforts at serving, complete each task, and follow the program book, in can and will be accomplished.

District and Department officers are here to help every Post succeed in your efforts to become All-State and All-American and be recognized as one of the best of the best in service.

This booklet brings together the various Department program instructions, guidance documents, calendars, and other helpful information commanders and leaders need to effectively run your Post and Districts. This document is a work in progress and will improve with your help and feedback for each coming year. Please let us know how we can make this document better to serve your needs and future members' needs. I am grateful to be on this journey with you.

The Department Programs Director is Greg Aragon <u>programs@vfwnv.com</u>, (775) 232-5599. The file can be found of the Department of Nevada website at: 24-25ProgramBook-Final.pdf (vfwnv.com).

Jerome Washington State Commander

Department Programs Calendar 2024-25

July 2024

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| 7/04/2024 | Independence Day | | | |
| NLT 7/10/2024 | • Per Section 1101(f)(3) and 1201 (e) (3) - The Auxiliary and Cootie units will "within 30 days after induction into office, submit to the Commander of the respective Post, the last | | | |
| 7/27/2024 | quarterly audit, membership status report" | | | |
| | Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Notional Convertion in Louisville Kentucky | | | |
| 7/27-Aug 01/2024 | National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky (April May Type) 2d Oyenter Audit due by Tyly 21 to the Department OM and | | | |
| 7/31/2024 | (April, May, June) 2d Quarter Audit due by July 31 to the Department QM and Inspector. | | | |
| | August 2024 | | | |
| 8/04/2024 | Coast Guard Birthday | | | |
| 8/07/2024 | Purple Heart Day | | | |
| 8/10/2024 | District 1 meeting at 10am – location TBD | | | |
| 9/17/2024 | District 2 meeting at 1pm at Post 7114 in Caliente | | | |
| 8/17/2024 | District 5 meeting at 1pm at Post 12093 in Las Vegas | | | |
| 8/22-25/2024 | CIC Al Lipphardt Homecoming in Savannah, Georgia | | | |
| 8/29/2024 | Marine Forces Reserve Birthday | | | |
| | Per Section 703 - All Accountable Officers to be bonded along with Canteen Workers | | | |
| Per Section 709 – All Posts must maintain general liability insurance, including, if | | | | |
| | necessary or appropriate, liquor liability insurance. Such insurance must be of a type and | | | |
| | amount sufficient to protect the Post, District or Department and must name, as additional | | | |
| 8/31/2023 | insureds, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and the Department of Nevada. | | | |
| | Per Department General Order 1 - All COA Officers and Post Commander to sign | | | |
| | Department Code of Ethics Policy Acknowledgment Forms | | | |
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| | Department Code of Ethics Policy Acknowledgment Forms | | | |
| D 1 | • Posts are now 90 days out from the due date for Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen & | | | |
| Planning Starts | Teacher of the Year Programs. You need to start preparing to contact schools now. Due | | | |
| | to Posts on October 31. | | | |
| | September 2024 | | | |
| 9/05/2024 | National Budget and Finance Committee Meeting – Kansas City, MO | | | |
| 9/06 & 07/2024 | National Council of Administration Meeting – Kansas City, MO | | | |
| 9/09-12/2024 | Fall Legislative Committee Meeting, Washington DC | | | |
| 9/09/2024 | Patriot Day | | | |
| 9/12-15/2024 | , and the second se | | | |
| 9/18/2024 | Air Force Birthday | | | |
| 9/20/2024 | POW/MIA Recognition Day | | | |
| 9/22-26/2024 | Accredited Service Officer Skill Level Training – Annapolis, MD | | | |
| 9/22-27/2024 | Accredited Service Officer Basic Training – Annapolis, MD | | | |
| 9/14/2024 | District 4 meeting at 1pm at Post 1103 in Tonopah | | | |
| 9/28/2024 | District 3 meeting at 10am at Post 9211 in Reno | | | |
| 9/29/2024 | Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day | | | |
| 71 | • 125 th VFW Birthday 1899 | | | |
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October 2024

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| 10/10-13/2024 | Junior Vice Commander Training – Kansas City, MO | | | | |
| 10/13/2024 | Navy Birthday | | | | |
| 10/19/2024 | • District 6 meeting at 12:30pm at Post 3848 in Henderson | | | | |
| 10/26/2024 | National Day of the Deployed | | | | |
| 10/26/2024 | Nevada Day – Parade in Carson City at 8am | | | | |
| | Voice of Democracy packages are due to the Post - Post Judging will begin on 1 November | | | | |
| | Patriot Pen packages are due to the Post - Post Judging will begin on 1 November | | | | |
| 10/31/2024 | • Teacher of the Year packages are due to the Post - Post Judging will begin on 1 | | | | |
| | November | | | | |
| | • (July, Aug, Sept) 3rd Quarter Audit due by Oct 31 to the Department QM and Inspector. | | | | |
| - | Public Safety Awards are being accepted for Law Enforcement, Firefighter, and EMS. | | | | |
| Planning Starts | Packages are due to the Department Chair by December 31, 2024, for award announcement at Mid-Winter. | | | | |
| | Nevada VFW Veteran of the Year | | | | |
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| | November 2024 | | | | |
| 11/01-03/2024 | Western Conference at the Ala Moana Hotel in Honolulu, HI | | | | |
| 11/10/2025 | • USMC Birthday | | | | |
| 11/11/2024 | Veterans Day | | | | |
| | Voice of Democracy Post Winner(s) due to District | | | | |
| 11/15/2024 | Patriot Pen Post Winner(s) due to District | | | | |
| | Teacher of the Year Winner due to District | | | | |
| 11/16/0004 | District 4 meeting at 1pm at Post 1002 in Fallon | | | | |
| 11/16/2024 | District 5 meeting at 1pm at Post 12108 in Beatty | | | | |
| 11/30/2024 | District 1 meeting at 10am at Post 8071 in Virginia City | | | | |
| | December 2024 | | | | |
| 12/07/2024 | Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day | | | | |
| 12/13/2024 | National Guard Birthday | | | | |
| | Department Inspections complete at Posts and Districts. | | | | |
| 10/17/2021 | Voice of Democracy Winner submitted to Department | | | | |
| 12/15/2024 | Patriot Pen District Winner Submitted to Department | | | | |
| | Teacher of the Year Winner Submitted to Department | | | | |
| 12/20/2024 | Space Force birthday | | | | |
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| | December 2024 | | | | |
| 12/31/2023 | Public Safety (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, EMS, 911) Packages from Post to Department | | | | |
| | January 2025 | | | | |
| 01/07/2025 | National Home Original Birthday Celebration at VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, | | | | |
| | MI | | | | |
| 01/11/2025 | District 3 meeting at 10am at Post 9211 in Reno | | | | |
| 01/18/2024 | District 6 meeting at 12:30pm at Post 12119 in North Las Vegas | | | | |

January 2025

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| | National Home - Nevada House minimum \$100.00 donation for Posts and District, Post & Districts will need to show proof of donation by 2025 Department Mid-Winter |
| | Department Foundation minimum donation of \$100.00 by Posts and Districts, Post & |
| | Districts will need to show proof of donation by 2025 Department Mid-Winter |
| 01/20/2025 | Buddy Poppy - Posts must purchase a quantity of 500 post quantity, Post will need to show proof of donation by 2025 Department Mid-Winter |
| | Posts must donate to National Veterans & Military Support Services, minimum of \$125 |
| | thru the online VFW Program tool page |
| 01/24 & 25/2025 | Department Mid-Winter Conference – Las Vegas |
| 01/31/2025 | • (Oct, Nov, Dec) 4th Quarter Audit due by Jan 31 to the Department QM and Inspector. |
| | February 2025 |
| 02/01/2025 | District 2 meeting at 1pm at Post 9165 in Battle Mountain |
| 02/03/2025 | Four Chaplains Day |
| 02/04/2025 | • USO Birthday |
| 02/19/2025 | Coast Guard Reserve Birthday |
| 02/28/2025 | Voice of Democracy in Washington, DC (Tentative) |
| | March 2025 |
| 03/01-04/2025 | Voice of Democracy in Washington, DC (Tentative) |
| 03/01-05/2025 | Washington Conference in Washington, DC (Tentative) |
| 03/03/2025 | Navy Reserve Birthday |
| 03/22/2025 | District 5 Convention at 1pm at Post 10054 in Pahrump |
| 03/25/2025 | Medal of Honor Day National Vietnam War Veterans Day |
| 03/29/2025 | District 3 Convention at 10am at Post 9211 in Reno |
| | District 3 Convention at Touri at 1 0st 7211 in Reno |
| | April 2025 |
| 04/05/2025 | District 6 Convention at 12:30pm at Post 8336 in Moapa |
| 04/10-13/2025 | Senior Vice Commanders Training in Kansas City, MO |
| 04/12/2025 | District 2 Convention at 1pm at Post 2350 in Elko |
| 04/26/2025 | District 4 Convention at 1pm at Post 2313 in Hawthorne (Lev. Ed. May) 1st Operator April 1 declaration for the Department OM and the Department O |
| 04/31/2025 | • (Jan, Feb, Mar) 1st Quarter Audit due by April 31 to the Department QM and Inspector. |
| | May 2025 |
| 05/01/2025 | District 1 Convention at 10am at Post 3726 in Carson City |
| 05/03/2025 | • VFW Day of Service |
| 05/11/2025 | Mother's Day |
| 05/17/2025 | Armed Forces Day |
| 05/26/2025 | Memorial Day |

June 2025

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| 06/5-8/2025 | State Convention at the Golden Nugget at Lake Tahoe |
| 06/14/2025 | Army Birthday and Flag Day |
| 06/15/2025 | • Father's Day |
| 06/28/2025 | • National Home 100 th Anniversary in Eaton Rapids, MI |
| | July 2025 |
| 07/04/2025 | • Independence Day |
| | August 2025 |
| 08/09-13/2025 | National Convention in Columbus, OH |





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2024-2025 All-State Program

- 1. Goal: The Department and its subordinate units excel individually and as a group in membership, program execution, and compliance with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual and Department of Nevada By-laws and standing orders.
- 2. Program Execution: The State Programs Director shall be responsible for execution of the program.
- 3. All-State Criteria:
 - a. A qualified Post must meet the following qualification criteria to be eligible for All-State honors.
 - i. A Post must be 102% or greater in membership, reported to National membership by June 30, 2025.
 - ii. A Post must have at least one (1) new member.
 - iii. A Post must have completed all required All-State Tasks during the year. These are -
 - 1. Participate in the Community Service Program as outlined in the community service program,
 - 2. Donated a minimum of \$125.00 to the National VMS program by the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference,
 - 3. Participate in the Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, and Teacher of the Year Programs. A post can donate \$125.00 per program (\$375.00 total) by 15 November 2024, to the Department QM in lieu of participating for All-State only. Participation is still required for the All-American program by National.
 - 4. Donate a minimum of \$125.00 to the Department Foundation by the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference,
 - 5. Purchase the 500 Buddy Poppies for your Post by the 2025 Mid -Winter Conference.
 - iv. A Post must be in good standing with <u>ALL</u> National and Department By-Laws, Post audits, bond, election report, code of ethics, favorable inspection report, and District meeting attendance. <u>All Admin Tasks must be Green for All-State!</u>
 - v. A Post Line Officer (Cdr, SVC, JVC) must attend the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference and 2025 State Convention.
 - b. A qualified District must meet the following criteria to be eligible for All-State honors.
 - i. A District must be 102% or greater in membership, reported to National membership by June 30, 2025.

- ii. A District must be in good standing with ALL National and Department By-Laws, audits, bond, election report, code of ethics, favorable inspection report, and meeting attendance. All Admin Tasks must be Green for All-State!
- iii. All Posts must have passed Post Inspections in good standing.
- iv. The District must have submitted a qualified Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen, and a K-12 Citizenship (Teacher of the Year) Entry to Department with all required documents by the 15 December 2024.
- v. Submit a qualified entry for the Department Veteran of the Year by 15 March 2025, Mail to: Jerry Peterson, 1937 Williamsport Street, Henderson, NV 89052-7115.
- vi. The District must have sent a minimum of \$125.00 to the National VMS Program by the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference.
- vii. The District must have sent a minimum of \$125.00 to the Department Foundation by the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference.
- viii. District Commander must attend the 2025 Mid-Winter Conference and 2025 State Convention.

4. Awards:

- a. Cutoff date for award processing will be May 15, 2025. Posts make Membership by June 30, 2025, will be considered All-State but will not receive any recognition at the State Convention.
- b. Posts: The Posts that meet the above Post criteria will be selected as All-State Posts. Each Post will receive a Commander All-State Pin, and a Post Certificate.
- c. Districts: The Districts will receive a Commander All-State Pin, and a District Certificate.
- 5. Further information can be obtained from the Programs Director, Jose Aragon, programs@vfwnv.com or call (775)232-5599.

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| DIST | T POST | ST POST NAME | Green - Qualified for All-State Red - Not Qualified for All-State | 1st Qtr (Due 7/31/24) | 2nd Qtr (Due 10/31/24) | 3rd Qtr (Due 1/31/25) | 4th Qtr (Due 4/30/25) | 2023 Bond (Due 8/31) | IRS 990 Filed for year | 2024 Delegate Fees (Due 6/1) | 2024 Election Reports (Due 6/1) | Department Inspection (Due 12\ | Commander Code of Ethics (Due Post Liability Insurance on file | Secretary State Corporate List of | Officers Articles of Incorporation (on File Department and National) | Post ByLaws on file | Post Line Officer at Mid-Winter Conference | 1st District Meeting | 2nd District Meeting | District Convention | + %201 - qihzrədməM | One New Member Donation to VMS (Unmet Needs) | (Minimum of \$125 by M/W) Department Foundation - (Minin \$125 by M/W) | Voice of Democracy - Entry to Dia | Patriot Pen - Entry to District | Teacher of the Year - Entry to Dia | Community Service - Meet 2024- required goal | Puchase Minimimin Post Quantiti | Actual Buddy Poppy Purchase A | Remarks |
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| | All-State | | Patriot Pen - Entry to District | | | | | | | | | |
| 2024 -25 Nevada Admin and All-State Report | M | trict | Voice of Democracy - Entry to Dis | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Donation to VNV (Unmet Needs) (W/M yd 2225 by W/W) Department Foundation - (Minim (W/W yd 2512 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | One New Member | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Membership - 102% + | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | District Convention | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 2nd District Meeting | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 1st District Meeting | | | | | | | | | |
| | נ | | Post Line Officer at Mid-Winter Conference | | | | | | | | | |
| | Adjutant | | Post ByLaws on file | | | | | | | | | |
| | nĺp | 16 | Articles of Incorporation (on File and Mational) | | | | | | | | | |
| n a | ٧ | | Secretary State Corporate List of Officers | | | | | | | | | |
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| Nev | | | 2024 Election Reports (Due 6/1) | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 2 | | | 2024 Delegate Fees (Due 6/1) | | | | | | | | | |
| 2024 -25 | ster | | IRS 990 Filed for year | | | | | | | | | |
| | Quartermaster | | 2023 Bond (Due 8/31) | | | | | | | | | |
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| | • | Trustee Audits | 2nd Qtr (Due 10/31/24) | | | | | | | | | |
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Requirement Partial met or Late Requirement not met

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N Articles of Incorporaton - Available at National and at Department

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June 8, 2024

2024 - 2025 Community Service Program

- 1. The 2024-2025 Community Service Program runs from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 and has the goal to document how our Posts and its Auxiliary's excel in aiding the community, veterans, youth, and our military. Each Post is responsible to appoint a community services chairman to administer the program. If there is not one appointed, the Post Commander is responsible for implementation and reporting of the program to the Department. The program is administered by the Department Community Services Chairman.
- 2. Reporting of a Posts Community Service events with its breakout of individuals, hours, donations, mileage, and description of the event is necessary for IRS (Internal Revenue Service) and VFW National reporting requirements. To assist with reporting, a web-based reporting tool has been developed and is available on the Department website www.vfwnv.com behind the members only login. A tutorial for the Community Service Reporting tool is on the Department website under the *Programs>Community Service* Tab.
 - a. Reporting of your Community Service events Is completed by using the online Entry Form. This entry form is the only method used for the community service chairman to enter their community service events into the system.
 - i. Community Service Program Participation Community Service participation is determined by VFW National by the following metric Community Service Hours x Volunteer Hourly Rate (currently at \$33.49) + Mileage (\$0.14 per mile) + Post Donations = Total. The Department will provide all Posts with total hours, donations and community service total accomplished on a reoccurring basis. Posts will be required to equal or exceed their community service total goal to qualify for All-State status.
 - ii. Posts are required to submit at least 1 community Service Event every quarter for All-State and All-American.
 - 1. July August September
 - 2. October November December
 - 3. January February March
 - 4. April May June
- 3. There are multiple awards programs that Posts are eligible for during the year. These include
 - National Outstanding Community Service Post Award This award is presented by VFW
 National Headquarters to the Outstanding Post in Nevada. Selection by National is after June 30
 of each year.
- 4. All-State Program Community Service is an integral part of the All-State program. Without an effective Community Service program, it is impossible to make All-State. Each Post Community Service Chair should be familiar with the Department All-State Program and how the Community Service program is such an important part of your Post programs.

| 5. | The Department Community Service Chair is Carlton Fogg, community@vfwnv.com, 702-809-6403. If you have questions, please ask at any time. |
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2024-2025 Membership Program

- 1. <u>MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM:</u> The 2024 2025 Membership Program and awards will run from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and are based on National Memstats. The Department Memstats are directly derived from the National Memstats.
- 2. <u>MISSION:</u> To recruit, retain and mentor a stable membership base including all generations of veterans. To cultivate a membership that is well versed in institutional knowledge and actively involved at all levels of the organization and in the local community.
- 3. <u>BUDDY POPPIES:</u> Buddy Poppies drives can be completed at the same time as recruiting events. In accordance with Section 704 of the National Bylaws, all proceeds of the distribution of Buddy Poppies shall be credited to the Post Relief Fund.

4. **DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

- a) Jr. Vice Commander will be the Membership Chair.
- b) We have two goals to meet <u>93% by Dec 31, 2024</u>, and <u>102%, by June 30, 2025</u>.
- c) To help achieve B above:
 - a. each post that is at 88% or better by **October 31, 2024**, will be in a drawing for \$400.00.
 - b. each post that is at 93% or better by **December 31, 2024**, will be in a drawing for \$400.00.
 - c. each post that is at 100% or better by May 30, 2025, will be in a drawing for \$400.00.
 - d. each post that exceeds 103% by June 27, 2025, will be in a drawing for \$400.00.
- d) **Effective July 1, 2024**, the department will reimburse \$30.00 to the post for each new 2-year annual member or life membership, until \$4,000.00 is expended. Posts must provide the Programs Director programs@vfwnv.com the names that are 2-year annual member renewals for verification.
- e) All Department recruiting events require preapproval by the Department Commander, funding purposes.
- f) Any district that achieves **102**% 5-days prior to mid-winter will receive **\$500.00**. District commander or line officer must be present at mid-winter conference to receive this award, it will NOT be mailed.
- g) Any post that achieves **102**% 5 days prior to mid-winter will receive **\$250.00**. Post commander or line officer must be present at mid-winter conference to receive this award, it will NOT be mailed.

- h) If any member is given a department or national stipend to attend the National Convention or Legislative Conference, you must recruit at least one new member.
- i) National will provide awards to recruiters that recruit 5,10, 20 or above.

5. DEPARTMENT RECRUITING RECOGNITION:

- a. Recruiters that recruit 5 or more members is eligible for the following.
 - 1) Recruiters receive a Department Recruiting pin and be eligible for the **top recruiter** award for their post.
 - 2) **Top recruiters** in each post whose membership is at 93% by December 31, 2024, will be placed in a drawing for \$250.00. This drawing will be pulled at the 2025 Department Mid-Winter. Winners will need to be present at the Conference to receive the award.
 - 3) **Top recruiters** in each post whose membership is at 100% by May 31, 2025, will be placed in a drawing for \$250.00. This drawing will be pulled at the 2025 State Convention in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Winners will need to be present at the State Convention to receive the award.
- b. Post Membership Chairpersons are responsible to develop and organize Membership Recruiting Events when you have any outside activities. If you have a Buddy Poppy Drive, an Adopt-A-Unit event, even a dinner that is open to the public at your Post, there is an opportunity for recruiting.





PUBLIC SERVANT AWARDS 2024-2025

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects emergency medical technicians (services), law enforcement, firefighter, and dispatcher personnel to receive VFW Public Servant Awards. New this year, the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician category has been added. Posts are encouraged to submit a candidate/group for these awards to their **Department Headquarters or Department Safety Chairperson by January 1**. The Department may then select a single candidate for each of the five awards and submit those to the **VFW National Headquarters by February 1**.

- VFW National Emergency Medical Technician Public Servant Citation: Any individual/group, who actively gives emergency medical treatment, provides rescue service or civil disaster assistance as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to give emergency medical care, provide rescue and civil disaster assistance to our nation's citizens.
- VFW National Law Enforcement Public Servant Citation: Any individual/group, who serves in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with enforcement of the laws pertaining to their area of responsibility. This award does not apply to an individual employed by private companies or security services.
- VFW National Firefighters Public Servant Citation: Any individual/group, who actively fights fires as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to fight fires and give assistance to our nation's citizens.
- VFW National 911 Dispatcher Public Servant Citation: Any individual/group who serves in a municipal, county, state, or federal unit tasked with providing the vital link between callers in distress and emergency response team by obtaining essential information to send the appropriate responders to the right location.
- VFW National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician Public Servant Citation: Any individual/group, who serves in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with the enforcement of the laws and special handling pertaining to disposal of explosive threats to our nation's citizens.

Criteria for these awards – Candidates must have demonstrated:

- 1) Recognition by their colleagues or those they serve.
- 2) Consistent excellence in the performance of their duties.
- 3) Consistent dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibilities and skills within their profession.

Documentation required for all Candidates:

- 1) Public Servant Award Citation Post Entry Form
- 2) Nomination letter containing the candidate's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered.

3) Include justification outlining background in field, accomplishments, and awards.

If you have any questions contact the Department of Nevada Public Service Chairman is Carlton Fogg, community@vfwnv.com, 702-809-6403. If you have questions, please ask at any time. The VFW National Program Information reach out to Tammy Beauchamp at 816.756.3390 Ext. 6287, e-mail, tbeauchamp@vfw.org.

Note: All Department Public Servant Citations must be requested through the VFW Department Public Servant Award Request Form through Formstack. VFW Programs staff will email the form link to Department Adjutants and Quartermasters at the beginning of each program year. **Deadline for Department submissions to National is February 1, to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentations.**



PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD CITATIONS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, FIREFIGHTERS, DISPATCHERS AND EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TECHNICIANS (EODT)

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects emergency medical technicians (services), law enforcement, firefighter and dispatcher personnel to receive VFW Public Servant Awards. New this year, the EOD Technician category has been added. Posts are encouraged to submit a candidate/group for these awards to their **Department Headquarters or Department Safety Chairperson by January 1**. The Department may then select a single candidate for each of the five awards and submit those to the **VFW National Headquarters by February 1**.

VFW National Emergency Medical Technician Public Servant Citation: Any individual/group, who actively gives emergency medical treatment, provides rescue service or civil disaster assistance as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to give emergency medical care, provide rescue and civil disaster assistance to our nation's citizens.

VFW National Law Enforcement Public Servant Citation: Any individual/group, who serves in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with enforcement of the laws pertaining to their area of responsibility. This award does not apply to an individual employed by private companies or security services.

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VFW National 911 Dispatcher Public Servant Citation: Any individual/group who serves in a municipal, county, state, or federal unit tasked with providing the vital link between callers in distress and emergency response team by obtaining essential information to send the appropriate responders to the right location.

VFW National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician Public Servant Citation: Any individual/group, who serves in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with the enforcement of the laws and special handling pertaining to disposal of explosive threats to our nation's citizens.

<u>NOTE</u>: First Responder Medal is available through the VFW Store. To review this item please click on the following link: https://www.vfwstore.org/products/32134

Criteria for these awards – Candidates must have demonstrated:

- 1) Recognition by their colleagues or those they serve.
- 2) Consistent excellence in the performance of their duties.
- 3) Consistent dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibilities and skills within their profession.

Documentation required for all Candidates:

- 1) Public Servant Award Citation Post Entry Form
- 2) Nomination letter containing the candidate's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered.
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If you have any questions contact Tammy Beauchamp at 816.756.3390 Ext. 6287, e-mail, tbeauchamp@vfw.org. **Note:** All Department Public Servant Citations must be requested through the VFW Department Public Servant Award Request Form through Formstack. VFW Programs staff will email the form link to Department Adjutants and Quartermasters at the beginning of each program year. **Deadline for Department submissions to National is February 1, to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentations.** If there are any questions email tbeauchamp@vfw.org or call 816.756.3390 ext. 6287.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS





June 8, 2024

2024-2025 Patriot Pen Program

All information pertaining to the theme, judging, eligibility, awards and other aspects of this program are contained in the Veterans of Foreign Wars program booklet for the Patriot's Pen Essay Program. District Commanders are responsible to ensure that their District programs are conducted within these rules and deadlines and can assign a District Chairman to assume these duties. District Chairmen are solely responsible for the conduct of the program within their Districts. Make sure that you distribute copies of your program to all Posts in your District in enough time to ensure successful competition.

The Patriot's Pen Essay Program is a joint program with the VFW Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Nevada. The Auxiliary does not need the permission of a Post to participate in the Patriot's Pen Essay Program. Post and District Chairmen are expected to include their VFW Auxiliary counterparts in all activities concerning the conduct of local and District programs.

1. Scholars App Usage: This year will implement the usage of the Scholars App program.

Posts have the option to utilize this program, which gives the Post a new method to allow students to submit their essays. It also gives the Post an easier way to judge submissions and forward to Districts.

Districts are required to submit the District winner to Department using the Scholars App program.

2. Eligibility:

- a. Sixth (6th), Seventh (7th) and Eighth (8th) grade students in public, private, parochial and home schools in the State of Nevada. Former first place winners at the State and National level competition or any foreign exchange student are not eligible.
- b. Students do not have to be a relative of a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or its VFW Auxiliary to participate.

3. Essay:

- a. Essays must be typed, or computer printed in English, between 300-400 words, on a single sheet of paper, with no added color or art.
- b. Theme: The 2024-25 Theme is "My Voice in America's Democracy?"

4. Posts:

a. To receive credit for participation in the Patriot's Pen Essay Program, a Post MUST SPONSOR

THE PROGRAM IN THEIR COMMUNITY. While it is important to offer the Patriot's Pen Essay Program in our schools, it is not solely a program for the schools. You may offer the competition to any sixth, seventh or eighth grade student. Foreign exchange students are not eligible. All entries **MUST** be submitted directly to the Post. They may be sponsored through local schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church youth groups, Junior ROTC programs, etc. The Post is encouraged to solicit participants from as many sources as possible.

- b. Starting this year, students are encouraged to use the Scholars App program. Posts will be able to do on-line judging using this program and will submit the winning essay to your district for judging.
- c. The Post will hold their own judging and may submit to District the number of students permitted by the following breakdown.
 - 1-15 student participants = 1 Post entry can advance to District
 - 16-30 student participants = 2 Post entries can advance to District
 - 31-45 student participants = 3 Post entries can advance to District
 - 46-60 student participants = 4 Post entries can advance to District
 - 61-75 student participants = 5 Post entries can advance to District
- d. Posts may advance as many winners as they select based on the total number of students participating. Post judging is the responsibility of the Post Chairman and must be conducted in accordance with the National Judging Criteria.
- e. The Post may forward each 1st place winning entry to District. Each student entry submitted by a Post to District must be an equal 1st place winner. This means each Post student entry sent to District must receive the same award. For example, a Post has 55 student entries is eligible to send four entries to District for judging.
- f. These four entries must each receive an equal first place award from the Post. If the Post lists them as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th place, then they can only send in one entry as the 1st place winner.

5. Districts:

- a. Districts are required to utilize the Scholars App program for submission to the Department. If a Post in the District submits a hard copy, it is the responsibility of the District to upload the submission to the Scholars App for judging. Districts who submit a hard copy to the Department is subject to rejection of the District Winner.
- b. Each District shall be responsible for the conduct of the program and judging of entries within their District. District Chairmen are expected to promote the expansion of the program by encouraging the participation of additional Posts. It is not always possible to restrict sponsorship strictly along VFW District boundaries.
- c. Posts may solicit student participation from any geographical area within the State of Nevada as long as they do not interfere with the sponsorship of other Posts. District Chairmen are expected to assist Posts in the coordination of sponsorship of all schools in their District. It is unacceptable that a school is not contacted.
- **d.** Each District may submit only one entry to the Department for judging. This entry must be certified on the proper National Entry Form by the District Chairman to the District First Place Winner of the District Program judging.

- e. The following items MUST accompany the District entry to Department for judging.
 - One student essay in accordance with the above rules.
 - One completed student entry form
 - One good quality picture [head-shoulders shot], preferably wallet sized.
- f. It is the responsibility of the District Chairman to ensure that all materials are included. Any entry that does not include all materials will not be judged.

6. Reporting:

- a. To obtain program credit -
 - Post Chairman portion of the Student Entry Form must be completed and submitted to District with each Post entry.
 - The form must include the number of students participating from the school and the approximate cost for the program and awards for that school. Proper credit cannot be given without this information.
 - Post and District Adjutants are responsible for entering all participation reports from their respective chairmen and entering the da ta into the All-American Dashboard through the Online Membership System (OMS) no later than January 15, 2025. Failure to enter this data will preclude your Post or District from eligibility from All-American and All-State programs.

7. Deadlines:

- a. Deadline for Post sponsored program entries is **October 31, 2024**. Post judging may not be held before November 1, 2024, and must be completed in time to ensure that winning entries are delivered to the District Chairmen by **November 15, 2024**.
- b. District judging must be completed in time to ensure that the winning entry with all required materials are delivered to the Department Chairman by **December 15, 2024**. District judging is the responsibility of the District Chairman and is to be conducted in accordance with the National Judging Criteria.
- c. The Department deadline for District entries is **December 15, 2024**. This deadline is **ABSOLUTE**, and it includes all paperwork. Department judging will be closed and will be the responsibility of the Department Committee. Be advised that the state judging will be attended only by the VFW Department Committee Members, VFW State Auxiliary Committee Members, and the State Judges. The Committee has the sole authority to disqualify from the Department judging any entry which is in violation of the rules as stated in the Department Program and the National Program booklet.

8. Awards:

- a. All Post and District awards are the responsibility of those organizations. Reminder In accordance with the National Manual of Procedure Section 704(f), educational programs that further patriotism are eligible to utilize Relief funds.
- b. Department awards will be presented at the 2025 Department of Nevada Mid-Winter Conference. The 1st Place District winner receiving Department awards will be invited to Mid-Winter Conference and is expected to be present. The Department will assume the cost of the winner's banquet costs,

and lodging. The Department will assume the cost of up to **3 family members plus winner** to include banquet costs. Department will provide the 1st Place District winner up to \$50.00 stipend for travel, payable after the event paid to the winner's post.

- c. **Notification of Department Winners:** The responsibility of notification of Department winner's rests with the Department program chairman. The Chair will notify the winner and family to advise them, determine their availability, meal selection, and perform all necessary coordination with other department officers.
- d. Department award payout is as follows:

1st Place: \$150.00
2nd Place: \$75.00
3rd Place: \$75.00
4th Place: \$50.00
5th Place: \$50.00
6th Place: \$50.00
5th Place: \$50.00

9. Contact:

Jerry Bouck Patriot Pen Chair vodpatriotpen@vfwnv.com





June 8, 2024

2024-2025 Voice of Democracy Program

All information pertaining to the theme, judging, eligibility, awards, and other aspects of this program are contained in the Veterans of Foreign Wars program booklet for the Voice of Democracy Program. District Commanders are responsible to ensure that their District programs are conducted within these rules and deadlines and can assign a District Chairman to assume these duties. District Chairman are solely responsible for the conduct of the program within their Districts. Make sure that you distribute copies of your program to all Posts in your District in enough time to ensure successful competition.

The Voice of Democracy Program is a joint program with the VFW Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Nevada. The Auxiliary does not need the permission of a Post to participate in the Voice of Democracy Program. Post and District Chairmen are expected to include their VFW Auxiliary counterparts in all activities concerning the conduct of local and District programs.

1. Scholars App Usage: This year will implement the usage of the Scholars App program.

Posts have the option to utilize this program, which gives the Post a new method to allow students to submit their essays. It also gives the Post an easier way to judge submissions and forward to Districts.

Districts are required to submit the District winner to Department using the Scholars App program.

2. Eligibility:

- a. Ninth (9th), Tenth (10th), Eleventh (11th) and Twelfth (12th) grade students in public, private, parochial and home schools in the State of Nevada. Former first place winners at the State and National level competition or any foreign exchange student are not eligible.
- b. Students do not have to be a relative of a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or its VFW Auxiliary to participate.
- 3. Theme: The 2024-25 theme is: "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?"

4. Recording:

a. Recorded scripts must not be less than THREE (3) minutes nor longer than FIVE (5) minutes. A five (5) second variation is acceptable to compensate for the possible deviation in equipment. Scripts **MUST** be recorded on full size standard **FLASH DRIVE** or **may be emailed** to the Post. Record on a single track. Scripts must be recorded without music or background voice. Students must not use their names, the name or location of the sponsoring VFW unit, or the name or location of their school.

- b. Recordings must not include any introduction of the script. The only voice on the recording must be that of the students. Special consideration may be given for students that are speech challenged upon written request through District to Department. Scripts should be recorded using the best possible equipment available.
- c. Every effort should be made to submit the best quality entry possible.
 - d. Cassette Tapes or CD's are no longer accepted by State or National.
- **e.** Make certain your **Flash Drive** plays on another piece of play back equipment other than on the one it was recorded. Make certain your recording has **absolutely no background noise whatsoever.**

5. Posts:

- a. To receive credit for participation in the Voice of Democracy Program, a Post MUST SPONSOR THE PROGRAM IN THEIR COMMUNITY. While it is important to offer the Voice of Democracy Program in our schools, it is not solely a program for the schools. You may offer the competition to any 9 to 12th grade students. Foreign exchange students are not eligible. All entries MUST be submitted directly to the Post. They may be sponsored through local schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Church youth groups, Junior ROTC programs, etc. The Post is encouraged to solicit participants from as many sources as possible.
- b. The Post will hold their own judging and may submit to District the number of students permitted by the following breakdown.
 - 1-15 student participants = 1 top Post entry can advance to District
 - 16-30 student participants = 2 top Post entries can advance to District
 - 31-45 student participants = 3 top Post entries can advance to District
 - 46-60 student participants = 4 top Post entries can advance to District
 - 61-75 student participants = 5 top Post entries can advance to District
- c. Posts may advance as many winners as they select based on the total number of students participating. Post judging is the responsibility of the Post Chairman and must be conducted in accordance with the National Judging Criteria.
- d. The Post may forward each 1st place winning entry to District. Each student entry submitted by a Post to District must be an equal 1st place winner. This means each Post student entry sent to District must receive the same award. For example, a Post has 55 student entries is eligible to send four entries to District for judging.
- e. These four entries must each receive an equal first place award from the Post. If the Post lists them as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th place, then they can only send in one entry as the 1st place winner.
- f. <u>School Option.</u> A teacher working in cooperation with a Post can elect to hold a competition in the school, judge the participants and advance one student entry for every 15 students to the Post to advance to the District as the "school winner" from each participating school sponsored by the Post.

6. Districts:

- a. Each District shall be responsible for the conduct of the program and judging of entries within their District. District Chairmen are expected to promote the expansion of the program by encouraging the participation of additional Posts. It is not always possible to restrict sponsorship strictly along VFW District boundaries.
- b. Posts may solicit student participation from any geographical area within the State of Nevada as long as they do not interfere with the sponsorship of other Posts. District Chairmen are expected to assist Posts in the coordination of sponsorship of all schools in their District. It is unacceptable that a school is not contacted.
- c. Each District may submit only one entry to the Department for judging. This entry must be certified on the proper National Entry Form by the District Chairman to be the District First Place Winner of the District Program judging.
- d. The following items MUST accompany the District entry to Department for judging.
 - One student script recorded in accordance with the above rules.
 - One completed student entry form
 - One good quality picture [head-shoulders shot], preferably wallet sized.
- e. It is the responsibility of the District Chairman to ensure that all materials are included. Any entry that does not include all materials will not be judged.

7. Reporting:

- a. To obtain program credit -
 - Post Chairman portion of the Student Entry Form must be completed and submitted to District with each Post entry.
 - The form must include the number of students participating from the school and the approximate cost for the program and awards for that school. Proper credit cannot be given without this information.
 - Post and District Adjutants are responsible for entering all participation reports from their respective chairmen and entering the data into the All-American Dashboard through the Online Membership System (OMS) no later than January 15, 2025. Failure to enter this data will preclude your Post from eligibility from All-American and All-State programs.

8. Deadlines:

- a. Deadline for Post sponsored program entries is **October 31, 2024**. Post judging may not be held before November 1, 2024, and must be completed in time to ensure that winning entries are delivered to the District Chairmen by **November 15, 2024**.
- b. District judging must be completed in time to ensure that the winning entry with all required materials are delivered to the Department Chairman by **December 15, 2024**. District judging is the responsibility of the District Chairman to be conducted in accordance with the National

Judging Criteria.

c. The Department deadline for District entries is **December 15, 2024**. This deadline is **ABSOLUTE**, and it includes all paperwork. Department judging will be closed and will be the responsibility of the Department Committee. Be advised that the state judging will be attended only by the VFW Department Committee Members, VFW State Auxiliary Committee Members, and the State Judges. The Committee has the sole authority to disqualify from the Department judging any entry which is in violation of the rules as stated in the Department Program and the National Program booklet.

9. Awards:

- a. All Post and District awards are the responsibility of those organizations. Reminder In accordance with the National Manual of Procedure Section 704(f), educational programs that further patriotism are eligible to utilize Relief funds.
- b. Department awards will be presented at the 2025 Department of Nevada Mid-Winter Conference. Only the first place District winner receiving Department awards will be invited to Mid-Winter Conference and are expected to be present. The Department will assume the cost of winner's Banquet Meals (limit 4 Winner plus 3 family) and lodging. Department will provide each District winner up to \$50.00 stipend for travel, payable after the event payable to the winner's post.
- c. **Notification of Department Winners:** The responsibility of notification of Department winner's rests with the Department program chairman. The Chair will notify the winner and family to advise them, determine their availability, meal selection, and perform all necessary coordination with other department officers.
- d. Department award payout is as follows:

1st Place: \$1,500.00
2nd Place: \$150.00
3rd Place: \$100.00
4th Place: \$50.00
5th Place: \$50.00
6th Place: \$50.00

10. Contact:

Jerry Bouck VOD Chair vodpatriotpen@vfwnv.com





June 8, 2024

2024-2025 Teacher of the Year Program

All information pertaining to the theme, judging, eligibility, awards and other aspects of this program are contained in the Veterans of Foreign Wars program booklet for the Teacher of the Year Program. District Commanders are responsible to ensure that their District programs are conducted within these rules and deadlines and can assign a District Chairman to assume these duties. District Chairman are solely responsible for the conduct of the program within their Districts. Make sure that you distribute copies of your program to all Posts in your District in enough time to ensure successful competition.

The VFW will recognize and honor the top teacher in three categories (K-5, 6-8, 9-12), who teaches citizenship and education topics, and promotes America's history, traditions, and institutions. Attributes considered will be the scope of the teaching on both the students and the community.

The Teacher of the Year Program is a joint program with the VFW Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Nevada. The Auxiliary does not need the permission of a Post to participate in the Teacher of the Year Program. Post and District Chairmen are expected to include their VFW Auxiliary counterparts in all activities concerning the conduct of local and District programs.

1. Eligibility:

- a. Fellow teachers, supervisors, or any other interested individual may submit nominations.
- b. The nominating individual must submit the nominated teacher's name on the completed VFW Teacher Nomination Form. Included with the form a one-page Resume (minimum requirement) Submit these to the local VFW Post no later than **October 31, 2024.**

2. Posts:

- a. Post Commander/Chairman will complete the application by ensuring that the following items are included. This is a must list (without all six items, the application will be considered incomplete, and will not be judged).
 - National Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Advancement Form
 - One-page resume (single sided)
 - Any supporting documents
 - Do Not Exceed five (single sided) 8 ½ x 11 pages of documentation.
 - Good quality head and shoulder photograph. Wallet size preferred.

NOTE to Post Commanders/Chairmen: The above items must be included exactly as stated or your entry may be returned or even disqualified at the District level. Only one nominee will be selected from each of the three categories. Selected applications must be forwarded to District to arrive no later than **November 15, 2024**.

3. Districts:

- a. Each District will then judge and select only one nominee in each of the three categories. A minimum of 1 entry from each category (may submit all categories) from the District and submitted to the Department. A minimum of 1 entry from the categories must be submitted by the District.
- b. District Commander/Chairman will complete the District portion of the "National Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Advancement" Form.
- c. Selected Post Teacher Entry Forms will be forwarded directly to the Department Chairman. Deadline for receipt of District entries to the Department Chairman is **December 15, 2024**. Applications must include all of the above items. Only entries from the District Commander or District Chairman will be accepted at the Department level. District must include National Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Advancement Form.
- d. **NOTE** to District Chairman: It is your responsibility to ensure that Posts have included all items described above and that they are as specified. If you do not receive the proper documents from Posts, send them back to the Post for correction. **DO NOT** pass them on to Department.
- e. It is also your responsibility to ensure the District Teacher of the Year Award Report Form is filled out properly and submitted to Department. If the above requirements are not met it could result in the disqualification of your Districts entry.

4. Reporting:

- a. To obtain program credit -
 - Post and District Adjutants are responsible for entering all participation reports from their respective chairmen and entering the data into the All-American Dashboard through the Online Membership System (OMS) no later than January 15, 2025. Failure to enter this data will preclude your Post from eligibility from All-American and All-State programs. Districts will be responsible for uploading all required data to the dashboard prior to entry submission to Department.

5. Deadlines:

a. Deadline for Post sponsored program entries is **October 31, 2024**. Post judging may not be held before November 1, 2024, and must be completed in time to ensure that winning entries are delivered to the District Chairmen by **November 15, 2024**.

- b. District judging must be completed in time to ensure that the winning entry with all required materials are delivered to the Department Chairman by **December 15, 2024**. District judging is the responsibility of the District Chairman to be conducted in accordance with the National Judging Criteria.
- c. The Department deadline for District entries is **December 15, 2024**. This deadline is **ABSOLUTE** and it includes all paper work. Department judging will be closed and will be the responsibility of the Department Committee. Be advised that the state judging will be attended only by the VFW Department Committee Members, VFW State Auxiliary Committee Members and the State Judges. The Committee has the sole authority to disqualify from the Department judging any entry which is in violation of the rules as stated in the Department Program and the National Program booklet.

6. Awards:

- a. All Post and District awards are the responsibility of those organizations. Reminder In accordance with the National Manual of Procedure Section 704(f), educational programs that further patriotism are eligible to utilize Relief funds.
- b. **Notification of Department Winners:** The responsibility of notification of Department winner's rests with the Department program chairman. The Chair will notify the winner and family to advise them, determine their availability, meal selection, and perform all necessary coordination with other department officers.
- c. Department award as follows:
 - Winner National Certificate from the Commander-in-Chief
- d. Award presentation will occur at a suitable location after receipt of the award from National.

7. Contacts:

Jerry Bouck
Teacher of the Year Chair
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June 8, 2024

2024 - 2025 Scout of the Year

- 1. The 2024-25 Scout of the Year program is a National program.
- 2. Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States recognizes individuals who are: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank.

3. Documentation Required:

- Photograph of the Scout must be attached to this form. The Scout must appear in correct, complete uniform for their current rank. Recommended size 3" x 5".
- School Participation Record a single page, one-sided resume of the candidate's school activities indicating academic achievements, offices held, honors received and significant participation in other activities.
- Scouting Record maximum of three pages, one side only, listing of all Scouting
 participation beginning with Cub Scouts or Brownies years of participation, unit
 numbers and sponsors. Also include when Eagle, Gold, Summit or Quartermaster Award
 was received and Palms. Identify leadership positions held at all levels, participation in
 Scouting activities (jamborees, Order of the Arrow conferences, etc.) and the candidate's
 Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit or Sea Scout Quartermaster Project.
 Personal attributes (self-confidence, initiative, flexibility, judgement).
- Community Service Record a single page, one -sided resume listing participation in community and religious service organizations (excluding Scouting and school), noting leadership positions held and any recognition received.
- Letters of Recommendation Submit three letters, no more than two pages in length from:
 - A scout leader.
 - o A community member.
 - A teacher/faculty member (if homeschooled, a parent letter is allowed).
 - In addition, you may include one or two additional letters, no more than two
 pages in length from local community members who have special knowledge of
 the candidate's abilities/accomplishments.
- Completed Entry Form

4. Eligibility:

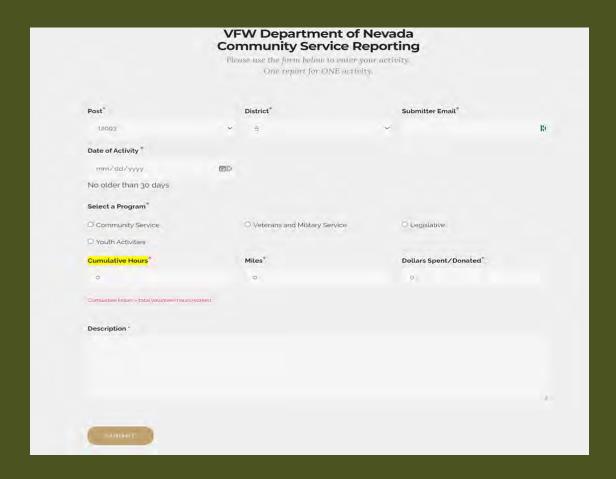
- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship at the time the above reward was received.
- Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.
- Prior National Scout of the Year winners are ineligible. There is no minimum age
 requirement for applicants as long as all other eligibility criteria has been met. The maximum
 age requirement for applicants is 18 years old. If an applicant reaches their 18th birthday
 during the nomination year, they remain eligible as long as they are still in high school at the
 time of the submission deadline.

5. Deadlines:

- Deadline for entry to VFW Post is March 1.
- One Candidate to be submitted to the VFW Department Program chairman by 01 April 2025.
- The Department winner must be selected and submitted by their Department to the VFW National Headquarters by May 1.

Community Service never ends. While we have cutoff dates due to awards, the community service program always continues and the hours are always accepted 365 days a year. The current programs does not have a beginning, nor an end. A post helps your fellow veterans and your community and reports using the on-line reporting tool at www.vfwnv.com

| Community Service | Veteran & Military | Youth Activities |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Hospital Visits (not VA) | Buddy Poppy (Costs, Hours, Distro) | Voice of Democracy |
| Nursing Homes | National Home | Patriot Pen |
| Elder Assistance | VAMS, MAPS | Scouting |
| Special Needs | UNMET Needs | JROTC |
| Blood Donations | Military Scholarship | Patriotic Art |
| Safety Activities | VSO Activities | Sports |
| Conservation | Assisting Vets with Travel and Appts | Outstanding Youth Volunteer |
| Charitable Activities/Donations | VA Hospital Visits for Vets | 4H |
| Health Care | Honor Guard | •Legislative |
| Community Involvement | Vets in Classroom | Voter Awareness |
| Teachers Awards | | Voter Letter Writing to Elected Officials |
| Parades | | Get out the Vote |
| Flag Disposal Ceremonies | | Poll Workers |



VFW Section 230102 - Congressional Charter

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE FRATERNAL, PATRIOTIC, HISTORICAL, CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL AND ARE:

- TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN COMRADESHIP AMONG ITS MEMBERS;
- TO ASSIST WORTHY COMRADES;
- TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY AND HISTORY OF OUR DEAD, AND TO ASSIST THEIR SURVIVING SPOUSES AND ORPHANS;
- TO MAINTAIN TRUE ALLEGIANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND FIDELITY TO ITS CONSTITUTION AND LAWS;
- TO FOSTER TRUE PATRIOTISM;
- TO MAINTAIN AND EXTEND THE INSTITUTION OF AMERICAN FREEDOM;
- TO PRESERVE AND DEFEND THE UNITED STATES FROM ALL ENEMIES.