

VFW Department of South Dakota Membership Program 2019-2020



Welcome to the 2020 South Dakota VFW Membership Program. This Program, in addition to the National Membership plan, offers every member the opportunity to serve their local VFW Post and at the same time earn incentives at the Department, District, Post and individual award levels, plus personal satisfaction. All membership contests start on July 1, 2019.

Every member is encouraged to participate in all the department and national membership contests. You are also encouraged to participate and help develop a membership program for your post by having membership roundups. By choosing to help your post with membership, you will be performing an outstanding service for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and have an opportunity to earn prizes and awards.

To be a Quota Buster Post in the state it has been determined by the Department Membership Committee that it will be one plus their post membership as of June 30, 2019 for the year 2020.

Goals

To increase membership and participation in the VFW

1. Present a positive image of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to our veterans, families and community
2. Build a stronger VFW for the future
3. Instill team building and Espirt de Corps amongst members
4. Provide veteran service officers outreach to post and districts
5. Ensure the 66,223 veterans living in the state of South Dakota are aware of the programs and assistance available through the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Membership Achievement Goals

1. Increase the number of new members by 5%
2. Increase our life members by 10%
3. Increase Re-instated members by 5%
4. Increase Legacy Life members by 5%
5. Average 95% retention for posts in South Dakota

Student Veterans Chairman This chairman will work the Recruiting and Retention team to get access to the state universities and colleges. He or She will assist the team in recruiting student veterans. The VFW will help get the recruiter obtain computer, tables, signs, table covers and other things needed through a grant from National VFW.

TOP RECRUITER

The Member who signs up the most New, New Life or Reinstated Members will receive a \$200 gift certificate from the VFW store. The Top Recruiter will not be eligible for the incentives below

District Membership Captains that achieve 100% or greater in district membership will receive a membership "Captain" pin and \$ 100.00. The District will also receive \$ 100.00 to be used for membership roundups/activities the following year.

State Headquarters will use information from the National Monthly Recruiter Report.
Cutoff date May 31, 2019.

Annual Members (individual member)

***Recruit 5% total post member count based of Mem Stats on July 1, 2019.
You will receive \$100.00***

Life Members (individual member)

***Recruit 5% total post member count based of Mem Stats on July 1, 2019.
You will receive \$150.00***

LEGACY Life Members (Post)

***Recruit 2% total post member count based of Mem Stats on July 1, 2019.
You will receive \$200.00***

State Membership Drawings- If your Post reaches the Membership % based on your post Mem Stat count listed, on the Last Day of the second month the post will be put in for the drawing for the \$ 200.00 Cash Award

Months/Percentages

July 31, 2019 / 80%

September 30, 2019 / 85%

November 30, 2019 / 92%

January 31, 2019 / 94%

March 31, 2019 / 96%

May 31, 2019 / 100%

“YOU’RE NEVER ALONE”

Commander Sean David Johnson
Supporting Membership
For **2019 - 2020**

Consider a Life Membership

This will help you leave a legacy at your post, and will increase the payout that your post receives on your behalf each year. This membership also pays for itself as you don't have to be bugged for your dues annually like continuous members do. The application for this membership is on the next page please consider the membership as it also boosts are overall numbers immediately by no annual dues to track down. It is a win, win situation for all. See the application.

We would like you to consider obtaining Legacy Life Membership

As a Legacy Life member, future generations will know you not only for the sacrifices you made as a veteran but for the contributions you made as a member. As a Legacy member your Payouts come back to the State and the Post every year until you pass away and then it will go on forever and there are many other incentives that you can see on the application.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ EMAIL _____
First MI Last

ADDRESS _____
Street Apt. / Lot # City State Zip

DATES OF SERVICE _____ to _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ PHONE _____
MM / YYYY MM / YYYY MM / DD / YYYY

MILITARY SERVICE ACTIVE DUTY VETERAN NAT. GUARD/RESERVE BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE MARINES COAST GUARD

QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE:

WW II	VIETNAM SERVICE	AFGHANISTAN (2001 - present)	INHERENT RESOLVE (2014 - present)
OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE	DESERT SHIELD/STORM	IRAQ (2003 -2011)	HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY
KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954)	BOSNIA/KOSOVO	SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA	Location _____
KOREA DUTY (1955 - present)	GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY	EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS	Dates _____

Payment Authorization - You may pay by check or credit card. For payments by check, you will receive a yearly statement by mail. For credit card payments, please complete the following:

ANNUAL MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ on a yearly basis to pay my Annual membership dues.

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

LIFE MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ to be paid in 11 monthly installment payments after my initial payment of \$45.00.

I authorize the VFW to charge the \$45.00 initial payment and I understand that I will be billed for the remaining 11 monthly installment payments.

Credit Card # _____
(Mastercard, Visa, Discover or Amex only)

EXP. DATE _____ AMOUNT \$ _____ Signature: _____

NEW	Post # _____	FORMER MEMBER # _____
TRANSFER from Post # _____	State _____	to Post # _____
RECRUITER _____	ID# _____	
(Please print)		
QUARTERMASTER _____	(Signature)	

Life Member Options		
AGE as of DECEMBER 31 st	One-Time Payment	\$45 + 11 Payments of
18-30 Years Old	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40 Years Old	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50 Years Old	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60 Years Old	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70 Years Old	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80 Years Old	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 Years & Over	\$170.00	\$15.45

Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debit entries or affect a charge by any other commercially accepted practice to your account set forth above for the payment of dues reflected on this application. You understand such charges may be made within 2-3 business days of payment due date. For installment payments, charges will be made on or around the 1st or the 15th day of the month. This authorization will remain in full force until VFW has received notification from you of its termination or upon completion of the installment payments. Annual dues are subject to change. By completing this authorization, you acknowledge that you will only receive notice when the payment would differ by more than \$10.00 from the most recent payment. Call VFW Member Service Center at 1-833-VFW-VETS or write to VFW at VFW P.O. Box 119028, Kansas City, MO 64171 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or to report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, closed accounts or unauthorized transactions. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time ten business days prior to the scheduled payment date. If you are unaware of the charge date for your account, please contact VFW. If a payment is returned by your financial institution (e.g., due to insufficient funds, incorrect account information, closed account, etc.) the VFW will contact you at the address we have on file for you, explaining why the payment could not be processed, and providing alternate payment options. The privilege of making payments under this agreement may be revoked by VFW if any item is not paid upon presentation. You may have additional rights and responsibilities under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

Life Membership Installment Plan Terms and Conditions: The VFW Life Membership installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a Life Membership by making an initial payment of \$45.00 and (11) monthly payments. The member will be issued an Annual membership card at the time of enrollment. The member may elect to receive a monthly statement by mail or may set up a payment profile to make the monthly payment automatically using a credit/debit card or bank account. A payoff amount will be printed on each monthly invoice, allowing the member the option to pay in full. A permanent Life Membership card will be issued upon the completion of payments. The Life Membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the year in which the application is submitted.

Delinquencies will be handled as follows: Up to 30 days - continue to bill, 31 to 120 days - delinquency can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward, More than 120 days - member is dropped from the Installment Plan, all monthly payments made to date, are applied to future years annual dues.

VFW PLEDGE I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that:

I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto. I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy. I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order. Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had remained a member of same. All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true comrade -- and a citizen of our great republic.

I attest that I am a citizen or national of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

The review committee has performed its duties and recommends approval, rejection.

_____	_____	_____
Committee Member	Committee Member	Committee Member

Applicants Signature & Date _____
\$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

You must be a current Life Member of the VFW, or if purchasing a Memorial Legacy, the veteran in whose name it is purchased must be a deceased Life Member of the VFW.

Instructions:

1. Complete the acceptance form.
2. Check the level: Bronze, Silver or Gold. You may upgrade your Legacy level at any time by paying the difference to your desired level.
3. If purchasing a Memorial Legacy, ensure that the name and Life Member number are those of the veteran in whose name the Memorial Legacy is being purchased.
4. Payment options: check, money order or credit card - payment in full.
5. Installment option: purchase an Installment Legacy Life Membership by making four equal payments. The first payment must accompany this form and be equal to 1/4 of the level being purchased (Bronze \$100, Silver \$200 and Gold \$300). The remaining balance will be billed by National Headquarters quarterly.
6. Choose the endowment:
 - a. One-time Endowment payment: upon your death, the principal amount of your Legacy will be paid in equal amounts to your Post, Department and the National organization, as applicable.
 - b. Annual Endowment: the Legacy level payment will continue annually after your death. Memorial Legacies must be purchased as an Annual Endowment.
7. Enclose check, money order or credit card information for payment.
8. Mail the acceptance form, along with a check, money order or credit card information to the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters at the address located below.



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Veterans of Foreign Wars
National Headquarters - Membership
406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111 - 2778

Revised 10/2018

Member Incentives

Bronze \$400 **Silver** \$800 **Gold** \$1200

Plated Engraved Legacy Life Card	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lapel Pin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hat Pin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Distinctive VFW Store Line for Legacy Life members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Framed Legacy Life membership Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Recognition on Internet & Convention Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Legacy Life Plaque	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hat Patch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personalized Brick at Centennial Plaza	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VFW Store Discounts (for personal use only) *	5%	10%	15%
Increased Level of No-Cost AD&D Insurance *	\$2000	\$3500	\$5000
Annual Endowment: Post	\$6	\$12	\$18
Annual Endowment: Department	\$6	\$12	\$18

* does not apply to Memorial Life Legacy Membership

LEAVE YOUR LEGACY



As a Legacy Life member, future generations will know you not only for the sacrifices you made as a veteran but for the contributions you made as a member.

That's a legacy to be proud of.

Legacy Life membership enables VFW Life members to leave a lasting impression on our great organization.

When you become a Legacy Life member, you are helping us strengthen the VFW – where **NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**

Three prestigious levels of Legacy Life membership are available: Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Each level offers generous benefits reserved exclusively for Legacy Life members.

Once your Legacy Life membership begins, an annual endowment in your name will be made to your Post, Department and the organization. You will feel confident knowing your contributions to our organization are not only helping today's veterans but the veterans of tomorrow.

You may also purchase a Memorial Legacy in the name of a deceased VFW Life Member to help future generations know and remember their sacrifice and contributions.

Simply fill out the attached acceptance form and return it to the address provided. For any questions regarding Legacy Life membership, please contact the VFW Member Service Center at 1.833.VFW.VETS. We will gladly provide you with more information on this prestigious and rewarding membership.



Legacy Life membership seems like the next step in doing my duty.

The legacy I leave matters to me and my family, and now to future veterans.

I want to honor the service of a veteran by continuing their legacy.

LEGACYLIFEMEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCEFORM

Life Member No. _____

Social Security No. _____

MEMBER NAME _____

EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

CELL _____

Check Visa Master Card Discover Amex Installment Plan

BRONZE (\$400) _____

SILVER (\$800) _____

GOLD (\$1200) _____

Exp. Date _____ (MM/YY)

Upon My Demise: (See Terms and Conditions - Item No. 6) Make a One-Time Endowment Continue the Annual Endowment

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE SELECT ONE

Yes, I wish to become a Legacy Life Member of the VFW

I am purchasing a Memorial Legacy in the name of a deceased VFW Life Member.

MY NAME _____

Membership Categories

Posts in the Department of South Dakota have been divided into six contest categories. These categories will be used to determine points for the All-State Teams for Post Commander and Post Quartermaster. There may be up to **6 White Cover Post Commanders** and **6 White Cover Quartermasters**. If a membership category does not qualify, there will not be White Covers. There may be up to **6 White Cover Post Commanders/Quartermaster** who would qualify by the point system in this program. The Top Post in each category would qualify and then **2 At Large White Cover** to the next highest point achieving **Post commanders and Post Quartermasters**.

Also, these categories will be used for other contests that have been introduced or additional contests that could be introduced later by the membership committee.

The membership committee highly recommends you take the time to review "Contest Categories for 2020" and the 2019-2020 VFW National Membership Program. You will be placed in the same category as last year.

<p>Category 1 (Total: 25)</p> <p>Marty Summit Dell Rapids Mobridge Lemmon Goodwin Turton Faith Armour Crooks Chamberlain Flandreau Lake Andes Newell Parker Quinn Freeman Tyndall Wessington Springs Gettysburg Parkston Alcester Elk Point Faulkton Vermillion</p>	<p>Category 2 (Total: 14)</p> <p>Plankinton Eureka Scotland Beresford Britton Miller Webster Brandon Belle Fourche Burke Wagner Redfield Spearfish Canton</p> <p>Category 3 (Total: 6)</p> <p>Sisseton Milbank Madison Mitchell Sturgis Winner</p>	<p>Category 4 (Total: 4)</p> <p>Huron Pierre Deadwood Brookings</p> <p>Category 5 (Total: 4)</p> <p>Custer Aberdeen Yankton Watertown</p> <p>Category 6 (Total: 2)</p> <p>Rapid City Sioux Falls</p> <p>Department Total: 55 Posts</p>
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**ALL- STATE POST COMMANDERS AND QUARTERMASTERS TEAM
AND
BAKER-SIMPSON AND WILLIAM J. RADIGAN AWARD**

To be considered for the selection on the ALL-STATE POST COMMANDERS or QUARTERMASTER TEAM, you must complete the following criteria by the judging date in May of 2020, exact date to be published in April 2020 General Orders. This contest is open to all Post Commanders and Quartermasters in the Department of South Dakota, Veterans of Foreign Wars and begins July 1, 2019.

1. All Trustee Audit reports must be reported for each quarter. (June, Sept, Dec and Mar)
2. Buddy Poppy purchases equal 5 poppies per member based on your membership on June 30, 2019.
3. All obligations for Hospital, S & R and Memorial Park Fund must be paid using Post Membership as of June 30, 2019.
4. Must obligate an amount of your choice to the Veterans and Military Support Programs. Send funds **Directly** to National Headquarters VMS Department and send a copy of your check to State Headquarters. **Do not send money to State Headquarters.**
5. Post must appoint a Post Veterans Service Officer.
6. Post must be **100%** membership to qualify.
7. Post must accomplish **one** membership roundup/activity and provide an “after-action” report to the District Membership Captain by **January 1, 2020.**
8. Post Membership Plan **MUST** be submitted to State Office and Membership Captain NLT October 31, 2019. To receive a 100 point bonus, the Post Membership plan with an appointed Post Membership Captain must be submitted by **July 31, 2019.**
9. Post must have a 2019-2020 Election Report on file at the Department Headquarters by May 15, 2019.

“YOU’RE NEVER ALONE”
2019 – 2020

A point system has been devised for each of the following divisions. There will be to 6 White Cover Post Commanders and 6 White Cover Quartermasters. If a membership category does not qualify, there will not be White Covers. There will be up to 8 White Cover Post Commanders and Post Quartermasters, who would qualify by the point system in this program. The Top Post in each category would qualify, and then the next 2 highest point achieving Post Commanders and Quartermasters. The Commander receiving the most points will be awarded the **BAKER-SIMPSON AWARD** and the Quartermaster receiving the most points will be awarded the **WILLIAM J RADIGAN AWARD**.

All-State Commanders and Quartermasters will receive the following awards and prizes:

1. All-State Hat
2. All-State Pin
3. Registration to the Department Convention
4. Room for 3 nights at Department Convention (\$50 / per night IAW SOP)
5. Mileage to and from the Convention from your home (\$0.40 / per mile; google maps)
6. Gift (to be determined)
7. Baker-Simpson Award (Eagle Award) to Outstanding Commander
8. William J Radigan Award (Eagle Award) to Outstanding Quartermaster
9. Double Eagle Award presented at the discretion of the Department Commander
10. Captain Pin

MEMBERSHIP DIVISION: (Per Membership Category and your Post must be 100% to receive points)

- | | POINTS |
|---|---------------|
| 1. First Post to achieve 100% plus one in membership | 200-1 |
| 2. Five points per member over quota to 200 points | 200-1 |
| 3. Consecutive years of Membership Gain (Limit 3 years) | 30-25-20 |
| 4. New and Reinstatement Percentage in the “green”: 5% = 10 points, 10% = 20 points, 15% = 30 points, 20% = 40 points, 30% = 50 points, 50% = 100 points and 100% = 200 points. You can receive five extra points per member over quota up to fifty points. | |
| 5. Post Membership Plan must be received by July 31, 2018 for 100 bonus points. | |
| 6. Post Membership Plan must be received by December 31 for 200 points, 15 points if after January 1. | |

Maximum Points: 880 (33%)

VFW PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS DIVISION:
20 Points or the amount of Points Shown per Program or Project

Sponsor Scout Program	
Youth Activities	
VFW Baseball	
Policeman of the Year	
Community Service	
Post Newsletter Contest	
Firefighter of the Year	
Americanism Program	
Memorial Park & Chapel	
EMT/Paramedic of the Year	
Hospital Program	
Veterans in the Classroom	
Boy Scout of Year	
Girl Scout of Year	
VFW Project & Program Book	
Safety Activities	
VOD	(150)
Patriots Pen	(150)
Special Project Award	(150)
Teacher of the Year in 1 Category	(40)
Teacher of the Year in 2 Categories	(80)
Teacher of the Year in 3 Categories	(120)
23 Categories	

Maximum Total Points: 1010 (28%)

(THIS IS FOR ALL STATE ONLY) (NOT FOR ALL AMERICAN)

(If a Post is unable to garner support for VOD, Patriots Pen or one Teacher of Year submission, a donation in lieu of participation of \$50.00, for one program, will satisfy the program participation requirement. All other donations will be made to Department Headquarters.) The deadline for donations to count for VOD/Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year is post marked by 30 April, 2018. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Special Bonus: If your Post participates in the Community Service Program Book Project you will receive **double** the points on every project you complete in the **VFW Programs and Projects Division**.

VFW DONATIONS DIVISION:

You must donate the required amount of funds for your membership category to receive the points in each category. **Donation period is from May 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019.**

(Donations must be sent to National Headquarters for Military & Veterans Support and UNMET NEEDS) (make sure to send a copy of the Post check to State Headquarters). Donations for State Fair, National Home for Children, Special Olympics and Disabled Veteran Pheasant Hunt should be sent to State Headquarters to receive credit.

Membership Category Minimum Donation Requirements for the numbered items below:

Category #1: \$10.00 **Category #3:** \$40.00 **Category #5:** \$75.00
Category #2: \$25.00 **Category #4:** \$50.00 **Category #6:** \$100.00

	<u>Points</u>
1. National Home for Children	50
2. South Dakota Decorated Veteran Pheasant Hunt	25
3. Military & Veterans Support (National Program)	75
4. South Dakota State Fair	50
5. Special Olympics	25

Maximum Total Points 225 (8.4%)

VFW Reporting Division:

Community Service Reports, Hospital Reports and Military & Veterans Support Reports may be sent in by three month periods. Five (5) points will be awarded for each period of 3 months that the report is received regardless of date received. However, **25** bonus points will be awarded for report received during the month following the end of each reporting period. The final report must be received prior to May judging date, exact date to be published in the April General Orders.

(Receive one Bonus point per quarter if the audit report is reported with 60 days of the audit ending date.)

Report periods for above reports are:

- 1. May, June & July***
- 2. November, December & January***
- 3. August, September & October***
- 4. February, March & April***

Memorial Day 2019

30 points if report is turned in before December 31 after that date only 5 points.

Veterans Day 2019

30 points if report is turned in before December 31 after that date only 5 points.

Loyalty Day 2020

30 points if report is turned in by All-State Team Judging Date, exact date to be published in the April General Orders.

Maximum total points 214 (8.0%)

Attendance of Council of Administration and District meetings:

	<u>Points</u>
1. Fall Council of Administration	50
2. Legislative Conference	50
3. Fall District Meeting	50
4. Spring District Meeting	50

Bonus Points: Each Post Commander or Designated Line Officer or Quartermaster who attends any of the meetings listed above will receive 50 points per meeting. Also, 5 points will be awarded for each post for each member up to ten who attends any of the meetings listed above. The Commander and/or Quartermaster must attend the meeting before any bonus points are awarded.

Maximum Total Points: 700 (22.6%)

NOTE: If you already own an All State cover for this position you will receive the All State and year pin, to place on your current cover instead of receiving a new cap. This will allow the next Commander in line to receive his/her first cover.

Maximum Total Points for the Program: 3029



To be considered for the selection on the ALL-STATE DISTRICT COMMANDER'S TEAM, you must complete the following criteria by the judging date in May of 2020 to be set. This contest is open to all District Commanders in the Department of South Dakota, Veterans of Foreign Wars and begins July 1, 2019.

- 1. 98.5% in membership by judging date.**
- 2. Every Post in your District must purchase a minimum of 100 Buddy Poppies during the current year.**
- 3. Inspections of each Post must be completed and turned into the Department Office who will forward to the Department Inspector.**
- 4. One VOD entry must advance to the Department Judging.**
- 5. Patriots' Pen with one entry advanced to the Department Judging.**
- 6. National Citizenship Education Teacher's Awards with one entry advanced to Department Judging.**
- 7. Must conduct a school of Instruction at one meeting minimum. (A program or contest and can be presented by a District or State Chairman or State Officer.)**
- 8. Must attend the Fall Council and your District meetings exceptions will only be granted by the State Commander.**
- 9. District Membership Plan with an appointed District Membership Captain must be submitted to State Office and/or Membership Chairman NLT October 31.**
- 10. Provide a District Membership Captain's roundup/activity report to all Council of Administration meetings as part of District Commander's Book of Reports.**

A point system has been devised for each of the following categories. For example: The District with the best percentage of membership and new/reinstate will receive 230 points; the second-best percentage of membership will receive 220 points; the third place will receive 210 points; fourth place will receive 200 points; and fifth place will receive 190 points. New and reinstate points will be the same as above for the best percentage of membership. Points in all other categories will be determined by the percentage of posts who participate in the program within the district. The Top Two Qualifying District Commanders receiving the most points will qualify for the All-State District Commander Team and Commander receiving the most points will be the TEAM CAPTAIN and will be awarded the TICE-GALLAGHER AWARD.

All-State Commanders will receive the following awards and prizes.

1. **All-State Hat.**
2. **Registration to the Department Convention.**
3. **Room for 3 nights at the Department Convention (\$45/night IAW SOP)**
4. **Mileage to and from the Convention from your home ((\$0.30/per mile; google maps)**
5. **Gift (to be determined)**
6. **Tice-Gallagher Award to Outstanding Commander**
7. **Double Eagle Award presented at the discretion of Department Commander**

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Membership percentage	230 – 190
New and reinstates percentage in the “green”	230 – 190
Five points per member over quota to 75 points	75
<u>Ten points for every post in your district that sends in a membership plan by October 31. If your district is 100% by October 31 you receive an additional 50 points.</u>	

Maximum Total Points: 770 (49%)

Points in all other categories will be determined by the percentage of posts who participate in the program with the District.

20 Point Programs or Projects	50 – 20
Post Inspections/Audits	50 – 20
National Home Donation	50 – 20
South Dakota Pheasant Hunt	50 – 20
VOD	50 – 20
Military & Veterans Support (National Donation)	50 – 20
Service and Rehabilitation Donation	50 – 20
Hospital Fund Donation	50 – 20
Memorial Park Fund Donation	50 – 20
Patriot’s Pen	50 – 20
Teacher of the Year	50 – 20
Buddy Poppies	50 – 20
EMT, Fire, Police	50 – 20
Boy Scout Girl Scout	50 - 20

Maximum Total Points: 700 (41%)

Reports and Attendance

District Commander Report for booklet of Officer Reports:

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|---|-----------|
| 1. <i>Submitted for Fall Council</i> | 25 |
| 2. <i>Submitted for Legislative Conference</i> | 25 |

District Commander attendance at C of A meetings:

- | | |
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| 1. <i>First C of A meeting after Department Convention</i> | 25 |
| 2. <i>Fall C of A meeting</i> | 25 |
| 3. <i>Legislative Conference and C of A meeting</i> | 25 |
| 4. <i>Member participation at State Fair on assigned day or helping at Memorial Park/Rally Booth during the Sturgis Rally</i> | 25 |

Maximum Total Points: 150 (10%)

Maximum Total Points for the Program 1620

Notice: Membership turn-in on the day of judging before judging time is scheduled with proper verification (copy of applications or renewal notices and copy of payment CHECK) is provided; they will be included in the membership totals. Also, all other reports or documents will be accepted before judging time is scheduled for other parts of the contest. This is for all contests and awards for Post Commanders, Post Quartermasters & District Commanders.

NOTE: If you already own an All State cover for this position you will be offered a special insignia, a Gold Star and year pin, to place on your current cover instead of receiving a new cover. This will allow the next Commander in line to receive his/her first cover. As can be deduced from above the Department will only purchase four (4) caps and unlimited Gold Stars.



VFW Department of South Dakota
Membership Campaign
2018 – 2019



The membership campaign will start on July 1, 2019 and end on May 4, 2020. This will allow time to process each winner for awards. Then continue on till June 29, 2020.

Who May Participate: Campaign is open to all VFW and Auxiliary members. Any VFW member or Auxiliary member that recruits or reinstates one of more VFW members for the South Dakota VFW will receive a beautiful distinctive South Dakota “You’re Never Alone” Recruiter pin. A recruiter must recruit members only for South Dakota.

Recruiting from Another State: If a recruiter should by chance entice a member from another state to transfer his or her membership to a SD VFW Post, this member will be considered the same as a newly recruited member and the recruiter will be eligible for a South Dakota You’re Never Alone “Recruiter” pin.

How Many Pins May I Receive: A recruiter may only receive 1 (ONE) South Dakota “You’re Never Alone” recruiter pin, regardless of how many new members that he or she may recruit. It is common knowledge that the monthly National membership roster will have errors and the recruiters might not get credit for a new member and be included on the roster. This is often not the fault of the Post QM that sent the information into National. Therefore, each Post QM is asked to keep in close contact with the State Membership Chairman who will be receiving the National roster on a weekly/monthly basis. In case a recruiter’s name does not appear on the National roster, a statement by the Post QM that a member did in fact recruit or reinstate a new member will be accepted so that a South Dakota “You’re Never Alone” pin may be awarded to that recruiter.

“YOU’RE NEVER ALONE”

100% Plus One Pin for District/Post Commanders and Quartermasters



All District/Post Commander and Quartermasters who reach 100% plus one in membership by June 10 will be awarded the “Q” pin award.

The award will be presented by the State Commander or be a delegated representative of the Department as soon as the District or Post Quota has been reached or at another appropriate time.

Post 100% Plus One Award



Contest is for Posts who reach 100% plus one in membership that was assigned to them by the membership committee for the 2019 membership year. Cut-off date for this contest will be based on the members reported for each Post to National Headquarters Direct Dues Department on May 31. The top 3 posts (100% + N) will receive a 2020 Membership Post Quota Buster Plaque. All other posts that reach 100% and 100%+ will receive certificates.

First Post Quota Buster Award for each Membership Category



A membership Post quota buster award plaque will be presented to the first two Posts that reach 100% plus one in the Department. Cut-off date for this contest will be based on the members reported for each Post to National Headquarters Direct Dues Department on May 31.

Program Contests for 2019 – 2020

Loyalty Day Certificates

All entries will receive certificates.

Publications Contest

A plaque will be given to the first-place winners in two categories and certificates to all entries.

Hospital Awards Contest

A plaque will be given to the first-place winners in all six membership categories and certificates to all entries.

Safety Awards Contest

A plaque will be given to the first-place winners in all six membership categories and certificates to all entries.

Community Service and Program Books

A plaque will be given to the first place winner and certificates to all other entries.

Poppy Awards

A plaque will be given to the District and Post with the largest percentage increase in Buddy Poppy purchases and must have purchased minimum prior year.

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(Minimum is 5 poppies for each 1 member)