



**DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS
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SAFETY PROGRAM

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Safety Report for March 2020

Comrades, we are heading into the final months for reporting our Safety Program before we see each other again for our State Convention.

I know that all of the Post and District Commanders have been working hard on membership and all of our programs. My program being Safety, is important to me as well as all of you.

District Commanders please lean a little on all of your Post Commanders to get their reporting in to Department. Get those X sheets completed so that we can have a great year. Not only for my Safety Program but for all of the programs.

District Commanders I know that you can get it done. We only have a few months before we meet again so make all of our program directors proud. Please get your work completed so that we can have a great Department Convention.

See all of you there!

Robert Mattson, Safety Director

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

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March 2020 						
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29	30	31				

April 2020 						
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TWO Months

To
Go!

VFW 2019-2020 Community Activities, Dept. of IL

<u>District</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Posts Reported</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Community Activities Director</u>
3	Christopher C. Garza	4	29%	Christopher C. Garza
4	Joseph P. Scanlon	8	53%	Thomas W. Davidson
5	Christine A. Pawley	12	63%	Daniel J. Pearson
6	Mark A. Miller	9	53%	Gary D. Holmes
7	Robert Sable	10	48%	Robert Sable
8	Russell "Pete" Mosher	8	47%	Mark W. Sowers
9	Elton H. Murphy	15	71%	John L. Finnegan
10	Bobby J. Edwards	9	56%	Bobby J. Edwards
11	Joseph S. Swinford	13	87%	
12	Timothy B. O'Donnell	16	84%	John "Jack" Fessler
13	Christopher L. Hatcher	9	75%	Elmer L. McDuffee
14	Kenneth E. Williams	15	79%	◆John E. Barrett
15	Gary J. Fravel	5	38%	Barbara R. Wilson
16	Bruce Borowicz	7	64%	William A. Browne, Jr.
17	Sean D. Conner	8	57%	◆Dan R. Swaner
18	Paul Barclay	11	92%	Robert E. McLeod
19	George Miller	23	96%	George R. Cramer

◆Assistant State Director

Total Posts
279

X-Sheet Data
23-02-20

Department Percentage
65%

Compiled by
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Community Activities was **65%** reported, a year ago as well. Currently we have four Districts above 80%, within easy reach of 100%. Of course, *any* District could become fully reported and achieve 100% by **30 Apr!** Remember also, to be reported in *all* 4 categories by 15 Mar, to qualify for the "National Certificate of Recognition". (See Cmdr. Gould's Leadership Manual)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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Comrades,

I think all who attended the VOD/PP programs at the February C of A would agree that it was a huge success. Take a short, well deserved, break from those programs and redirect your efforts to other Youth Activities. Spring is just around the corner and there are a myriad of opportunities to interface with schools, sporting teams, church camps, and any other activities that serve the youth of our communities. The services we offer don't have to cost a lot. We can offer our posts to sign-ups or awards programs. It costs little to furnish ice cream or hot dogs following a youth event. Please try to get a little publicity for your efforts in the local paper or radio. Our organization is deserving of any recognition we can get for the support that we provide to our community. It just might help you recruit some new members, as well. As always, report your activities to Department so that we may tout our collective contributions of time talent and treasure.

SCOUTING

The entry packages for the Scout of the Year Scholarship need to be submitted to the Department by April 1, 2020. Please check all entry forms for proper signatures prior to being submitted. Additionally, if your District will be judging multiple applications to select your District winner please use the Scout of the Year Judging Sheet. This form can be obtained at the following link <https://vfwinc.org/uploads/Documents/Scout-of-the-Year-Judging-Sheets.pdf>

Marketing Program

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Got Your 6K

Dust off your running shoes and hit the gym and running trails! The Illinois VFW Headquarters is sponsoring a "Got Your 6K" - May 16, 2020, in nearby Riverton, Illinois. Yes, that's right – a 6K run on Armed Forces Day. What better way to showcase what the VFW can do, will do and wants to do for you than to show our veterans, military and their families that we've Got Your 6. Time to put the rubber to the road and train up!

Registration is now open. Race Day registration will open at 8 a.m. Runners will step off at 9 a.m.

Included with the Program Reports and General Orders are flyers and Entry Forms. Please share with your community.

We are also seeking Race Sponsors. Three tiers of sponsorships have been established in the amounts of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. Proceeds to benefit VFW programs for veterans throughout Illinois.

State Convention Program Book

Ads are being accepted for the 2020 State Convention Program Book. Full Page ads are \$200; half-page \$125; and quarter-page \$75. Inside front and inside back covers are \$300 each and the outside back cover is \$350. Please contact State Headquarters for availability of covers.

Deadline to submit an ad for inclusion in the Convention Book is April 30.

State Convention/Purple Heart raffle tickets

The 2020 State Convention/Purple Heart raffle tickets have been mailed. Each person will receive two sheets of tickets. Tickets are \$5 each or an entire sheet of 6 tickets for \$25. The drawing will be held Saturday, June 13. Grand prize for State Convention Raffle ticket is \$10,000. 2nd Prize is \$3,000. Third prize is \$2,000. 4-10th Prize is \$500 each. Grand prize for the Purple Heart Raffle ticket is \$2,000. You do not need to be a member of the VFW to purchase a raffle ticket.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.vfwil.org. Once payment is submitted, State HQ will generate name labels to affix on tickets.

For information contact State Headquarters at (217) 529-6688.

A Century and Beyond

Illinois VFW – You look mighty good to be 100 years old. We will celebrate our century of service throughout 2020 and the theme of the 2020 Fall Program Book will center around that century of service.

The theme of the 2020 Fall Program Book will be “A Century and Beyond”. We will highlight our past leadership, both VFW and Auxiliary, our Posts, and most importantly our membership. We want to highlight our Past State Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents, and our current leadership; the Posts, organized by oldest to newest, with information about each Post (namesakes, date of charter, their history, and if they provide, their greatest achievement, etc...); and our membership sharing their story of their military service, and their VFW service. And Photos – photos of our Posts and their events, and our membership, both in uniform and not. Posts and Districts will be encouraged to take out an ad in the book, congratulating the State of Illinois VFW on 100 years of service to our veterans, military and their families.

Forms for veterans to fill out and submit are included with our General Orders. Please share with your Post membership and encourage them to fill out and submit, with a photo, to State Headquarters for inclusion in the program book. Other forms will be posted when available.

AMERICANISM PROGRAM

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All District and Post Commanders: Time is running out on getting all your reports turned in for the “X” sheet. As you all know April 30th is the deadline and it is coming up fast. As of now the department is only 65% reported. There are some districts that are less than 50% reported. I urge all District Commanders to look at their “X” sheets and find out what the problem is. The work has either been done and not reported, or has not been done.

The Smart/Maher Teach of the Year Program has been completed and the results have been published. I would like to thank all the Post and District chairman for the work for the work they did to make this program a success. I would also like to thank everyone at the Department Office for all their help.

If your Post or District is planning a Loyalty Day Program, now is the time to get started. Remember to get the Local Media to cover your event. Don't forget to report what you do. If you hold your event after May 1st, you can get your first “X” for next year.

NATIONAL HOME

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The month of March at the National Home.

Our first residents, the Pollett family arrived in March 1925 and 30 years later the Montana Farmstead was built and still houses the 4-H program every year. The 2020 4-H program will be getting under way again later in the month of March

P.F.C. Elgie Hanna.

Sadly on March 20, 1968, former National Home Resident Elgie Hanna was killed in action while on patrol with the Army's First Cavalry Division near Quang Tri Viet Nam. Elgie is buried at the National Home's Rosehill cemetery.

The Mission

Since March of 1925 the National Home has worked to provide "Help Hope and Honor" for our Veterans and military families. Thank you all for your great support and please remember to complete the "X" sheets to ensure your Posts, Districts and Department receive credit.

Illinois V.F.W. "No One Does More For Veterans!"

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As of February 25, 2020 a total of 143 Inspection Reports have been approved. A breakdown on Districts is as follows:

DISTRICT	INSPECTIONS APPROVED
3	3
4	15
5	9
6	15
7	5
8	6
9	22 (100%)

10	16
11	8
12	0
13	1
14	11
15	14 (100%)
16	4
17	14

The year is rapidly coming to an end and it is imperative that District Commanders and District Inspectors make every effort to complete this important duty. Thank you.