



**Department of Illinois  
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**MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM 2020-2021**

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Congratulations to our new All State qualifiers! I look forward to presenting several white caps at our state convention this year. This has been one of the most difficult years our Department has ever experienced—yet by working as a team, we were able to hold things together. Thank you all for your hard work and determination.

If you have your x-sheet 100% completed but have not attained the membership requirement of 100% plus three members, **you still have time to qualify for All State until June 30<sup>th</sup>.** However, you probably won't receive your cap at this year's convention due to the time lag of ordering your cap from National Headquarters, getting it lettered, and returned to us. However, it will be presented at a later date.

If you are struggling to find a few extra members, feel free to contact me. I will be glad to try to help you find some additional members. So, if you are close to the membership requirement, **KEEP WORKING!** You still have time to qualify!

I want to thank all our Assistant Membership Directors for their help this year. This is too big of a job for one person to handle, and it has been a team effort. Thanks go out to our District and Post Commanders and their respective teams. We have had to find new and different ways to recruit and do business this year, but we stayed positive and still continue to work hard.

I am still here, willing and able to help anyone, so if you need ANYTHING, call me or e-mail me and we will do our best to assist you. One more "thank you" for all the things you do for our veterans, their families, and the VFW. I hope to see you all at our state convention.

## **NATIONAL HOME PROGRAM 2020-2021**

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Comrades as our 2020-2021 Program year draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone for the great support you have given during these most challenging times. I am grateful and I've enjoyed meeting and working with so many excellent people throughout the state of Illinois; and in addition will look forward to working with you in the coming year as well. Thank you for your cooperation and generosity. Thank you for giving of your time for our National Home for Children. It means so much and has been a great help. Thank you especially to our state leadership and staff, thank you to our District Commanders, Quartermasters and Program directors. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Remember the National Home Helpline at (800) 313-4200 as this may be of help to someone right within your own community, and do check out the National Home website for some great information about the National Home for Children activities.

Want to make a consistent and lasting difference in the lives of military and veteran families? You can start today by committing to a monthly contribution to the VFW National Home for Children. As a [Home Front Hero](#), you'll help ensure the seamless and consistent delivery of programs and services to our families, which include housing, counseling, tutoring, life skills, daycare, and more.

-It's easy – Choose to have your monthly gift paid automatically from your credit card or checking/savings account.

-It's flexible – You determine the amount of your monthly donation. You can also email us to increase, decrease or suspend your gift at any time.

-It's eco-friendly – Save trees by switching to paperless, automatic donations.

-It saves money – Save the cost of a stamp with every gift you make.

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### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM 2020-2021**

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Well comrades the 2020-2021 VFW programs year comes to a close on April 30, and we kick off the 2021-2022 program year. Let's hope we don't experience the challenges in this new year that we faced in the last. Soon we will learn which Posts and Districts took top honors with regards to participation in Youth Activities and the other amazing programs that we offer to the communities in which we live. The new Commanders Leadership Manual will be released soon and it will behoove all members to familiarize themselves with any changes that may be made to implement this year's programs and begin to plan our strategies for making 2021-2022 a success.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM**

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Please see the following page for information pertaining to community activities.



May 1<sup>st</sup> has just marked the start of the 2021-22 reporting period for the Department X-Sheets. A quick look-back will give Posts a glance at areas that have room for improvement. Whether in participation, or a mere reporting oversight. My thanks for the Community Activities performed by ALL Posts this past year. With Special Thanks to those who made time to *enter* those reports, which make up the Department's **71%** ! Congratulation to Districts: 14, 15, & 19 for achieving **100%**, with Honorable Mentions going to Districts: 11, 17, & 18 for finishing at **90+%**. "Have a Great Convention".

## VFW 2020-2021 Community Activities, Dept. of IL

<u>District</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Posts Reported</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Community Activities Director</u>
3	Michael A. DeRoss	9	69%	Israel Becerra
4	Stephen MacInnes	11	79%	
5	Christine A. Pawley	13	68%	
6	Mark A. Miller	8	47%	Charles Ingle
7	Barton F. Gutteridge	5	24%	Robert Sable
8	Russell "Pete" Mosher	10	59%	Mark W. Sowers
9	Christopher E. Rush	7	37%	
10	Friedrich "Jim" Carroll	9	56%	Joseph H. Bartley
11	Rick L. Hobbs	13	93%	
12	Timothy B. O'Donnell	14	78%	
13	Ryan A. Higginbotham	8	67%	
14	Steven P. Eller	17	100%	Edward Martinez
15	Gary J. Fravel	13	100%	Barbara R. Wilson
16	Fred Cagle	8	73%	
17	Sean D. Conner	13	93%	Dan R. Swaner
18	Paul Barclay	11	92%	Robert E. McLeod
19	Brett E. Nila	24	100%	George R. Cramer

◆ Assistant State Director

Total Posts
271

X-Sheet Data  
29-04-21

Department Percentage
<b>71%</b>

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