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Illinois

*2022-2023 Series
General Orders No. 7
January 2023*

HOLIDAY HOURS

State HQ will be closed on the following days in January for holidays:
January 16 Martin Luther King Day

CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS

The Post Office Box that has been used by the Department has been closed and all mail should be sent to our physical address. USPS will forward mail for a short period of time but then items sent to the P O Box will be returned to sender. Items sent via USPS to Department Headquarters must now be mailed to our physical address:

VFW Department of Illinois
3300 Constitution Drive,
Springfield, IL 62711

Please update your records accordingly.

STATE CONVENTION

The Wyndham Springfield City Centre Hotel, located at 700 East Adams Street in Springfield, will be the Convention Headquarters for the VFW. The Auxiliary Headquarters is the President Abraham Lincoln Springfield a Double Tree by Hilton Hotel; this hotel is located at 701 East Adams Street in Springfield.

Information on reserving your room for the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel or the Wyndham City Centre Hotel will be in upcoming General Orders and on the vfwil.org web page under "Events"

ALL-STATE POST AWARDS

The 2022-2023 Membership Program is designed to recognize exceptional leadership and teamwork, not only in Membership but in overall Post/District development and VFW Programs. If a Post qualifies to be "All State" all Post members will be recognized for this achievement because they are a team.

The 2022-2023 All-State Post Criteria is as follows:

- Membership greater than 102%
- Post must hold 2 membership drives/events and submit report to Program Reporting Dashboard
- Posts must be 100% reported on the Department Program Reporting Dashboard
- Posts must be in compliance with all questions on the National and Department Inspection Sheets. (For Example: A Post that not incorporated shall not be eligible until proof is provided that they are in compliance.)
- Posts must order at least 5 poppies per member with a minimum of 1,000 Poppies
- Posts must have one nomination for each of the programs of Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year submitted to District for judging. Donations to Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen as stated in the Commander's Leadership Manual will be accepted if Post does not have a nomination
- Posts must have representation at all properly called District Conventions or Meetings.
- Posts must have representation at all of their respective Regional Commanders Calls. (A roll-call will be taken.)
- Posts must make a \$50 donation to the Service Office Support Program (SOS). This is separate from the Red, White and Blue Program donations.
- New Posts need a minimum of 50 members to achieve All-State status.

The All-State Program runs through **June 15, 2023**. To receive All-State Awards at the State Convention, the deadline for completion of All-State Criteria is **April 30, 2023**. There will be no limits on the number of Posts that can achieve All-State status.

All-State Post Commanders will receive an All-State Post Commander cap and distinguished service lapel pin. All-State Post Quartermasters may purchase an All-State Post Quartermaster cap and will receive a distinguished service lapel pin. All-State Post Members may purchase an All-State Post Member cap.

ALL-STATE DISTRICT CRITERIA

- Membership greater than 100%
- Districts must have 100% of Posts inspected, and the inspections must be cleared by the state inspector by April 30, 2023
- Districts must hold a minimum of one School of Instruction and submit a report to State Headquarters.
- District must ensure at least 4 Posts hold a membership drive/event and submit report to Programs Reporting Dashboard.
- Districts must submit 1 of each of the following to Department Headquarters for judging:
 - Patriot's Pen
 - Voice of Democracy
 - Teacher of the Year
 - Police officer of the Year
 - Firefighter of the Year
- Districts must forward a record of the Roll Call of Officers and Posts of each District Meeting to State Headquarters.

ALL AMERICAN POST CRITERIA

- Membership greater than 100%
- Must conduct 2 membership recruiting events, submit reports through All-American Dashboard
- Post Election Report must be submitted to National
- Posts must meet all of the following Program Participation Criteria:
 - Voice of Democracy- minimum of one entry advanced to District judging. Overseas Posts can donate \$75 to National in lieu of entry.
 - Patriots Pen- minimum of one entry advanced to District judging. --Overseas Posts can donate \$75 to National in lieu of entry.
 - Hold a fundraiser with the proceeds going to Veterans and Military Support Program Services. Minimum of \$100
 - National Citizenship Education Teachers Award – one entry advanced to next level of judging
 - A Post must submit a community service report to their department for submission to the All-American Dashboard NLT 30 June 2023
 - Buddy Poppy – Purchase five per member in the Post

POST COMMANDER & QUARTERMASTER AWARD

Posts recruiting 5% of their Prior Year Membership (as reported on Memstats) in new and reinstated members with a minimum of six by January 15, 2023 – the Post Commander and Quartermaster will receive a special embroidered State Commander's Jacket. (*Partial numbers will be rounded up to the next whole number*). Jacket size forms will be sent to qualifying Post Commanders and Quartermasters and must be received at State Headquarters no later than February 15, 2023.

FEBRUARY COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

February 10-12, 2023
Crowne Plaza,
3300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62703.

All persons assigned or called-in to report during the February Council of Administration will receive two complimentary room nights from State Headquarters. It is their responsibility to cover any additional expenses – such as additional nights and incidentals, etc. Those called-in are expected to be in attendance for all meetings and to purchase a banquet ticket for the Voice of Democracy Banquet on Saturday, February 11, 2023. **All Program Directors are requested to have written program reports for the Council Meeting.** Submit by January 24, 2023, to Headquarters for printing.

FEBRUARY HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

ATTENTION: The special room rate of \$94.00/night + 13% tax will be available until **January 12th** or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. To reserve a reservation for February, you may call the hotel directly at (217) 529-7777 and give them our group code: **V3W**. Or you may reserve a room online – go to our website at www.vfwil.org, under News, go to the Events page, click on the link for “**VOD and February Council Meeting Room Reservations**”.

LINCOLN PILGRIMAGE

The Lincoln Pilgrimage will take place at Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery at 3:00 p.m. All District Commanders are required to attend.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY BANQUET

The State of Illinois VFW will be celebrating its 77th Annual Voice of Democracy/Patriot's Pen Banquet on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL. Tickets are available for \$40 per person. Tickets may be ordered online by making a donation at <http://vfwil.org/> – and allocating the funds to the *Voice of Democracy Banquet*. You may also call State Headquarters (217) 529-6688.

District Prime Tables will once again be available for \$400; they are to be ordered by and paid for by the District Commanders who will decide who will be seated at these tables. ***Reminder – these are tables of ten.***

Special Thank You to Humana for being a major sponsor of the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Banquet.

Other sponsorships are still available on a first come first serve basis

14th Place – Sponsored by 15th District

15th Place – Sponsored by 11th District

16th Place – Sponsored by 10th District

17th Place – Sponsored by 12th District

Ice Cream Social for kids – Sponsored by 6th District

Pizza Party for kids – Sponsored by Spaulding Veterans Memorial Committee

Lunch for kids – Sponsored by Post 10302

Tours for kids – Sponsored by Laurie Emmer, Past State Commander

Book Bags – Sponsored by Post 4183

Please contact Crystal at State HQ if your District or Post wishes to sponsor any of these events

NEW CENTURY RAFFLE

The New Century Raffle has officially started and will run through June 30, 2023. The tickets are just \$10.00 each. Each ticket entitles you to participate in a weekly drawing of \$100 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Drawings will be held each Friday beginning July 1, 2022, with each week's winning ticket being returned to the barrel for the future drawings. This means each ticket has multiple chances to win.

The seller of each ticket also has a chance to win \$10.00. If seller prints their name on ticket, they will receive \$10.00. If the seller does not sign the ticket, the \$10.00 will be automatically donated and split between Department's Unmet Needs Program and Children's National Home. Winners will be announced each month in the General Orders and posted on <http://vfwil.org> web site

WEEKLY WINNERS

Date of Drawing	Winner	Seller
12/2/2022	Terry Abma	Terry Abma
12/9/2022	Lawrence Stiff	Lawrence Stiff
12/16/2022	Earl Scott	Earl Scott
12/23/2022	Sarah Cook	Robert Feaney
12/30/2022	Raymond Stefanski	No Seller Listed

PUBLICATION CONTEST

Editors of Post and District publications are invited to send in a copy of one issue published during 2022 for the Illinois VFW Publications Contest. Please provide the contact information for the Editor, as well as how often the newsletter is published. If you want to send a hard copy – mail to Barbara Wilson, Editor, 802 N. 3rd St., Riverton, Illinois 62561. You can also e-mail a copy to bwilson@vfwil.org.

VFW WEB PAGE (www.vfwil.org)

We urge everyone to make it a daily habit to visit our VFW State web page at www.vfwil.org.

- By clicking on the “Donation” link, you can pay for poppies and make your donation to Programs such as the Commander’s Special Project, Homeless Veterans, MAP, SOS and National Home.
- Submit your Bond application or poppy order on-line
- See what is going on in your Post, District, State or National by clicking “News & Events”.
- See the current issue of the *Illinois VFW News* and the Commander’s Leadership Manual.

DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISING

As a reminder – **Golden Rule Publishing ad salespersons** are out in our communities throughout Illinois selling advertising for the book. They contact local businesses in your communities to solicit advertising for our three program books throughout the year. **Please let the businesses in your community, Post members and employees know this is a legitimate solicitation on behalf of the Illinois VFW.**

BUDDY POPPIES

All Posts are urged to promote the use and distribution of Buddy Poppies. All money collected from poppies is to be placed in the Post Relief Fund to aid and assist needy veterans. **ORDER YOUR POPPIES NOW FOR YOUR MEMORIAL DAY DISTRIBUTION!** Please order your poppies 8-10 weeks in advance of your sale to insure you receive them on time.

TRUSTEES REPORT OF AUDIT REQUIREMENT

Per Section 218 of the National Manual of Procedure – Officers and Chairmen, Duties and Obligations, the **Post Commander** must assure that the **Post Trustees** have examined the books and records of the Post and prepared the Post Trustees Quarterly Report of Audit no later than the end of the month following the last day of each quarterly period. **Failure on the part of the Commander to strictly enforce Section 218 of the National Manual of Procedure may release the Bonding Company of all liability in case of theft or misuse of funds and subject the Post to suspension.** The **duties** of the **Post Quartermaster** include providing the **Post Trustees** with all records, files and statements required or necessary for the preparation of the Post Trustees Quarterly Report of Audit.

INSPECTION

Attention is directed to the importance of CONSTANT INSPECTION!! District Commanders will exert every effort to have each Post in their District inspected at least once annually. Posts Commanders will insist on Quarterly audits of records and books by Post Trustees, subject to penalties outlined in Section 213 of the National By-Laws. Post Quartermasters are reminded that they are to be bonded in **AN AMOUNT AT LEAST EQUAL TO THEIR LIQUID ASSETS.** It is important that the District Inspector contact the Post well in advance of their official inspection advising the Quartermaster when they will inspect the Post and what items they will need to conduct the Inspection. Each District will be compensated at the rate of \$10.00 per Post Inspection at the time the District becomes 100% inspected **and approved by the Department Inspector.**

POST INSURANCE-ADDITIONAL INSUREDS

According to VFW By-Laws, each Post is required to maintain adequate liability insurance and ***they also require National and Department be listed as “additional insureds” on the Post policy.*** Posts must have their Insurance Agent send a copy of the Insurance Certificate to both National and Department Headquarters. **Posts that do not own property do not have to comply with this request.**

PROGRAM DONATIONS FOR DASHBOARD CREDIT

All Posts must donate a minimum of \$50.00 each to VFW State Headquarters for the Military Assistance Program (MAP), Homeless Veterans, Commander's Special Project, Service Office Support, and National Home to receive credit on the State “X” sheet. On-line donations are encouraged but ***don't forget to indicate your Post Number.***

MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

Members wishing to receive correspondence from the VFW at both the state and National level, please make sure your contact information is up to date. You can do so by logging in to www.vfw.org.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Casey Bachara of Prospect Post 1337 on being selected as the December Veteran of the Month!

Thank you to all who submitted nominations for this month, please continue to do so and for those that did not please look for those comrades from your post who stand apart from the rest by serving the community, Veterans and embodying the purposes of our congressional charter: 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 widows 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 institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies.

POST CHARTER CANCELLATION

Commander-in-Chief Timothy Borland has approved the cancellation of the Post Charter for Hampshire Post 8043, Hampshire, Illinois.

OFFICIAL:



JOE BARTLEY
State Adjutant-Quartermaster

BY ORDER OF:



BOBBY EDWARDS
State Commander

VFW NATIONAL HOME

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Paul Zinck
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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

AS WE BEGIN THE NEW YEAR, WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS FOR YOUR GREAT SUPPORT. THE VFW NATIONAL HOME CONTINUES ITS MISSION OF HELPING VETERANS AND FAMILIES AS IT HAS SINCE 1925 WITH NO GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS CONTINUES TO SHOW THAT "NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS." A GREAT TRADITION THAT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF. THANK YOU COMRADES AND BEST WISHES IN THE NEW YEAR. THE CHRISTMAS DONATIONS WERE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL AND WELL RECEIVED.

"THE HELPLINE" ... A FREE SERVICE.

THE NATIONAL HOME'S HELPLINE ... 800-313 4200 IS A FREE SERVICE THAT OFFERS INFORMATION, CREATES CONNECTIONS, AND CAN GIVE HOPE TO STRUGGLING MILITARY AND VETERANS' FAMILIES. IT CAN ALSO SERVE AS THE FIRST STEP TO LIVING AT THE NATIONAL HOME FOR UP TO FOUR YEARS!

COULD THIS HELP SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

PROGRAM REMINDER

COMRADES, WE ARE REMINDED, AS PER THE COMMANDER'S LEADERSHIP MANUAL, A MINIMUM CASH DONATION OF \$50.00 IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE CREDIT ON THE "X" SHEET AND THE PROGRAM YEAR ENDS ON APRIL 30.

PLEASE FOLLOW UP.

TWO POPULAR DONATION ITEMS ARE NATIONAL HOME COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS (\$100.00) AND NATIONAL HOME LIFE MEMBERSHIPS (\$50.00) AND IF YOU'VE SENT A DONATION AND IT'S NOT SHOWING AS RECEIVED, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS AND WILL WORK TO GET PROPER CREDIT FOR YOU.

THANK YOU AND "BLESSINGS TO ALL" IN THE COMING YEAR.



VFW NATIONAL HOME

National Home News

On January 3rd, I celebrated one year as the Executive Director and on January 7th, the VFW National Home will celebrate 98 years of existence. For 98 years we've supported Veterans and Families of the United States Armed Forces, the VFW, and the VFW Auxiliary. We've come a long way!

In just two short years we will celebrate 100 years! We are working on the celebration and planning a lot of great events and activities. It's my sincere hope you will be able to join us.



For now, in our 98th year, let's celebrate some of the successes of the last year. We are so glad to be back up and running after two long years of dealing with a pandemic. For the first time in many years, we have over 35 houses filled with veterans and families in need. Through financial guidance, relationship support, Veterans with disability needs, employment, and educational support, we are taking care of those who have taken care of us.

In October we were able to cut the ribbon on the Veteran and Family Resource Center in the basement of the Health and Education building. We've identified several agencies and organizations who are willing to partner with us and bring their services to the VFRC so that our families don't have to travel to get help. This program has grown dramatically over the last several months, but we have so much more to do.

We are working hard to make sure we are ready for the future by increasing our IT capabilities in the homes. With today's workers doing much more from home, and the pandemic's revelation of the effectiveness of home schooling, we need a greater capacity of bandwidth, and a solution is right around the corner.

Building Strong Families is our motto, and we are working hard everyday to find more and more ways to do that. We are so thankful for our continued support through the VFW and Auxiliary, as well as the wonderful work the Military Order of the Cootie, and the MOC Auxiliary continue to do for us every year!

2023 is looking to be another outstanding year! I hope to see some of you on campus someday soon!

Michael Wilson, SPHR
CSM, Army National Guard (ret)
Executive Director
VFW National Home

What's going on at the Home?

National Home Opens Veteran & Family Resource Center



On October 22nd, Trustees, residents, and VFW & Auxiliary leadership gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the doors of our Veteran & Family Resource Center, located in the lower level of our Health & Education building.

This resource center was created to offer our veterans and families opportunities on campus to access resources from the community that they may be eligible for. Currently, we have representatives from the employment, education, and quality of life sectors of the community ready to occupy spaces in the center as well as members of the Michigan National Guard Servicemember and Veteran Service Center. Learn more about the Veteran & Family Resource Center on our [blog](#).

The Veteran Tribute Tree, a New Tradition Begins



America's servicemen and women protect a proud nation. And at Christmastime, it's especially important to honor their commitments, their sacrifices, and those who have unfortunately fallen.

This year, we solemnly did our part through the unveiling of a living testament, our Veteran Tribute Tree, in honor of the veterans who are living, deceased, or deployed. Joining us for our inaugural dedication was the Blake family, who placed the first ribbon in memory of their son, Private Joseph Blake, who gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country during an ambush in Afghanistan. [Learn more.](#)

Cooties Spread Christmas Cheer At The National Home



For 94 years, members of the Military Order of the Cootie have spread holiday cheer to National Home residents. Since 1928, Cootie Christmas has remained one of the most anticipated events here on campus.

The Cooties came to town the week after Thanksgiving, traveling from far and wide to share the holiday spirit at the National Home. [Learn more on our blog.](#)

National Home Tots Receive Safer Surface Underfoot

The play yard outside the VFW National Home Early Education Center often buzzes with energy as little tykes run and climb on the play equipment during recess. Now a new rubber mulch surface offers an additional level of safety for the youth.

“I feel the rubber mulch is safer for the children as it gives a bouncy cushion to prevent injury from falls,” said Ivy Bush, Early Education Center Supervisor.

Learn more about the playground and those who made this project possible on our [blog](#).



The National Home's neighborhood is open to the families of active-duty military personnel, veterans, and relatives of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members. The family can be one or both parents with one or more children.

As of January 4th, 2023 we have homes available in our community so if you know a family that could use our services, please encourage them to call 800-313-4200 or [contact us through our website](#).



VFW NATIONAL HOME

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VFW 2022-2023 Community Activities, Dept. of IL

<u>District</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Posts Reported</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Community Activities Chairman</u>
3	Chris Garza	1	8%	
4	Stephen MacInnes	6	50%	
5	Kevin Cournoyer	7	41%	
6	Ruben Hernandez	7	41%	Rob Bland
7	Adam Lau	2	11%	
8	Arthur Munos	6	38%	Arthur Munos
9	Christopher Rush	0	0%	
10	Larry Carter	4	27%	
11	Rick Hobbs	13	100%	Glen Goodrich
12	Dustin Dixon	17	100%	
13	Don Porter	4	33%	
14	Rod Thompson	12	71%	John Barrett
15	Christopher Maynor	4	33%	
16	Fred Cagle	2	18%	
17	Sean Conner	5	36%	
18	Todd Latham	6	55%	
19	Bob Zeman	13	57%	George Cramer

Total Posts
257

Dashboard Data
28-12-22

Department Percentage
42%

Compiled by
Chuck Ingle

C of A Program Report

Scouting

Ron Milton

The Scouting Units are back in session after the holidays and the time is getting closer for the Scout of the Year applications to be submitted to your unit. As a reminder of the deadlines and instructions:

- Applications due to VFW Post no later than March 1.
- Applications due the Department by April 1.
- Scouts should download application at <https://www.vfw.org> and go to Community/Youth Education.

The below chart reflects the number of applications received by District for the past four years.

Let's make contact with your scout units and encourage those eligible scouts to submit an application.

BY DISTRICT/NUMBER OF ENTRIES

2019	2020	2021	2022
5/3	5/1	5/1	5/1
6/0	6/0	6/1	6/0
3/3	3/0	3/0	3/0
19/4	19/2	19/2	19/7
18/1	18/0	18/1	18/1
16/2	16/0	16/0	16/0
15/1	15/1	15/1	15/0
13/1	13/1	13/0	13/1
11/1	11/0	11/1	11/0
14/0	14/3	14/4	14/2
17/0	17/1	17/0	17/0
0	0	0	9/1
4/0	4/2	4/0	4/0
10/0	10/1	10/0	10/1
16	12	11	14

From the desk of the Homeless Veterans Chair,

Comrades, winter is upon us & our Brothers & Sisters living on the street are in desperate need of our help. Housing, food, clothing are a " Big " need for these Veterans right now. We all know how cold & windy it gets this time of year. Whatever part of the state you live in, there is a Veteran in need of some help. I'm sure everyone keeps an extra blanket, gloves, knit cap or hand warmers in your car for the winter. Look in your closet, hat box or whatever you keep your warm clothing in & put an extra set in your car for someone in need. We all have the old flannel shirt, sweat shirt or long underwear that doesn't fit. Now is the time to help someone out. This brutally cold weather is the real deal!!!. We all know what it's like to lose a pair of gloves. Now think of our Veterans out there with no gloves, hat, scarf, warm socks or boots. There are a lot of posts that have not made the \$ 50.00 donation to the Homeless Veterans program & the other programs that require a monetary donation. Our programs don't run themselves. We need our Comrades to work with the directors, at the post, district & department levels to make this happen. There are " Five" programs that require a minimum donation of \$ 50.00 Homeless Veterans is one of them. Next time you walk out that door into the Bitterly Cold weather outside, think of our Veterans living out there. Think about it while you are reading this in your kitchen, your office, your living room, nice & warm. Lets help out OUR people who we served with, lived with, sweat with, bled with, mourned with, cried with. We want to start tracking all of the hours, donations of clothing, pots & pans that we give out to see what kind of hours & different things we are doing for this program. More to come on that. Work the program. Stand downs work really good in populated areas, but might not be the right fit in a rural area. Figure out what works for your post or district. What are the needs in your town? There are a lot of Veterans who are not Homeless, but are one pay check away from being so, needing food assistance or help with rent. Our programs provide that help. Remember, we are a VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION. That's our mission. Lets work the programs & report the good deeds that we do. Thank you for what you do for our Veterans. Any questions, call your district chairman or ask me for assistance.

Yours in Comradeship,

Paul J. Bezazian,
Homeless Veterans Chair

Program Bulletin VOD January 2023

Comrades, I hope all had a merry Christmas and OMG it is a new year! Where did the last one go? The numbers are in for the 2022-2023 Voice of Democracy Contest. While posts and districts provided great awards and ceremonies to recognize students, we experienced a 5% reduction in student participation, which is disappointing. On a positive note, the punctuality and completeness of reporting was much improved this year which made the program flow smoother.

I hope to see a great turnout for the Department Awards Banquet February 14th. Reservations are available through Department Headquarters. VOD contestants from all 17 districts and the top four PP entries will be honored that evening. They will also gather for other events including a tour many of the historic Springfield sites. In all, they will enjoy a weekend that they will never forget.



COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE

Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland has issued a challenge to all VFW Posts for the month of January 2023!



As we enter a new year, we challenge all of our VFW Posts to make a resolution to increase our membership numbers!

For this month's Commander's Challenge, we are focusing on increasing our total membership to reach the goal of 102%+ this year!

For the month of January, we will be tracking all Posts' membership increase through the month: New members, Renewing members, Reinstated members, all increases will count for this contest!



At the end of January, the Post that leads each membership division will receive \$1000 deposited into the Post account!

Let's get out there to recruit new members, retain our existing members, and bring lapsed members back into the fold! It's time to start the new year off strong because

EVERY VETERAN COUNTS!

This contest will count the Post's total membership from January 1st through close of business January 31st. Members processed through the Online Membership System before close of business will be processed that day; membership applications sent in via fax or mail will be processed when received.