

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2020-2021 GUIDE BOOK



"Talk it UP"



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“Talk it UP!”

Comrades,

First and foremost, let me say I am humbled beyond belief to be elected your Department Commander for the upcoming year. Thank You!

We have a terrific organization and I will try to lead to the best of my ability, but I can't do it alone. Whether you are an old hand or a newly elected officer, I need everybody on the team helping the Department reach our goals and objectives.

My theme for this year is “Talk it UP!” The elected officers are the leaders, but the members are the backbone of the organization. We must keep everyone informed of our goals.

Communication is the key and poor communication leads to failure. I ask each member of Council of Administration to take the lead communicating information to their fellow comrades. I ask each District Commander to ensure the Post leadership in your district has the most up to date information available. I ask each Post Commander to brief and post information received to their membership at each meeting. I ask all Commanders at every level to communicate their needs to the Department officers so they can help you achieve your goals.

We must sometimes be reminded that this is an organization of volunteers. We must also never forget to thank them — a simple handshake and/or acknowledgement during a Post meeting is worth its weight in gold.

By communicating our values and core programs every chance we get we are increasing the public's awareness of the VFW mission and what we stand for.

Working together, we will make this year a “Great Year” so let's all get out there and “Talk it UP!”

Yours in Comradeship,

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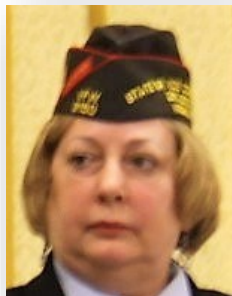
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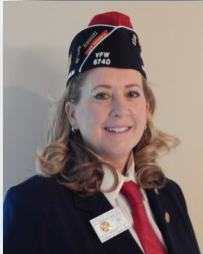
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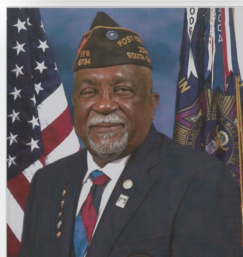
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2011-2012	WILLIAM D. CAMPBELL	2200 GOLDEN EAGLE DRIVE, LOCUST GROVE, G.A. 30248 PH: 843-873-6788 / 810-8257
2012-2013	AUGUSTUS SINGLETON (T.C.) (A.A.)	P.O. BOX 24671, COLUMBIA, S.C. 29224 PH: 803-269-6663
2012-2013	MARGO SHERIDAN (VA) (A.A.)	8500 MARGATE CIRCLE, MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. 29572 PH: 571-332-7109
2013-2014	RODNEY J. BURNE	59 FOX RUN LANE, COLUMBIA, S.C. 29210 PH: 803-807-9131
2014-2015	DENTIST B HARVIN (A.A.)	P.O. BOX 923, KINGSTREE, S.C. 29556 PH: 843-356-1303
2015-2016	BETTY JEAN HILLIARD	106 BAYLEAF COURT, SUMMERVILLE, S.C. 29483 PH: 843-327-0055
2016-2017	WILLIAM "BILL" HAVLIN (A.A.)	914 BELLEVIEW CIRCLE W, BEAUFORT, S.C. 29202 PH: 843-476-6267
2017-2018	HARRY McFADDEN	111 KENDRICK ROAD, COLUMBIA, S.C. 29229 PH: 803-422-5760
2018-2019	JOHN L. SULLIVAN, Jr. (A.A.)	413 FARMHOUSE LOOP, LEXINGTON, S.C. 29072 PH: 704-798-5444
2019-2020	ROBERT W. HOLSCLAW (A.A.)	1218 HAMLIN ROAD, MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. 29466 PH: 843-364-6160



= DECEASED (C.C.) = CO-CAPTAIN, (A.A.) = "ALL AMERICAN", (D.A.A.) = "DISTINGUISHED ALL AMERICAN", (T.C.) = TRIPLE CROWN



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MEMBERSHIP GOALS 2020-2021

***"BUILDING A STRONG ORGANIZATION
FOR
TODAY AS WELL AS THE FUTURE"***

Our Priorities for the upcoming year:

Talk it Up: - To improve the way we communicate to keep from losing touch with our members. We have to know who they are and what their needs are.

Recruit, retain and instruct a stable membership base, including all generations of veterans, well versed in institutional knowledge and actively involved at all levels of the organization. Work together to retain, recover and recruit new members.

Percentage: To meet our goal we will focus on the percentage of anniversary and continuous member renew dates.

Monthly 100% Anniversary renewals:

⇒ JULY 31,2020	3%	⇒ JANUARY 31, 2021	95%
⇒ AUGUST 31,2020	6%	⇒ FEBRUARY 28, 2021	98%
⇒ SEPTEMBER 30,2020	82%	⇒ MARCH 31, 2021	100%
⇒ OCTOBER 31,2020	84%	⇒ APRIL30, 2021	101%
⇒ NOVEMBER 30,2020	88%	⇒ MAY 31, 2021	103%
⇒ DECEMBER 31,2020	93%	⇒ JUNE 30, 2021	105%

2020-2021 INDIVIDUAL RECRUITING AWARDS

- Five (5) new and/or reinstated members
- Ten (10) new and/or reinstated members
- Fifteen (15) new and/or reinstated members
- VFW Coin
- Department Gift
- Department Gift

The above three (3) awards will be presented at each CofA, Conference and Convention.
The bottom awards will be presented at the Department Convention

- Twenty Five (25) or more
- Fifty (50) or more
- Seventy five (75) or more
- One Hundred (100) or more
- Most Members Recruited for a Post by a Post Member
- \$50.00 or VFW Shirt (any style)
- VFW Microfiber Jacket or \$100.00
- Nylon Bomber Style Jacket or \$125.00
- VFW Leather Bomber Jacket or \$150.00
- Department Commander Plaque

Post Legacy Life Membership Award

**A post that reaches 15 New
Legacy Life
Members in the
2020-2021 program year
will be presented a
Special Department
Commander's Plaque.**



Due by April 1, 2021



100% Membership Early Bird Award

**Any Post or District Commander
who reaches 100% in
membership by
31 December confirmed by the
Department Adjutant
will receive a gift,**

**Department certificate and
reserved seating at the
Spring Conference 2021 banquet.**

District and Post Special Recognition Award



This award is presented to the District and Post Commander who have the most active recruiters in their District and Post by the end of the awards year, **1 April 2021.**

Criteria is not the District or Post with the highest membership percentage, but who has the highest ***number of members*** recruiting for their District or Post. One award is presented in each category, District/Post and these members will be given reserved seating and special recognition at the Department 2021 Convention.

COMMANDERS

Special Project



South Carolina State Veterans Homes

The care of our older Veterans is very important and one we as a Veterans organization should strive to support and do as much as we can.

My special project this year is to collect donations for the three new South Carolina State Veterans Homes being built at sites in Florence, Cherokee County and northeast Columbia. Each new nursing home is proposed to have 108 beds providing nursing care for our state's veterans. With the increased capacity and added locations, veterans and their families can look forward to being able to access care closer to home."

I'm asking each Post to contribute a minimum of \$25 and send these donations to the Department Quartermaster.



For any questions please contact the Special Project Chairman

C B Anderson
843-364-2123
corbett29161@aol.com

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERS BY POST

445	James F Barger	Silver	5877	William Bushall	Gold	9273	Bernard E Barber, Jr	Bronze
445	Michael P Grafmuller	Gold	5877	Lowell E Koppert, Jr	Gold	9273	Wilton L Fowler	Gold
445	John M Stromer	Gold	5928	Albert Landsperger	Gold	9273	Jesse D Mauck	Gold
445	Christopher S Wanke	Gold	6089	Andrew Thompson	Bronze	9509	John E Saunders	Gold
641	Phillip J Bains	Gold	6304	John N Hutto	Gold	9509	Ray D Stanfield	Gold
2779	James Myers	Gold	6444	George M Furbee	Gold	9539	Ronald P Bullock	Bronze
2889	Amber C Clark	Bronze	6444	John O Livingston	Gold	9539	Guillermo A Calderon	Gold
2889	Kenneth M Dennings Jr	Gold	6444	William L Massie	Gold	9539	David E Morehead	Gold
2889	Byron L Hicks	Gold	6444	Harold E Schwartz	Silver	9539	Charles L Shepherd, Sr	Bronze
2889	Paul G Turevon	Gold	6500	Matthew Blake	Bronze	9539	Terry N Starkey	Gold
2889	2889 Tony A Watson, Jr	Gold	6500	Isiah Felder	Bronze	9539	Edward W White	Gold
3034	Michael J Dumiak	Bronze	6500	Dentist B Harvin	Gold	10058	Robert L Sweetsir, II	Bronze
3142	James M Brooks	Bronze	6732	John L Hill	Bronze	10256	Evan M Barnard	Bronze
3181	Robert L Wilkerson	Bronze	6734	James E Butler, Jr	Bronze	10256	Russell L Brooks	Gold
3354	Curtis L Beaman	Bronze	6734	Edward J Irick, Jr	Bronze	10256	Stephen P Hehir	Gold
3354	Paul D Lyles	Gold	6734	Thurman Norris	Bronze	10256	Gerald T Pothier	Gold
3433	William D Campbell	Gold	6734	Marvin Page, Jr.	Silver	10420	Franklin R Adams	Gold
3433	Janet Chisolm-Richard	Gold	6734	Carlos G Rhodes	Bronze	10420	Wayne L Clawson	Silver
3433	Joyce M Clark	Gold	6734	Garfield L Woods	Gold	10420	Lyn D Dimery	Bronze
3433	Betty J Hilliard	Gold	6740	Ginger L Graham	Bronze	10624	Robert W Holsclaw	Gold
3433	John D Mellert	Gold	6740	Jerold M Mann	Silver	10624	James E Livingston	Gold
3443	Edwin A Tufts, II	Gold	6740	Richard Lee Nolasco	Gold	10804	Thomas M Bowman	Gold
3447	Rodney J Burne	Gold	6830	George A White	Bronze	10804	Frank M Fogner	Gold
3447	Clarence E Hammett, SR	Gold	7607	Lawrence R Warren	Bronze	10804	William F LaMonte	Gold
3447	Merle F Reams	Bronze	7735	William D Foley	Gold	10804	Margo D Sheridan	Gold
4262	Reginald A Bell	Bronze	8131	John S Penman	Gold	10804	Paul F Slater	Gold
4262	Darrell A Bell	Bronze	8738	M H Gunter, Jr	Gold	10804	Michael T Vaden	Gold
4262	Richard N Bell	Bronze	8738	John L Sullivan	Bronze	10980	Kurt G Knouse	Silver
4262	Theonis S Brown	Gold	8738	Roy E Williams	Bronze	11079	James F Fox	Gold
4262	John R Campbell, Sr	Bronze	8760	Jackie Bishop	Gold	11079	Jimmy Lee Wallace	Bronze
4262	Jay G Hary	Bronze	8760	James R Fabel	Bronze	12136	Gregory L Beckwith	Bronze
4262	Ervin Johnson	Bronze	8760	Francis W Havlin	Gold	12136	James S Taylor	Bronze
4262	Lawrence A Korn	Gold	8760	Dwight M Hora	Gold		Department - at - Large	
4262	Harry L McFadden	Bronze	8760	Anthony R Lettich	Gold		Ronald W Backhaus	Silver
4262	Erik O Rothering	Silver	8760	Roger E Maguire	Gold		Allen S Bashore	Gold
4262	David L Scott	Bronze	8760	Thomas D Smith, Jr	Gold		Patrick D Blackman	Bronze
4262	Augustus Singleton	Gold	8760	Samuel A Steele	Gold		Christopher T Dillard	Bronze
4262	Oliver Smith	Bronze	8760	Roberts W Sterling	Gold		Richard H Gettys, Jr	Silver
4262	Bobby L Webb	Bronze	9138	Gary L Mitchell	Bronze		Tex Hughes	Gold
4262	Eddie Williams	Bronze					John R Mann	Gold
4262	Johnny L Wilson	Bronze					Harry A Simpson	Bronze

Department of South Carolina 2020-2021 All State Team of Post Commanders

Criteria:

Post Membership: 100% + 2

Submit to the District for judging at least one entry for: *"The Voice of Democracy"* and *"Patriot's Pen"*

Submit to the Department Teachers Chairman and entry in one of the three Department of South Carolina Teachers Award categories.

Submit to Headquarters at least two (2) letters or more of legislative correspondence to your Congressman or Senator along with their reply. Send these letters to the Department Legislative Chairman.

MUST HAVE AN "ALL BLUE" REPORT CARD and

Submit a letter (s) of recommendation for one or more "Department Award" listed in the Commanders book.

Make a donation to National for Veterans & Military Support. The Department Quartermaster will report the donation to the Community Service Chairman who will put it on the *"Report Card."*

Make a donation to our VFW Service Office. Send to the State Quartermaster. The Department Quartermaster will report the donation to the Department Community Service Chairman who will put it on the *"Report Card."*

Make a donation to the "Commander's Special Project".

Order Buddy Poppies (**For All State Consideration—minimum order 500 poppies**)
For All American Consideration - must purchase five (5) Buddy Poppies per member.

Post adjutant must have a current edition of the VFW Podium book.

Submit monthly reports to the Community Service Chairman using electronic format.

Commander or Sr. Vice Commander or Jr. Vice Commander must attend either a Department or District School of Instruction and ALL District Meetings, Council of Administration Meetings and the Department Conference and Convention.

Attendance will be tracked using the Department and District sign in sheets.

Department of South Carolina 2020-2021 All State Team of District Commanders

CRITERIA:

District Membership: 100% + 2

District Commanders must attend at least one (1) Post meeting in their respective Districts. During their visit, they must inspect whether or not each Post is adhering to the National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual, as well as making sure that a current copy of National (Podium Book), Department By-Laws and proof of eligibility are kept on file by the Post Adjutant.

One of the following must be attained:

- Start a new Post within the boundaries of the District.
- Increase Life Membership by 3% based on previous year's ending membership.
- Convert 3 Life memberships to Bronze, Silver or Gold Legacy status.

District must host at least one "Roundtable" informal discussion group **per quarter**.

All Post Inspections must be completed by **December 31, 2020**.

Post inspection reports must include comments about how the Post meeting was conducted, questions that were asked by Comrades at the Post meeting, general atmosphere of the meeting and other pertinent issues that will help the Department Commander in assisting the Post.

District Adjutant must have a current edition of the **VFW Podium book**.

District must do at least one "Posting of the Colors" at their District meetings by either JROTC, SROTC, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or by members of the District.

The District Commander, or the District Sr. Vice Commander, or the District Jr. Vice Commander must attend all Council of Administration meetings which includes Department Conferences and Department Convention.

Department of South Carolina 2020-2021 All State Team of Post/District Commanders Awards

All State Cover that says, “All State Team of Post/District
Commanders’ Co-Captain or Captain of the All State Team”.

All State Plaque (Commanders Only)

All State Name Badge

All State Pin

All State Certificate

Special recognition during the 2021 Department Convention Banquet.

Department of South Carolina 2020-2021 All State Team of District/Post Quartermasters Awards

All State Cover that says - “All State Team of Post/District Quartermasters”

All State Pin & Name Badge

All State Certificate

Special recognition during the 2021 Department Convention

Chairman Duties

Congratulations for being selected Chairman for a Department Program. As a chairman you are responsible for monitoring, recording and distributing reports for the VFW program or Department activities you are responsible for.

You must attend the Department School of Instruction and after presenting your program as chairman you must stay until the end of the SOI to answer questions that may arise during your presentation.

The first thing you need to do is get familiar with your Program and find out everything you can about it. If you did not receive necessary information, call Department Headquarters and ask how you can get the information you need. There is nothing worse for a Commander than to call upon a Committee Chairman and the Chairman reports: "I have nothing to report, no one sent me any information about the program."

It is recommended to all Department officers and chairman, to carefully read the program chairman's guides to familiarize yourself with the programs. As a VFW leader, you should be able to speak intelligently and authoritatively about all aspects of our great organization. The best available resource available is the VFW website (www.vfw.org) and Program chairman should establish a login. Doing so will provide you access to all the information and materials concerning VFW Programs, and will also allow you to access additional information needed to help you execute your duties and responsibilities as an officer of the organization. Important items such as National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure & Ritual amendments and National Resolutions to be presented at the National Convention, our monthly National Headquarters Bulletin and General Orders, and several online fillable forms are available on line.

You, as a Chairman, are responsible for the success (or failure) of the Program regardless of what those around you do. Take the initiative to find out all you can. Make a determined effort to call or write to your District or Post Chairmen for your Program. Ask them if they have received the information they need to carry out your program. Keep yourself available to them and let them know you are there to help if they need assistance. Make sure they have your correct mailing address and phone number.

Again, congratulations on your appointment as a Committee Chairman. As Commander, I have full confidence in your abilities and am counting on you to do the very best job you can. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Department Headquarters or myself for assistance.

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Duty of Department Programs Chairmen: The Programs Chairmen shall, under the direction of the Department Commander or Chief of Staff, be responsible for monitoring, recording and distributing reports for all VFW program activity. The Chairmen will brief the Department Commander on program's progress and work closely with the Community Service Chairman. Additional information can be found in the Programs Coordinator Guide.

Department Jr. Vice Commander: Two additional duties of the Department Jr. Vice Commander are Department Programs Chairman and prepare the District and Post report card.

- Programs Chairman - See Duty of Department Programs Chairman.
- Department Report Card – as directed by the Department Commander you will with input from the Community Service Chairman and the Department Quartermaster prepare no less than monthly a report card of the posts for the department. Once reviewed by the Department Commander these report cards will be sent out to all members of the Council of Administration and any other members as directed by the Department Commander.

Duty of Department Guard: The Department Guard will maintain order in all VFW meetings and convention.

Duty of Department Membership Chairman: The Department Membership Chairman shall, under the direction of the Department Commander, be responsible for the planning and implementation of the Department Membership Program. The Chairman will promote, coordinate, and organize membership drives, new Post development, and other duties as may be required. The Chairman will work directly with all DISTRICT AND POST membership and recruiting related chairmen.

Duty of Department By-Laws Review Chairman: The Department By-Laws Review Chairman and selected Committee shall review the existing by-laws and all by-laws submitted for introduction at the Department Convention.

Duty of Community Service Programs Chairman: The Community Service Program Chairman shall, maintain copies of program reports and pass information to the National Headquarters and to the Department Awards Chairman for awards judging.

Duty of the Buddy Poppy Chairman: The Buddy Poppy Chairman will be responsible for maintaining copies of Buddy Poppy reports and assist District and Post level Program Chairman in promotion and procedures for ordering, formation, and implementation of Veterans of Foreign Wars Buddy Poppy activities. Encourages participation in all Buddy Poppy competitions, especially the National Buddy Poppy Display Contest.



Duties of the Awards Chairman: The Department Awards Chairman and committee will select Department award winners.

Department of South Carolina Teachers Award Chairman:

This individual is responsible for overseeing the Teacher Award Contest at the Department (state) level. The duties include the following:

- Read and understands all Teacher Award program materials.
- Maintain a working knowledge of all program aspects so as to be the Department authority on the Teacher Award Program.
- Promote the Teachers Award Program at the Post, District and Department levels.
- Ensure that all District and Post chairmen have received program materials.
- Recruit and orients judges for Department judging.
- Conduct the Department judging.
- Oversee the presentation of awards.
- Report Department winner and participation (by final report) to Department Commander.
- Ensure Department Jr. Vice Commander gives credit to the Posts who submitted an entry.
- If necessary, assists people interested in nominating a teacher in finding a local participating VFW Post.

Patriot's Pen Chairman: This individual is responsible for overseeing the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest at the Department (state) level, to include the following:

- Read and understand all Patriot's Pen program materials.
- Promote the Patriot's Pen Program at the Post, District and Department levels.
- Maintain a working knowledge of all program aspects so as to be the Department authority on the Patriot's Pen Program.
- Ensure that all District and Post chairmen have received program materials and District report forms, and they understand how to execute the program.
- Recruit and orients judges for Department judging.
- Conduct the Department judging.
- Oversee the presentation of awards.
- Report Department winner and participation (by final report) to National VFW Programs Department.
- Coordinate with the National Programs Office to communicate program changes and updates.
- If necessary, assists interested students in finding a local participating VFW Post (via referral from



the National VFW Programs office or the Department Headquarters).

- Coordinate with the National Programs Office to ensure (if their first-place state winner is named the National first-place winner) that he/she is prepared for the Washington, D.C. trip in March.

Voice of Democracy Chairman: This individual is responsible for overseeing the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition at the Department (state) level, to include the following:

- Read and understands all Voice of Democracy program materials
- Maintain a working knowledge of all program aspects so as to be the Department authority on the Voice of Democracy Program
- Promote the Voice of Democracy Program at the Post, District and Department levels
- Ensure that all District and Post chairmen have received program materials and District report forms and they understand how to execute the program
- Recruit and orients judges for Department judging
- Conduct the Department judging
- Oversee the presentation of awards
- Report Department winner and participation (by final report) to National VFW Programs Department
- Coordinate with the National Programs Office to communicate program changes and updates
- If necessary, assists interested students in finding a local participating VFW Post (via referral from the National VFW Programs office or the Department Headquarters)
- Coordinate with the National Programs Office to ensure the first place state (Department) winner is prepared for the Washington, D.C. (March) trip and the Freedoms Foundation (June) trip.

Safety Chairman: This individual is responsible for overseeing the various safety programs and the Recognition of Public Servants at the Department (state) level, to include the following:

- Read and understands all Safety Program materials.
- Maintain a working knowledge of all program aspects so as to be the Department authority on the Safety Program.
- Promote the execution of Safety Programs at the Post, District and Department levels.
- Ensure District and Post chairmen are aware of all Safety Programs.
- Ensure District and Post chairmen have all necessary Safety Program materials.
- Provide timely and accurate program activity reports of Department participation.

Safety Chairman: Continued



- Submit the official Department Public Servant Award Recipients to National VFW Programs Department by deadline date.

Youth Activities Chairman: This individual is responsible for overseeing the promotion and execution of the various youth activities/recognition programs at the Department (state) level to include all youth programs that are not scholarship or Scouting-related as follows:

- Read and understands all Youth Activity Program materials.
- Maintain a working knowledge of all program aspects so as to be the Department authority on Youth Activities
 - Promote Youth Activities Program participation and leadership at the Post, District and Department levels.
- Ensure District and Post chairmen are aware of all Youth Activity Program opportunities.
- Ensure District and Post chairmen have all necessary program materials to execute the programs.
- Provide timely and accurate program activity reports of Department participation.

Community Service Chairman: This individual is responsible for encouraging and reporting all community service activities within the Department to include the following:

- Read and understands all VFW Community Service materials.
- Maintain a working knowledge of all program aspects so as to be the Department authority on community service and volunteerism.
- Promote the execution of community activities by the Posts, Districts and Department.
- Ensure District and Post chairmen are aware of the need to identify community service opportunities within their area of influence.
- Ensure District and Post chairmen have all necessary materials to encourage and execute community service efforts.
- Provides timely and accurate program activity reports of Department participation to the VFW National Programs office twice each year (6 month report – May 1- October 3 deadline December 1 and year-end report – May 1 – April 30, deadline June 1)

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Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department of South Carolina

"Buddy Poppy" Order Form

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR "ALL STATE" STATUS

YOUR POST MUST ORDER FIVE HUNDRED (500) BUDDY POPPIES

⇒ **SHIPMENTS ARE MADE BY USPS**
AND CANNOT BE LEFT AT POST OFFICE BOXES

POST No.		DISTRICT No.		DATE::	
LOCATION OF YOUR POST (CITY OR TOWN):					
NUMBER OF POPPIES ORDERED (MULTIPLES OF 500 ONLY)					

\$62.00 FOR EACH ORDER OF (500) POPPIES:	\$
AMOUNT ENCLOSED:	\$
BALANCE:	\$

SHIP TO:	NAME:	TITLE:
* STREET ADDRESS:		
CITY:	SOUTH CAROLINA	ZIP CODE:
PHONE:	E-MAIL:	
<div style="text-align: center;">MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:</div> <div style="text-align: center;">VFW DEPARTMENT S.C.</div>		

(Your Signature)

* Allow four (4) to six (6) weeks for delivery

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTING

1 MAY, 2020 - 30 APRIL 2021

The VFW and its Auxiliary's ability to impact veterans, youth, patriotism, civic pride, volunteerism and just about anything you can name is dependent upon your Post's being recognized as a caring and involved participant in the community. All of the great deeds performed by comrades across South Carolina should be recognized and accounted for. For this reason, Community Service reporting is an important requirement of every Post in the Department of South Carolina. Community service is also part of the criteria for All State recognition.

ALL COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE DONE USING THE ONLINE FORM. Paper reports cannot be sent to the Department Chairman. Post Commanders should designate one individual (usually the Senior Vice Commander or Adjutant) to send a consolidated monthly report regarding Post activities using the online form located at:

<https://tinyurl.com/CtyService>

For your convenience, the Department has created a **Community Service Report for Individual Comrades** that can be passed out at business meetings and/or made available at your Post. Activities can be recorded on this form and consolidated by the Post Commander's designated reporting officer each month for the online report.

This form for individual comrades is available for download on the Department's website (www.vfwsc.org) as well as in the Commander's Book.

Questions? If you need any help or guidance, please contact the Department Chairman, Nick Camera, at ncamera1@gmail.com



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South Carolina

2020-2021

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT FORM FOR INDIVIDUAL COMRADES

(Turn this form in to your Post's point of contact for Community Service Reporting)

Post Number: _____

Circle the category of your activity (See definitions of each category below):

Community service

Aid to others

Americanism/ Citizen Education

Youth Programs/Youth Activities

Safety

Military Service

Describe your project or activity:

(use reverse side of this form for more space)

Number of comrades who participated _____

Number of **hours** (for EACH participant) _____ **Date** of the project/activity _____

Enter the **amount of money**, if any, you spent on this project \$_____

Enter the **total number of miles** driven to do this project. You should include miles driven to and from your home to the location of the activity _____

THIS FORM IS FOR INDIVIDUAL COMRADES TO SUBMIT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THEIR POST COMMANDER. THE COMMANDER'S DESIGNATED REPORTING OFFICIAL WILL COLLECT THESE REPORTS AND SUBMIT THE POST'S CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN USING THIS LINK TO THE NEW 2020-2021 COMMUNITY SERVICE FORM:

<http://tinyurl.com/CtyService>

Categories of Community Service:

COMMUNITY SERVICE includes any activities within your community which help to benefit the community, church, school, parks, recycling, neighborhood cleanings, etc.

AID TO OTHERS is self-explanatory. Taking a hot meal to a veteran who can't get out is an example.

AMERICANISM/CITIZEN EDUCATION is simply taking the time to teach someone about flag etiquette, the Constitution, military service, etc.

YOUTH PROGRAMS include the annual Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Scout of the Year Program, etc.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Posts and Auxiliaries are encouraged to provide youth programs within the community such as Athletics, Scouting, Contests, Education, Recognition, etc.

SAFETY - Pedestrian, Drug Awareness, Recreational, Highway, Home/Fire, etc

MILITARY SERVICE - Any support given to a unit, an individual family member, ceremonies, welcome home, upLink, Unmet Needs USO, etc.



VFW National Citation of Recognition

Each Department chairman for the following programs may honor Posts or Post chairman with a “National Citation of Recognition” from VFW National Headquarters.

Youth, Safety, Community Service, Citizenship Education, Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen, Teacher Award, Scouting, Buddy Poppy.

- The citation is intended to recognize Posts or Post chairmen that have demonstrated a high level of service to their community (in each of the above listed categories) by exhibiting an exemplary level of performance and achievement.
- The national Commander-In-Chief and the Adjutant General will sign each citation.

Each qualifying VFW Post will be awarded only one citation in each of the categories. Either the Post or the Post chairman can be named on the individual citations. Therefore, the VFW Post or the name of the Post chairman to be honored will be requested/listed on the official entry form. This award is for Posts/Post chairmen only and cannot be issued for any other Post officer or District level recognition.



Send submissions **NLT May15th 2021** to the State Awards Chairman **Janet Chisolm-Richard** for submission to National

All citations will be mailed directly to the Department Headquarters and presented at the Department convention.

Patriot's Pen Rules and Eligibility

WHO CAN ENTER The Patriot's Pen program is open to 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private, parochial school, or home study program in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools are also eligible to participate.

HOW TO ENTER Download and complete the Patriot's Pen entry form and brochure. Essays must be no less than 300 words and cannot exceed 400 words. They should be submitted to the VFW Post, along with the completed Patriot's Pen entry form no later than the October 31 deadline. Students can ask a teacher or youth group leader to supervise their progress in the competition.

JUDGING CRITERIA Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points. You must show a thorough knowledge of the theme in your work. Demonstrate you have researched the issue extensively. Theme development is worth 35 points. Answer all relevant facts about the theme such as the who, what, where, when and why. Relate the theme to your own experiences. Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points. Write your essay in an easy-to-understand format. Leave your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme.

Department of South Carolina Patriot's Pen Requirements

Department Winner 1st place Winner will receive:

\$500.00 Cash, Plaque, Pin, Student & School Certificate from the Department of South Carolina.

The Department "Patriot's Pen" Chairman will judge these awards.

This award is to be presented at the school with the Post & District Commanders & Chairmen in attendance.

Department Winner 2nd place Winner will receive:

\$300.00 Cash, Pin, Student & School Certificate from the Department of South Carolina.

This award should be presented at school with the Post & District Commanders & Chairmen in attendance.

Department Winner 3rd place Winner will receive:

\$200.00 Cash, Pin, Student & School Certificate from the Department of South Carolina.

This award should be presented at school with the Post & District Commanders & Chairmen in attendance.

PATRIOT'S PEN



2020 - 2021 Theme "What is Patriotism to Me?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020

Patriotic Essay Writing Competition Grand Prize: \$5,000 Award

What Is Patriot's Pen?

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join the more than 138,000 students who participated last year in this contest. The national winners will receive at least \$500. **The first-place national award is currently \$5,000.**

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.

Big National Prizes

National awards total: \$45,000

Prizes include the various amounts listed below:

1st: \$6,000	7th: \$1,750
2nd: \$4,000	8-10th: \$1,500
3rd: \$3,500	11-12th: \$1,250
4th: \$2,750	13-25th: \$1,000
5th: \$2,500	26-29th: \$750
6th: \$2,000	30-53rd: \$500

The Internal Revenue Service requires that any recipient that receives more than a \$599 award should receive a Form 1099 identifying the proceeds as taxable. This may require the winner to provide their social security number.

How Does the Contest Work?

All entries begin at the Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post competition. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This participating Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence.

The contest consists of four levels. The first level (entry) is sponsored by local VFW Posts. Post winners advance, one for every 15 entries, to the VFW District (regional) level where the one first-place winner is advanced to the VFW Department (state) level. The one first-place winner at the Department level is then advanced into the VFW national competition. The winner from each Department (state) then competes for the national prizes.

Who Can Enter?

Patriot's Pen is open to 6th-, 7th- and 8th-grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private or parochial schools in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Home-schooled students also are eligible. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools can participate, too. (Foreign exchange students and former winners that placed in the National contest are excluded from the contest.)

Official Student Entry Form

Patriot's Pen Competition

Entry Form Must Be Completed by All Contestants Please Print or Type Clearly

Name: First, M.I., Last			
Address			
City, State, Zip			
()		Email	
Phone		Email	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	Gender	Grade in School	Essay Word Count
School Name, City, State			
Teacher's Name and Email (if applicable)			
Parent/Guardian's Name Phone/Email			

I Have Read and Understand the Contest Rules

Signature of Student Participant Date

To Be Completed by the VFW Post

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post Level Patriot's Pen Competition.

Post Commander's/Chairman's Signature Post #

VFW Auxiliary President's/Chairman's Signature

Post Address City, State, Zip

VFW Post Email

No. of students participation No. of winners advanced to District

Am't of Post/Aux. awards \$

Am't of Post/Aux. additional expenses (banquet, pins, etc.) \$

To Be Completed by the VFW District

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department level.

District Chairman's Signature Dist. #

Address City, State, Zip

() Phone Email

To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairman

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Patriot's Pen Essay Department Competition, and is our sole entry into the National Judging.

Department Chairman's Signature

() Daytime Phone Email

The winner has been notified that they are the first place Department winner on _____. Note: National Headquarters will contact your winner after this date to notify them of their national placement.

PATRIOT'S PEN

2020 - 2021 Theme "What is Patriotism to Me?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020

How Do I Get Started?

- Ask a teacher or youth group/club adult leader to supervise the Patriot's Pen writing competition.
- Contact a local VFW Post within your local area within your state and indicate your interest in participating.
- Establish a contact person who is a member of that VFW Post or its Auxiliary.
- Make sure that your essay is submitted to the VFW Post before the contest deadline of Oct. 31, 2020. You can submit your essay and entry form electronically (by email) upon the Post's approval. Entries sent to VFW National directly will be returned.

How Am I Judged?

You will be judged on how well you understand, develop and present the theme. A positive approach is recommended to express your viewpoint.

Knowledge of the theme is worth 30 points:

You must show a thorough knowledge of the theme in your work. Demonstrate you have researched the issue extensively.

Theme development is worth 35 points:

Answer all relevant facts about the theme such as the who, what, where, when and why. Relate the theme to your own experiences.

Clarity of ideas is worth 35 points:

Write your essay in an easy-to-understand format. Leave your reader with a clear understanding of your explanation of the theme.

What Is the Theme?

VFW's Commander-in-Chief annually chooses the year's theme. The 2020-21 theme is

What is Patriotism to Me?

What Are the Rules?

- **Essay length: 300-400 typewritten words (+ or - 5 words max).**
 - **You must write your own essay.**
 - **All essays should be typed in English with no color or graphics and cannot be less than 300 words or greater than 400 words in length.** (Essays under or over these word amounts will be eliminated.) Every word is counted regardless of length. The essay title (theme) or added footnotes do not contribute to the word count.
- At any time during the contest additional participant personal information (i.e. SSN, photo, etc.) could be requested by the VFW.

In no way may contestants identify themselves within their essay (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin.) Do not put your name on your essay. The entry form is your essay's cover sheet. Secure the

Official Student Entry Form with a staple or other fastener on top of your essay. Contestants are allowed to enter only once each year if otherwise eligible (one Post competition). Contestants found in violation of this rule will face elimination from the competition and will be required to return any and all prize money awarded or received.

The essay must be a contestant's original work and a product of the contestant's own thinking. The approach to the Patriot's Pen theme should be positive and clearly focused. Poetry is not acceptable. Quotations may be used sparingly if **plainly identified whenever used.** A contestant's teacher, counselor or parent may check the essay for punctuation, grammar and/or spelling, but the content must remain the contestant's. Contestants will be judged on the basis of their essay alone and are not required to present the essay orally. All essays become the property of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The VFW retains non-exclusive rights to use your essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

Deadline Information

To qualify, all entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by midnight October 31, 2020.

Note:

If you need help finding a participating VFW Post in your area, follow these instructions:

First, visit vfw.org/FindAPost to "Find A VFW Post." Be sure this Post is within the state you reside in.

If you do not have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble getting in touch with them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) headquarters office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit vfw.org/contactus and look for "Find a State Contact" to get your VFW state office's phone number and email.

If you need assistance, please email us at the VFW National Headquarters at youthscholarships@vfw.org.



For assistance contact:

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LOCAL VFW POST INFORMATION:

CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ **BEST TIME TO CALL:** _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ **BEST TIME TO CALL:** _____



Clarity of Ideas: Provides a clear explanation of the writer's interpretation of the theme.

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Date and Location of Judging

Voice of Democracy Rules and Eligibility

WHO CAN ENTER The Voice of Democracy Program is open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by the Oct. 31 deadline in public, private, parochial school, or home study program in the U.S., its territories or its possessions. Dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools are also eligible to participate.

HOW TO ENTER Download the Voice of Democracy entry form and brochure to submit your essay to your local VFW Post. Students should record their reading of the draft to an audio CD or flash drive. The recording can be no shorter than three minutes and no longer than five minutes (plus or minus five seconds). Entries begin at the Post level. Once the student creates their essay and completes burning the audio version to an audio CD/flash drive, they can submit their typed version, CD/flash drive and the Voice of Democracy entry form to their local participating VFW Post by the Oct. 31 deadline.

JUDGING CRITERIA Originality is worth 30 points: Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest. Content is worth 35 points: Clearly express your ideas in an organized manner. Fully develop your theme and use transitions to move



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DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA



Department of South Carolina Voice of Democracy Requirements

Department Winner 1st place Winner will receive:

\$1000.00 cash award, Plaque, Pin, Student & School Certificate, Valley Forge Excursion and a free trip to Washington D.C. for National Finals. (If for some reason the 1st place winner cannot make the trip for National Finals, the 2nd place winner will go instead)

The Department "Voice of Democracy" Chairman will judge these awards.

This award should be presented at the school with the Post & District Commander & Chairmen in attendance.

Department Winner 2nd place Winner will receive:

\$750.00 cash award, Pin, Student & School Certificate,

This award should be presented at the school with the Post & District Commander & Chairmen in attendance.

Department Winner 3rd place Winner will receive:

\$500.00 cash award, Pin, Student & School Certificate

This award should be presented at the school with the Post & District Commander & Chairmen in attendance.

2020-2021 Theme

“Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?”

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020

Patriotic Audio Essay Competition Grand Prize: \$30,000 Award

What Is The Voice of Democracy Program?

Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 57,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme is, **Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?**

Why Should I Enter?

Prizes and scholarships can be awarded at the Post, District, state and national level.

The Rules

Who can enter?

The Voice of Democracy is open to students in grades 9-12 by the Oct. 31 deadline, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States, its territories and possessions; or dependents of U.S. military or civilian personnel in overseas schools. Although U.S. citizenship is not required, students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (the application for which has not been denied) and intends to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity allowed by law. Foreign exchange students, students age 20 or over, previous Voice of Democracy first place state winners, GED or Adult Education Students are ineligible.

What do I need to enter?

Record your original 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 seconds max.) essay on an audio CD or a flash drive. One student per CD or flash drive. When burning your CD, make sure that "Create Audio CD" option (or similar) is selected so the program can properly convert your sound file and burn it to CD. After it has finished, be sure to play back your audio CD on a system other than your computer, such as a standard radio or car CD player, to verify that the conversion/burning process was successful. You will submit the recording, typed essay and this completed entry form. Provide these items to your school/group competition or local VFW Post for judging. In addition you can submit your emailed entry form, essay, and audio file to the VFW Post upon approval. You must be the sole author of your essay. The recording must be in your own voice and in English. Hearing/speech impaired students should email the Voice of Democracy National Office at youthscholarships@vfw.org for special instructions. No music, singing, poetry or sound effects are allowed. The body of the essay must not identify you in any way, (including, but not limited to, your name, school, city, state, race or national origin) although the recording & typed essay should be labeled with your name, to show ownership. You may enter only one competition at one Post (if otherwise eligible) per year. At any time during the contest, additional participant personal information could be requested by the VFW, including but not limited to a photograph, SSN or biographical information.

2020-21 Official Entry Form Voice of Democracy Competition

Must Be Completed by All Contestants

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

() Phone

Email

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)

Grade in School

Age

School Name, City, State

Teacher's name and Email (if applicable)

To Be Completed by Student's Parent/Guardian
(required even if student is 18 or over)

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

() Parent/Guardian's Daytime Phone

Parent/Guardian's Email

I Have Read and Understand the D.C. National Finals Rules
(On Opposite Side)

I certify that I am the sole author of the enclosed audio/essay entry and that I have only entered the competition once yearly if otherwise eligible.

I understand that if it is found that I have entered any other Post's competition or used this essay for another VFW competition, I face elimination from the competition and will return any and all prizes or incentives awarded.

Signature of Student Participant

Date

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

2020 - 2021 Theme

"Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?"

Student Entry Deadline: October 31, 2020

Official Rules for Students Advancing to National Level

In the event my audio essay is selected for entry into the National Voice of Democracy Competition, I do hereby for myself, for my heirs, executors, administrators and assignees; waive, release and discharge all rights and claims which I have or which may hereafter accrue against the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and/or the several Departments (state organizations) of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective officers, agents, successors and assigns from any damages which may be sustained by me in connection with my participation in or association with the VFW Voice of Democracy Competition and/or arising out of my travel to and during the Competition. In the event of sickness, accident or injury in connection with the Competition, I consent to and accept the services of a duly licensed medical, surgical or dental specialist selected on my behalf and for such treatments, as they may deem necessary. I understand that VFW will not be liable for such treatment. I further understand that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States retains non-exclusive rights to use my tape, essay and likeness in the promotion and execution of the organization's programs and activities.

To Be Completed by the VFW Post

I certify that this student has an authorized entry in our VFW Post level Voice of Democracy Competition.

Post Commander's/Chairman's Signature _____ Post # _____
 VFW Auxiliary President's/Chairman's Signature (if applicable) _____
 Post Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 VFW Post Email _____
 No. of students participating _____
 No. of winners advanced to District _____
 Amt. of Post/Aux. scholarship awards \$ _____
 Amt. of Post/Aux. additional expense (banquet, pins, etc.) \$ _____

To Be Completed by the VFW District

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest District Competition and is our sole entry into the Department finals.

District Chairman's Signature _____ Dist. # _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 () _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

To Be Completed by the VFW Department Chairman

I certify that the student named in the previous section is the duly selected first-place winner of the Voice of Democracy Department Competition, is our sole entry into the National Judging.

Department Chairman's Signature _____
 () _____
 Daytime Phone _____ Email _____
 The winner ☐ has been ☐ will be (check one) notified that they are the first-place Department winner on _____

Where Do I Submit My Entry?

All entries begin at the local VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting one winner for each 15 students to the local VFW Post. Individual students may submit their entry directly to the Post. This VFW Post should be within your local area and within your U.S. state of residence. Entries sent to VFW National will be returned. One winner for every 15 entries from each Post advances to District and one District winner advances to the state (Department) competition. If you need help finding a participating VFW Post in your area, follow these instructions: First, visit this website vfw.org/FindaPost to "Find A VFW Post." Be sure this Post is within the state you reside in. If you do not have success in finding a Post, or if you have trouble getting in touch with them, you can contact your VFW Department (state) office to see if they can offer any information or assistance. You can visit this link vfw.org/ContactUs and look for "Find a State Contact" to get your VFW state office's phone number and email. If you still need assistance, please email us at VFW National Headquarters at youthscholarships@vfw.org

What Is the Deadline for My Entry?

All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of that VFW Post by midnight, Oct. 31, 2020. It is the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location by ensuring it is a participating Post.

What Are the Judging Criteria?

Originality is worth 30 points:

Treatment of the theme should show imagination and human interest.

Content is worth 35 points:

Clearly express your ideas in an organized manner. Fully develop your theme and use transitions to move smoothly from one idea to another.

Delivery is worth 35 points:

Speak in a clear and credible manner.

The National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP) has again approved this contest for its National Advisory List of Contests and Activities.



For assistance contact:
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 Email: youthscholarships@vfw.org
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LOCAL VFW POST INFORMATION:

CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

ALTERNATE CONTACT: _____

PHONE: _____ BEST TIME TO CALL: _____

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Judge's Signature

Scout of the Year Program



WHAT IS THE SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM?

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States awards three 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. Awards are as follows:

- \$5,000 1st place National scholarship
- \$3,000 2nd place National scholarship
- \$1,000 3rd place National scholarship

AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

- 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. A Scout may enter through only one VFW Post. A local Post can be identified by zip code at www.vfw.org/find-a-post.

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

- Deadline for entry to VFW Post is **March 1**.
- One candidate with full entry criteria must be submitted by a VFW Post to the next level of judging by **April 1**. The VFW Department (state) Scouting chairman can provide this information.
- The Department winner must be selected and submitted by their Department (state) Scouting chairman to the VFW National Headquarters by **May 1**.

Questions should be directed to 816.756.3390, ext. 6155 during normal business hours Monday through Friday or emailed to scouting@vfw.org.

Official Entry Form

VFW Scout of the Year Program

MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH CONTESTANT and submitted directly to a VFW post in your community.

Name: First, M.I., Last

Address

City, State, Zip

()

Home Phone

Email

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Scout Troop Number

SCOUT/VENTURE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing information is accurate and if I am the winner, I will make myself available to receive the award at a presentation ceremony as designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Scout/Venture Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above-named Scout/Venture is an active member of our unit or was when the award was received and the information supplied by the candidate is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Unit Leader's Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

PARENT'S CONSENT

I hereby certify that all information on this application is correct. I willingly submit this name for consideration as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States' Scout of the Year. If this individual is selected as the winner, I will ensure that he/she is allowed to attend a presentation ceremony as designated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Father, Mother or Guardian Signature

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)



Scout of the Year Program

VFW DEPARTMENT (STATE) SCOUTING CHAIRMAN

PHONE: _____

SPONSORING VFW POST

POST NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE: _____

DISTRICT CERTIFICATION IF APPLICABLE, CHECK WITH THE VFW DEPARTMENT (STATE) SCOUTING CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT #: _____

DISTRICT CDR.: _____

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY DEPT (STATE) VFW SCOUT- ING CHAIRMAN OR DEPT. COMMANDER

DEPARTMENT: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED?

The following documentation should be submitted:

- **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.
- **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.
 - 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** — submitted to a local VFW Post. Local Posts can be identified by zip code at www.vfw.org/find-a-post.

WHO MAKES UP THE VFW SCOUTING TEAM?

The backbone of Scouting in the VFW is the VFW Scouting Team. These VFW members are deeply involved in Scouting, most with decades of experience.

Appointed by their Department commander, they are responsible for promoting Scouting in their state. They are available to encourage Posts to sponsor units, support units and individual Scout projects. They should be the Department's "expert" on all phases of Scouting. Many Departments have multiple members of the VFW Scouting Team, but every Department should have at least one individual to promote the values of Scouting to youth and to the VFW itself. For more information on the VFW Scouting Team call 816.756.3390, ext. 6155 or email scouting@vfw.org.



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VFW SCOUT OF THE YEAR

Judges Score Sheet

DEPARTMENT/STATE _____ DATE OF JUDGING _____

JUDGE'S NAME & SIGNATURE _____

Instructions to Judges: Read and review all letters and data submitted by each applicant with the criteria listed below in mind. Use the input data to develop an overall presentation of the scout's personality that is consistent through all the data and letters submitted and grade each scout in each character areas. Grade each candidate using the following scoring system:

EXCEPTIONAL = 6-10 pts. AVERAGE = 4-5pts. LOW = 1-3 pts.
Ten (10) points are the maximum for each of the sub-elements.

SECTION A: HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

- _____ Academic achievement
- _____ Extra-curricular activities
- _____ Demonstrated leadership
- _____ Significance of participation
- _____ Sub-Total (40 pts. Max.)

SECTION C: COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD

- _____ Evidence of regular participation
- _____ Impact on the community
- _____ Demonstrated leadership
- _____ Demonstrated achievement (awards, etc.)
- _____ Sub-Total (40 pts. Max.)

SECTION B: SCOUTING RECORD

- _____ Timeliness of achieving rank
- _____ Demonstrated leadership
- _____ Participation in events
- _____ Quality of Eagle, Gold, Silver Award, or Quartermaster Project
- _____ Demonstrated adherence to Scout Code
- _____ Exemplary moral/spiritual character
- _____ Sub-Total (60 pts. Max.)

SECTION D: CONTENT OF THE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- _____ Evidence of exceptional character
- _____ Evidence of leadership qualities
- _____ Willingness to accept responsibility
- _____ Evidence of self-confidence
- _____ Evidence of serving others
- _____ Evidence of respect for authority
- _____ Evidence of patriotism and respect for this nation and its symbols.
- _____ Sub-Total (70 pts. Max.)

_____ TOTAL SCORE (210 PTS. Max.)

**JUDGES HAVE THE OPTION OF INTERVIEWING TOP FINALISTS
PRIOR TO FINAL SELECTION.**



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Department of South Carolina TEACHER AWARD Requirements

Department Winner of each Grade Level (K-5, 6-8 and 9-12) will receive:

- \$250.00 cash award from the Department of South Carolina
- Award (to be determined) from the Department of South Carolina
- National Teacher Citation
- The Department "Teacher" Chairman will judge these awards.
- This award should be presented at the school with the Post & District Commander & Chairmen in attendance.

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CRITERIA FOR THE

FOLLOWING AWARD

TEACHER CITIZENSHIP AWARD K-5, 6-8 AND 9-12

Candidates Must Have Demonstrated:

- Recognition by their colleagues or those they serve
- Instilling a sense of national pride in students
- Teach citizenship education topics regularly
- Promote America's history and traditions
- Promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism

Documentation Required For All Candidates:

- Nomination application containing the candidate's name, title, address, telephone, grade levels taught by educator.
- Multiple Letters of Recommendation may be submitted with each candidate's application. Letter(s) of Recommendation may be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors, parents, students or other interested individuals.
- Optional: photographs of candidate performing acts deserving to be recognized.
- Send nomination application and Letter(s) of Recommendation to Teacher Award Chairman.

Nomination Deadlines:

Send VFW Post nominations to Teacher Award Chairman by Oct 31. Judging will occur Nov 1-15.

VFW Teacher Nomination Form



Who is eligible? All current classroom teachers (teaching at least half of the school day in a classroom environment) in grades K-12 are eligible. Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors, parents, students or other interested individuals.

Help the VFW recognize outstanding teachers in grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12

Nominated Teacher

Name _____

Email _____

Subject/grade taught _____

Current School _____

School address _____

School phone _____

Person Nominating Teacher

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Date submitted _____

Signature _____

PHOTOS WELCOME:
photos of candidate
performing acts deserving
to be recognized

Submit nominations
to your local VFW
Post. DO NOT send
to VFW National
Headquarters.

Deadline: submit to
local VFW Post by
Oct 31.

Judging occurs: Nov
1-15

Department of South Carolina Teachers Award Judging Score Sheet

Teacher's Name	Recognition (4 Points)	National Pride (1-4 Points)	Citizenship Education (1-4) Points	Promote America (1-4 Points)	Civic Responsibility (1-4 Points)	Total (Possible 20 Points)

Judging Criteria:

Recognition – (1-4 Points) – Recognition by their colleagues or those they serve

National Pride - (1-4 Points) - Instilling a sense of national pride in students

Citizenship Education - (1-4) Points - Teach citizenship education topics regularly

Promote America - (1-4 Points) - Promote America's history and traditions

Civic Responsibility (1-4 Points) - Promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism

Date: _____ Post#: _____ Grade Level: ☐ K-5 ☐ 6-8 ☐ 9-12

Note: Judges should be carefully selected, preferably from individuals who have classroom experience and understand the challenges of teaching. They should never have any affiliation with the nominees or the schools where the nominees teach. While it may be necessary to use VFW and Auxiliary members, it is preferred that judges come from outside our ranks to avoid the appearance of impropriety. During the judging, the chairman should facilitate and observe but refrain from offering his or her observation on the candidates. The judges are encouraged to discuss the candidates but must arrive at their own numerical evaluation using the grid above. Make sure all judges are kept aware of the progress of the teachers they have judged and are invited to any awards presentations.

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CRITERIA FOR THE



FOLLOWING AWARD:

SAMUEL U. ROACH AWARD

Most Outstanding Post and District Commander

MUST BY ACTION, VISION, PLANNING UP DOWN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND:

CRITERIA

Inspired the members of the Post or District to succeed in the following programs:

- 1) Community Service Reporting: Must have Community Service reports sent to the Community Service Chariman
- 2) Americanism Reporting: Must have Americanism reports sent to the Community Service Chariman
- 3) Safety Reporting: Must have Safety reports sent to the Community Service Chariman
- 4) Youth Activity Reporting: Must have Youth Activity reports sent to the Community Service Chariman
- 5) Must attain at least 100% plus two (2) in Post/District membership.
- 6) Post: Must order Buddy Poppies
- 7) District: All Posts must have ordered Buddy Poppies
- 8) Post: Must have submitted a "Voice of Democracy", "Patriot's Pen" and a National Citizenship Education Teacher entry to the District for judging.
- 9) District: Must have submitted a "Voice of Democracy", "Patriot's Pen" and a SMART/MAHER VFW NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD. Teacher entry to the Department for judging.
- 10) Must have shown teamwork throughout the Post- not doing everything yourself.
- 11) Must be Inspected prior to December 31, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CRITERIA FOR THE



FOLLOWING AWARD

MELVIN L. 'MEL' EMORE AWARD

Most Outstanding Post and District Quartermaster CRITERIA

WHO, BY EXEMPLIFYING THE OUTSTANDING SPIRIT, LOVE AND ENTHUSIASM OF PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER/DEPARTMENT QUARTERMASTER EMORE:

- 1) Post: Sent into the Department Quartermaster all Trustees Reports of Audits no later than 30 days after end of quarter.
- 2) District: Sent into the Department Quartermaster all Trustees Reports of Audits no later than 30 days after the District Meeting/Convention.
- 3) (Applies to both Post & District) Post & District Quartermasters must verify if the Quartermaster from the previous year complied with the National By-Laws/Manual of Procedure Section 222 - Delegates, District Conventions & Meetings, Department & National Conventions.
- 4) Post and District: Current VFW year Department Governance Policies must be on file with the Post or District Adjutant or the Adjutant/Quartermaster.
- 5) Post: That all duties have been performed according to ARTICLE II, Section 218, (a) Officers, (5) Quartermaster.
- 6) District: That all duties have been performed according to ARTICLE IV, Section 418, (a) Officers, (5) Quartermaster.

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JAMES W. COTHRAN AWARD

Most Outstanding Veterans of Foreign Wars Post

HONORING OUR DEPARTMENT'S ONLY PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

JAMES "JIMMY" W. COTHRAN,
THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MUST BE MET:

- 1) Post Commander, or Sr. Vice, or Jr. Vice must attend District Training Session and attend all regular scheduled or special District meetings.
- 2) Post must have a Post Appointed Service Officer.
- 3) Post must meet the membership quotas as established in the ALL STATE program.
- 5) At least one (1) entry sent to the District for judging of "Voice of Democracy," "Patriot's Pen," and Citizenship Education Teacher Award.
- 6) Must have ordered Buddy Poppies.
- 7) Trustees Reports of Audits must have been submitted to the Department Quartermaster no later than 30 days following the quarters ending.
- 8) Post must have been inspected prior to 31 December.
- 9) Post must have sent in a donation to the Department Quartermaster for our VFW Service Office to help with the cost of supplies.

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CRITERIA FOR THE



FOLLOWING AWARD:

LOUIS THORNTON AWARD

Most Outstanding Veterans of Foreign Wars Member

CRITERIA

WHO BEST EXEMPLIFIES THE SPIRIT, LOVE AND ENTHUSIASM OF PAST STATE SERGEANT-OF-ARMS LOUIS THORNTON, ALL AROUND ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- 1) Member must be active in recruiting new members or bringing back past members to be re-instated in the Post.
- 2) Member must actively participate in Community Service, Americanism, Safety and Youth Activities both in the Post and in the Community.
- 3) Member must be present at Post sponsored programs such as Veterans Day, Memorial Day, POW/MIA day and any other patriotic events that are held in both the Post and the community.
- 4) The conduct of the member in the Post and the community must exemplify a positive image which adds to the prestige of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- 5) The member, who by example, motivates others to become more involved in Post and community activities.
- 6) Member must attend Post meetings, District meetings and at least one (1) Council of Administration meeting.
- 7) Member must have attended either a District or Department a School of Instruction.

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CRITERIA FOR THE

FOLLOWING AWARD:

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA CLYDE LINDSAY AWARD

Most Outstanding Post Community Service Award

POST WINNER WILL RECEIVE A \$599.00 STIPEND TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

CRITERIA

THE POST WHICH BEST EXEMPLIFIES THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST
IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- 1) Post must submit a written summary with pictures, news clippings etc. of how the Post interacted with their community from May 1st to April 1st. *This summary must be sent to the attention of the Department Awards Chairman 210 Glassmaster Road, Lexington, S.C. 29072*
- 2) Post must have actively participated in Community Service, Americanism, Safety and Youth Activities in the Community.
- 3) Post must have sponsored a Community Flag Disposal Program open to the public. Some type of communication must have been distributed, whether by flyers, the local newspaper, or on a collection box for U.S. flags.
- 4) Post must have placed flags or wreaths at a cemetery remembering deceased veterans.
- 5) Post must have donated at least one (1) flag to an institution (school etc.).
- 6) Post must have submitted at least one entry of "Voice of Democracy," "Patriot's Pen" and National Citizenship Education Teacher to the District for judging.
- 7) Post must have representation at either a District or Department School of Instruction.
- 8) Post must have had representation at all District meetings and functions.

Letter (s) of recommendation may be submitted by any member in good standing at the Post or District levels to the attention of: State Awards Chairman 210 Glassmaster Road, Lexington, South Carolina 29072 or by Fax: (803) 808-0417.

CUT-OFF DEADLINE IS 1 APRIL, 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA



J. FRANCIS CARLISLE AWARD

Most Outstanding Post Chaplain-of-the Year

CRITERIA

AWARDED TO PROVIDE RECOGNITION TO A POST CHAPLAIN WHO PROVIDES EXEMPLARY SERVICE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS.

- 1) Chaplain must be the chairman of the Post "Visiting Veterans" committee.
- 2) Chaplain must visit and comfort the sick, disabled or shut-in veterans of the Post and Community.
- 3) Chaplain must provide spiritual guidance to veterans or a family member (s) of a veteran in need.
- 4) Chaplain must be the Chairman of any memorial service including Memorial Day.
- 5) Chaplain, if able, must attend all Post meetings.
- 6) Nomination letters can be submitted by any member in good standing at the Post or District levels.
- 7) The Department Chaplain will judge this award basing his/her decision on the overall services, as stated above, to veterans and their families.

THE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN WILL JUDGE THIS AWARD

*Letters of recommendation may be submitted by any officer (both elected and appointed) or a member in good standing to the attention of: **Department Chaplain** 210 Glassmaster Road, Lexington, South Carolina 29072 or by Fax: (803) 808-0417.*

Cut-off Date is 1 April, 2021

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DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

GUIDELINES & CRITERIA



FOR THE FOLLOWING:

COMMUNICATION AWARD

This Award will be Presented at a Conference or regular C/A meeting

Most Outstanding Post/District Newsletter

NEWSLETTER WHICH IS MOST INFORMATIVE TO MEMBERS IN THE
FOLLOWING AREAS:

- 1) Strong emphasis on membership in making sure Continuous Members know that their dues need to be paid. Listing of names has been proven to be successful in this area. Listing of Continuous Members who have paid their dues and thanking them in the Post Newsletter. District Newsletters should list membership standings of each Post.
- 2) Listing of elected and appointed officers to include contact numbers at both the Post and District levels.
- 3) Provide information on "Voice of Democracy" "Patriot's Pen" and SMART/MAHER VFW NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD awards.
- 4) Show in advance when Buddy Poppies will be distributed, times, place and provide a contact number of the Post Buddy Poppy Chairman.
- 5) Posting of past, current and future programs/functions. Brief description of these programs and events should be written up.
- 6) Listing of monthly Post/Auxiliary and District meetings showing times and dates. At the District level, it is important that the District Newsletter provide information on subjects that were discussed and voted upon at Council of Administration meetings.
- 7) Other newsworthy information/articles to the membership.

**Newsletter submissions are based on a calendar year:
January 1st to December 31st.**

Note: This Award Can Not be Won Two (2) Years in a Row

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CRITERIA FOR THE



FOLLOWING AWARD:

WEB-SITE/MEDIA AWARD

MOST OUTSTANDING POST/DISTRICT WEB-SITE/MEDIA

This Award will be Presented at a Conference or regular CofA meeting

CRITERIA

WEBSITE/MEDIA HAS A STRONG EMPHASIS ON ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS.

- 1) A strong emphasis on membership is important (i.e. dues reminders to members, application for membership requirements, contacts for a potential new member to call etc.)
- 2) If the Post has a newsletter, it is important to Post on your website/media.
- 3) Posting descriptions of Post Programs/Events along with pictures is important.
- 4) Providing contact information throughout the chain of command.
- 5) A picture of the Post Home is useful in case a potential new member comes to the Post.
- 6) A monthly calendar.
- 7) Posting of Special Events such as a Memorial Day and Veterans Day Event with pictures to follow in the next newsletter.
- 8) Keeping the web-site/media with current information will be a strong indicator for judging.

***THE DEPARTMENT WEB-MASTER WILL BE THE SOLE JUDGE FOR THIS AWARD.
NO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ARE NEEDED.***

**Website/Podcasts/Media submissions are based on a
calendar year: January 1st to December 31st.**

PUBLIC SERVANT AWARDS

to include

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR 911 Dispatcher

Candidates Must Have Demonstrated:

- ♦ Recognition by their colleagues or those they serve.
- ♦ Consistent excellence in the performance of their duties.
- ♦ 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:

Nomination letter containing the Candidates name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered.

- ♦ One (1) page resume of the candidates overall background.
- ♦ One (1) page resume of the candidate's background in his/her field.
- ♦ One (1) page listing of the candidate's accomplishment and awards in his/her field.
- ♦ **One (1) Photograph** (*preferably a head shot*) **of the Candidate.**

Nomination Deadlines:

- ♦ Post Safety Chairman should send the above information **to** Department Headquarters [210 Glassmaster Road, Lexington, S.C. 29072] to arrive **not later than 15 December.** Address entry to the attention of the State Safety Chairman.
- ♦ 1st place winners in all three categories will be presented to the Post Commander. at the Spring Conference.

These awards should be presented at a venue chosen by the award recipient and outside the VFW Post to maximize public exposure of these awards. Events such as the State meeting of the recipient's professional organization, at their city council meeting or in front of their peers at their firehouse or police station are highly encouraged.

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GUIDELINES & CRITERIA



FOR THE FOLLOWING:

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

YOUTH LIFE SAVING AWARD

LINE OF DUTY LIFE SAVING AWARD

VALOR LIFE SAVING AWARD

Department of South Carolina Awards and Criteria.

YOUTH LIFE SAVING AWARD

- Age group for this award is 17 and under.
- To honor individuals who have, without regard for their own comfort, taken action resulting in the saving of another human life.

LINE OF DUTY LIFE SAVING AWARD

- To honor individuals who, in the execution of their assigned duties, have taken action resulting in the saving of another human life.

VALOR LIFE SAVING AWARD

- Age group for this award is 18 and over.
- This award honors civilians who have taken action resulting in the saving of another human life and have placed their own safety at risk.

CRITERIA FOR ALL THREE ABOVE AWARDS

- Documentation of the event such as newspaper clippings, etc.
- Name of the individual receiving the award.
- Date of presentation to be held.
- Name and address of the Post Commander or Auxiliary President who will be presenting the award.

Nomination Deadlines:

- The Post Safety Chairman or Commander should send the above information to Department Headquarters (210 Glassmaster Road, Lexington, S.C. 29072) **to arrive not later than 15 December**. Address it to the attention of the **Department Youth Activities Chairman** for the Youth Life Saving Award and to the **Department Safety Chairman** for Line of Duty and Valor Life Saving entries.
- 1st Place awards in all three categories will be presented to the Post Commander who will present the award at a venue chosen **by** the award recipient and outside the VFW to maximize public exposure of these awards such as at a city council meeting etc. are highly encouraged.

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GUIDELINES & CRITERIA

FOR THE FOLLOWING:

THE DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN SHALL JUDGE THESE AWARDS

YOUTH CADET AWARDS

NAVAL SEA CADETS
CIVIL AIR PATROL CADETS
JROTC

Department of South Carolina Awards and Criteria:

NAVAL SEA CADETS

- A plaque and \$100.00 cash award will be presented to the Department winner.

CIVIL AIR PATROL CADETS

- A plaque and \$100.00 cash award will be presented to the Department winner.

JROTC

- A plaque, certificate and a \$100.00 cash award will be presented to the Department winner.

CRITERIA FOR NAVAL SEA CADETS & CIVIL AIR PATROL CADETS

- Good academic standing.
- Satisfactory progress in the cadet program.
- Outstanding achievement in community service and/or the cadet program
- High moral character
- Exceptional professionalism in appearance and actions.
- Outstanding military bearing and conduct in and out of Uniform.
- Involvement in patriotic programs, drill team, color guard, etc.
- Demonstrated potential and willingness to assume higher levels of responsibility.
- *Letter submitted by the commanding officer, stating that the above criteria has been met.*

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR JROTC

- Positive attitude toward the JROTC program.
- Must be enrolled as a 10th-12th grade JROTC student.
- *Letter submitted by the commanding officer, stating that the above criteria has been met.*

NOMINATION DEADLINES

- The Post should send the above information to State Headquarters (210 Glassmaster Road, Lexington, S.C. 29072) to arrive **no later than 31 December.** Address it to the attention of the State Youth Activities Chairman.



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Report Card Guide

District Report Card

Districts. Membership number and percentage that the district is at and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place in membership. To make All State the district must be at 100% plus 2 by 30 June 2020.
All other criteria must be completed by April 15th.

- **C of A.** District representative at the Council of Administration meetings and the Department School of Instruction. The District representative shall be the Commander, or Sr. Vice Commander, or Jr. Vice Commander of the District.
- **CMDR Special Project.** This is a Donation amount for the current yer.
- **VOD.** Voice of Democracy submission to the Department Chairman.
- **PP.** Patriot's Pen submission to the Department Chairman.
- **Teach.** Citizen Education Teacher of the Year submission to the Department Chairman.
- **Attainment.** Current Department Commanders All State Requirements.
- **Host.** Current Department Commanders All State Requirements.
- **Book.** District Adj. must have in their possession the current podium book throughout the year.
- **Colors.** Must have Posting of the Colors at District Meetings by either JROTC, SROTC, Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts or by members of the District.
- **SOI.** The date the District conducted its school of instruction.
- **QM Bond.** OK'd when the District QM Bond is paid and completed.
- **INSP BY.** Date the District was inspected.
- **990-N.** Date the 990, 990EZ, or 990-N completed for the administrative year.
- **Audit 1, 2, 3, 4,** Identification that the audit was completed by the designated time and that there were no discrepancies.
- **Posts in your District Report Cards.**
- **INSP BY.** Date the Post was inspected by the District.
- **Bond.** Post QM Bond completed by 31 August, of current year.
- **Dist. MTG.** Posts attendance at a district meeting by the Commander, or Sr. Vice Commander, or Jr. Vice Commander.
- **Buddy Poppy.** Number of Buddy Poppies the post ordered throughout the year.

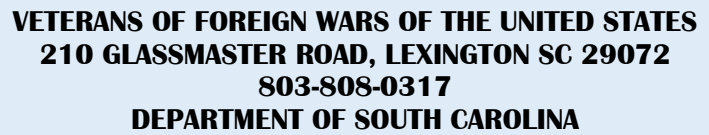


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- **Dept. Award Letter.** Record of which posts submitted a letter of recommendation for a department award.
- **CMDR SPEC PROJECT.** Donation Amount to the Commander's Special Project mailed to the Department Quartermaster.
- **C.S.** Community Service Event that the post conducted.
- **AMER.** Americanism event the post conducted.
- **LEG.** Legislative report the post sent to a legislature from a post member and forwarded, to the Legislative Chairman.
- **Youth.** A youth activity that the post conducted.
- **Safety.** A Safety activity the post conducted.
- **V.M.S.P.** This is a Veteran and Military Support Program Activity conducted at the Post.
- **Voice Demo.** A Voice of Democracy Submission from the Post to the District Chairman.
- **Patriot's Pen.** A Patriot's Pen Submission from the Post to the District Chairman.
- **Teach Scout.** This is a Teach award submissions and a Scouting Submission from the Post to the District Chairman for Teacher or the Department Chairman for Scouting.
- **Audit 1, 2, 3, 4.** These are the Quarterly Trustee Audits submitted to the Department Quartermaster.

*****Bottom Half of Report Card**

- **Hours.** How many hours the post has put into all community service activities.
- **Members.** How many Post Members have participated in community service activities?
- **Money.** How much money donated by the post or its members for Community Service activities.
- **District Meetings.** When, where and post information of the next District meeting.
- **VSO.** How much money was donated for the Veteran Service Officer.
- **MEM% RET%.** Membership Stats on the Post.
- **MEM% - This the current percentage as noted from National.**
- **RET% - This is the current percentage of annual members who have renewed their membership for the current year.**
- **\$ VMSP.** How much money was donated by the Post for the Veteran and Military Support Programs.



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