

STATE OF KANSAS

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



2016-2017
PROGRAMS, CONTESTS
REPORT FORMS,
AWARDS



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES



DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

Comrades,

I am proud to serve as your Department Commander for 2016-2017. The Theme for this year is "Professional, Dedicated, Passionate Veterans Working for Veterans."

Each year we have as our primary goal to reach 100% in membership. Every member of the VFW is a recruiter and must help our organization grow in the future. This means each comrade must recruit new or reinstate members. We have three lists available to assist us in membership: 1) Post Unpaid 2) Department at Large Unpaid and 3) Relocated Unpaid. There are eligible veterans out there. There are 121,000+ veterans who served during wartime in Kansas. Not all are eligible for the VFW, but if only 40% are eligible that is over 48,000. We just need to find them and let them know what the VFW does and the Programs we have. Many people in our communities don't even know what we do or that there is a VFW Post in their town/city.

Community Service Program is another tool for our Posts to show all they do in their communities to serve our veterans, their families, youth (Patriot Pen, Voice of Democracy, Scouting and others), legislative (vote in local, state and national elections; letters to Congressman on Veterans issues and more), community (assist elderly neighbor, assist at food bank, Volunteer at a Hospital and many more). These need to be documented in case the IRS comes in to check the Post Not-for-Profit status (Best kept in a folder by calendar year).

Your Post is only as strong as the membership makes it. The more knowledge they have about the proper way to run the Post business, following the National Charter, Manual of Procedure, By-Laws and ritual along with the Department By-Laws and Post By-Laws, the better the Post will be.

Leadership is important for the Post, District and Department to operate effectively. Everything must be handled at the lowest level possible. The District and Department are here to help the Post's when they have problems and offer advise and help formulate solutions. Petty Jealousies cannot be allowed to influence the Post operations. Posts that have canteens must remember that the Post membership is responsible for all decisions for the canteen. House committee members can make recommendations and take action in some instances but must have approval of the membership for final approval.

The VFW should work as a team with the Auxiliary to make our Post's the best they can be. The better we all work together the better we serve our communities. This is Team Kansas VFW and Auxiliary. Be proud of your Post and what they do for your community. Make sure the newspaper, radio station, TV station and social media are included in posting and advertising about your functions. We need to let everyone know who we are, what we do and the importance of this organization to our Veterans, their families and our communities.

Good luck for the 2016 – 2017 VFW year. Shoot for 100% in everything you do for the VFW.

Thank you for all you do every day to honor the dead by helping the living. It is my honor to serve as your Department of Kansas Commander.

Gerald Marvin
Commander
Post #3147

Remember "NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS".

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CHAIRMAN GUIDELINES & DUTIES

Congratulations! Your Commander has determined that you are the Comrade to represent the Department of Kansas in the Program to which you have been appointed Chairman. You should feel honored that you were selected from among the over 21,000 VFW members in the State of Kansas.

There have been volumes printed on how to be a Commander, Senior or Junior Vice Commander, Surgeon, Judge or Quartermaster or such other elected officers in the VFW, however, there is little information available on the duties and responsibilities of a Committee Chairman. The duties of a Chairman are fairly consistent whether it be on the Post, District, Department or National level.

The key "Chairmanships" that your Commander relies upon to get the job done in the VFW are listed below. Some of these are the Programs for which we present Awards for outstanding performance at our Annual Convention.

If you Chair one of these Committees, then this Article is for you!

Buddy Poppy	Homeless Veterans	National Home	SVA
Community Service	Hospital	Scout	Legislative
Patriot Pen	Employment	Law Enforcement	POW/MIA
EMT	Teacher	Firefighter	Membership
Voice of Democracy	Military Support Programs		

The first thing you need to do is get familiar with your Program and find out everything you can about it. If you don't receive any 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 one of his Committee Chairman and the Chairman reports: "I have nothing to report, no one sent me any information about the Program."

If you are the Chairman, then you 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 Chairman 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 help. Make sure they have your mailing address and phone number.

After you have accepted the appointment and have obtained all the information you need on what the Programs requires, write up a plan to implement it.

When writing your Program, ensure it covers the following items, as appropriate, for your Program:

1. Goals of the Program
2. Brief description of the Program
3. Reports required
4. Frequency of reports
5. Address to send reports and your phone number
6. Deadline date for end of competition
7. Criteria for awards
8. Number and specific description of awards
9. Itemized expenditures
10. Total budget amount requested

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

To ensure fairness in Department Program judging, it will be necessary for many Programs to be divided into Divisions of competition. If necessary to do so, those Divisions shall be defined as follows for Department competition:

DIVISION I	-	MEMBERSHIP	-	10 - 50
DIVISION II	-	MEMBERSHIP	-	51 - 100
DIVISION III	-	MEMBERSHIP	-	101 - 200
DIVISION IV	-	MEMBERSHIP	-	201 - 400
DIVISION V	-	MEMBERSHIP	-	401 - 600
DIVISION VI	-	MEMBERSHIP	-	601 - OVER

It is your decision whether or not you divide the competition into Divisions, but if you do, use the above formula.

When determining the number of awards you want to give, keep in mind that these are for State-wide competition and not for competition within a District. For example, giving an award to the Post submitting the most reports for the First District would be inappropriate. It is more appropriate to award the District rather than the Post.

If you divide your Program into divisions, no more than two awards (plaques or trophies for 1st & 2nd place) should be awarded to each Division, plus perhaps one over-all award for the most outstanding program in the State. Feel free to award as many citations or certificates, as you deem appropriate and have the budgeted money for.

On the other hand, don't feel obligated to give out any awards if you don't feel anyone deserves recognition for carrying out, or not carrying out, your program.

A word of caution: When you initiate correspondence that will be circulated "outside" of the VFW community, or if you take a position that is contrary to either Department or National policy, make sure that you don't appear to be speaking for the entire Department of Kansas membership. The State Commander is our spokesperson in all matters, so make sure the Commander knows what you are doing. Check with the Commander or Department Headquarters before you release anything to the press or to outside agents. If you have something you want to bring to the attention of the Commander-in-Chief or National Headquarters, you should submit it through the chain-of-command to the Department Commander first.

Again, congratulations on your appointment as a Committee Chairman. The Commander has confidence in your abilities and is counting on you to do the very best job you can. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the Department Commander or Department Headquarters for assistance.

BUDDY POPPY PROGRAM 2016-2017

Buddy Poppy Display Contest - To meet the National Criteria

1. Public Promotion
2. Memorial or Inspirational
3. Artistic or Decorative
4. Junior Girls/Sons of VFW Memorial or Inspirational

A National Award/Certificate will be issued to one Post and one Ladies Auxiliary, that has the best Buddy Poppy Program for Kansas.

To be eligible you must submit a report describing your activities in Category 1-2-3-4 above.

Buddy Poppy purchases above last years total: Cut off is April 1, 2017.

Buddy Poppy purchases will be based on the Department of Kansas reports; Cut off date is May 30, 2017.

MAIL REPORTS TO: Roy Lee Taylor, Buddy Poppy Chairman
VFW Department of Kansas
422 Pershing St
Ft Dodge, Kansas 67843
(620) 789-0157

GOALS FOR 2016-2017: DISTRICTS WILL BE 100%, EVERY POST WILL PURCHASE FIVE BUDDY POPPIES PER MEMBER

- Exceeding last years purchases
- Hold campaigns in Community at Post and District meetings
- All the Districts; have a Contest Display. You must meet the National Criteria
- Enter your top winners at Department; 4 winners at Department can go on to National
- Send all your reports to above address by April 1, 2017

AWARDS 2016-2017

\$40 for State of Kansas Display Contest Prizes

National Folder and Certificate for Outstanding Post Program. (Purchases and Activities)

Possible 7 Certificates for 100% or above by each District

1 framed certificate for largest percentage increase by Districts

National Award: Districts with Five Post or more above 100% and their District

above last years quota. The District Buddy Poppy Chairman for VFW and Auxiliary will receive a lapel pin

BUDGET FOR 2016-2017

\$150.00

BUDDY POPPY YEAR-END REPORT 2016-2017
(Submit NLT May 30, 2017)

Post # _____ City/Town _____ District # _____

1. Number of Campaigns held _____

Youth and other groups recruited to help, if any (please list)

2. Did you enter the District Display Contest? _____

3. How were Poppies used throughout the year? _____

4. Total # of Poppies used this year _____

5. Number of Buddy Poppy Pals purchased _____

How were Buddy Poppy Pals used (includes those provided by Department)

6. Please include any other information on back or on additional sheets

Post Commander

Post Chairman

Send Report to: _____
Roy Lee Taylor, Buddy Poppy Chairman

422 Pershing St
Ft Dodge, Kansas 67843
(620) 789-0157

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR
BUDDY POPPY ORDER FORM

Date of this Order _____

Post or Auxiliary No. _____

City _____

MAIL TO & PAYABLE TO:

Department of Kansas VFW
PO Box 1008
Topeka, KS 66601-1008

Date of Poppy Sale _____

**DUE TO HIGH POSTAGE COSTS THE MINIMUM
order for POPPIES is **100, and ONLY IN INCREMENTS OF 100****

Buddy Poppies 100-900 \$15.00 per 100 (SEE REVERSE FOR PRICE TABLE)
\$115.00 per 1000

of poppies ordered

Total amount of order \$ _____

Amount included with order (ck # _____) \$ _____

Balance Due \$ _____

--- Allow at least 6 weeks for delivery ---

IF NOT PREPAID: Orders RECEIVED with NO DATE OF SALE are DUE UPON RECEIPT OF SHIPMENT.
Orders RECEIVED WITH a SALE DATE are DUE 10 DAYS AFTER SALE!

PLEASE PRINT: COMPLETE SHIPPING OR MAILING ADDRESS

SHIP TO _____ TITLE _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

NOTE: Orders 500 or MORE, UPS will NOT DELIVER to P.O. BOXES

ORDERED BY _____ TITLE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ DAYTIME PHONE # (_____) _____

ALL POPPY SUPPLIES ARE ORDERED FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS EMBLEM & SUPPLY CATALOG

FOR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY

Date Dept Shipped _____ # Shipped _____ Date on Computer _____

Date Ordered Natl _____ # Ordered _____ Inventory _____

Buddy Poppy Price Table

(Save more with increments of 1000)

# of Poppies	Price
100	\$ 15.00
200	\$ 30.00
300	\$ 45.00
400	\$ 60.00
500	\$ 75.00
600	\$ 90.00
700	\$105.00
800	\$120.00
900	\$135.00
1000	\$115.00
1100	\$130.00
1200	\$145.00
1300	\$160.00
1400	\$175.00
1500	\$190.00
1600	\$205.00
1700	\$220.00
1800	\$235.00
1900	\$250.00
2000	\$230.00
2100	\$245.00
2200	\$260.00
2300	\$275.00
2400	\$290.00
2500	\$305.00
2600	\$320.00
2700	\$335.00
2800	\$350.00
2900	\$365.00
3000	\$345.00

KANSAS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
CHAPLAIN'S PROGRAM 2016-2017

PURPOSE: To promote Mission of VFW by involvement of our Chaplains in their Communities.

1. To encourage our Post Chaplains to be involved
 - a. Giving purpose
 - b. Providing direction
2. To equip our Post Chaplains
 - a. by conducting Chaplain's Workshops
 - i. Department School of Instruction-(Friday 2:00-4:00 PM)
 - ii. Area Workshops hosted by local VFW Posts (looking for Posts to host a workshop-providing a place to meet)
 - b. By being available to advise and/or assist
 - i. To help utilize resources gained from Chaplain's Workshop
 - ii. Working with our District Chaplains
 - iii. To Help Post Chaplains as needed

RECOGNITION: To Award a "Chaplain of the Year" to a Kansas VFW Chaplain.

1. To recognize for activities of Involvement that can include:
 - a. One who reaches out to the local veterans in their homes, retirement center, nursing home, assisted care facility or Veteran's home.
 - b. Visit the sick Veteran or their family at home or in the hospital
 - c. Send cards to Veterans and to their Families for various occasions.
 - d. Conducts, supports and/or takes part in Funerals and Memorials for Veterans and their families
 - e. Take part in Special Ceremonies of their Post and in the Community on behalf of their Post
 - f. How their involvement in the community has promoted the VFW image.
2. Nominations to be submitted by someone in the Post
 - a. In a letter, give a brief summary statement of their activities.
 - b. State how your Chaplain fulfilled the activities listed above in point 1:a-f.
 - c. Nomination sent to Department Chaplain and copy your District Chaplain by April 1st
3. Chaplain of Year will be recognized at the Department Convention
 - a. Recognition Certificate
 - b. Check for \$50.00

Jim Jenkins / State Chaplain – Dept. of Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars
647 N Nettleton Ave. / Bonner Springs, KS 66012
kschaplain@att.net cell 913-302-7620

KANSAS VFW CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

BEFORE FILLING OUT THIS FORM-PLEASE NOTE: Report only the events that you were involved in as a Post or District Chaplain. Your church activities, unless veteran related, should not be listed on this report.

FROM_ (201_) TO _ (201_) (Beginning of the month being reported) (End of the month being reported)

CHAPLAIN'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

POST # _ (CITY) _ DISTRICT # _ DISTRICT CHAPLAIN (YES/NO)

NO. HOSPITAL VISITS THIS MONTH _ MILEAGE_ HOURS SPENT _

NO. HOME VISITS THIS MONTH _ MILEAGE_ HOURS SPENT _

NO. NURSING HOME VISITS THIS MONTH _ MILEAGE__ HOURS SPENT _

CHARTER DRAPED FOR _ MEMBERS

FUNERALS CONDUCTED/ATTENDED _ MILEAGE _ HOURS SPENT _

MEMORIALS CONDUCTED/ATTENDED _ MILEAGE _ HOURS SPENT __

RITUALS CONDUCTED/ATTENDED _ MILEAGE __ HOURS SPENT _

(CARDS SENT)

GET WELL _ SYMPATHY _ THINKING OF YOU_ TOTAL _

COMMENTS:

CHAPLAIN'S SIGNATURE _____

SEND THIS REPORT TO: YOUR DISTRICT CHAPLAIN AND/OR COPY YOUR STATE CHAPLAIN (copies may be emailed to State Chaplain),

DISTRICT CHAPLAINS': SEND YOUR REPORTS TO: STATE CHAPLAIN

If you need guidance, Have Any Questions, or Suggestions contact:

JIM JENKINS, kschaplain@att.net or 913rh-302-7620 Or write

647 N Nettleton, Bonner Springs, KS 66012

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PROGRAM REPORTING 2016-2017

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Department Jr. Vice Commander Pat Briggs
(620) 474-1896
Email – pmbriggs48@hotmail.com

Department Chairman
Dallas Love
(316) 518-7170
Email – loved518@live.com

Community Service is the primary justification for the VFW's tax exempt status. As such, the reporting of projects under this program is critical to our organization. As a means of providing continuity to the Community Activities Program, the following suggestions are provided to supplement the printed program in the program book. Beginning this year the program at a Department level is an awards program. At the post level it is an audit program and it is highly recommended a Community Service Record book is kept in case you are audited. Over the past couple of years a few KS VFW posts have been audited.

As District Chairperson, you should study this information and apply it on the Post level to promote better programs during your term of office. **You should be prepared to fully review this information with the Posts at your District School of Instruction, and then follow up with them periodically during your term as Chairperson.** If a post does not have the ability to enter Community Service data; they will send the information to the District Chairperson and the chairperson will enter the data. At the end of your term, pass this information to your successor so he/she, too, can have a successful year.

The first thing you should do is identify the Community Activities Chairperson in each Post in your District. Although the Post Jr. Vice Commander is typically appointed as the Community Activities Chairperson, this is not a requirement. The reporting procedure will also be changed somewhat. Please familiarize yourself with the programs by reading all materials you receive. The Post will submit a copy of their reports with verification to the District Chairperson (you) if they do not have the ability to enter the data. It is your best interest to ensure the post as a person who can enter the data online. The State Community Activities Director will prepare monthly summaries for both the Posts and the Districts. Monthly summaries will be available online by going to: <http://ks.vfwportal.net/public/> and clicking on the link. The first of these summaries is already available on the web site.

HOW POSTS REPORT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Plan and conduct the Community Service Project. If there will be costs incurred for the project, a vote approving these expenditures must be taken at your Post meeting.
- Determine whether the project was **Veterans Service, Legislative Action, Community Service or Youth Development** (some projects may fall into more than one area. You may decide which area to credit with all the hours, members, money or you may apportion hours, members, money, etc. to more than one area, i.e. split them into two reports. If you do split the project into two reports, remember that you must also split the hours, members, money, etc.).
- Fill out the appropriate project in the online tool (**Veterans Service, Legislative Action, Community Service or Youth Development**) and document the project entirely. Documentation is necessary to maintain the integrity of the program, and at the local level it should include copies of receipts, checks, programs, news clippings, letters or emails related to the project. Also, include photographs wherever possible. For the time being we will still accept coupons at the District level, but be prepared for that to go away in the next couple of years. For projects without documentation; they must be verified and signed by the Post Commander, but this should be the exception rather than the rule.
- Make a copy of the coupon (or take a screen print of the system) and all related documentation, which should be kept in the Post Community Service Record book. If your project also falls under additional categories, such as Americanism, Safety, Homeless Vets, and POW/MIA, mark the box or boxes that are appropriate and notify the appropriate Department Chairperson for that you have entered the information and they can pull the information from the Community Service System.
- If your report falls under one of the following categories, mail a copy to Department Chairperson:

POW/MIA/Homeless Vets

Scouting

Military Services

Americanism

- If this project is to be considered toward 100% reporting status and All-State eligibility, ensure the project is appropriately documented. The Department Community Service Chairperson will be able to see the projects in the CS tool. (The Post should keep the original documents as part of the Post records.).

REMINDERS:

- If the Post wants the project to count toward All-State or 100% reporting status, they must fully complete and document the project. Also, keep in mind the focus should be on the quality of projects, not the number of reports.
- Contest dates and other information are included in the Department Program Book and the Commander's Manual. Additional information will also be mailed to Post Commanders. Remember that while there are no monthly quotas or reporting deadlines other than March 31st (end of the reporting year), please, do not forward large numbers of reports to be entered at the end of the year. Promptly enter the reports on a monthly basis or as soon as the project is completed.
- Advise all Post and Auxiliary Community Activities Chairmen to start collecting their record book data at an early date. The consistent top contenders keep files of all newspaper clippings, copies of pertinent letters, photographs, expenditures, and etc.
- In reporting Community Activities projects, the style of reporting is not as important as the facts about the project.
 - Remember to remind the Posts that these reports are read and evaluated. If the person reviewing the report does not have enough facts to get a clear picture of what was done, we can only disregard or return the report for more information.
 - If the Post does well in the community, the Post will benefit from these activities. Good community service plus publicity will attract new members.
 - If an individual or a Post grumbles about the paperwork, remind them that Community Activities paperwork accompanied by solid documentation is important to maintain the VFW's tax-exempt status. If no record is kept, it could jeopardize their Post's tax exempt status. Reporting is telling the story of the good work done by the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary. We should be proud of our good work in the community.
- As a Chairperson, you should be aware of non-acceptable types of reports.
 - Examples:
 - Buddy Poppy distribution is not a Community Activities project. The use of the funds collected from Buddy Poppies to assist a needy veteran is a Veterans Service project.
 - Individual efforts, which would be done anyway, are not projects. One person mowing a neighbor's yard, recycling or donating blood is not a project. Although it is a good deed, the entire Post should work together on projects voted upon at a meeting. Donating the use of the Post for the blood drive, helping set up equipment and/or providing refreshments are projects. The Post members organizing and mowing the lawns of elderly people in town or organizing a recycling collection point are projects.
 - The two important questions to answer are: Did the Post vote to participate in the project and did the project benefit people other than the Post or its members? If you can answer those two questions with a yes, it is probably a valid Community Activities Project.

The New Community Service System

On April 1, 2012, we went live with our new Community Service reporting system. The feedback has been real positive and I believe the system is very easy to figure out. You will know instantaneously where you stand for your reporting. No more waiting monthly or till the end of the year to know where your CS programs stands. The site is available at the link (<http://ks.vfwportal.net>), please save this in your favorites or you can access it from our department web site.

The post account login is your post number (123 for example) and your password is (post123). The District CS chairperson is still responsible to log in on behalf of the posts that have chosen to not embrace the online tool and submit reports for them. The reports will be approved by the Department Community Service Chairperson numerous times during the week. You will see a red flag next to the report if you report is not approved. Then until you fix the report the total will not be adjusted.

Why the new system? What is a Dashboard?

Based on the pain that many posts have experienced during the close of the 2011-2012 year; because of being disqualified during the All -State for audits being late, not being adequately bonded and missing a District meetings, we have taken action to change the way things will operate. We will integrate a Dashboard into the Community Service System.

Posts and Districts will submit their audits to the State Quartermaster; in accordance with the By-Laws the Quartermaster is our financial gatekeeper. The Quartermaster will log in your Audit into the Dashboard system the date that it is post marked or when received by email to HQs. You can email your audits now (Big Change). We heard from the posts they would like this ability. This feature will automatically update your dashboard and you will see when it has been received and it will be annotated on time or not on time. Once the audit has been logged, the Quartermaster will then forward the Posts and District Audits to the appointed State Inspector. The State Inspector will then analyze the audit and bonds. Next the Inspector will provide a report to the Quartermaster monthly. This report will be shared like we do the Community Service report so that the District Commanders will receive monthly updates on their posts status. Now by applying this process everyone will know where they stand and no more finding out bad news after March 31st.

Your District meeting attendance, buddy poppy purchases, and bonding will also be inputted by the State Quartermaster and in turn will populate your Post Dashboard. You will see it instantly when the Quartermaster does your Bond you will get credit. The bonds will be the Inspectors responsibility to determine whether or not the post and/or district are properly bonded. This report will then be forwarded also to the State Quartermaster (Same as the Audit monthly) which will then update your dashboard and will see whether or not you're properly bonded when you login.

It is very important to remember, although we are tracking this data, it is the POST's responsibility to do things timely. If you do not submit audits and inspections, are not properly bonded or do not attend District/Department meetings; you will be disqualified from All State consideration.

-----COMMUNITY ACTIVITY RECORDBOOK PROMOTION-----

Urge Posts to participate in the Community Activities Record book Contest. Start early. The Community Activities record book year covers the period from April 1 to March 31. Successful participants in the Department contests maintain files year round. Advise all Post and Auxiliary Community Activities Chairmen to start collecting their record book data at an early date. The consistent top contenders keep files of all newspaper clippings, copies of pertinent letters, ceremony programs, photographs, expenditures, and etc... Alert Post Community Activities Chairmen will see that someone has a camera to take a few pictures of projects in progress.

In order to get more participants, it's best to provide some sort of motivation on the District level to show Posts and Auxiliaries the advantage of keeping and entering a record book of their Community Activities. Your role as Community Activities Chairperson will be, in part, to motivate others to keep record books. Explain to Posts the benefits of participation in the record book contest. Some of these benefits are:

- By recording the Community Activities of your Post and Auxiliary, you establish a visual standard on which you are judged in the community.
- You are constructing a permanent record of the years' activities.
- You will have a Post record book which can be used in membership promotion and recruitment.

Further motivate Posts and Auxiliaries by providing information on the Department record book Contest. Each year Department provides awards for the top Post contest winners. (See the Department Program Book).

The Community Service record book, if properly done, could be the main proof to hand the IRS in case of an audit. If it has copies and checks and expenditures and visibly shows that they were spent on viable community service projects.

-----Department Community Activities Awards-----

Outstanding Community Service Post – 1st place \$100.00 check, framed citation, 3 runners up will receive a citation
Requirements for above:

- Must be 100% reported
- Must complete at least 8 projects - including (2) each of the following:
- * Voice of Democracy * Patriots Pen
 - * Eagle Scout Award * Teacher Award
 - * Adopt-A-Unit Program * Hospital Pin Program
 - * EMT, Law Enforcement and/or Firefighter Award
 - * Community Service Volunteer Pin Program

Outstanding Community Service District – 1st Place receives a \$100.00 check and a framed citation: 3 runners up will receive citations.

Outstanding Community Service Post Project Award - 1st Place receives a \$100.00 check, and a framed citation

NATIONAL AWARD (Post and Ladies Auxiliary):

National Outstanding Community Service Award - (Plaque, Street Sign and \$599 stipend for representative to VFW National Convention)

**DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
VFW COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORDBOOK CONTEST**

Show your VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Pride
Through Community Service

Community Service Record books are permanent records of one year's community service work. After the contests they may be put to practical use in promoting membership, proof of charity expenditures, and display in the community

CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. Record books should contain community service projects that are completed during the period April 1 through the following March 31.
2. FASTENERS and COVER: If books have metal posts, steel is preferable to brass or aluminum. If covers have decals, place self-adhesive clear plastic over the decals so they will not be damaged during shipping and handling. Please use superior quality page dividers and index tabbing, the extensive handling that the record books experience must be considered.
 - A CD or Thumb Drive with the data is also acceptable to save on the cost of paper
3. CLIPPINGS and PHOTOGRAPHS: Show dates and captions. Include supporting information.
4. ARRANGEMENT OF BOOK: Enter each project by category. (Chronological or month by month listing makes your entry more difficult for the judges to evaluate.)
5. ENTRY FORM: Complete and fasten inside front cover of Volume I.
6. MAIL OR SHIP RECORDBOOK ENTRY FOR THE DEPARTMENT CONTEST to Department Headquarters or the address designated.
7. NON-COMMUNITY SERVICE related items **SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED** in any record books. Pictures of Post officers, installation of officers, meetings, etc. will not be credited. (This material should be assembled in a separate section and kept by the Post until the record book is returned after the competition. Then it can be added to the record book for permanent reference.)

PREPARING A RECORDBOOK

Posts and Auxiliaries carry on many projects which are of public service. The best way to tell the story of your Post and Auxiliary's work in the community is through a Community Service record book that contains evidence of the many projects and programs your Post and Auxiliary perform.

The contents of your record book should be so arranged and in such detail that it tells the story of each project, clearly and completely, to those who may read and judge it.

Posts and Auxiliaries should combine their community service programs into one book or one set of books. *The Post and its Auxiliary are judged as a unit;* Auxiliaries may not submit a record book on just their own programs.

Creditable community service projects will usually fit into one or more of the categories that are listed in the Community Service Program Chairman's booklet.

Remember, compile your book so that the judges can easily read and evaluate the facts. Do not assume the judges are familiar with your Post or area.

In other words, make your record book as complete as possible for it must "Tell the Story" of your community service.

Attach all entries in the book securely. Make bindings strong yet flexible so the books may be opened easily and fully. Index or summarize the activities and projects that are included in the book. The index summary should be placed in front of the record book or at the front of each category or section. Apply titles or captions to photos, and datelines to newspaper clippings.

The entry form provides vital information to the judges concerning the number of members in your Post and Auxiliary; the number of projects you have completed; the amount of money and time that has been spent and the size of your community.

Top winners in the Department are those Posts and Auxiliaries who have *performed, recorded and entered* evidence of their community service. **JUST PREPARING A RECORDBOOK WILL NOT WIN ANYTHING UNLESS YOU ENTER THE BOOK IN THE DEPARTMENT CONTEST FOR JUDGING.**

Immediately following the close of the contest year (March 31), send your Community Service record book to Department Headquarters unless otherwise designated for judging. **DO NOT SEND YOUR RECORDBOOK TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, HOW and WHY are very important words in telling any story. By answering these questions you will help yourself in preparing an award winning record book.

Consistent winners start early in gathering data to place in the record book. They maintain a file of newspaper clippings, pictures, photo stats, etc.

If you live in an area where it is difficult to obtain newspaper articles of your Post or Auxiliary's community service projects, keep a camera handy. **ONE PICTURE CAN REPLACE A LOT OF WORDS.**

Record books are judged solely on the contents of the community service projects that are reported. It is not necessary to prepare an expensive or costly book. Record books are judged by their contents and not by their cover.

EVALUATING A RECORDBOOK

Department Headquarters uses a "check sheet" in processing and evaluating community service projects that are reported in the record books.

Listed on the "check sheets" are the principal categories which are found on the Department Programs Report Form. Each category can be further subdivided into additional subheadings.

Each record book is evaluated thoroughly. A detailed study is made of the entries therein. Each creditable activity or project is recorded and scored. Points are given for each acceptable project that is reported. Several factors determine the point value that is awarded each project. They include (1) the extent to which the project is developed; (2) the effort, time and funds that have been expended; and (3) the completeness of detail in which the project has been described. When all of the projects have been evaluated and recorded on the check sheet, the points are then totaled to establish the final rating of the record book. Sometimes entries are reexamined several times to make certain they have been properly evaluated.

Judges are briefed prior to the final judging to aid them in evaluating projects.

CATEGORIES FOR RECORDING PROJECTS

The Community Service Record book is divided into four general categories:

1. Veterans Service
2. Legislative Action
3. Community Service
4. Youth Development

When making up a record book it is advisable to group your projects and programs into one of the above categories. If a project qualifies for more than one category, select and list it under just one category. It will be given credit, regardless of whether it is listed under the proper category. **THEM IN EACH OF THE CATEGORIES.DO NOT DUPLICATE YOUR EFFORTS BY PLACING**

Remember, when compiling your community service record book you are telling a story of your work to judges who generally are not familiar with your efforts or community. The easier it is for the judges to read the facts, the easier it is for them to evaluate your work.

DEADLINE

The contest period for the Department is April 1 through March 31 of the current year. All record books must be submitted to and **REACH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS NO LATER THAN APRIL 10** for judging.

AWARDS

Framed citations will be awarded to the top three entries. Each Post and/or auxiliary participating will receive a Citation from the Department Commander. **ALL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS** will be presented at the joint awards program during our Department Convention in June.

Department of Kansas, VFW
115 SW Gage Blvd, Topeka, KS 66606-2029 or P.O. Box 1008, Topeka, KS 66601-1008

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RECORD BOOK ENTRY FORM

1. This form must be filled in and attached to the inside cover of the Community Activities Record Book that your Post enters in the Department Community Activities Record Book Contest.
2. Be sure to provide the name, address and zip code of the person to whom the Record Book should be returned following the judging. (Please use a mailing address that is not a Post Office Box. Prompt delivery is more certain when made to a street address.)
3. This form must be signed by the Post Commander.

Send your entry to your VFW Department Headquarters by April 10th.

Post No. _____ **City** _____

Total Projects Since 4/1/16 _____ **Total Hours (Volunteered)** _____ **Total Funds Used/Donated** _____

Total Post Members as of 1/1/17 _____ **Total Auxiliary Members as of 1/1/17** _____ **City Population** _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN:

Post _____ **Auxiliary** _____
(Name of chairperson) (Name of chairperson)

JUDGES, NOTE THE FOLLOWING LEADING PROJECTS

Page _____, _____

Page _____, _____

Page _____, _____

Page _____, _____

RETURN RECORD BOOK TO: (mailing address)

Name: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Signature Post Commander _____

Post Commander's Name (print) _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

ELMER L. JENKINS AWARD

The Elmer L. Jenkins award will be presented to an individual Kansas VFW member who has been or is active as a Post, District or State Quartermaster and/or Post, District or State Adjutant.

Qualifications and nominating forms will be emailed the latter part of February and completed forms must be received at Department Headquarters no later than the deadline on the form.

The award will be presented at the 2017 Department Convention banquet.

The Elmer L. Jenkins award, this year's winner will be the 39th, was also started by the encouragement of his family to honor adjutants or quartermaster that had proven themselves over a significant period of time. Elmer L. Jenkins was the first Adjutant/Quartermaster from the State of Kansas with his term running from 1933 to 1943 as adjutant and from 1934 to 1944 as quartermaster. The first Elmer L. Jenkins award winner was Bob Whipple in 1979.

The work for these awards can be done at the Post, District, or Department levels or a combination of two or all three. There have been six double winners with Clyde Hatcher being the first and Lewie Cooper being the latest.

For your convenience, a list is provided of previous winners.

R.R. (Bob) Whipple
Merlin (Lucky) Ware
Jay Ritchie
Quentin McConnell
Clyde Hatcher
Richard Seib
Howard R. Dobson
William Owens
Harold Burenheide
Dale Murphy
Barney Aldridge
Roger Sellers
Louis Windholz
Donald Frier

Willis J. Ross
John Hollandsworth
Elmer Fairbank
Carl Fellers
Sidney George
Glen Miller
Larry Graham
James Perona
Lawrence Tholen
Charles Mum
Lorene Hake
Thomas Sanko
Emery Wille
Darrell Bencken

John Berkley
Vernon Koehn
Joe Wahrman
Harold Denholm
Herb Schwartzkopf
James Graham
Tom Farr
David Cuba
Robin Ray
Lewie Cooper

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN 2016-2017

The goal of the EMT Award Program is to recognize those deserving individuals whose performance of their duties distinguishes them from all others. This honor is awarded to an individual, or team*, that actively gives emergency medical services, provides rescue service or civil disaster assistance as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to give emergency medical care, provide rescue and civil disaster assistance to our nation's citizens.

Required Documents:

- Nomination letter containing the nominee's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered.
- One page resume of the nominee's overall background or team background.
- One page resume of the nominee's background in their field or team background.
- One page listing of the nominee's or team accomplishments and awards.
- Photograph (preferably a head shot) of the candidate (3x5 or 5x7). Team nominations should include a group photo.

Every community certainly has at least one "Outstanding Emergency Medical Technician" who should be recognized. Post Commanders are urged to direct their appointed Safety Chairman, or Special Chairman, to canvass their local EMS to find nominees to submit as "Outstanding Emergency Medical Technician." The Post Chairman is responsible for coordinating the program and selecting the Post's most worthy candidate or team. This nominee will then be submitted to the District Chairman for district selection and submission to department. **The District will submit only ONE winner to the Department Chairman for final selection with the report form completed for all participating posts.**

The nominee selected as the department's "Outstanding Emergency Medical Technician" will receive one plaque for their individual keeping and one to be presented at their place of business or work or where they desire to have the award presented to them. A team that is selected as our "Outstanding Emergency Medical Technician" will receive two plaques, both to be presented at their place of business or work or where they desire to have the award presented to them. The Department Chair, one of the State Officers, or the District Commander will present the awards. This program can help post and district leadership qualify for All-State honors. Don't forget to have the cover sheets filled out with all information on sheet and photograph to be sent with cover sheet.

***NOTE: The program changed several years ago, allowing a team to be nominated, however, since the program is no longer a national program, the department will submit the highest scoring individual to be recognized as the Department of Kansas Emergency Medical Technician of the year and receive a citation stating such, from the National Headquarters.**

Program deadlines:

- Delivered to the Post – December 2, 2016
- Delivered to the District – December 16, 2016
- Delivered to the Department (me) by January 5, 2017

Jim Langley, State Emergency Services Chairman
PO Box 5
Rolla, KS 67954
(620) 544-1786
vfw_5391qm@yahoo.com

NOTE: Nominee packets must be received by January 5, 2017

NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AWARD

NAME AND TITLE OF NOMINEE (Individual) _____

OR

NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS _____

DEPT. NAME (EMS, Fire Dept, etc) _____

TOWN, CITY, or COUNTY NAME _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

RESUME OF NOMINEE'S ENTIRE PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND (Individual)
FOR TEAM NOMINATION GIVE TEAM INFORMATION

RESUME OF NOMINEE'S BACKGROUND IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (Individual)
FOR TEAM NOMINATION GIVE TEAM INFORMATION

NOMINEE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FIELD:
INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM

PHOTOGRAPH OF NOMINEE(S):
INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM

SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM, ALONG WITH ALL OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND
PHOTOGRAPH TO:

Jim Langley
Emergency Services Chairman
PO Box 5
Rolla, KS 67954
(620) 544-1786
vfw_5391qm@yahoo.com

SUBMITTING POST # and DISTRICT # _____

SIGNATURE OF DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON
OR DISTRICT COMMANDER _____

NOTE: Nominee packets must be received by January 5, 2017

ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION

Comrades and Auxiliary members, thank you for your generous donations this past year to the Endowment Association. **YOU ALL ANSWERED THE CALL.** Comrades, we made a tremendous improvement this past year, one of the best ever. Comrades you raised and donated \$5,242.37 to the Endowment. A big thanks goes to you.

Auxiliary, the Endowment Committee deeply appreciates all of your hard work in supporting and earning monies for the Endowment Association. Your participation on the committee is a great value also. The Auxiliary of the State of Kansas VFW raised and donated \$5,000.00 to the Endowment. A big thanks goes to you.

Together (including National's contributions), we raised \$15,742.37 (\$5,500.00 from National) this past year. **THANK YOU TO ALL** and keep up the good work.

THE HEAT IS ON

We are also challenging each Post of the Department of Kansas to donate \$30.00 this year. It is for the kids of Veterans of the State of Kansas. Please send your donations either to me or the Department Headquarters and earmark the VFW donations.

Thanks again comrades and auxiliary members.

Cathy Davis, President
Endowment Association

Department of Kansas Endowment Association Contribution

Dist # _____ Post # _____ Post

Name _____ Location _____

Amount of Donation \$ _____

Send to: Department Headquarters
P.O. Box 1008
Topeka, KS 66601-1008

Date Received _____ No. _____

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION COVER SHEET

VERY IMPORTANT – READ THIS PAGE BEFORE COMPLETING APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION.

*ALL REQUIREMENTS STIPULATED HEREIN MUST BE MET; OTHERWISE, THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

*APPLICANTS SHALL BE GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OR HAVE THE EQUIVALENT OF A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA. APPLICANTS MAY ALREADY BE ENROLLED IN COLLEGE/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

*Kansas VFW Endowment scholarships will be awarded for 1 to 2 year scholarships at a minimum of \$500 per semester. *Previous recipients of a VFW Kansas Endowment Scholarship are not eligible to reapply.

*ALL questions must be answered. If any questions are not applicable, indicate that with the notation N/A (Not Applicable). The application form is available online at <http://ksvfw.org> and <http://ksauxvfw.com>.

*Applicant must provide the eligible **VFW Post Number**: that is the **VFW Post or VFW Auxiliary** that the applicant's eligibility is actively affiliated with in the **State of Kansas**, or was so at the time of his/her death. Active means either a life member or current dues paid, or were so at the time of death. Applicants are advised that affiliation with the VFW or its VFW Auxiliary is **ONLY** for the purpose of determining eligibility, and otherwise has no bearing on determination of awards.

*Applicant **MUST ATTACH** an official 6, 7, or 8 semester high school transcript **AS WELL AS** ACT Test scores. It is appropriate for college students to attach an official college transcript as well. ACT scores may be waived if applicant is 25 year or older.

*Each student **MUST FURNISH** a statement from his/her school guidance counselor, or principal if he/she has no guidance counselor; or from his/her college advisor; or from an employer if returning to school; relative to the capabilities, attitude and the participation of the student in the regular school curriculum as well as extra curricular activities.

*When applications are being considered by the committee, all extracurricular activities, even those of college-age or older, are considered as school/college activities and other/community activities. Therefore, be sure that everything you want to be included is listed for consideration on either a resume/data sheet or in response to the questions.

*When completed, this application, coversheet and supporting documents **MUST BE RETURNED** to the VFW Post or VFW Auxiliary where the Kansas VFW or VFW Auxiliary member is affiliated. The Commander or Quartermaster (for Post members) or President or Treasurer (for VFW Auxiliary members) shall review and sign to certify eligibility on page 4. It is the Post/VFW Auxiliary person's responsibility to forward this application to VFW Endowment Association, P.O. Box 1008, Topeka, KS 66601-1008, 785-272-6463 no later than **FEBRUARY 1**.

RETURN THIS SHEET WITH THE COMPLETED APPLICATION.

KANSAS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Date _____ Sponsored by VFW Post/Auxiliary _____ District _____

1. This application form is for one \$500-\$2,000-1 to 2 year scholarship, given from contributions to this fund by VFW Posts and VFW Auxiliaries VFW from the State of Kansas.

2. NOTICE TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS: This complete form along with a student transcript of grades and other requested material should be returned to the sponsoring VFW Post/Auxiliary Officers as noted on the instruction sheet attached hereto, in sufficient time to allow it to be reviewed and forwarded to the Endowment Association Headquarters in Topeka, KS no later than February 1.

3. Student Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone No. _____

E-mail: _____

4. Father or Male Guardian: Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Place of Employment _____

Type of Work _____ Years _____

5. Mother or Female Guardian Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Place of Employment _____

Type of Work _____ Years _____

6. List here the names of all other dependent children in applicant's family:

Full Name	Sex	Age	Grade	Living at Home
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

7. List the property your parents/family own (Home, Farm, other real estate, cars, trucks, etc.) and estimate investment in this property.

8. List your parents/family total gross income for the previous year: \$ _____

9. List student's Property Owned Estimated Value Unpaid Mortgage

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

10. Please explain any special family circumstances that the Endowment Committee should consider. (Divorce, illness, disabilities, etc.)

11. List amount of financial support you expect to receive during your first year of school:

- a. From parents \$ _____
- b. From student's earnings \$ _____
- c. From friends or relatives \$ _____
- d. From other scholarships (Name them) \$ _____
- e. From other sources \$ _____

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TOTAL \$ _____

12. List amount of anticipated expenses during your first year in school:

- a. Tuition fees \$ _____
- b. Books and supplies \$ _____
- c. Room and board \$ _____
- d. Other (explain) \$ _____

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TOTAL \$ _____

13. What classes or activities are/were of special interest or importance to you in high school or college?
(List in order of preference.)

14. What are your plans for a career? _____

15. What school do you plan to attend and for how long? (If currently enrolled in college, please indicate how many hours you have already taken and your proposed date of graduation.) If enrolling in a vocational technical school or 2 year training program, please make that clear.

16. Attach a standard, formal resume/personal datasheet that lists your achievements, accomplishments, awards, references, work experience, etc. to this application.

17. Attach an explanation please to indicate why you want to further your education.

18. Attach a statement from your school guidance counselor or principal relative to your capabilities, attitude and participation in the regular school curriculum as well as extra curricular activities. If you have no guidance counselor, then attach a statement from your college advisor or employer.

I hereby certify that all information herein is correct and understand that any false information will disqualify this application or revoke a scholarship should one be awarded.

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Grandparent _____
(Please circle relationship to student.)

Signature of Student _____

A REMINDER: Be certain that all information requested on the application is completed. This includes a grade transcript with ACT scores (ACT may be waived if over 25 years of age); a statement from a school counselor or principal or employer; a personal datasheet. Otherwise the application will not be considered.

NOTE: This application form may be reproduced if additional forms are not readily available. The information in this application will be used only for the purpose of judging scholarships and will remain confidential. It is also available from <http://www.ksvfw.org> under programs.

Checklist for Student

Yes No

- | | | |
|-----|-----|---|
| ___ | ___ | Are you a graduating or graduated High School senior? |
| ___ | ___ | Will you be enrolling in college/vocational classes for the fall semester? |
| ___ | ___ | Are all questions completed on form? |
| ___ | ___ | Have you enclosed an official 6, 7, or 8 semester high school transcript or official college transcript if a college student. |
| ___ | ___ | Have you enclosed your ACT scores as requested? |
| ___ | ___ | Is there a statement from High School guidance counselor, principal or employer pertaining to information requested on cover sheet? |
| ___ | ___ | Have you attached a resume/personal data sheet that applies to question 16? |
| ___ | ___ | Did your Parent, Guardian or Grandparent sign the form? |

If all questions above are answered yes, please sign and submit to the sponsoring VFW Post/Auxiliary. If any questions are answered no, then form is not complete and will not be considered. Please complete, sign, then submit.

The only restriction on this scholarship is that the applicant must be the child of, the grandchild of or a member of the **Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars or its VFW Auxiliary**. **Great Grandchildren** are not eligible.

The Kansas VFW/Auxiliary eligibility for this scholarship is through:

Kansas Member Name: _____ Membership #: _____

Kansas VFW Post/Auxiliary No: _____ Relationship: _____

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that this applicant meets eligibility requirements set forth in the above application form.

Signature of VFW Post Commander or Quartermaster (Verifying Post Members Only)

_____ (TITLE)	_____ (Post #)	_____ (District #)
Address: _____		

For questions concerning Post eligibility contact Department of Kansas VFW Headquarters, PO Box 1008, Topeka, KS 66601-1008, (785) 272-6463.

Signature of VFW Auxiliary President or Treasurer (Verifying VFW Auxiliary Members Only)

_____ (TITLE)	_____ (Auxiliary #)	_____ (District #)
Address: _____		

For questions concerning VFW Auxiliary eligibility contact Jeanette Cox, Dept. Treasurer, P.O. Box 414, McPherson, KS 67460 (620) 241-7475.

Checklist for Post/Auxiliary Chairmen:

Yes No

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|-------|-------|--|
| _____ | _____ | Is the scholarship application complete with all required attachments? |
| _____ | _____ | Did the Post Commander or Quartermaster sign to verify membership for a Post member? |
| _____ | _____ | Did the Auxiliary President or Treasurer sign to verify membership for |

FIREFIGHTER AWARD PROGRAM 2016-2017

The goal of the Firefighter Award Program is to recognize those deserving individuals whose performance of their duties distinguishes them from all others. This honor is awarded to an individual, or team*, that actively fights fires as a member of any public or volunteer department organized to fight fires and give assistance to our nation's citizens.

Required Documents:

- Nomination letter containing the nominee's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered.
- One page resume of the nominee's overall background or team background.
- One page resume of the nominee's background in their field or team background.
- One page listing of the nominee's or team accomplishments and awards.
- Photograph (preferably a head shot) of the candidate (3x5 or 5x7). Team nominations should include a group photo.

Every community certainly has at least one "outstanding firefighter" who should be recognized. Each Post Commander is urged to direct his appointed Safety Chairman to find a nominee or name a Special Chairman to submit an "outstanding firefighter nominee." The Post Chairman is responsible for coordinating this program and selecting the Post's most worthy candidate or team. This individual would then be submitted to the District Chairman for judging. **The District then submits ONE winner to the State Chairman for final selection with the report form completed for all participating posts.**

The nominee selected as the department's "Outstanding Firefighter" will receive one plaque for their individual keeping and one to be presented at their place of business or work or where they desire to have the award presented to them. A team that is selected as our "Outstanding Firefighting Team" will receive two plaques, both to be presented at their place of business or work or where they desire to have the award presented to them. The Department Chair, one of the State Officers, or the District Commander will present the awards. This program can help post and district leadership qualify for All-State honors. Don't forget to have the cover sheets filled out with all information on sheet and photograph to be sent with cover sheet.

*NOTE: The program changed several years ago, allowing a team to be nominated, however, since the program is no longer a national program, the department will submit the highest scoring individual to be recognized as the Department of Kansas Firefighter of the year and receive a citation stating such, from the National Headquarters.

Program deadlines:

- Delivered to the Post – December 2, 2016
- Delivered to the District – December 16, 2016
- Delivered to the Department by January 5, 2017

Jim Langley
PO Box 5
Rolla, KS 67954
(620) 544-1786
vfw_5391qm@yahoo.com

NOTE: Nominee packets must be received by January 5, 2017

**NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET
FIREFIGHTER GOLD MEDAL AWARD**

NAME AND TITLE OF NOMINEE (Individual) _____

OR

NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT _____

TOWN, CITY, or COUNTY NAME _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

RESUME OF NOMINEE'S ENTIRE PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND (Individual)

FOR TEAM NOMINATION GIVE TEAM INFORMATION

RESUME OF NOMINEE'S PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND IN FIRE FIGHTING (Individual)

FOR TEAM NOMINATION GIVE TEAM INFORMATION

NOMINEE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS IN THE FIRE FIGHTING FIELD:

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM

PHOTOGRAPH OF NOMINEE(S):

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM

SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM, ALONG WITH ALL OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
AND PHOTOGRAPH TO:

Jim Langley
Emergency Services Chairman
PO Box 5
Rolla, KS 67954
(620) 544-1786
vfw_5391qm@yahoo.com

SUBMITTING POST # and DISTRICT # _____

SIGNATURE OF DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON

OR DISTRICT COMMANDER _____

NOTE: Nominee packets must be received by January 5, 2017.

National Homeless Veterans Programs 2016 - 2017

The VFW Homeless Veterans Program focuses on how best to assist homeless veterans break their cycle of homelessness by utilizing joint efforts with various federal and state agencies and other organizations who share the mutual goal of ensuring that those homeless veterans who seek help are given the means to reintegrate themselves into mainstream society. Our intent is to provide information to assist homeless veterans in their community. To facilitate this, we periodically email the VFW Department Homeless Veterans Chairmen. However programs vary from state to state; therefore, you should work closely with your District and Department Homeless Veterans Chairmen.

The VFW should support the homeless veteran service providers in local communities and become active advocates to make sure veterans receive an appropriate share of the resources available to address and prevent homelessness.

We urge our members to support emergency shelters by donating personal care items, clothing, food and cash contributions. We encourage them to help homeless veterans locate transitional housing, acquire basic life and social skills, obtain mental health or substance abuse counseling, employment training and placement.

We encourage our members to volunteer at VA stand down programs. These are 1 to 3 day events that give homeless veterans a secure, community-like retreat to receive healthcare and personal hygiene services, food, clothing, housing and employment referrals, and VA benefits counseling all in one location.

To find the date and location of a VA supported homeless veterans stand down, contact your local VA medical center homeless veterans coordinator or on the VA website at <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/index.asp>. Additional information on stand-downs can be found through the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans website at <http://nchv.org/index.php/service/service/stand-down>.

Todd Hokanson, Chairman
202 Summit Dr
Abilene, KS 67410
785-263-7321
cdr.vfwpost3279@gmail.com

INSPECTOR'S PROGRAM 2016-2017

Properly and timely Audits along with a comprehensive Inspection program are the key tools in evaluating the condition and trends of a specific Post which can assist Leaders in solving current or potential problems.

Listed below are guidelines that need to be followed to successfully complete and submit Audits and Inspections. Following these will simplify the process in achieving proper credit and a timely credit for items submitted.

- Audits & Inspections (Post & District) are to be sent **DIRECTLY TO** and **ONLY TO** Department Headquarters at the email or P.O. address below! Department Headquarters will log the receipt and provide a copy to the Department Inspector for review.

Email= ksvfwhq@kvfw.kscoxmail.com

Department of KS, VFW
P.O. Box 1008
Topeka, KS 66601-1008

POST- Trustee's Report of Audit

- All 4 Quarterly Audits are due to Department Headquarters by the end of the month following the close of each quarter (due to Department July 31st, Oct 31st, Jan 31st and April 30th).

DISTRICT- Trustee's Report of Audit

- National By-Laws/Manual of Procedure does not require quarterly audits at the District. Audits are due to Department Headquarters by the end of the month following the District's meeting.

POST- Inspections

- (Yellow copy= stays with Post, Pink copy= stays with District, **White copy= send to Department**)
- The District Commander will be accountable to ensure they receive the completed inspection form for each Post in their district from their District Inspector/Inspectors.
- District Commanders will review each inspection form so they know which Posts under their command are doing well, needing help.
- The District Commander (Not Inspectors) will then send the completed inspection forms (White copy) to Department Headquarters. Department should be receiving inspection forms from "only" the 7 District Commanders. This is to speed up the process.
- Deadline to Department Headquarters for all Post inspections is Dec. 1st.

Reminder: ALL AUDITS AND INSPECTIONS TO BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

Ken Allred
State Inspector
(316) 721-3630
Email= kac632fa@cox.net

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM 2016-2017

The goal of the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Program is to recognize those deserving individuals whose performance of their duties distinguishes them from all others. This honor is intended to be awarded to an individual or team* who serves in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with enforcement of the laws pertaining to their area of responsibility. This award does not apply to individuals employed by private companies.

Required Documents:

- Nomination letter containing the nominee's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered.
- One page resume of the nominee's overall background or team background.
- One page resume of the nominee's background in their field or team background.
- One page listing of the nominee's or team accomplishments and awards.
- Photograph (preferably a head shot) of the candidate (3x5 or 5x7). Team nominations should include a group photo.

Every community certainly has at least one "outstanding law enforcement officer" who should be recognized. Each Post Commander is urged to direct his appointed Safety Chairman to find a nominee or name a Special Chairman to submit an "outstanding law enforcement officer nominee." The Post Chairman is responsible for coordinating this program and selecting the Post's most worthy candidate or team. This individual would then be submitted to the District Chairman for judging. **The District then submits ONE winner to the State Chairman for final selection with the report form completed for all participating posts.**

The nominee selected as the department's "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" will receive one plaque for their individual keeping and one to be presented at their place of business or work or where they desire to have the award presented to them. A team that is selected as our "Law Enforcement Team of the Year " will receive two plaques, both to be presented at their place of business or work or where they desire to have the award presented to them. The Department Chair, one of the State Officers, or the District Commander will present the awards. This program can help post and district leadership qualify for All-State honors. Don't forget to have the cover sheets filled out with all information on sheet and photograph to be sent with cover sheet.

***NOTE: The program changed several years ago, allowing a team to be nominated, however, since the program is no longer a national program, the department will submit the highest scoring individual to be recognized as the Department of Kansas Law Enforcement Officer of the year and receive a citation stating such, from the National Headquarters.**

Program deadlines:

- Delivered to the Post – December 2, 2016
- Delivered to the District – December 16, 2016
- Delivered to the Department by January 5, 2017

Jim Langley
Emergency Services Chairman
PO Box 5
Rolla, KS 67954
(620) 544-1786
vfw_5391qm@yahoo.com

NOTE: Nominee packets must be received by January 5, 2017.

NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET
J. EDGAR HOOVER GOLD MEDAL AWARD
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

NAME AND TITLE OF NOMINEE (Individual) _____

OR

NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS _____

DEPT. NAME (Police, Sheriff, etc) _____

TOWN, CITY, or COUNTY NAME _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

RESUME OF NOMINEE'S ENTIRE PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND (Individual)
FOR TEAM NOMINATION GIVE TEAM INFORMATION

RESUME OF NOMINEE'S BACKGROUND IN LAW ENFORCEMENT (Individual)
FOR TEAM NOMINATION GIVE TEAM INFORMATION

NOMINEE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FIELD:
INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM

PHOTOGRAPH OF NOMINEE(S):
INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM

SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM, ALONG WITH ALL OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND
PHOTOGRAPH TO:

Jim Langley
Emergency Services Chairman
PO Box 5
Rolla, KS 67954
(620) 544-1786
vfw_5391qm@yahoo.com

SUBMITTING POST # and DISTRICT # _____

SIGNATURE OF DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON
OR DISTRICT COMMANDER _____

NOTE: Nominee packets must be received by January 5, 2017.

Legislative Program

2016-2017

The Department of Kansas Legislative Program has two primary components

- Kansas State legislative efforts
- National legislative efforts

Our Kansas State Legislative Chairman is Bruce Fischbach, fishman5656@yahoo.com, 913-909-6381.

The State Legislative Chairman works with our Kansas State VFW HQ, and often in coordination with other Kansas veterans service organizations, to:

- Keep informed of legislative and other political issues in Kansas of interest to veterans;
- Advocate to the Governor, his staff, and state departments, including the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs, and the Kansas Legislature and their staffs, matters impacting Kansas veterans;
- Be aware of pending legislation that impacts on Kansas veterans and advocate as needed; and
- Propose legislation and testify as needed on behalf of Kansas veterans.

Our National Legislative Chairman is Bob Teetsel, teetsel@gmail.com, 913-687-9504.

The Kansas National Legislative Chairman serves on the VFW National Legislative Committee to represent the interests of the Kansas State VFW HQ and Kansas veterans. Duties include:

- Receiving information from the VFW National Legislative Office for distribution to Kansas VFW members and providing information to the National Office about the needs of Kansas VFW members;
- Keeping the Kansas VFW membership aware of national legislation that impacts on them and the Department of Kansas;
- Coordinating with Kansas national legislative leaders and their staffs on VFW priority goals and on other issues affecting KS veterans;
- Disseminating information about upcoming town-halls and other opportunities for Kansas VFW members to meet with their national legislative representatives;
- Attending as the Kansas National Legislative Representative the National Legislative Meeting and the Commander in Chief's National Legislative Conference, both held in Washington DC. Visits Kansas legislative leaders and their staffs while at both events.
- Supporting National and Kansas Department efforts to increase Kansas VFW member email subscriptions to the Action Corps Weekly e-newsletter and Action Alerts
- Submitting a monthly report to the National Legislative Committee regarding Kansas legislative efforts.

Membership Program 2016 – 2017

All State Team

MEMBERSHIP MISSION and VISION

Recruit, retain and instruct a stable membership base, including all generations of veterans, which is well-versed in institutional knowledge and actively involved at all levels of the organization.

Post Commanders and Post Quartermasters

Every Post Commander and Quartermaster who meets or exceeds the minimum standards by Department Convention will be considered for the title of All State Commander and Quartermaster. The Top 10% of all Posts will be eligible (Department Commander will determine if additional posts are eligible). Each member of the All-State Post Commander and Quartermaster team will receive an official "All-State Post Commanders and Quartermaster's Cap" with Lapel Pin at the Department Mid-Summer Meeting. In order to attain All American Status you must earn All-State.

Minimum Requirements for Judging:

Up to **twelve, (12)**, Posts could be selected for All-State.

If **twelve** Posts have not met **all of** the requirements on April 1, 2017, the remaining spots could be filled by Posts only delinquent in **the 100% membership requirement. A Post could achieve All State if they achieved 100% in membership between April 1, 2017, and June 30, 2017, if there were any of the twelve slots left and if they had met all other requirements by April 1, 2017.**

100% or above in membership **is mandatory.**

Voice of Democracy. Post must advance at least one entry to District competition, is one of 3 of 8.

Patriot's Pen. Post must advance at least one entry to District competition, is one of 3 of 8.

Teacher Award. Post must have one entry from any category advanced to District competition, is one of 3 of 8.

Veterans and Military Support Program. Minimum donation of \$50.00 due by April 1, 2017, for All-State competition. **This is mandatory.**

National Home. A Post shall purchase a new life membership from the VFW National Home for Children.

For All-State competition the Life membership must be purchased by April 1, 2017. **This is mandatory.**

Community Service. Posts must report 6 approved projects through the Community Service reporting tool in each of the four categories, (Veterans Service, Legislative Action, Community Activities, Youth Activities).

District Meetings. The Post commander or his representative shall attend all District meetings.

Buddy Poppies. The Post shall purchase 5 buddy poppies per member or the same amount as last year or a minimum order of 500, whichever is higher. Must be ordered by April 1, 2017 to be eligible for All-State competition. **This is Mandatory.**

Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer, EMT; each one is one of 3 of 8.

Scouting Program. Donation of \$25.00 or a scouting entry and \$10.00 donation. Donations must be made by the Scouting deadline, and is one of 3 of 8.

Three Programs of eight must be completed by April 1, 2017. Those programs are: (1) Voice of Democracy; (2) Patriot's Pen; (3) Teacher of the Year; (4) Firefighter award; (5) EMT award; (6) Law Enforcement Officer award; (7) Scouting Award; (8) Adopt-a-unit.

Post Quartermaster must be properly bonded.

The Post's September 2016, December 2016, and March 2017, audits must be on time. Five extra points for having the March 2017, audit in or postmarked by April 10, 2017.

All State DISTRICT

Minimum Requirements to Qualify for Judging:

1. District must be at least 100% in membership to qualify.
2. Must make a \$100 donation to National Military Services.
3. Must advance one each Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher to Department for Judging.
4. District must have all Audits submitted (post marked or email time stamp) to Department Quartermaster no later than the end of the month following the month that the 4 District Meetings are held.
5. District Quartermaster must be adequately bonded throughout all 4 audit periods (Bond amount on record with Department Headquarters must be equal to or greater than the Total Cash value as reported on each of the 4 Audit reports). Districts that are "under bonded" will have 30 days from date of notification (letter or email time stamp) to become adequately bonded.
6. District Commander must have Inspection forms for all Posts submitted to Department Headquarters by December 1st, 2016

DEADLINE FOR JUDGING: Department Convention

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM REWARDS

- All recruiters qualify for New VFW Kansas Membership Team Pin - State
- 5 FIVE MEMBER PIN - National
- 10 TEN MEMBER PIN - National
- 15 MEMBER PIN - National
- 15 + Members – State Commander Polo Shirt- State
- 25 COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MEMBERSHIP COIN – National
- 50 National aide-de-camp cap and citation – National
- 75 – VFW leather travel bag - National
- 100 A CITATION AND CENTURY CAP – National
- 175 Commemorative medallion set

ALL-STATE POST ENTRY FORM

Posts wishing to compete in the All State Competition MUST answer the following questions and return this form to Department Headquarters, PO Box 1008, Topeka, KS 66601-1008 by April 15, 2017. Department will allocate up to 10% of posts for All-State Awards (i.e. 135 posts in Department – up to 13 All-State Awards). Department Commander, will take in to consideration if more awards are justified). To be considered for All-American, must be All State qualified. The more points you get the better your chances for All State.

Please answer YES or NO to the following participation programs for the 2016-2017 year

Y N

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|--|-------------|-----|
| A. 100% Membership by June 30, 2017 * | () | () |
| B. 100% Membership by 12/31/2016 (10 points)..... | () | () |
| C. Audits for 9/30/16 & 12/31/16 submitted to State Quartermaster within 30 days of the end of each quarter * | () | () |
| D. Audit for 3/31/2017 submitted to State Qm by April 10, 2017 (5 points) | () | () |
| E. Quartermaster adequately bonded for period 9/1/16 to 8/31/17 * | () | () |
| F. Post Commander or representative must attend all District meetings..... | () | () |
| G. Community Service. 6 verified projects submitted in each area of Category II and Participation in 3 Category 1 projects * | () | () |
| H. Recruiting 1 member more than 100% of last year's membership (5 points)..... | () | () |
| I. Community Service 10 verified projects in each Category II area (10 points)..... | () | () |
| J. Post purchased 5 Buddy Poppies per member based on 100% of last year's membership or equal to or more than last year, minimum order is 500 Poppies (5 points) * | () | () |
| K. Voice of Democracy recording submitted to District (5 points)..... | () | () |
| L. Patriot's Pen essay submitted to District (5 points)..... | () | () |
| M. Conduct a project benefiting their adopted unit (5 points)..... | () | () |
| N. Made a \$50 donation to Veterans & Military Support Program * | () | () |
| O. Entered a Law Enforcement Officer in District Competition (5 points)..... | () | () |
| P. Entered a Firefighter in District Competition (5 points)..... | () | () |
| Q. Entered an Emergency Medical Technician in District Competition (5 points)..... | () | () |
| R. Entered a Teacher of the Year in District Competition (5 points)..... | () | () |
| S. Entered a Scout in State Competition & \$10.00 or make \$25 donation to Scout Program (5 points)(| () | () |
| T. Sponsor a Student Veteran's Association event (5 points)..... | () | () |
| U. Add a National Home Life Membership (5 points) * | () | () |
| V. Hold a post drive for the Washington Weekly (National Legislative Services (3 points)..... | () | () |
| W. Entered Community Service Record Book for Department judging (5 points)..... | () | () |
| X. For each 5 members recruited over 100% of last year's membership (3 points)..... | _____points | |

POSTS MUST PARTICIPATE IN ANY THREE OF THE FOLLOWING: VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, PATRIOT'S PEN, EMT AWARD, LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD, FIREFIGHTER AWARD, TEACHER AWARD, ADOPT A UNIT, OR SCOUTING PROGRAM*

* = MANDATORY.

I confirm that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Location _____ Post # _____

Post Commander _____ Post Quartermaster _____

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS
MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER AWARD

Post Quartermasters are requested to send in the names of members who actively recruit members for their Post to Department Headquarters. These members will receive a MEMBERSHIP RECRUITER pin.

NAME	NUMBER OF MEMBERS RECRUITED
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____
11. _____	_____
12. _____	_____
13. _____	_____
14. _____	_____
15. _____	_____

Post # _____

Signed _____
(Post Quartermaster)

Address _____
(Street, City, & Zip)

NATIONAL HOME PROGRAM 2016-2017

Life Membership in the National Home for Children is one of the best investments you can make in supporting the home.

The VFW National Home program for 2016-17 will focus on Life Members (regular or associate) always remembering a VFW or Auxiliary member may hold more than 1 life membership which entitles regular Life Members to vote for board of trustees in District 11 every six years with only **one** vote. Men's Auxiliary members are also eligible for associate membership as well as individuals, businesses and corporations of good standing.

The District with the largest gain of life members (regular or associate or a combination of both) for the period 1 July 16 to 30 April 17 will receive a plaque at the awards ceremony at the state convention in June 2017.

Bill Gale
State National Home Chairman
5020 S West St
Wichita, KS 67217
(316) 619-4827

PATRIOT'S PEN 2016-2017 VFW DEPT OF KANSAS

CONTEST THEME "THE AMERICA I BELIEVE IN."

The Patriot's Pen contest is for students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades in public, parochial, private or home schools. Students write an essay of 300-400 words and submit it, typewritten, to the local VFW Post chairman by 1 November 2016.

Complete entry forms and judging information is available at:

<http://www.vfw.org/Community/Patriot-s-Pen/>

Post Chairman: A clearly filled out completed entry form should accompany each entry.

District Chairman: Please include the District Report Form and the District Participation Report when you forward the District winner to the Department chairman.

Deadlines:

November 1 - Essay should be received by Post.

November 15 - Local winners are due to District Chairman.

December 10 - District winners are due to Department Chairman.

January 15 - Department winners are due to National Chairman.

Department Scholarship Awards:

1st Place - \$250 check.

2nd Place - \$150 check.

3rd Place - \$75 check.

Top 3 place winners are also invited to the Mid-Winter awards banquet.

(Local Post or District is responsible for winner's banquet ticket and lodging if necessary.)

Program cost to KS Dept:

Awards - \$475

(Auxiliary donates \$100 towards the program awards.)

Daniel Stueckemann
KS Dept. Patriot's Pen Chairman
15501 Cedar Lane
Basehor, KS 66007
(913)662-7033

2016-2017 POW/MIA PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To implement programs at the Post, District and Department levels that will promote awareness of the POW/MIA issues with our membership and community.

GOALS: To achieve the fullest possible accounting of American Service Personnel who are Missing In Action, and return of those held as Prisoner of War.

METHODS: The Veterans of Foreign Wars, including the Ladies' and Men's Auxiliaries should display our commitment to the phrase: ***"YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN"***.

- Fly or display the POW/MIA flag.
- Include the POW/MIA flag in your color guard.
- Districts and Post Commanders should appoint a POW/MIA Chairman.
- Keep our membership informed on POW/MIA issues.
- Include the community in all events.
- Support observance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day and our POW/MIA week.
- Support observance of National Former POW Recognition Day
- Educate the communities, schools, youth groups and municipalities that the POW/MIA Flag is only subordinate to the US Flag.

REPORTS and AWARDS: Posts shall forward the POW/MIA Program Report through your District Chairman after each Program/Event, with supporting news reports, photos, etc. If the report is submitted electronically, (preferred) copy the Department Chair. There will be a plaque presented for the most outstanding program/event at the Department Convention.

- National POW/MIA Recognition Day is the third Friday in September. (9-16-2016)
- Kansas POW//MIA Recognition Week is September 11-17, 2016.
- National Former POW Recognition Day is April 9th.

The best source for information about our Government's activities and results can be found at the web sight of, Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Accounting Agency. (DPAA) The web sight for the National Alliance of POW/MIA Families at www.nationalalliance.org may also be useful.

Department POW/MIA Chair:
Fred Churchill
8014 Lichtenauer Dr.
Lenexa, KS. 66219
fchurch614@aol.com
c913-269-0596

2016-2017 POW/MIA REPORT

Date/dates of program/event: _____

Location: _____

Description of program/event: _____

Number of people in attendance: _____

Description of supporting attachment A: _____

Description of supporting attachment B: _____

Description of supporting attachment C: _____

Description of supporting attachment D: _____

Chair or Commander: _____

Post # _____ District# _____ Date: _____

Signature of District Chair/Commander: _____

Reporting cut-off date to the District,
April 17th, to the Department April 24th.

Department POW/MIA Chair:

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C913.269.0596

**Kansas Scouting Program
2016-2017
Gerald Humbert Scouting Scholarship**

The first place selectee will be declared the “Kansas Scout of the Year” and receive a \$300.00 scholarship. He or she will also be awarded a Plaque and a “Letter of Congratulations” signed by the Department Commander and Scouting Chairperson. The second place runner-up in the Kansas competition will receive a \$ 200.00 scholarship, a “Letter of Congratulations” for this achievement.

- The sponsoring VFW Post has the “Option” to reward their winning entry a cash award and a “Letter of Congratulations” from the Post Commander.
- All scouts submitting an entry for the Kansas “Scout of the Year” competition will receive a Kansas Department “Certificate of Achievement”.

All scouts as defined in the VFW National Scout of the Year Official Entry Form and meet the requirements are eligible to compete for the Kansas Scout of the Year awards. All competing scouts must reside in the State of Kansas and comply with the deadlines as defined by the VFW National Headquarters in effect. Entry forms are available on-line at vfw.org/scouting/forms or call: 816-756-3390 ext. 220 and request the official entry form and a copy of the “Scout of the Year Judge’s Score Sheet”.

- Any Scout who obtains his/her organization’s highest rank can compete for the Kansas Scout of the Year. They must be between 15 – 18 years old and still in high school.
- **There is no limit as to how many scouts a VFW post can sponsor** for Scout of the Year if they meet the requirements of eligibility listed on the VFW entry form.
- Please note, the Post **will forward ALL entries for Scout of the Year to State HQ or the State Scouting Chairperson in order that all entries are judged using the same standards by members of the Selection Committee. (The Post is relieved of judging the entry.)**
- Note: Once the scout completes all the necessary VFW requirements as listed on the entry form, he or she delivers the entry information to the sponsoring VFW Post’s Scouting representative by the dates outlined on the entry form.
- The Post’s scouting representative should review each candidate’s resume package to insure it meets **all the necessary requirements**. Each resume package should include the scout’s GPA, rank in class, specific achievements and honors achieved and letters of recommendation and a Picture in Uniform recommend size 3"x5". This data will assist the **Department’s Selection Committee in the grading process.**

March 1, 2017 - Deadline for entry to a local VFW Post.

April 1st, 2017 – All judged entries with winners to Department Chairman.

May 1st, 2017 - Deadline for submission to (National HQ. from the Department Headquarters)

The Department of Kansas **will issue a reminder to every VFW Post for a \$10.00** or more **donation** to assist in funding the costs of the Scouting program. This donation is due **March 1st of each calendar year**. Any Post not making a donation will not be eligible for that part of the All-State program

- Kansas VFW “All State” Award. In order for a Post to qualify for “All State” status they must sponsor a minimum of one candidate for “Scout of the Year” and \$10 or without a packet donate \$25.00 to the Kansas scouting fund.

Community Service Reporting

Reporting your involvement with local Scout Units is important to ensure National’s continuing support of the scouting program. You can report the activity on the Community Service Report or Website. Report all contact and activities your Post participates with local Scout Units. Use of Post facilities; VFW members as Scout Leaders; or helpers in sponsoring a scout unit; donations to Department Scouting Programs; enlistment of Scouts for your projects; or donating to Scout projects need to be reported. Remember all Scouting activities count so report it.

Thank you for your support and involvement in Scouting.

Vincent Van Cleave

Scouting Chair

1513 Bel Air DR. Junction City, KS 66441-1820

Cell 785-375-9442

Bear-c-11-02@cox.net

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United
States

SCOUT OF THE YEAR

Application Instructions

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY SCOUT OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE:

Section A -- HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATION RECORD

Please submit a resume of your High School Activities (9th-12th) to include a listing of offices held, honors received and significance of your participation in these activities. *The resume of these activities should be contained on one 8 1/2 X 11 inch page. The screening committee at all levels will only consider the information contained on this one page (one side only).*

Section B – ENTIRE SCOUTING RECORD

List your complete scouting record from Cub Scouts/Brownie (this includes Girls Scouts) on up, to include years of participation, Unit Numbers and Sponsors. Include information on when your Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit or Sea Scout Quartermaster and Palms was received. Make sure you include any leadership positions held at all levels; list other Scouting activities you have participated in such as Jamborees, Order of the Arrow Conferences, etc...and succinctly describe your Eagle, Venture, or Quartermaster Project. *The resume of these activities should be contained on three 8 1/2 X 11 inch pages. The screening committee at all levels will only consider information on these three pages (front side of each sheet only).*

Section C – COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORD

Use one page to list community service and religious organizations you have participated in (excluding high school and scouting) and the activities that you were involved with as a part of these organizations. Note any leadership positions held and any accolades received. *The resume of these activities should be contained on one 8 1/2 X 11 inch page. The screening committee at all levels will only consider the information contained on this one page (one side only).*

Section D – LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

The screening committee will carefully review the letters submitted. Only five (5) letters will be allowed. One letter each from your school, community, and scout leader must be submitted. Two additional letters are allowed from other individuals within your community who may have a special knowledge of your abilities and/or accomplishments. *The screening committee will only consider five (5) letters at most. (Note: Letters should not exceed 2 pages.)*

- ▶ *Please be sure to use only this form when applying. Any other form or format will not be accepted into the competition.*
- ▶ *Please follow the procedures and requirements as written, to ensure that your application is reviewed and processed as quickly and accurately as possible. (Note: All typewritten entries must be legible and easily read.)*
- ▶ *Do not send completed application directly to VFW National Headquarters; all applications must be submitted to a VFW Post for initial consideration. The VFW Post will then submit to the Department for consideration as the Department winner.*

AUTHORIZATION

SCOUT CERTIFICATION:

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

SCOUT SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____

SCOUTMASTER OR VENTURE CREW ADVISOR CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above-named Scout is an active member of our unit and the information supplied by the candidate is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SCOUTMASTER OR ADVISOR SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____

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 national winner, I will ensure that he/she is allowed to attend a presentation ceremony as designed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

FATHER, MOTHER OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ **Date** _____

(SPECIAL HAND- OUT TO ASSIST ALL SCOUTS COMPETING FOR SCOUT OF THE YEAR)

INFORMATION EVERY SCOUT SHOULD INCLUDE WHEN COMPILING A RESUME FOR THE VFW KANSAS SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD!

General:

- a) Read and UNDERSTAND the information required as listed in the VFW Scout of the Year Brochure completely as published by the National VFW Headquarters.
- b) Be sure you meet all the eligibility requirements completely (especially the age requirements (15-18 yrs. old) and that you are still in high school.
- c) Be aware of specific deadlines.

Preparing Your Official Entry Information:

(This is the most important part of information that will be judged and graded using a specific point system by a Scout of the Year Selection Committee.)

- 1) Obtain a copy of the VFW Scout of the Year Judges Score Sheet. Call 816-756-3390 x-220 and request a copy be E-mailed to you. This is the exact sheet used to grade all entries. It provides a breakdown of the four Classifications (that the judges use to award a maximum of 210 points) based on the information you submitted.
- 2) Package your data as if applying for college or a job. Make it stand out as professionally as possible in the order as listed on the VFW entry brochure.
- 3) High School Achievements (40 pts.) Scouts should obtain a copy of their High School Transcript which provides your GPA, Rank in Class, as a source of information.
- 4) Scouting (60 pts.) record is important. Explain the who-what-where- and why of your project. When describing your accomplishments- use specifics- tell why and how you accomplished your objective. Describe your Eagle, Gold, Summit and Sea Scout Project in detail. Use pictures or published articles.
- 5) Address why you should be the Kansas Scout of the Year.
- 6) Community Service (40 pts.)- Same as item (4).
- 7) Letters of Recommendations (70 pts.) These letters receive the most scrutiny of the committee and thus carry the most importance in grading points. The writer should not rely on generalities, but emphasize specifics, factual data that makes you stand out above your peers.

Student Veterans and Collegiate Outreach / STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICAN (SVA)

- MUST HAVE A STATE/DEPARTMENT SVA CHAIRMAN SELECTED AND NAME SUBMITTED TO VFW MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO, NO LATER THAN JULY 31, 2016
- COMPLETE ONE SVA EVENT FOR EACH SEMESTER (FALL, SPRING AND SUMMER) - SUBMIT EACH OF THE THREE (3) ACTIVITY REPORTS TO: VFW MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO

Student Veterans and Collegiate Outreach Chairman – Pat Briggs – pmb Briggs48@hotmail.com – 620-474-1896

Provides districts and posts with the information needed to keep up with our Student Veterans Association. Has a roster of all colleges and admission personnel and is kept informed as to which veterans may be in need of assistance from the VFW.

Today's veterans can face any number of obstacles while furthering their education. That's why the VFW partnered with Student Veterans of America (SVA), to be there for veterans while they pursue their education. SVA and the VFW are committed to ensuring our nation's veterans succeed in their educational pursuits, community service endeavors, careers and personal lives. Working together, SVA Chapters and VFW Posts can help our nation's veterans attain these goals.

The missions and purposes of both organizations share a great deal of synergy. SVA offers peer support for veterans transitioning back to civilian life and academia, frequently after serving one or more deployments overseas. The VFW provides opportunities for camaraderie, community service and veterans advocacy to those who have honorably served in overseas conflicts. While SVA Chapters are unique amongst veterans groups with their location on campus, VFW Posts are located in the same communities off campus. These two organizations can experience great and mutual success working together through several key avenues of cooperation

- Shared access to VFW Service Officers to help file disability claims
- Camaraderie, peer support and mentorship
- Cooperating on community and veterans service initiatives
- Conducting joint events, celebrations and recognition ceremonies
- Use of VFW facilities
- Pooling community connections for mutual benefit
- Combined effort on local, state and national advocacy efforts to attain the best possible outcomes for veterans
- Access to **VFW Help A Hero scholarships**
- With over 7,000 VFW Posts and nearly a thousand SVA Chapters, there are many opportunities for cooperation and engagement.

Kansas has seven (13) active SVA Chapters

- 1) Northwest Kansas Technical College – Goodland, KS
- 2) Ft. Hays State University – Hays, KS
- 3) Seward County Community College & Area Technical College – Liberal, KS
- 4) Cloud County Community College - Geary County Campus – Junction City, KS
- 5) Emporia State University – Emporia, KS
- 6) University of Kansas – Lawrence, KS
- 7) Johnson County Community College – Overland Park, KS
- 8) Washburn University – Topeka, KS
- 9) Kansas State University – Manhattan, KS
- 10) Cleveland Chiropractic College – Overland Park, KS
- 11) Park University – Kansas City, KS
- 12) Southwestern College – Winfield, KS
- 13) Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus – Salina, KS

SURGEON'S PROGRAM 2016-2017

The Surgeon's Program will run from April 1st, 2016 through March 31st, 2017.

Post surgeons shall use the Post Surgeon report form to report to their respective District Surgeons. Post Surgeon report forms are available from the State Surgeon or may be downloaded from the Department Headquarters Web site (www.ksvfw.org) under forms.

District Surgeons shall use the District Surgeon report form supplied by the State Surgeon.

Post surgeons should send their reports to their respective District Surgeons by the 10th day of each month. District Surgeons should send their reports to the Department Surgeon by the 20th day of each month.

The Department Surgeon will send reports to Department Headquarters, District Commanders, and District Surgeons by the end of each month.

AWARDS

The top 100% reporting Post in each District will receive a framed certificate. Certificates will be awarded to the other 100% reported Post Surgeons.

The top Post Surgeon overall will be awarded the "Silver Stethoscope Award," Plaque.

The top District Surgeons overall will be awarded the "Golden Stethoscope Award." Plaque.

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HOSPITAL EVALUATION SHEET TO BE USED IN COMPILING ALL HOSPITAL REPORTS

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| 1. | BOOKS AND MAGAZINES | |
| | Books - pocket size (new) | purchase price |
| | Books - regular bound (new) | purchase price |
| | Books - pocket size (used) | \$.50 each |
| | Books - regular bound (used) | \$1.50 each |
| | Magazine subscriptions | purchase price |
| 2. | COMFORT ARTICLES | |
| | Cigarettes, razors, blades, shaving cream, etc | purchase price |
| 3. | FOOD - ALL HOMEMADE | |
| | Cakes | \$4.00 each |
| | Pies | \$2.50 each |
| | Cookies | \$2.25 dozen |
| | Cupcakes | \$3.00 dozen |
| | Candy | \$4.00 lb |
| | Jams & jellies | \$.20 oz. |
| | Meals serves to patients at VFW Days | \$3.50 person |
| 4. | SPECIAL GIFTS TO PATIENTS, WARDS OR HOSPITALS | |
| | Appliances, equipment, etc. | Purchase price |
| 5. | MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES | |
| | Playing cards (new) | purchase price |
| | Playing cards (used) | \$.50 deck |
| | Flowers (purchased) | purchase price |
| | Flowers (home grown) | \$2.00 bouquet |
| 6. | PRIZES OR OTHER GIFTS FOR PARTIES | purchase price |
| 7. | REFRESHMENTS FOR PARTIES | purchase price |
| 8. | ENTERTAINERS | |
| | Amateur | prevailing rate |
| | Professional | prevailing rate |
| 9. | MILEAGE TO AND FROM HOSPITAL | |
| | Mileage per person, regardless of number in car | \$.14 mile |
| 10. | DONATIONS | |
| | Blood donations to blood banks or direct to veterans of VFW sponsored donors | \$69.00 pint |
| | To Department or District Hospital Fund | Actual cash given |
| | To VFW Hospital Day | Actual cash given |

11. VISITS AND PARTIES - SPECIAL PROJECTS \$22.55 hour

12. SEWING PROJECTS

Bed soakers, jackets, pajamas, bathrobes, scuffies, lap robes, stump socks, crutch pads, chest binders, utility bed bags, commode cover, pan covers, laundry bags, wheelchair cushions, neck pillows, etc. (price of material only - no labor charged)

13. CLOTHES FOR REHAB WORK

Suit of clothes	\$25.00
Sport coat	\$15.00
Sport slacks	\$15.00
Shirts	\$ 2.00
Ties (new)	purchase price
Ties (used)	\$.50
Socks (new)	purchase price
Socks (used)	\$.25

14. HOBBY SHOP

Discarded clean nylon hose	\$.75 lb
Discarded clean cotton dresses	\$.50 lb

15. HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Hospital beds	\$80.00
Lift Chairs	\$80.00
Electric Carts	\$75.00
Wheelchairs	\$45.00
Commodes or Tables	\$25.00
Crutches or Walkers	\$20.00
Bed pan	\$15.00
Crowfoot Canes	\$15.00
Blood pressure Cuffs	\$ 5.00

NOTE: Check with local hospital equipment rental agency to obtain the dollar value rates if so desired.

TEACHER AWARD 2016-2017

GENERAL: Each year three exceptional teachers are recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) for their outstanding commitment to teach Americanism and Patriotism to their students. The VFW annually recognizes the nation's top classroom Elementary (grades K-5), Middle School (grades 6-8) and High School (grades 9-12) teachers who teach citizenship education topics and promote America's history, traditions and institutions effectively. The VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award has never been more important than it is now. Good teachers, versed in Americanism and Patriotism, deserve our support and recognition. Please consider submitting at least one (1) nomination of an outstanding teacher from each Post in the Department of Kansas.

AWARDS: The Veterans of Foreign Wars initiated the National Citizenship Education Teacher award in 1999 to recognize classroom teachers for promoting citizenship education with their students. Each National Award teacher and his/her school will receive \$1,000, the Past Commander-in-Chief John Smart Award and a recognition plaque. The program brochure can be ordered from VFW Emblem and Supply.

The Department of Kansas will award a recognition plaque to the best nominee from each of the three (3) grade categories, K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Presentation of the award will be coordinated with the winning teacher's principal. The total Department program budget will be \$150 (\$50 per category).

DEADLINES: Post: The deadline for teacher nominations to be submitted to the Post Teacher Award Chair is February 15th. Posts may select one (1) entry for each of the three (3) grade categories K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 for submission to District. Post judging must be completed by February 28th utilizing the Teacher Award Judges Score Sheet.

District: The deadline for teacher nominations to be submitted to the District Teacher Award Chair is on or before March 5th. Each nomination must be submitted with the enclosed Post Teacher Entry Form and VFW Teacher Nomination Form. Districts may select one (1) entry for each of the three (3) grade categories K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 for submission to Department. District judging must be completed by March 15th utilizing the Teacher Award Judges Score Sheet.

Department: The deadline for teacher nominations to be submitted to the Department Teacher Award Chair is on or before March 20th. Each nomination must be submitted with the Post Teacher Entry Form District section completed. The Department will select one (1) entry for each of the three (3) grade categories K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 for submission to Department. Department judging must be completed by March 30th utilizing the Teacher Award Judges Score Sheet.

National: The deadline for teacher nominations to be submitted to the National Headquarters is on or before April 5th. Each nomination will be submitted with the Post Teacher Entry Form Department section completed.

(NOTE: Brochures, applications, score sheets and forms can be found at www.ksvfw.org/Programs.)

TAKE A VET TO SCHOOL DAY: The History Channel has developed a **Take a Vet to School Day** campaign to link veterans of all ages with young people in our schools and communities. Please consider supporting this campaign at the Post level by coordinating a **Take a Vet to School Day** in your community. This would be a great way to connect with school superintendents, principals and teachers and build the kind of relationship we need for our VFW Teacher Award Program.

Teachers can also register with the History Channel to receive 30 "Take A Vet To School Day" wristbands. More information is available at www.history.com/topics/take-a-vet.

If you need help with your Post Teacher Award Program or Take a Vet to School Day, please contact: Robin Ray, State Teacher Award Chairman, 701 E 56th St S, Wichita, KS 67216, (316) 522-7483, e-mail vfw@6957.kscoxmail.com Thanks!

VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT PROGRAM 2016-2017

The Department of Kansas National Military Services (NMS) program is a vital link in our support of the men and women of the US Military. We support them with our time, money and influence because we've been there, we've endured similar circumstances so who better to understand the daily sacrifices they are making today to defend our country.

NMS promotes positive awareness of the VFW through community involvement, communication tools, and financial support to qualified military service members. With the variety of support offered, three separate programs were developed under the VFW National Military Services department. These programs are the **Operation Uplink**, **Military Assistance Program** and **Unmet Needs**.

OPERATION UPLINK The program is the only one of its kind, providing two designated days each month when deployed service members making phone calls from their Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR) center to the U.S., and other home base location land lines, are greeted by a recording which states the call will be **free**, courtesy of **Operation Uplink**. VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members, as well as other caring citizens, generously support the program.

Virtual PINS are available for deployed active duty military personnel who are stationed outside of Afghanistan/Kuwait, who do not have access to a SPAWAR cafe, deployed Chaplains for emergencies or for hospitalized veterans (VA or military Hospitals). <http://www.vfw.org/Forms/Request-a-Phone-Card/>

UNMET NEEDS Helps to meet unanticipated financial demands on our service members' families that can't be remedied through existing means and provides our service members with the security of knowing that their families have additional support here at home. Provides grants up to \$2,500

Expenses eligible for assistance:

- Housing expenses – mortgage, rent, repairs, insurance
- Vehicle expenses – payments, insurance, repairs
- Utilities and primary phone
- Food and incidentals
- Children's clothing, diapers, formula, necessary school or childcare expenses
- Medical bills, prescriptions & eyeglasses – the patient's portion for necessary or emergency medical care only

Eligibility criteria is found here: http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY_VFW/unmetneedscriteria%2023-11.pdf

MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP) The link between the VFW and the local military, offering our support around the world. MAP includes the Adopt-a-Unit program. Through Adopt-a-Unit, VFW and its Auxiliary adopt military units around the world. Adopt-a-Unit's goal is to develop supportive relationships with units before, during and after deployments to help deliver the resources VFW has available for the military.
http://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY_VFW/AAUmerged3292010.pdf

WHY should you Adopt-A-Unit?

To support the military families from your local community.

As VFW members, you understand the challenges military families face.

To help deliver the vast network of resources the VFW has available.

Adopt-A-Unit activities are great opportunities for recruiting.

They're FUN!

<http://www.vfw.org/TroopSupport/>

NMS at the national HQ is there to help – Call them Toll Free: 1-866-789-6333 with any questions or assistance. They're great to work with and will support us at the post, district or department level.

We know your support at the Post level goes far beyond what is reported. **Please report your events to your Department NMS Chairman.**

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**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY
2016-2017
CONTEST THEME - "MY RESPONSIBILITY TO AMERICA"**

Voice of Democracy is a script-writing program designed to give high school students the opportunity to voice their opinion on a patriotic theme, which is chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. All ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students enrolled in Kansas public, private, parochial schools, or home school programs are eligible to participate. Exchange students and past first place department winners are not eligible to participate. **CONTEST RULES:** Students record their original 3 to 5 minute essay on an audio CD or a flash drive on the above stated theme. They submit their CD, a copy of their written essay and the completed entry form to the local Post/Auxiliary chairman. The tape must be in their own voice without music, special effects or background sounds. Songs and poetry are not acceptable. Students may not identify themselves in anyway. **THE STUDENT DEADLINE TO THE POST IS NOVEMBER 1, 2016.** The winning Post CD or flash drive, the written essay, along with the complete entry form, the student biographical questionnaire, recent photograph and parent release form must be in the hands of the **District Chairman** by **November 15, 2016**. Then the District winner needs to be in the hands of the **Department chairman** by **December 10, 2016**.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

First Place: \$1,000.00 Second Place: \$500.00 Third Place: \$300.00

Department first place winner receives an expense paid trip to Washington D.C. to compete at the VFW National level and a chance at the \$30,000.00 first place National Scholarship. In 2017 each Department winner is guaranteed at least a \$2,000.00 scholarship at National.

ALL CHAIRMAN, POSTS, DISTRICTS, PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL FORMS ARE COMPLETE WITH A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH

DISTRICT PARTICIPATION REPORTING

District Chairman: Please forward the completed District report form and summary to your Department Chairman no later than December 10, 2016.

POST NO. – List Posts that have declared students winner(s). Please list the participating Posts in numerical order.

AUXILIARY – If Post has an auxiliary, credit their participation by indicating YES or NO.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING STUDENTS – Number of students that actually entered the competition by writing an essay.

NUMBER OF POST WINNERS ADVANCED – Number of Post winners that were advanced up to the second level of competition (i.e. District).

SCHOLARSHIP/BONDS AND AWARDS – Total amount of dollars actually awarded to student participants.

ADDITIONAL MONEY EXPENDED – All additional monies (other than scholarships/bonds and awards) allocated and expended in conducting their program (banquets, gifts, pins, jackets, etc)

FORWARDING DISTRICT WINNER TO DEPARTMENT

District Chairman: The District winner's materials that should be forwarded to the Department Chairman (immediately after the District judging is complete) are:

- 1) District winner's completed official entry form
- 2) District winner's recording (flash drive or CD) (VOD only)
- 3) District winner's typed essay
- 4) District winner's photograph (close-up of head & shoulders)
- 5) District Summary Participation Report
- 6) District Voice of Democracy Report Form

BUDGET

AWARDS:

1st place award	\$1000.00
2nd place award	500.00
3rd place award	300.00
(\$300.00 paid by Auxiliary)	

MID-WINTER

2 banquet tickets @ \$25.00 (for 2 State VOD Chairs)	50.00
Plaque for 1 st place winner	40.00
7 VOD medals @ \$8.95	80.55
7 VOD pins @ \$4.50	40.50

TRIPS

Trip to Washington DC (National expense)	
Freedom Foundation Trip Expense	
2016 paid to National Headquarters	450.00
Round trip plane ticket	376.00
Miscellaneous	50.00

	2877.05
(Ladies Auxiliary)	-300.00

TOTAL	\$2587.05

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WAYNE E. RICHARDS AWARD

The Wayne E. Richards Award will be presented to an individual Kansas VFW member who has been an active VFW member for several years in the Post, District or Department.

Qualifications and nominating forms will be emailed the latter part of February and completed forms must be received at Department Headquarters no later than the deadline on the form.

The award will be presented at the 2017 Department Convention banquet.

The Wayne E. Richards award, this year's winner will be the 54th, was started by the encouragement of his family to honor past National Commander in Chief Wayne E. Richards, 1953-54, the first Commander-in-Chief from Kansas. There have been three Chiefs from Kansas. They were Wayne E. Richards, John Stang, and Norman Staab. The Wayne E. Richards family wanted an award to go to a Kansas VFW member whom had shown exemplary service over a significant period of time. The first Wayne E. Richards award winner was Louis Rosenberg in 1964. The sixth Wayne E. Richards award winner was Elmer L. Jenkins.

The work for these awards can be done at the Post, District, or Department levels or a combination of two or all three. There have been six double winners with Clyde Hatcher being the first and Lewie Cooper being the latest.

For your convenience, a list is provided of previous winners.

Louis Rosenberg	Harley Whisnant	Bernard Holt	Leon Bortz
Gen Joe Nickell	Ewald Behnke	Charles E. Cook	Lewie Cooper
Merle Jordan	G. L. Belding	Darrell Bencken	Robert Petterson
Bill Fribley	Francis Harshaw	Denny Lawson	Lester Wenndt
Marion T Burton	James Chism	John Fridley	Charley Shoemaker
Elmer Jenkins	Louis Warsinski	Charles Cloud	Leslie Thompson
Floyd McGehe	Harry M. Watkins	Jake Long	Gerald Mangold
Robert Dole	Jay W. Ritchie	Harry Nelson	Norman Gentry
Austin Wells	Harold Rhea	Roger Sellers	John Berkley
John W. Bossler	Kenneth Kirby	Robert Sander	Danny Puckett
George T. Hansen	George Muller	Norman Bottger	J.T. Plummer
Clyde H. Hatcher	Lawrence Tholen	John Shlichting	
Ben Linenberger	Robert R. Whipple	Barney Aldridge	
Ronald Huebert	Vernon McVey	Orlin Wagner	