



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

Post All State Program

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Forward

The following requirements apply to Posts that strive for competitive excellence and seek to be recognized with widespread respect, admiration, and prominence. Achieving All-State status signifies a Post's dedication to excellence within the Texas VFW, in the public eye, and at the National level.

To qualify for All-State recognition at the State Convention, Posts must complete and receive credit for all the following goals and objectives by May 1, 2026.

Program Focus

This year's All-State Program emphasizes the seven purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, as outlined in our congressional charter.

TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN COMRADESHIP AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

- **Membership:** Each Post must achieve 103% membership.

Why set our membership goal at 103%?

First, because we're Texas—and leading the way is what we do. But more importantly, over the past five years, we've averaged a 103.7% loss due to deceased members. That means unless we aim higher, we're not growing—we're just replacing. To achieve *true* growth and secure the future of our organization, we must push beyond 100%.

- **Exclusion Rule:** Failure to attain Post membership of 103% on or before June 30, 2026, or timely completion of any program at the Post level by **May 1, 2026**, will disqualify a Post from competing in the All-State Post competition.
- **Top Five Membership Division Recognition:** The five Posts with the highest membership percentage in their division as of May 1, 2026, will receive All-State recognition items at no cost. Posts qualifying for All-State but did not finish in the Top Five (5) of their Membership Division on **May 1, 2026**, will be recognized as an All-State Post and receive a Plaque at no cost to the Post. These Posts have the option of purchasing all other All-State items providing the Post submits a completed POST ALL-STATE FORM with payment.
- **Tiebreaker:** If a tie occurs within a division, the Post with the highest number of new Life Members will be declared the winner. Legacy Life Membership serves as the secondary tiebreaker.

- **Training:** The following officers of each Post will need to provide proof of training. (Whether in-person or online class completion) Commander, Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Adjutant, Quartermaster. If any Officer who failed to attend Member Training in Allen, they can attend Zoom training with the Department training team, and TalentLMS online courses.

TO ASSIST WORTHY COMRADES.

- **Donation to the Texas VFW Foundation:** A donation of at least \$50 to the Texas VFW Foundation. *This Donation must be Submitted to the Department of TEXAS for credit, (NO EXCEPTIONS)*

TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY AND HISTORY OF OUR DEAD, AND TO ASSIST THEIR SURVIVING SPOUSES AND ORPHANS.

- **Commemorative Dates:** Posts must recognize 12 commemorative dates, including the 4 mandatory dates specified in Section 223 of the National Bylaws: Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Flag Day, and Loyalty Day. This works out to 1 recognition a month if done. Everyone is highly encouraged to complete recognition of all commemorative dates that are listed in the SOP. Additionally, 4 of the required 12 must be **done in a public location outside of the post.** *This shall be submitted to the Department Portal as a Veteran Participation Report (VPR).*
- **An Auxiliary Appreciation Event:** Each Post must host an **appreciation event** for its Auxiliary.
 - **For Posts with an Auxiliary:** This event must be specifically for your Post's Auxiliary. Submit this appreciation event along with pictures as you would submit a Commemorative Date by selecting Auxiliary Appreciation as the VPR.
 - **For Posts without an Auxiliary:** A **family day event** may be held in place of the Auxiliary appreciation event. Submit this appreciation event along with pictures as you would submit a Commemorative Date by selecting Family Event as the VPR.

TO MAINTAIN TRUE ALLEGIANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND FIDELITY TO ITS CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.

- **Community Service:** A Post must submit community service reports quarterly to the Department Portal for inclusion on the All-American Dashboard. Reporting periods: July–Sept, Oct–Dec, Jan–March, and April–June. Department Bylaws require the following: 20-Community Service Projects, 6-Youth Projects, and 9-Americanism Projects
- **VFW Day of Service:** *One of these community service activities must be a VFW Day of Service event in May, registered at todaysvfw.org/day-of-service by June 1.*

TO FOSTER TRUE PATRIOTISM.

- **VFW Scholarship & Teacher Program Participation:** Posts must submit their Voice of Democracy (VOD), Patriot's Pen, and Teacher of the Year winners to the District and enter them into the OMS Dashboard for participation credit.

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- If a Post fails to receive an entry form for VOD, Patriot's Pen or Teacher of the Year after having distributed the entry forms, then the following must be sent to Texas VFW HQ:
 - a) A copy of the Post Participation Form showing no entry but indicating the dollar amount of the award that would have been awarded.
 - b) A copy of the Post Meeting Minutes showing the agreed upon award amounts that would have been paid to the winners of each program.
 - c) A check in the amount of money for the respective program awards for VOD, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher of the Year that will be used for the Department of Texas VFW Scholarship Fund which will then give the Post participation credit.
 - d) Posts must submit documentation of outreach efforts.

TO MAINTAIN AND EXTEND THE INSTITUTIONS OF AMERICAN FREEDOM.

- **VFW Scout of the Year:** Local VFW Posts submit their winning candidates with full

entry criteria to their respective VFW Department (State) by April 1. Ensure that if a District judging is taking place that entries are forwarded to the district first and that enough time is allotted to ensure that the Department still receives entry by April 1. From there, the Department selects a winner and forwards the entry to the VFW National Headquarters by May 1 for recognition.

- **Buddy Poppies:** Must Complete a Buddy Poppy event.

TO PRESERVE AND DEFEND THE UNITED STATES FROM ALL ENEMIES.

- **Legislative Support:** Posts will pick one (1) of the National Legislative priorities that they feel passionate about, and have at least ten (10) members email their US Senator or Congressman. 2026 Legislative Priorities will be released in September 2025. Emails must have the Post # in the subject line and cc legislative@texasVFW.org. This communication must take place no later than March 31, 2026.

- Example Letter:

Dear Congressman XXXX,

I am a member of VFW Post XYZ and I am passionate about The ABC Legislative Priority Act. Please support or reject this legislation.

Thank you, Comrade GI Joe
