



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

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GENERAL ORDERS NO. 7

JANUARY 2020

1. ~BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS, & SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP NEW YEAR!~

2. The following District meetings are announced:

First District	February 8	Austin #1216 @ 9:30 AM	Barry Henriksen
Second District	January 4	Arlington #6031 @ 1 PM	Curt Hermanson
Third District	January 4	Wilmont #2603 @ 1 PM	Chad Solheid
Fourth District	January 11	Roseville #7555 @ 9 AM	Dale Hoogeveen
Sixth District	February 1	Sauk Rapids #6992 @ 1 PM	Dale Hoogeveen
Seventh District	February 1	Blaine #6316 @ 10 AM	Chad Solheid
Eighth District	February 15-16	Babbitt Muni. Bldg. #1539 @ 9 AM	Barry Henriksen
Ninth District	March 7	Pelican Rapids #5252 @ 1 PM	Curt Hermanson

3. Posts that are contemplating selling real estate or their Post Home must follow Section 709; Control of Units in the National By-Laws. It states: that a letter **must** go to **ALL MEMBERS** and the **DEPARTMENT COMMANDER** ten (10) days before the meeting on which they are going to vote on the sale. Also, please read Section 709 as it pertains to sharing, renting or leasing your Real Estate with outside organizations or businesses.

4. Commanders on all levels are reminded that according to Section 105 of the National Bylaws, a member whose dues are unpaid after their anniversary date ceases to be a member in good standing and loses all rights of membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. They shall not attend meetings or conventions and shall not participate in Post, District, Department or National functions.

5. The Gopher Oversea'r had details of the meetings planned for the Midwinter Conference in the October-January issue. Any VFW Member with a current membership card is eligible and welcome to attend any of the scheduled meetings. You might invite fellow Post members to attend. There are a number of valuable sessions planned Saturday including a session by VFW National Programs Chair Lynn Rolf and a special presentation by Gold Star Mother Jill Stephenson.

6. The Department Council of Administration will meet at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, January 17, 2020 in Ballroom 4 and again on **SUNDAY**, January 19 at 9:00 P.M. in the Deer/Elk Room at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center. **ALL OTHER COMMITTEES, WHICH ARE TO MEET, HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BY LETTER.**

7. The Department Pistol Competition will be held on **February 23**, 2020 in Rogers, Minnesota (The Date was INCORRECT in the Gopher Oversea'r). This will be hosted by Elk River-Rogers Post #5518. Information is included in this General Orders and on the State Website. Anyone needing hotel accommodations, should contact the Post Quartermaster, Jim Hesselgrave at 612-599-9149.

8. Members are reminded to send in donations for the V.F.W. National Home. These receipts maintain the National Home. More information about this important facility can be found in the current issue of the Gopher Oversea'r.

9. The Department Convention will be held in Plymouth, June 3-7, 2020. Housing forms will be on the Department website and will be published in future issues of the General Orders and Gopher Oversea'r.

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10. Posts with Club operations, rentals, Bingo or Charitable Gambling are cautioned to review operating procedures to insure that such operations are conducted according to all local and state laws, especially in the area of Withholding Taxes, Liquor, Bingo, Gambling and Sales Tax. ***The Financial records of all such functions must be reported to the Post membership each month.*** The Post Trustees must include the information in the Quarterly Audit after reviewing all such records.
11. For the purpose of establishing continuous membership, a member may pay back Department and National dues for all Delinquent years, provided he was a member in good standing for five (5) consecutive years prior to the time he last became delinquent. The Post maintains continuous Membership, NOT the Department or National. Therefore, all dues should be paid to the Post, not Department or National. Please review Sections 105 (Members in Good Standing) and 106 (Former Members) of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure regarding annual dues and membership reinstatement.
12. LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS: In addition to standard Legacy Life Membership options, a Memorial Legacy Life Membership CAN be purchased for a deceased member... HOWEVER, they MUST already be a LIFE Member. If purchasing a Memorial Legacy, ensure the name and Life Member number are those of the veteran in whose name the Memorial Legacy is being purchased.
13. There will be a SINGLE Buddy Poppy Meeting at the Midwinter Conference on Saturday, January 19th at 2:30 P.M. Anyone interested in the 2020 Poppy Program is encouraged to attend. District Chairmen **MUST** attend in order to receive their per diem.
14. **According to Section 218, Officers, Chairman Duties and Obligations; the Post Quartermaster is to receive all monies, securities, vouchers and other personal properties of the Post. The State law/statute states that he cannot be the Post Gambling Chairman but should receive a copy of the monthly Gambling Report that the Gambling Chairman sends to the Gambling Control Board. It should also be noted, that Post Trustees MUST audit the Books of the Post, Club, Gambling and any Subordinate Units to the Post.**
15. During the Midwinter Banquet, there will be a "Parade of Checks" for the State Commander's Project. **Make Checks out to 'Minnesota VFW Charitable Association' earmarked 'Commander's Project'.** Please bring your donations to the Banquet for presentation and recognition.
16. **RESERVE A SPOT NOW:** The Department will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive Friday at the Midwinter Conference. It will take place from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center. Pre-Register Online: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> or Call VFW State HQ 651-291-1757

BY ORDER OF:
 Chad Solheid
 State Commander
 Department of Minnesota, V.F.W.

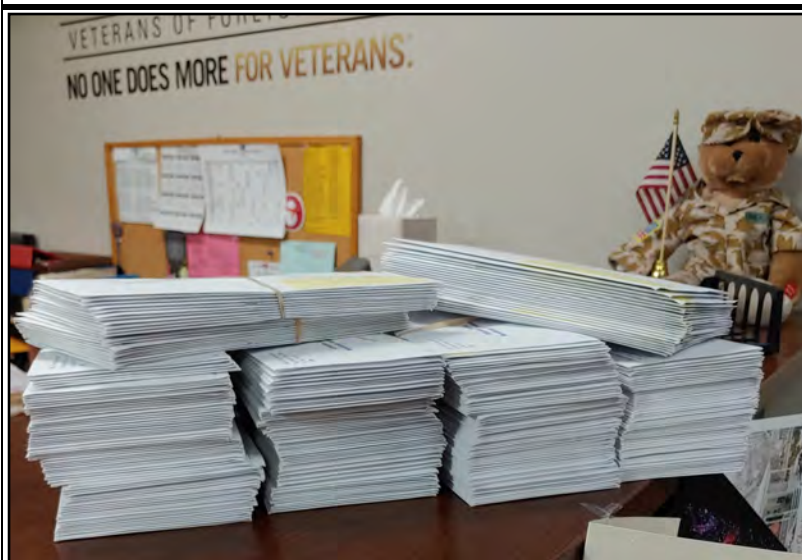
OFFICIAL:



Ken Schroepfer
 State Adjutant



Reporting: Please check on all of your Post reports & assessments to make sure you are up to date on all reporting so far. Now would also be a good time to start working on the Community Service Book... it is due April 17, 2020.



ATTENTION **Post OFFICERS:**

Make SURE that POST MEMBER Addresses and contact information is CURRENT!

The picture to the left is a recent, first class mailing that went out... in LESS than a WEEK, we

have received nearly 400 returned letters with NO FORWARDING ADDRESS.

(This does NOT include the others that have been returned WITH an address correction or returned letters we have yet to receive.)

This means that the Minnesota VFW Gopher Oversea'r newspaper, many of your Post newsletters and other mailings that are mailed Bulk are being **TOSSED in the Post office **GARBAGE!****

In addition, if VFW National Headquarters receives mail back like this 2 times, **THEY WILL DECEASE THE MEMBER from your Roster!**

PLEASE stay in touch with your members and keep their information up to date. This is not only happening with members, but some Post Officers as well.

Primary AND 'Snow Bird' mailing addresses can now be maintained on the National On-line Membership System. Please UPDATE changes as soon as you can. If you do not have computer access, VFW State Headquarters can help make the changes- call us at 651-291-1757 *(please have the full member name, Post number and Membership number available when contacting us).*

MORE....In THIS GOs
REMINDER- Full Size
Pages at
www.mnvwf.org
or call Department HQ
651-291-1757

- Quartermaster Warning
- Pistol Shoot Tournament 2020
- Poppy Order Form
- Bowling Form & Flyer
- Cribbage Flyer
- Community Service Record Book Contest & Form

- Best Feature Story & Publications Contest
- Bus Driver of the Year Form
- Traveling Safety Report
- Youth Activities Report Form
- Scout of the Year Form
- VFW Employer of the Year Form

MN VFW CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION

Department of Minnesota
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Immediate Call for Donations:

MN National Guard Helicopter Crash Victims

Comrades,

We are all well aware of the tragic deaths of three Minnesota National Guard members in a helicopter crash on December 5th. The VFW Charitable Association is accepting donations to the three families. 100% of the donations will go to the three families.

Please make your check out to:

MN VFW Charitable Association

In the memo write: 'Help Families 1252019'

Remember, "No one does more for Veterans". Please give generously. These families need our help. All funds need to be received by the Charitable Association by January 31.

Also, The Commanders project is the Charitable Association. These donations are critical in funding our VFW programs. We will have a parade of checks at the Midwinter Conference Banquet. Bring two checks if you can. One for the Commanders project, and one for the families of the fallen.

Thanks for all you do,

Barry Henriksen, MNVFW Charitable Association President



**ROSTER
CORRECTIONS**

DEPARTMENT

National Security Chairman: Dan Jordan, 110147 Olin Ct, Chaska, MN 55318, 612-281-7371

FIRST DISTRICT

Chief of Staff & Chief Inspector: Mike Meyer 507-363-2046

SECOND DISTRICT

Post 1210: Post Meeting location **MOVED** to 275 W 33rd St, **Suite L**, Hastings, MN 55033 (**OLD was same shopping center, but Suite I**)

FIFTH DISTRICT

District Commander: Ann Hanson- Phone 605-880-2723

EIGHTH DISTRICT

District Legislative Chair: Mary Thompson, 21 S 4th St W, Aurora, MN 55705, 218-229-0384

Post 8144: Quartermaster- Mary Thompson, 21 S 4th St W, Aurora, MN 55705, 218-229-0384

Greetings hope you had a great Christmas and New Year.



**COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

Comrades, I would like to say you are doing a great job on Community Service. With November and December behind us one must remember to submit what you have done, I'm sure that all Posts did something for Veterans Day, **REPORT IT!!!!** Also if you conducted the following VOD, Patriots Pens and National Citizenship Education Teacher's Award, **REPORT IT!!!** Also if you had a Christmas program conducted in your Community **REPORT IT!!!** Reminder my goal is to have 100% posts reporting at least one community service report by Mid-Winter.

Now is the time to start thinking of putting together your Community Service Record Book, it should be a priority for your post and Auxiliary before you know it, April will be here.

~Submitted by Dewey Hermanson, Community Service Chairman



BUDDY POPPY

Mid-Winter Conference

We look forward to seeing all the creativity, hard work and dedication it takes to make all those wonderful Buddy Poppy displays at the Mid-Winter Conference. I know the competition will be fierce and choosing winners will be difficult. In my eyes you are all winners because I know firsthand the hours and patience that is put into making a poppy display. Great job to everyone that enters a display. For those that didn't enter a display, come down to see all the wonderful displays that some very talented people have worked on.

This is your last chance to purchase Buddy Poppies before Mid-Winter to help make your District 100%. Remember that the poppies you order helps many Veterans and families of Veterans. Thank you.

Thanks for all you do for Veterans

~Submitted by Richard Chasse Sr., Poppy Chairman



SCOUTING

Scout of the year entries are to be turned to VFW Posts by March 1st
Posts must forward to District by April 1st
District to Dept. by April 15th

If you have a Scout entry for Scout of the Year please follow up with them ASAP to inform them of dates and required documentation.

All forms can be found on the Dept Web Page <https://www.mnvfw.org/scout-of-the-year>

Feel free to contact me at scottwiechmann@hotmail.com or call 507-396-3394.

Thanks for your support of this program.

~Submitted by Scott Wiechmann, Scouting Chairman

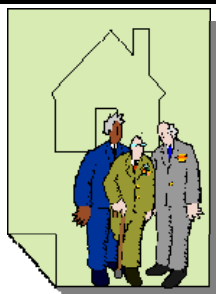


EMPLOYMENT

Entries Due to Department:

February 1, 2020

Any individual may nominate a candidate for this award. The Department will select one candidate to honor in each of the subcategories.



HOMELESS VETERANS

Comrades –

As the Homeless Veteran's committee person I have been tasked by our commander to continually provide updates on our brothers and sisters that are experiencing homelessness. Now that winter is here, and the weather is an enemy - the fight continues to end veteran's homelessness in the state of Minnesota. As veterans, we should all have a vested interest in helping our brothers and sisters that are in dire straits - looking for a warm place to sleep and eat. Although there has been a big push to end it, the vicious cycle continues – as soon as a veteran is housed another is identified. It will take all of us to commit and help beat this issue of veteran's homelessness in our backyard.

As of my last report in August 2019, there were 214 veterans identified as homeless – as of this writing there has been a slight increase. This is due to the time of year, age and health of certain demographics, and due diligence of MACV and with their partnering agencies and organizations – like the VFW. Part of this increase in numbers is due to the better explanation of the advantages of being on this veteran's registry. Keep in mind that the registry is a “volunteer” process and those that chose to register, are verified through the state of eligibility - this opens several doors for different Federal, State, County, and local programs the veteran might be eligible for.

As we roll into the holiday season please keep these veterans and those still serving in your thoughts and prayers. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!

~Submitted by Kevin Beichler, Homeless Veterans Chairman



VETERANS & MILITARY SUPPORT

If your Post has not made their donation to the National Veterans & Military Support Program, please be sure to make a donation to Veterans and Military Support of at least \$50.

(Note: This donation must come from your Post, donations from your Post's Auxiliary do not count unless they were ear marked for the Post.)

Send payments to:

VFW Foundation
406 West 34th Street Suite 920
Kansas City, MO 64111

National Veterans & Military Support Program Recognition

- Post/Auxiliaries/Districts and MOC for their support of the programs under the Veterans & Military Support Programs umbrella, which includes MAP, Virtual PINs, Unmet Needs and the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship". **Dates for donations: May 1st through April 30th.**
- Recognition Levels:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VFW Post/Auxiliaries/Districts/MOC Certificates of Appreciation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Donations of \$100-\$1,499 ▪ Bronze Certificate: Donations of \$1,500 - \$2,999 ▪ Silver Certificate: Donations of \$3,000 - \$5,999 ▪ Gold Certificate: Donations of \$6,000 and above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Department Recognition Levels Certificates of Appreciation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Donations of \$1,000 - \$14,999 ▪ Bronze Certificate: Donations of \$15,000 - \$29,999 ▪ Silver Certificate: Donations of \$30,000 - \$59,999 ▪ Gold Certificate: Donations of \$60,000 and above
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Recognition levels for Department include all donations received from the state to include VFW/Auxiliaries, MOC, District, Department, individual, churches, schools, organizations and corporate.



VFW Action Corps Weekly



POW/MIA

MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced new identifications, and burial updates for service members who have been missing and unaccounted. To view the weekly announcements for those returning home for burial honors (and to receive additional legislative updates)...

For the current edition of the VFW Action Corps Weekly, please visit:
<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly>
For past editions of the VFW Action Corps Weekly, please visit:
www.vfw.org/actioncorpsweeklyarchive

To Subscribe to the Action Corps Weekly On-line newsletter, please visit:
<https://votervoice.net/VFW/register>

~Submitted by Jim Tourila, POW/MIA Chairman



Dia Duit (*Hello*),

As the cold weather sets in so does our mindset of getting things done quickly. Be sure when you fill up your vehicle look for the security strip on the pump, or use a pump close to the entrance with cameras on it. Last resort pay inside. Robo calls are on the uptick again with claims of free vacations or IRS. Please be careful in public to watch what you're saying out loud and staying close to shopping carts. Be vigilant in your surroundings and stay safe.

NATIONAL SECURITY

"The same water boiling the potato that makes it soft, also hardens the egg".

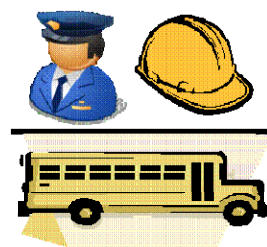
~Submitted by Daniel Jordan, National Security Chairman



PUBLICATIONS

**Don't forget that entries must be in by
March 1st, 2020**

*Send your two (2) best issues, printed between **January 2019 and December 2020**. Place your entry and entry form in a 9 X 12 envelope and clearly identify it by writing "**Publications Contest**" on the outside.
Send entries to VFW State Headquarters.



SAFETY

The District Safety Chairman need to reach out to all the Posts in their District as this year entries are very low. I will be gone for a while but will check my emails for any question for the Safety program: nobiede@comcast.net

All judging should be completed in the District and winners sent on to Dept VFW HQ for EMT, Law Enforcement and Firefighter. I want to thank all the Posts who sent in entries for your effort and time spent.

Next...

School Bus Driver Candidate applications must be turned into the DISTRICTS By February 15th
Department Office should receive District Winners for Judging no later than MARCH 1st

~Submitted by Ed Eibon, Safety Chairman



TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Thanks to all the Posts that participated in the teacher of the year contest and I will see you at Midwinter to present the Awards to our State Winners!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Grades K-5:

Beth Hansen from Canby Public School
Sponsored by Post 117 Canby- 3rd District

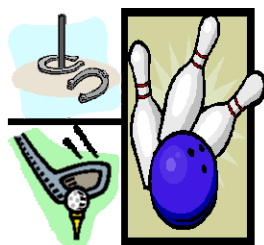
Grades 6-8:

Stacy Johnson from Crooked Lake Elementary
Sponsored by Post 9625 Coon Rapids- 7th District

Grades 9-12:

TJ Pelanek from Underwood School
Sponsored by Post 612 Fergus Falls- 9th District

~Submitted by Daniel Meyer, Teacher of the Year Chairman



**VETERANS
ACTIVITIES**

**Check out all of the great
Veterans Activities we have coming up!**

Mark them on your Calendar, then watch the General Orders and the State VFW Website at <https://www.mnvwf.org/activities> for entry forms to become available.

Archery..... ****Now Open for 2019 and Beyond**

Bean Bag..... ****Now Open for 2019 and Beyond**

Bowling..... 2020 Hosted by Cannon Falls #4452

Cribbage.....2020 Hosting by Austin Post #1216

Fishing..... ****Now Open for 2019 and Beyond**

Golf..... August 2-4, 2019 Hosted by Austin Post #1216

Horseshoes..... ****Now Open for 2019 and Beyond**

Military Rifle Match..... ****Now Open for 2019 and Beyond**

Pistol..... February 23, 2020 Hosting by Elk River-Rogers Post #5518

Trap Shooting..... 2020- TBA

~Submitted by Terry Tucker, Veterans Activities Chair

2020 VFW STATE PISTOL COMPETITION

Hosted By Elk River Rogers

VFW Post 5518

February 23, 2020

Target Sports—Rogers, Minnesota



<https://targetsportsmn.com/index.php>

SHOOTING LEVELS:
 I. .22 Caliber (Iron Sights)
 II. OPEN (Iron Sights) - .380 and larger caliber
 III. Optical - Any Caliber assisted by optical, red dot, etc. (Non-Iron Sights)

TO ADVANCE REGISTER, CONTACT:
 Jim Hessigrave, Post Chairman
 7601—166th Ave. NW
 Ramsey, Minnesota 55303
 Call at 612-599-9149
 Email: vfwmn@aol.com

- Shooters should bring at least 100 rounds of Ammo, Ear and Eye Protection
- Targets will be provided
- Registration/Orientation will start at 8:00 AM on Sunday
- Competition will begin at 9:00 AM
- Coffee, Rolls and Lunch will be provided
- Target Sports has Rental Pistols and Ammo
- Door Prizes at the end of Competition
- Contact Event Host for local Hotel Information
- For those coming in on Saturday Night, VFW Post 5518 will be hosting Hospitality at their Post.
- **COST: \$35 per Competitor/Level**

NOTE: ALL Shooters MUST BE members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary. NO EXCEPTIONS!!! Please bring your VFW or Auxiliary Membership Card.

TARGET SPORTS
 MINNESOTA
INDOOR GUN RANGE
 14166 NORTHDALE BLVD. ROGERS, MN 55374 763-515-6450
 CONTACT US: SPECIAL EVENTS MEMBERSHIPS LEAGUES GROUP RENTALS BLUE

Upcoming Events:

BASEBALL: August 6-9, 2020 by St Cloud Post #4847
****Open for 2021 and Beyond**

HOCKEY: March 20-22, 2020 by Thief River Falls Post #2793
****2021-2022 Hosting by Moorhead-Dilworth Post #1223**

~Submitted by Terry Tucker, Youth Activities Chair



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Words From your National Council Member

Tom Hanson

During my campaign for the office of National Council Member I vowed to do my best to keep the Minnesota members informed on the goings on at the National level, to include an article in the Gopher Overseas. Unfortunately the Editor of that publication and I had some miscommunication and I was unable to get a column prepared in a timely manner to meet the deadline required so this is the alternative method we have chosen to use on this occasion. However, we are back on schedule and will feature updated information in the Spring edition of the Gopher.

Before I offer any information I'd like to extend the warmest Christmas greetings to everyone from our family to yours. I pass this same Christmas message forward on behalf of VFW Commander-in Chief, Doc Schmitz and all of his fellow National Officers and Staff employees.

On Jan. 1, 2020, the [Blue Water Navy Act of 2019](#) goes into effect. This Act was signed into law on Jun. 25, and extends the presumption of herbicide exposure, such as Agent Orange, to BWN (Brown Water Navy) Veterans who served as far as 12 nautical miles from the shore of Vietnam and have since developed [one of 14 conditions](#) related to exposure. Some of these conditions include Type 2 diabetes, Parkinson's disease, many forms of cancer and others. These individuals may now be eligible for disability compensation and other benefits. In addition, if you're a Veteran who served in the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) between Sept. 1, 1967, and Aug. 31, 1971, you may also qualify for compensation and benefits for yourself and your family members.

How do I know if I'm eligible?

The best way to find out if you're eligible is to work with your VFW accredited claims representative. Your County Veterans Service Officer can also work with the VFW Service Office to get the proper paperwork filed. Other Veterans Affairs (VA) regional office personnel also may be contacted to understand eligibility requirements before filing a claim. You don't need to prove contact with herbicides to be eligible.

How do I file a claim for compensation benefits?

You can file an initial claim (that has not been previously decided by VA), by submitting Form [21-526EZ](#), Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits.

What if I've previously filed a claim that was denied?

VA will be using the new law to automatically review claims that are currently with the VA review process or under appeal. However, if you had an herbicide exposure claim with one or more presumptive conditions denied in the past, you are urged to file a new claim.

When you begin the claims process, be sure to provide or identify any new and relevant information regarding your claim, such as the dates the vessel you were serving on, traveled through the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam or updated medical information.

Submit a [VA Form 20-0995](#), Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim.

How should survivors and dependents apply for initial Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Claim for a Veteran who died of presumptive condition?

Eligible survivors and dependents must meet certain conditions to receive DIC. If found to be eligible, there are several ways to file a claim, including:

- By mail, using [VA Form 21P-534EZ](#).
- In person at a VA regional office.
- An accredited claims representative or VSO.

What benefits will I receive if my claim is approved?

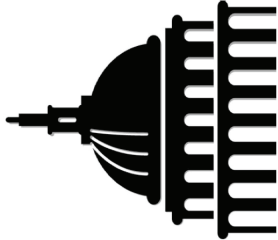
If you are deemed eligible, you may receive a monthly disability compensation payment and free healthcare related to your disability. The amount of compensation you may receive is determined by your diagnosed condition and level of disability.

Another important component of the Blue Water Navy Act includes changes to the VA Home Loan program. VA now allows the no-down payment option on guaranteed home loans.

The VFW will hold its annual Washington Legislative Conference hosted by the Hyatt Regency Crystal City In Arlington, Virginia beginning on February 29, 2020 and running through March 5, 2020. This Conference will run in conjunction with the parade of winners in the National competition of the Voice of Democracy speech writing. Winners will be announced and scholarships awarded. The members attending the conference will have an opportunity to meet with their respective Representatives and Senators to share the VFW's legislative priorities for the current legislative session. The VFW Commander-in-Chief will give his presentation to a joint session of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees on Wednesday, March 4th. The Conference will then conclude with a legislative reception that same Wednesday evening.

This conference is an opportunity for all of your elected VFW officers to meet with our elected governmental officials to share with them what we expect of them in the way of veteran related legislation. There are times when you may be asked what the VFW does on behalf of veterans. It should be no secret that since our inception we have been a loud, strong voice in Washington, and in every State Capital, advocating on behalf of veterans and their dependents for entitlements.

This is really kind of a lull in the action period with the holidays forthcoming shortly followed by the Legislative Conference so there really is very little more to report at this time. I suggest you stay abreast of any updates through the various VFW websites and of course the VFW Magazine. As always, I am available to answer any questions you may have relative to the VFW or to bring forward any comments or suggestions you feel would make us more fluid and I'll surely get them to the right people.



VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL

20 April 2020

Rain or shine; mid-morning until mid-afternoon

State Capitol, St. Paul

Details to Follow

Sponsored by:

- Commanders Task Force – “CTF” -- www.mnctf.org
- Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers – “MACVSO” -- www.macvso.org
- United Veterans Legislative Council – “UVLC” – www.mnuvlc.org

- CTF – American Legion, Mark Dvorak, Commander; AmVets, John Flores, Commander; DAV, Scott Berndt, Commander; Jewish War Veterans, Peter Nickitas, Commander; Marine Corps League, Doug Anderson, Commander; MOPH, Terry Anderson, Commander; PVA, Ken Klein, Commander; VFW, Chad Solheid, Commander; VVA, Bob Grabinski, Commander

COMMANDERS – QUARTERMASTERS – TRUSTEES

WARNING!!!

Taxes, Payroll Taxes and Other Post Debts Are YOUR Responsibility!

Comrades,

Recently, one of our Past Post Quartermasters was contacted relative to Unpaid Payroll Taxes. This Quartermaster allowed the Club Manager to handle the Financial transactions of the Club Operation --- and the Payroll Taxes. Over a year and a half, the Club Manager failed to pay the aforementioned Payroll Taxes.

Long story – short, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recognizes the (in the VFW) Post Quartermaster as the Chief Financial/Fiduciary Officer of the Post. They therefore started repayment/retribution proceedings against that Post Quartermaster and his personal assets.

In the past, the IRS, other agencies and Vendors have gone after the assets of the Corporation or the Post. Times have changed, especially when Governmental Agencies are concerned! Additionally, they WILL prosecute that Officer in accordance of the Law. This includes jail or prison time and additional fines above the repayment of the debt.

The Department of Minnesota, Veterans of Foreign Wars recommends that ALL Commanders, Quartermasters and Trustees stay on top of ALL Financial obligations of the Post, Club, Gambling or any other Financial commitments of subordinate Units. Additionally, we suggest that you contact your Accountant or a local Accountant to get a better understanding of the IRS and other Governmental Statutes as they apply to your various operations.

To ALL Quartermasters --- YOU MUST BE IN CONTROL OF ALL YOUR ASSETS AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS --- as YOU are the Chief Financial Officer of the Post and the FIRST TARGET of agencies like the Internal Revenue Service!!!

Should you have any questions, PLEASE call at 651-291-1757 and we will do the best we can to help you.

THANK YOU!!

Yours In Comradeship,

James C. Belski
State Quartermaster
Department of Minnesota, VFW



Minnesota Chaplain of the Year Award

At the Department Council of Administration meeting held on Wednesday July 31, 2019 approval was given to move forward in presenting a State Chaplain of the Year Award.

The following criteria will constitute the basis for nominations, and also a proposed procedure and timeline to receive nominations for this award.

Chaplain of the Year Criteria

1. Performance of Duties:
 - A. Exemplary character and conduct: e.g., A person of upmost integrity, professional execution of duties, dependability, punctuality, and timely submission of reports, etc.
 - B. Exemplary performance above and beyond the normal expectations of the position and duties.
2. Personal attitude which is positive and professional in all contacts with others and which represents the VFW and the Department in the best possible way.
3. Commitment to the ministry and duties of the Chaplain, as reflected by service to comrades and their families and responsiveness to needs.
4. A member of the VFW in good standing with the Post, District, and Department.

Review Committee Composition and Instructions

1. A committee assembled by the Department Chaplain will review nominations for the award and recommend a recipient.
2. The committee shall include:
 - A. The Department Chaplain
 - B. Three Past Department Commanders
 - C. The most recent past recipient of the Chaplain of the Year Award.
3. Instructions to the Committee
 - A. The committee shall follow procedures and criteria as outlined in this document. However, if no candidates are nominated or judged by the committee to meet the criteria for Chaplain of the Year, the committee shall not recommend a recipient.
 - B. All proceedings of the committee must be kept strictly confidential.

Procedure

The following procedure is recommended for receiving and reviewing nominations:

1. Information concerning this award will be distributed to the Department Council of Administration each year during the Fall Council of Administration September meeting. The members of the Department COA can then present this information to their respective District and Post Commanders and Adjutants at their next District Meeting.
2. The Department Chaplain will email information concerning the Chaplain of the Year Award and begin to solicit nominations from District Commanders and Adjutants, beginning in October.
3. All nominations should be submitted to the Department Chaplain by April 1. Nomination letters should be emailed, or sent USPS to the Department Chaplain. Contact information is listed below.
4. A nomination shall address the above criteria and shall not exceed two type written pages.
5. The committee shall review each nomination according to the selected criteria and recommend a recipient by April 30th.
6. The Department Chaplain will review the Committee's recommendation for Chaplain of the Year with the Department Adjutant.
7. The Chaplain of the Year Award will be presented at the Department Convention.
8. The Department Chaplain will notify the respective District and Post and if feasible, request attendance to present the award.
9. The Department will notify the recipient of the Minnesota Chaplain of the Year Award and request attendance at the Department Convention to receive the award.

Leonard Gudmundson
 Department of Minnesota Chaplain
 Veterans of Foreign Wars
 1503 Walnut Street
 Hastings, MN, 55033
 lenimpls@gmail.com





2019 - 2020 ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS CONTEST DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

For more information on the 2019-2020 Post and District Publications Contest, contact, Department Publications and Public Relations Chair.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and District Publications Contest recognizes excellence in Post and District publications. Entries will be judged on content, design, pictures and graphics (where relevant), and overall quality. Awards will be presented to the winners at the Department Convention.

Any Minnesota VFW Post or District that regularly publishes a newspaper or newsletter for its members may enter. Awards will be presented for first, second, and honorable mention, if judged applicable, to the winners. Entries will be judged by Membership Category - 99 and less; 100-179; and 180 or more. National VFW does not accept entries through Department contests. If you want to enter the National VFW Publications contest, you need to submit your entries yourself. Information will be in the General Orders when National publishes it, usually January of each year. There is no prerequisite that you have to win at another level before entering Nationals contest.

Please submit your entries early. Deadline is March 1, 2020. Send your two (2) best issues, printed between January 2019 and December 2019. Place your entry in a 9 X 12 envelope and clearly identify it by writing "Publications Contest" on the outside. Include your return address and enclose the completed form below.

MAIL TO: Department of Minnesota, V.F.W., Publications and Public Relations Rice St Station - PO Box 17146 St Paul, MN 55117

Entries will NOT be returned, and the judges' decisions will be final

***** ENCLOSE THIS FORM WITH YOUR POST/DISTRICT ENTRY! *****

POST/DISTRICT # _____ COMMANDER'S NAME _____ Phone _____

ADDRESS _____ Editor's Name _____ Phone _____

NAME OF PUBLICATION _____

How many times published annually _____

Membership total _____

ENTRY CATEGORIES:

POSTS: select one... CATEGORY 1 (250 or less) _____ CATEGORY 2 (251 or more)

DISTRICT (all)

Best Feature Story Contest Publications 2019-2020



The Department of Minnesota, is now recognizing your Best Feature Story. Note National Contest entries should come from your Post/District. You do not need to be a department winner to enter. National's publication contest. More information will be in the General Orders when they release contest information in January.

Eligibility: All VFW Members and their Auxiliaries

Length: 300 Words or More

Published Date: January 1 to December 31, 2019 (The story must be a published article and can be originally written by your newspaper staff or by a freelance writer from a newspaper within your state.

Topic: State VA departments, Local military units deploying overseas, Local troop support operations, VFW Programs, Dedication of state Veterans memorials, and editorials advocating positions on veterans issues within your state.

Please Fill out the below form & send it to Department Headquarters by March 1, 2020

Department of Minnesota, VFW Rice Street Station PO Box 17146 Saint Paul, MN 55155

Please attach a copy of the publication where the article was printed (clippings are fine).

All Articles will be judged on:

Topic Knowledge: Shows knowledge of the theme and use of research.

Topic Development: Answers, relevant facts—who, what, where, when and why. Relates to writer's own experiences.

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

If you have any questions if your Article would be acceptable please call Melody at Department headquarters 651-291-1757 or email at melodymymfv@vfwmn.us

Cut out the form below and submit to Department Headquarters along with proof of publication

Name/Post: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date Published: _____

Topic of Article: _____



2019 – 2020
ANNUAL SOCIAL MEDIA CONTEST
DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
OF THE UNITED STATES

For more information on the 2019-2020 Post and District Social Media Contest contact, Department Publications and Public Relations Chair.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and District Social Media Contest recognizes excellence in Post and District use of Social Media. Entries will be judged on content, design, pictures and graphics (where relevant), and overall quality. Awards will be presented to the winners at the Department Convention.

Any Minnesota VFW Post or District that regularly utilizes Social Media to promote their post, programs and/or the VFW in general may enter. Awards will be presented for first, second, and honorable mention, if judged applicable, to the winners. Entries will be judged by Membership Category - 99 and less; 100-179; and 180 or more. If your Post has a web site, it must be recognized by the Department of Minnesota and listed as such in the Department's list of Posts. The web site should be easy to access, please keep it up to date as well as informative for your members. We will be searching through the web sites from time to time throughout the year. Your website should have links to your other Social Media platforms to make it easy for judges to follow, track and judge.

Please fill out the entry form making sure to be as complete with all sections as possible. Submit your entries early, **Deadline is March 1, 2020.**

MAIL TO: Department of Minnesota, V.F.W. Publications and Public Relations
Rice St Station - PO Box 17146
St Paul, MN 55117

Entries will NOT be returned, and the judges' decisions will be final

ENCLOSE THIS FORM WITH YOUR POST/DISTRICT ENTRY!

POST/DISTRICT # _____ COMMANDER'S NAME _____ Phone _____
ADDRESS _____
SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGERS NAME _____ Phone _____
ADDRESS _____

DESCRIBE YOUR OVERALL SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGY _____

Check the Social Media Platforms you are using and provide URL.

____ Website _____
____ Facebook _____
____ Twitter _____
____ Instagram _____
____ Pintrest _____
____ YouTube _____
____ Others _____

Total Number of Members posting Social Media _____

Membership total _____

ENTRY CATEGORIES:

POSTS: select one... _____ CATEGORY 1 (250 or less) _____ CATEGORY 2 (251 or more)

DISTRICT (all)

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER AWARD

DIRECTIONS: Each VFW Post/Auxiliary may nominate one (1) School Bus Driver for the Safe Student Transportation Award by completing this form.

DEADLINE: **FEBRUARY 15, 2020** POST Candidate applications **DUE to DISTRICT Chair**

MARCH 1, 2020 District Winners applications must be in the Department Office
Send Entries to:
Dept of MN Veterans of Foreign Wars
Attn: Safety Chair
Rice Street Station
PO Box 17146
ST Paul, MN 55117

Post/Auxiliary sponsoring nomination # _____ VFW District # _____
Post/Auxiliary Commander/President Signature _____
Post/Auxiliary Safety Chairman _____ Date _____
Post/Auxiliary Safety Chairman PHONE _____ Email _____
School Bus Driver's name _____ School _____
Bus Driver's Address: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

The following questions are to be completed by Driver's Supervisor.

I (Print Supervisors Name) _____ acknowledge and attest to accuracy of the following information for this school bus driver (Print Name) _____

1. Is Bus Driver's drivers license current (yes or no) _____
2. Minnesota Law requires school bus drivers to undergo a criminal history background investigation. Are the background check results for this person on file? _____
3. Total number of years of driving school bus. _____
4. Lifetime total number of "chargeable accidents" that occurred while driving a bus (Driver cited/fined) _____
5. Lifetime total number of "moving violations" that occurred while driving a bus. _____ (Driver cited/fined)
6. Is person currently a school bus driver? _____
7. Present route's miles driven (total, round trip per day) _____
8. Present route's number of children transported on an average day. _____ (Calculate each student only once)
9. Average number of minutes driven per daily morning route? _____
10. Average number of minutes driven per daily evening route? _____
11. Number of extra-curricular bus trips in an average month. _____ (Calculate each game or field trip as one).
12. Total number of years that I have supervised this person _____

Supervisor's Signature _____ Date _____

-MORE-

THIS PORTION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Safety Award is to acknowledge and honor the services and contributions that school bus drivers selflessly provide for the safety, care and well-being of our children. The Veterans of Foreign Wars provide local awards. From among the local awards winners, one top winner is then selected in each of the nine (9) VFW Districts. One State Winner is then selected and honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars at their State Convention in June 2020.

DIRECTIONS:

As a School principal, please write a brief letter of reference on behalf of the local candidate that attests to this candidate's character and devotion to the service and well being of school children. Please include specific examples. The information may be written in the space below (signed/dated) or you may choose to attach a letter. (Please sign and date)

SCHOOL NAME _____

PRINCIPAL'S NAME _____ DATE _____

UPDATED 6/10/19

VFW COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES RECORD BOOK CONTEST 2019-2020

Post will compete with other Posts of similar size. Divisions for competition are as follows:

- DIVISION I** - Posts with less than 250 members
- DIVISION II** - Posts with 250 to 500 members
- DIVISION III** - Posts with 501 or more members

Division will be determined by the total members reported by National Headquarters from the prior year on June 30, 2019.

Community Activities 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 to the community.

CONTEST GUIDELINES (**** Traditional Book Instructions)

1. Record books should contain community service projects that are completed during the period April 1 through the following March 31.
2. **BOOK SIZE:** Should be no larger than 12 by 16 inches nor more than three inches thick. Make two or more volumes if thicker than three inches. Number each volume, e.g., Volume I, Volume II, etc.
3. **FASTENER and COVER:** If books have metal posts, steel is preferable to brass or aluminum. If covers have decal's, place self-adhesive clear plastic over the decal's 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.
4. **CLIPPINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS:** Show dates and captions. Include supporting information.
5. **ACCOUNTING OF EXPENSES:** In a brief statement show how money was spent for each category (one to two pages at the most for each category).
6. **ARRANGEMENT OF BOOK:** Enter each project by category. (Chronological or month by month listing makes your entry more difficult for the judges to evaluate.)
7. **ENTRY FORM:** Complete and fasten inside front cover of volume one.
8. **MAIL OR SHIP RECORD BOOK ENTRY FOR THE DEPARTMENT CONTEST TO Department Headquarters.**

PREPARING A RECORD BOOK

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 Activity record book that contains evidence of the many projects and programs your Post and Auxiliary perform. From the respective sections of the Community Service Record book, the following programs will be judged: **Americanism, Youth Activities and Safety. (There is NOT a separate Record book Contests for Americanism, Youth Activities and Safety).**

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 activity programs into one book or one set of books. The Post and its Auxiliary are judged as a unit.

Creditable community service projects will usually fit into one or more of the categories that are listed in the Community Activities guide booklet. Select and list each project in only ONE category. **DO NOT** duplicate.

Remember, compile your book so 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 and 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 or 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 Department judges concerning the number of members in your Post; the number of projects you have completed; the number of people who have benefited; the amount of money and time that has been spent (both Post and Auxiliary) and the size of your community.

Top winners in Department judging are those Posts and Auxiliaries who have performed, recorded, and entered evidence of their community activities.

*****NOTE: To be Considered for the NATIONAL Community Service Post Award (two awarded to Minnesota), you MUST prepare the Traditional Record Book Outlined under the Contest Guidelines above.**

NEW SUBMISSION OPTION

If you'd like to be considered for the General Community Service Record Book Contest:

NEW for 2019-2020! A SIMPLER WAY to track your Post/Auxiliary Community Service Activities AND Complete your Record Book! Simply use the **EVENT TRACKING FORM** included in this packet. Each time an event is run, use this handy form to **RECORD THE DETAILS** of the event. Place the **COMPLETED FORM IN A BINDER** that can then become the **BASIS FOR AN OUTSTANDING CS RECORD BOOK**... You may wish to include copies of your Community Service Report Forms for each month as well. **Try to organize your sheets based on the primary Record Book Contest Categories to help the judges evaluate ALL your Post and Auxiliary do. Submit by Contest Deadline.**

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY RECORD BOOKS ARE DUE IN DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY APRIL 17, 2020

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 copies, etc.

If you live in an area where it is difficult to obtain newspaper articles of your Post or Auxiliary's community activities, 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 RECORD BOOK

Listed on the check sheets are the principal categories which are found in the Community Activity Guide booklet. Each category is 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; (3) the completeness or detail in which the project has been described and (4) the number of non-affiliated persons who have benefited by the project. 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 re-examined several times to make certain they have been properly evaluated.

CATEGORIES FOR RECORDING PROJECTS

The Community Activities Program is divided into **SIX** general categories: (1) **AMERICANISM & COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**; (2) **SAFETY**; (3) **AID TO OTHERS**; (4) **SCHOOL AND CHURCH ASSISTANCE**; (5) **YOUTH AND VOICE OF DEMOCRACY**; (6) **HOSPITAL/BLOOD**. **Your Community Service Record book SHOULD be put together in this order.**

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 one category. It will be given credit, regardless of whether it is listed under the proper category. For example: Lite-a-Bike could be listed under categories one (Safety) or five (Youth and Voice of Democracy). Do not duplicate your efforts by placing them in each of the categories.

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.

Remember, also if you enter your record book in other competitions, the judges will be less likely to know about the VFW Community Activities Program. Just like composing a good letter, let your record book present the story so there will be no misunderstanding.

There will be two Posts in our Department that will be selected as National Outstanding Community Service Posts. The award includes a plaque inscribed with the name of the VFW Post and it's Auxiliary (if applicable), a \$600 stipend to cover part of the 2019-2020 Post Commander's expenses to the National Convention and publication of the Post's name in the Convention program booklet. *A Traditional CS Record Book MUST BE Submitted** 6/10/19**



Community Activities Record Book Entry Form 2019-2020

To be used with both
Traditional Book and Alternative Option Submissions.



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT RECORD BOOK: APRIL 17, 2020

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. Record Books will be brought to State Convention to be picked up. However, be sure to provide the name, address and zip code of the person to whom the Record Book should be returned if they are not picked up.
3. This form must be signed by the Post Commander.

Send your entry: **By United States Postal Service**
Department of MN, VFW
Rice Street Station, PO Box 17146
St. Paul, MN 55117

By UPS
Department of MN, VFW
20 W 12th St.
St. Paul, MN 55155

PLEASE SELECT: **YES!** JUDGE BOOK to be in running for NATIONAL CS POST AWARD
(Any books without this marked will be judged for MN ONLY CS Awards)

Post No. _____ City _____ State _____

Total Projects Since 4/1/19 _____ Total Hours (Volunteered) _____ Total Funds Used/Donated _____

Total Post Members as of 6/30/19 _____ Total Auxiliary Members as of 6/30/19 _____ City Population _____

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHAIRMEN:

Post _____ (Name of Chairman) Auxiliary _____ (Name of Chairman)

JUDGES, NOTE THE FOLLOWING LEADING PROJECTS:

Category 1: (Amer. & Coop) Page _____, _____
Category 2: (Safety) Page _____, _____
Category 3: (Aid to Others) Page _____, _____
Category 4: (School/Church) Page _____, _____
Category 5: (VOD & Youth) Page _____, _____
Category 6: (Hospital/Blood) Page _____, _____

<p>Return Record Book to: _____ (for United Parcel Service delivery, if possible)</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p>
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Signature -Post Commander: _____

Post Commander's Name (print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Scout of the Year Program



Scout of the Year Program

WHAT IS THE SCOUT OF THE YEAR PROGRAM?

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States awards three individuals who are Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Summit Award recipients and/or Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank. Awards are as follows:

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

AM I ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.

Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship at the time the above reward was received. Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.

Prior National Scout of the Year winners are ineligible. There is no minimum age requirement for applicants as long as all other eligibility criteria has been met. The maximum age requirement for applicants is 18 years old. If an applicant reaches their 18th birthday during the nomination year, they remain eligible as long as they are still in high school at the time of the submission deadline. A Scout may enter through only one VFW Post. A local Post can be identified by zip code at www.vfw.org/find-a-post.

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

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

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

Official Entry Form

VFW Scout of the Year Program

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

Name: First, M.I., Last _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 () _____
 Home Phone _____ Email _____
 Scout Troop Number _____
 Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy) _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

SCOUT/VENTURE CERTIFICATION

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

Scout/Venture Signature _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
 UNIT LEADER'S CERTIFICATION
 I hereby certify that the above-named Scout/Venture is an active member of our unit or was when the award was received and the information supplied by the candidate is accurate to the best of my knowledge.
 Unit Leader's Signature _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

PARENT'S CONSENT

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

Father, Mother or Guardian Signature _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____



Scout of the Year Program

VFW DEPARTMENT (STATE) SCOUTING CHAIRMAN _____
 PHONE: _____

SPONSORING VFW POST POST NUMBER: _____ ADDRESS: _____ POST COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE: _____

DISTRICT CERTIFICATION IF APPLICABLE. CHECK WITH THE VFW DEPARTMENT (STATE) SCOUTING CHAIRMAN DISTRICT #: _____ DISTRICT CDR: _____

DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY DEPT (STATE) VFW SCOUTING CHAIRMAN OR DEPT. COMMANDER DEPARTMENT: _____ SUBMITTED BY: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED?

The following documentation should be submitted:

- Photograph of the Scout — must be attached to this form. The Scout must appear in correct, complete uniform for their current rank. Recommended size 3" x 5".
- School Participation Record — a single page, one sided resume of the candidate's school activities indicating academic achievements, offices held, honors received and significant participation in other activities.
- Scouting Record — maximum of three pages, one side only, listing of all Scouting participation beginning with Cub Scouts or Brownies - years of participation, unit numbers and sponsors. Also include when Eagle, Gold, Summit or Quartermaster Award was received and Palms. Identify leadership positions held at all levels, participation in Scouting activities (amboreres, Order of the Arrow conferences, etc.) and the candidate's Eagle Scout, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit or Sea Scout Quartermaster Project.
- Community Service Record — a single page, one sided resume listing participation in community and religious service organizations (excluding Scouting and school), noting leadership positions held and any recognition received.
- Letters of Recommendation — Submit three letters, no more than two pages in length from:
 - A scout leader.
 - A community member.
 - A teacher/faculty member (if homeschooled, a parent letter is allowed).
- In addition, you may include one or two additional letters, no more than two pages in length from local community members who have special knowledge of the candidate's abilities/accomplishments.
- Completed Entry Form — submitted to a local VFW Post. Local Posts can be identified by zip code at www.vfw.org/find-a-post.

WHO MAKES UP THE VFW SCOUTING TEAM?

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

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



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Veterans of Foreign Wars
816-756-3390 ext 6155

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Dewey Hermanson
 Phone 612-961-0516
 107 1st St. N
 Cannon Falls, MN 55009

Send entries to above address
ENTRIES CLOSE
 April 1, 2012
PLEASE NOTE:

FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ALL ENTRIES

Make checks payable to State VFW Tournament
 Rights Reserved to Extend if necessary
 Bowlers are not entered in All Events
 unless fee of \$2.00 accompanies Teams, Double
 and Singles entry.

January 2020

**73rd Annual V.F.W. and Auxiliary
 State Bowling Tournament
 Entry Blank**

April 4-5 and 18-19
 Alternate Dates April 25-26
 IF needed due to
 CANCELLATION for Weather

ENTRY FEE \$25.00
 Per Person Per Event
 PRIZE FEE RETURNED 100%

Prize Fund.....\$10.00
 Bowling Expense.....\$12.00
 Tournament Expense.....\$3.00
 Optional All Events.....\$2.00

DATES REQUESTED	
TEAM _____	DOUBLES & SINGLES _____
TIME: _____	TIME: _____
DATE: _____	DATE: _____

TO THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: The undersigned entrants agree to abide by the Rules and Laws of the U.S.B.C.

THE _____ BOWLING TEAM OF POST OR AUXILIARY POST # _____ TEAM CAPTAIN _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

I hereby certify that all averages are true and correct. Bowling Ass. Secretary _____

I hereby certify that all entrants are in good standing. Post Quartermaster or Auxiliary Treasurer _____

THE FOUR PERSON TEAM Will be composed of the Following (Print Names in Full in Order They Bowl)	HIGHEST Average '17-'18 Season	USBC Sanction Number	Doubles and Singles (Print full names in bowling pairs)	All Events	Individual Entry Fees
1. _____				Y / N	
2. _____				Y / N	
3. _____				Y / N	
4. _____				Y / N	
TEAM ENTRY TOTALS			DOUBLES-SINGLES AND ALL EVENT TOTALS		

General Orders

**Held at Bierstube Bowl In Redwing, MN
 233 Withers Harbor Drive, Red Wing, MN 55066**

Your Hosts: VFW Post 4452 and Auxiliary
 218 4th St. N, Cannon Falls, MN 55009
CHECKS MUST BE CASHED 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING

**IMPORTANT
 READ REVERSE SIDE FOR
 TOURNAMENT RULES.**

ENTRY FEE TOTAL: \$ _____

WE ASK THAT ALL HOLDERS OF RESERVATIONS SEND IN THEIR ENTRY BLANK AND ENTRY FEE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT: Dewey Hermanson

107 1st St N., Cannon Falls, MN 55009

Phone: 612-961-0516

RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE OFFICIAL UNTIL YOU RECEIVE CONFIRMATION BY MAIL

Your Hosts: VFW Post 4452 and Auxiliary in Cannon Falls, MN

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE 2019 STATE V.F.W. BOWLING TOURNAMENT

1. All participants shall be Members in good standing and/or eligible for the Veterans of Foreign Wars or its Auxiliary. All protests as to eligibility are to be settled prior to the Tournament. Cards will be checked and must be current.
2. U.S.B.C. and non-U.S.B.C. may participate in the moral support tournaments with high score protection automatically extended to U.S.B.C. members. Eligible non-U.S.B.C. members may qualify for high score protections, at their option, by paying a fee in advance for which the USBC will issue an unattached membership card.

Individuals are allowed to bowl doubles and singles only once. Individuals may bowl more than once in the team event; providing there are at least 3 new members. Entrants first appearance in each event will count towards their all events total. (Rule 315)
3. (a) Entrants must use their highest U.S.B.C. sanctioned league average from the previous year based on 21 games.
(b) Entrants not having a qualified average from the previous year shall use their average as of the current year based on 21 or more games.
(c) Unsanctioned league averages or current year District tournament average will be accepted based on 9 games bowled. To use these, bowlers must show written proof of average.
(d) If a bowler bowls in both sanctioned and non-sanctioned leagues, they must use the sanctioned league average.
(e) Entrants who do not qualify with the above requirements must bowl scratch and will receive no handicap.
(f) Handicap will be set at 90% of 200 scratch with no limit.
4. (g) The average adjustment requirements of U.S.B.C. Rule 319E will apply to all participants.
5. The ten pin provision of U.S.B.C. Rule 319A will not apply. U.S.B.C. Rule 319B will apply.
6. It shall be each bowlers responsibility to verify the accuracy of his or her average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, his or her team captain or others. Failure to use proper average or to make a correction prior to completion of the first game of a series shall disqualify score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average, or any prize winnings shall be based on submitted average if it is higher.
7. Violation of tournament rules may constitute forfeiture of entry fee and prize money.
8. No prize winnings need to be reported in this tournament
9. To bowl either singles or doubles, bowlers must bowl both.
10. Teams making line up changes must do so one hour prior to bowling. Score sheet corrections must be reported within 24 hours of completing shift.
11. Anyone showing up late for a shift after it has been started, up to the fifth frame, shall not be allowed to make up those frames missed. Bowlers score will start in the frame being bowled when they arrive.

WEEKENDS: April 4-5 and 18-19 (Alternate Date April 25-26 if needed due to CANCELLATION for weather)

SHIFT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY: 10 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

**ALL SHIFTS WILL BE MIXED WITH
DOUBLES & SINGLES & TEAM EVENTS, AT
TOURNAMENTS DIRECTORS DISCRETION.**

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TRAVELING SAFETY TROPHY

- I. District Commanders and Post Commanders please pass this along to your Safety Chairperson.
- II. The following requirements for participation in and winning of the Department of Minnesota Traveling Safety Trophy for 2019-2020 are as follows:
 - A. To be eligible, your Post or Auxiliary must enter a Community Service Recordbook.
 1. The first page of the Community Service Recordbook must show Post name, Post number and location of Post or Auxiliary. **This form will be sent to all Posts/Auxiliaries by the State Community Service Chairman via the General Orders.**
 2. Your Community Service Recordbook (Category 2 - Safety) will be judged on the number of Safety Projects completed as well as the quality of the project. Document your projects with newspaper articles, pictures and other verifications.
 3. The six basic Safety Programs are: Pedestrian Safety; Drug Awareness; Recreational Safety; Highway Safety; Home/Fire Safety; Recognition/Other. You do not have to complete all six (6) programs to qualify for this award.
 4. Is your Recordbook presented in chronological order or in a manner easily understandable? It is to your advantage to write up each project as completely as possible.
 5. How did the Community benefit from the Safety projects sponsored or offered by your Post or Auxiliary? Was this apparent in your Recordbook?
 - B. Entries must be in the Department Office by April 17, 2020 so that the entries may be judged and the Trophy engraved by Convention time.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!

AWARDS

FIRST PLACE	\$40.00 + TRAVELING TROPHY
SECOND PLACE	\$35.00 + CERTIFICATE
THIRD PLACE	\$30.00 + CERTIFICATE

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**V.F.W DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA
SAFETY REPORT**

Post/Auxiliary # _____ District _____ Location _____

Post/Auxiliary Membership _____

Chairman's Name _____ Reporting Period from _____ to _____

The following Safety Categories have been completed:

1. **Highway Safety**
AAA Driver Improvement Program
55 Alive/Mature Driving – AARP
National Safety Council
Youth Driver Education Classes
Buddy System

2. **Drug Awareness**
Contact and Supply your local Police Department Social Services and Schools
Support Drug, Treatment - self-help Groups
Assist Established Programs

3. **Recreational Safety**
Hunter Safety, Boating Safety, Snowmobile Safety, Play Ground Safety

4. **Pedestrian Safety**
Lite-A-Bike, Bicycle Safety, Lite-a-Bike

5. **Home / Fire Safety** (work with local Police & Fire Department)
Home Security Classes
Fire Prevention Classes
Domestic Abuse
Home Crime Prevention

6. **Recognition** (All citations are available from National Headquarters)

Life Saving Award	Paramedic Citation
Police Citations	Citizen Citation
Sheriff Citation	Firefighter Citation

Completion of all six categories are not required. Pick one or two and do a good job. Community Service Recordbooks are required for the top 5 winners. Who, What, When, Where, How and Why - Involve the Community. If classes or Seminars are held, a list of names of the people taking classes must be included.

Safety Program
Department of Minnesota, VFW

DEADLINE: April 17, 2020
THIS FORM SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE CATEGORY 2 - SAFETY
SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE RECORDBOOK