2025 –2026 Department of Missouri Post All State Requirements

Ongoing Goals:

- 1. Your Post must reach **100%** + 1 and 75% Retention of last year's July 1st membership no later than June 30, 2026.
- 2. All Trustees' Reports of audit must be submitted to the State Quartermaster by the designated date. Postmarks do not count as each Post has 30 days to conduct and mail, fax, or email the completed Audit Report to: State Quartermaster, 3401 Knipp Drive, Jefferson City, Mo. 65109, or email: qm@movfw.org; and hqangela@movfw.org.
- 3. All required events <u>must</u> be reported using the online reporting system. The submitter name and phone number need to be on all reports.
 - Any Post making All-State by April 30, 2026 will be recognized at the State Convention in June, all others after that will be recognized at the Fall Convention.

Inspection Related Goals:

- 4. Post Quartermaster must be bonded in accordance with Section 703 of the National By-Laws.
- 5. Your Post must have in their possession the most currently published copy of the VFW Podium Edition Congressional Charter By-Laws Manual of Procedure Ritual Manual.
- 6. Your Post must be incorporated in accordance with National By-Laws, Section 708 and must obtain proper liability coverage according to the National By-Laws, Section 709. Post must have current Certificate of Insurance on hand and provide a copy to State Headquarters (If applicable).
- 7. Your Post must have the Post Website, or any other social media sites (i.e., Facebook, X, LinkedIn) updated with the names and contact information of its current Commander, Quartermaster, and Post Information Officer, (PIO).
- 8. The Post must have their email set up through the Department designated email (movfw.org).

Event Specific Goals:

- 9. The Post Commander **must** attend a District or Department School of Instruction. The Post Commander -<u>OR</u>- a designated representative <u>must</u> attend all District meetings. Only the State Commander may excuse the absence of an entire Post from a District meeting. Excusal must be requested prior to the meeting.
- 10. Your Post must have four (4) POW-MIA awareness activities at or outside of the Post home. The following are all ways to meet these All-State criteria:
 - a. Donate a POW flag to a school or business and hold a short program in commemoration.
 - b. Present the POW-MIA Honor Table program at a school, business or civic event.
 - c. Participate in a local parade with the Post colors and POW-MIA flag.
 - d. Display the POW-MIA flag at a public event.
 - e. Conduct an advertised program at the Post Home open to the public.
 - f. Host a POW/MIA internet web page. Each example will meet this requirement.
- 11. Your Post must hold four (4) Veteran Service Officer events. These events must be reported using the online reporting system. Posts can hold events together; however, at least 1 representatives from each Post must be present at the event.
 - To meet this criteria, it **MUST** be open to the public and be advertised that a Post Information Officer is present. The location of the advertisement (s) must be indicated on your online report.

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- 12. Your Post must hold four (4) Recruiting events. Activity can be the following:
 - a. Off Site (Public Forum), set up a booth/table at a community event
 - b. Cold Canvas (Stores, ECT.), you see someone with a veteran hat, shirt and ask to join.
 - c. Phone Calling (Member at Large/Membership Rosters) cold call in your community.
 - d. Face to Face Interview with potential members only counts for State, do not submit to National.
- 13. Your Post must have four (4) Legislative Activities.
 - a. State, attend MAVO meetings, Rallies at the Capitol, talking to your local Representative about veteran issues.
 - b. National, have someone sign up for Action Corps and responds to alerts. Contact your US Senators and Representatives about Veterans issues.
 - c. Other, contact your local municipality representative about Veterans issues.
- 14. Your Post must have four (4) Americanism activities, the following are activities to meet that criteria:
 - a. Get Out to Vote Program
 - b. Color Guard Activities
 - c. Honor Guard Activities
 - d. Flag Disposal Ceremony
 - e. Participate or Conduct Flag Ceremony
 - f. Present Flag Education Program

- g. Veterans Day
- h. Memorial Day
- i. Pearl Harbor Day
- j. Loyalty Day
- k. 911 Remembrance Day
- 1. Other
- 15. Post must have at least four **(4)** approved events in all categories listed on the Community Activity Report. These reports must be submitted on line, and must include your name and phone number.

The following are all ways to meet this criteria:

- a. Buddy Poppy Drive
- b. Tree Planting Program
- c. Community Blood Drive
- d. Community CPR Class
- e. Recycle Program
- f. Youth or Hunter Safety Program
- g. Drug Awareness Program
- h. Community Emergency Assistance
- i. Volunteer in Schools and Community

- j. Participate in Patriot's Pen
- k. Participate in Voice of Democracy
- 1. Participate in Teacher Entry
- m. Sponsor Youth Contests/Special Events
- n. Achievement Awards Community
- o. Recognize Public Employees
- p. Donate Hall to Non Profit Organization
- g. Sport/Athletic Sponsorship
- r. Scouting Organization Support

16. NEW REQUIREMENT: Each Post email address will receive an email after June 15th with the subject line "All-State Qualification Email". The email will ask for a **REPLY (NOT A REPLY ALL)** be sent by September 15th. This will help identify posts that may need assistance with email and get all onboard with using the movfw.org emails.

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- 17. Your Post must have four (4) Veterans Assistance, the following will meet this criteria:
 - a. Donate to Veterans Service Officer Fund
- d. Conduct Military Funerals

b. Assist Veterans and their Families

e. other

c. Loaning of Hospital Type Equipment

FUND RAISING GOALS:

- 18. Your Post must make a donation to the Veterans Service Officer Program, Minimum of \$3.00 per member required for All-State. The check goes to the following:

 *Department Quartermaster, 3401 Knipp Drive, Jefferson City, MO. 65109. Notate in the memo field on the check, "Missouri Veterans Service Officer Program Donation." must be received no later than April 30, 2026.
- 19. Your Post must sponsor both school programs: Voice of Democracy, and Patriot Pen award. Each must be entered to the District for judging.
- 20. Your Post must make a donation to the Veteran and Military Support (i.e., Military Assistance Program, Operation Uplink, or Unmet Needs, minimum **\$125.00** to make All-American.

PLEASE NOTE:

**** VMS donations will only be handled through the dashboard moving forward. Attached to email is the explanation of the NEW donation page. All posts have to do is click on the VMS donation Tab on the Dashboard to donate. The link will point them to OMS. **No more checks**.

Credit will be given automatically daily on the dashboard. No more weekly updates.

DO NOT SEND TO STATE HEADQUARTERS. ***

- 21. Your Post must order at least five (5)—poppies per member, the minimum order is 500. See chart on page (54) of handbook. **Examples of a Poppy Drive Below:**Set up a table at a local business. If your Post has bingo or other fundraisers you may set up a container there for donations. Distribute poppies at fairs or other events such as recruiting or service officer.
- 22. Your Post must have Liability/Dram Insurance FYI: Dram is only if you have a bar/canteen. and it is required that a **Certificate of Liability (see forms on page 77_)** be sent to Department at the time of policy renewal.

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23.. Each Post must have a representative attend at least (1) of the Counsel of Administration meetings. The post representative will report to their District commander just prior to the meeting and the District Commanders will report to the Adjutant. Department Staff, Counsel members and Department chairperson's do not count.

See last page of handbook for dates/times/location, this is also posted in the General Orders.

24. Post Information Officer MUST attend PIO training at the District SOI, if unable to attend their District SOI he/she will work with the District Commander to attend another Districts PIO training.

2025—2026 Department of Missouri District All-State Program

The 2025-2026 All-State District Commander program is meant to ensure that posts are participating in VFW programs and realizing the VFW's mission.

All District Commanders are eligible to qualify.

All requirements must be met by April 30, 2026 to qualify, except for membership.

A District Commander who exhibits exemplary performance may be chosen as Captain at the Department Commander's discretion.

The performance requirements for All-State District Commander are as follows:

- 1. The District must be at 100% or better in member percentage by June 30, 2026.
- 2. The Commander must attend a Department School of Instructions.
- 3. The District Commander and District Information Officer (DIO) must attend DIO Training at Department Convention.
- 4. The Commander must hold a District School of Instruction.
- 5. The District DIO must conduct Post Information Officer (PIO) training at the District SOI.
- 6. All District Trustees Reports must be submitted to Department within 30 days following the end of the observed quarter.
- 7. District meeting reports must be submitted to Department within 30 days after the held meeting.
- 8. The Commander must complete all Post visits and submit corresponding reports by December 31, 2025.
- 9. The District must submit an entry to Department Chairperson for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, (Roger Floyd) and Teacher/Americanism (Bert Williams) of the December 15, 2025 for judging. The Chairperson's address's are found in the Department roster on the website or in the front of this handbook.
- 10.The District must make a donation of a minimum \$125 to the National Veterans and Military sup port Program (VMS). VMS donations will only be handled through the Programs Dashboard Tool on the National website. To make a donation, log onto the National website, select My VFW-Programs Dashboard Tool. On the upper right of the page, select VMS Donation. Credit will automatically be given on the dashboard. **CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**.
- 11. The District must have 100% of it's Posts report a minimum of four **(4) of each category.** Community Involvement, Veterans Assistance, Americanism, POW/MIA, VSO Events, Legislative Advocacy, and Recruiting.
- 12. All posts within a District must have an active, updated website.
- 13. The District must have a National Home Chairperson and must have at least one of it's members go on the National Home Trip.
- 14. The Commander must designate a District recruiter. The recruiter's name **MUST** be submitted to the Department recruiter.
- 15. The District Commander MUST recruit at least one (1) new member prior to Dec 31,2025.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR ALL-STATE POSTS & DISTRICTS

Post and District ALL-STATE Awards are a reflection of exemplary Post and District performance and a reflection of exceptional leadership and dedication to VFW programs and membership initiatives. To honor this success, Department will provide the following awards.

- 1. All Post Commanders and Quartermasters achieving 100% in membership by December 31, 2025 will receive a 100% Membership Shirt.
- 2. All Post Commanders who achieve ALL-STATE will receive an ALL-STATE Commanders Cover. All Post Quartermasters who achieve ALL-STATE will receive an ALL-STATE Quartermasters Cover. Commanders or Quartermasters may receive a \$75.00 Gift certificate from the National Supply store in lieu of an All-State Cover.
- 3. The Post will receive a distinctive ALL STATE plaque for the Post Home to recognize their Post success.
- 4. The ALL-STATE District Commander and Quartermaster will receive an ALL-STATE Commander Cover.
- 5. All District Commanders achieving 100% in membership by December 31, 2025 will receive a 100% Membership Shirt and a very Special Award from the Department Commander.