

2016-2017 ALL-STATE POST COMMANDER POINT SYSTEM

Up to Twenty (20) Department of Minnesota All-State Post Commanders will be selected. Each will receive a special lapel pin, All-State Post Commander's WHITE hat and a \$25 check toward State Convention expenses. (The check is issued only if in attendance at the joint awards session of the State Convention.)

Judging of the All-State Team of Post Commanders will be based on points earned in the following categories: Membership, Community Activities, Poppies, Voice of Democracy, Meeting Attendance, Past Performance, Legislative, Loyalty Day and Hospital Program. In order to be the ALL-State Captain you must attend the banquet at the State Convention, if the Captain is not present it will go to the next person in line that attended the banquet.

MEMBERSHIP:

Points for reaching 100% Membership based on (go to www.vfw.org) MEMSTATS' "Prior Year" totals are as follows:

Prior Year Post Size	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Category I (25-75)	12	10	8	6	4	3	2	1
Category II (76- 175)	13	10	8	6	5	3	2	1
Category III (176- 400)	14	11	9	7	6	4	3	2
Category IV (401-700)	15	12	10	8	7	5	4	3
Category V (701-1,000)	16	13	11	9	8	6	5	4
Category VI (Over 1,001)	17	15	13	11	9	8	7	6

An additional point will be rewarded for every percentage point over 100%, or every 2 members over 100%, whichever is greater. Deadline is April 30, 2017

OFFICERS TRAINING INSTITUTE (OTI)

All commanders will receive five (5) additional points if they attend OTI or attend a Department Sponsored OTI at a District Meeting. You will receive an additional five (5) points if your Post Quartermaster does the same and an additional one (1) point for any post member that attends.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

STATE REPORTING - One (1) point may be earned each month (from April to March) in which a creditable Community Activities Report is received ON TIME, from the Post or Auxiliary. A bonus of three (3) points may be earned if a Post or Auxiliary completes all twelve (12) reports. A Post may earn three (3) points for being credited from Department VFW Headquarters in Americanism, three (3) points for being credited in Safety, and three (3) points for being credited in Youth Activities.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN

A Post may earn three (3) points by submitting one (1) Voice of Democracy tape and completed entry materials into the District Voice of Democracy competition. A Post may also earn three (3) points by submitting one (1) Patriot's Pen Essay and completed entry materials into the District Patriot's Pen competition.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

A post may earn up to three (3) points by submitting a teacher of the year nomination per category to district teacher of the year competition. One point will be award for each of the following categories, K-5, 6-8, 9-12.

POPPY PROGRAM

Eight (8) points may be earned by ordering poppies in 2016 at least equal to the average purchase over the last 3 years. Two (2) points may be earned for purchasing poppies in excess of last year's purchase. (250 Poppies over) One (1) point may also be earned for entering the District Poppy Display Contest. Ten (10) additional points may be earned for ordering at least ten (10) Buddy Poppies per Post member.

LEGISLATIVE

Five (5) points may be earned by sending introductory letters to each of your U.S. Representative, three (3) U.S. Senators, State Representative and State Senator. Send copies of each letter to the Department Headquarters. One point per legislator.

POST SERVICE OFFICER

Three (3) points may be earned by appointing a Post Service Officer and reporting it on your Election Report

HOSPITAL PROGRAM

One (1) point will be awarded for submitting five (5) Hospital reports on the Community Service Report form.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Three (3) points may be earned for attending the State Fall Conference. Three (3) points may be earned for attending the State Midwinter Conference. Five (5) points may be earned for attending ALL your District Meetings. Post Commanders or Representative MUST attend all

scheduled District meetings to be eligible for All-State Honors. (THIS MUST BE DOCUMENTED BY THE SIGN-IN SHEETS PROVIDED AT ABOVE MENTIONED CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS!) NO EXCEPTIONS

Absolute requirement to be considered for the All-State Team of Post Commanders. Post Commanders or Representative MUST attend all scheduled District meetings to be eligible for All-State Honors. You will need 100% based on "Prior Year's" Membership by April, 2017, Five (5) Hospital Reports, and copy of "Proof of Eligibility". A letter will be sent to Post Commanders obtaining 100% based on "Prior Year's" membership.

*****EACH POST MUST RECRUIT FIVE (5) New/Reinstate members to qualify*****

All Post Attaining 100% will be considered for ALL STATE Honors