

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department of Indiana



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Department Commander

2026 – 2027

Membership Program

All State Criteria

POST

- Community Service – Must submit 15 qualified community service reports each quarter.
- Membership – 100% with 75% retention at a minimum.
- Core Programs – Must participate in all VFW core programs.
 - Voice of Democracy
 - Patriot's Pen
 - Teacher of the Year
 - Buddy Poppy
 - Day of Service
- District Meetings – Post Commander or designated representative must attend all District Meetings.
- Post Inspection must be completed and turned into Department by Spring Conference.
- A donation of \$100 to Commander's special project.

DISTRICT

- Each District Commander who attains 100% membership, had a School of Instruction by 1 October 2026, and had a new and reinstated member in each post in their District will receive a \$100 check.
- The District Commander who is at least 100% on 1 June 2027, leads the Department in Membership, had a School of Instruction by 1 October 2026, and had a new or reinstated member in each post in their District will receive a \$200 check.
- For a District Commander to be a Round Robin Commander, all posts must be 100% in membership by 31 May 2027. They will receive appropriate recognition at the Department Convention.

Quarterly Awards

- The Post at the end of each quarter with the highest membership % will receive \$100.
- The Post with the highest qualified community service reports will receive \$100.
- The District at the end of each quarter with the highest membership % will receive \$100.
- The District, with the most qualified community service reports, will receive \$100.

Conference & Convention Attendance

Every member has an opportunity to win either a Life Membership or a Legacy Life Membership, simply by attending the Department Conference and Convention. At every Conference and Convention, one member will win a Life Membership. If that person is already a Life Member, they will win a Bronze Legacy Life Membership. If the member is already a Gold Legacy Life Member, they have the option to either pass it on to someone in their post or receive a check for \$400.

RECRUITER INCENTIVES

All members in good standing are eligible for Department Recruiter Awards. Recruited members must be Department of Indiana members. Award deadline is 1 June 2027.

Recruiters will receive their awards and be recognized at the State Convention.

- 5 – New or reinstated members will receive a Commander's Coin.
- 15 – New or reinstated members will receive \$100.
- 25 – New or reinstated members will receive \$150.00
- 50 – New or reinstated members will receive \$250.00
- 75 – New or reinstated members will receive \$350.00
- 100 – New or reinstated members will receive \$500.00

These awards are cumulative and will be presented at the very next Department meeting after the level is met. In summary, if you recruit 100 new or reinstated members for the Department of Indiana you will receive all awards listed above, a cash total of \$1350.00.

ALL-STATE POST APPLICATION

Post Number: _____ Post Name: _____

Post Commander Name: _____

Choose one: \$75.00 Cap Size _____ LM or Legacy

Post Quartermaster Name: _____

Choose one: \$75.00 Cap Size _____ LM or Legacy

(Unless otherwise specified initial next to all criteria you have met.)

1. Membership at 100% with 75% retention or higher: _____
2. All Quarterly Audits submitted and reflected on Dashboard: _____
3. Post Quartermaster bonded and noted on inspection form: _____
4. 15 Qualified Community Service reports each quarter: _____
5. Participated in Voice of Democracy and reflected on National Dashboard: _____
6. Participated in Patriot Pen Program and reflected on National Dashboard: _____
7. Special Project Donation: Date submitted to State _____ Amount _____

I certify the above upon my true honor as a comrade.

Date submitted: _____ Signed: _____

ALL-STATE DISTRICT APPLICATION

District Number: _____

District Commander Name: _____

Choose one: \$75.00 Cap Size _____ LM or Legacy

District Quartermaster Name: _____

Choose one: \$75.00 Cap Size _____ LM or Legacy

(Unless otherwise specified initial next to all criteria you have met.)

1. Membership at 100% with 75% retention or higher: _____
2. All Quarterly Audits submitted and reflected on Dashboard: _____
3. District Quartermaster bonded and noted on inspection form: _____
4. All Posts must be inspected, submitted, and reflected on All-State Dashboard _____
5. Participated in Voice of Democracy and reflected on National Dashboard: _____
6. Participated in Patriot Pen Program and reflected on National Dashboard: _____
7. Special Project Donation: Date submitted to State _____ Amount _____

I certify the above upon my true honor as a comrade.

Date submitted: _____ Signed: _____