

# POST & LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM 2018 – 2019



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND

**“ONE GOAL, ONE MISSION:  
SERVING OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES”**

# Goal and Mission

To recruit, retain, and mentor a stable membership base, including all generations of veterans. To cultivate a membership that is well versed in institutional knowledge and actively involved at all levels of the organization and in the local community. To establish Posts with a strong tradition of service, leadership, and community outreach.

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Co - Chair Sharon Sneed

Senior Vice Commander JJ Everett

Junior Vice Commander

All District Commanders

**POST & LIFE**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

2018 2019

"100% Membership is the goal for every Post and District in the Department"

“This Membership Program has been planned with incentives to work on membership, VFW programs, meeting attendance and submission of reports.”

**2018**

**POST ALL STATE TEAM  
REQUIREMENTS**

**2019**

In order to qualify as an All State Post Commander and Quartermaster  
The following criteria **must** be accomplished:

1. Be 100% in Membership no later than June 30, 2019
2. The Post Quartermaster must be bonded
3. Post Commander, Sr Vice, Jr Vice, Quartermaster and Trustees must attend Department or a District OTI.
4. Post Commander, or Sr. Vice, **or** Jr Vice must attend “**Recruiter Training**”
5. The Post must be inspected and the Inspection Report received by the Department no later than December 31, 2018.
6. Submit **all** Post Audits as required by Section 218 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.
  1. Must have a **Completed Election** report on file and a **Completed Warrant** on file, indicating all officers have been properly installed
  2. Must submit at least 4 Community Activities Reports during the year, and must have received at least (1) credit in all (5) Community Activity categories.
7. Must submit a candidate for each mandatory program, Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen and Teacher of the year. (Posts who don't have a candidate for Teacher of the year can make a donation to the Service Office)
8. Must submit a minimum of one entry from the Optional Program list:
  - ❖ Scout of The Year.
  - ❖ Law Enforcement Officer of The Year.
  - ❖ Firefighter of The Year.
  - ❖ Paramedic/EMT of The Year.
  - ❖ Student Veteran Activity Report.
10. Post Commander, or Sr. Vice **or** Jr. Vice must attend all District Meetings.
11. Each Post must perform and report a minimum of three (3) of the following VFW Commemorative Tributes and Ceremonies.
  - ❖ June 14, 2018                      Flag Day
  - ❖ July 4 2018                              Independence Day
  - ❖ September 11, 2018                  Patriots Day
  - ❖ September 18, 2018                  POW/MIA Day
  - ❖ October 12, 2018                      USS Cole Remembrance Day

- ❖ November 11, 2018      Veterans Day
- ❖ December 7, 2018      Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- ❖ May 1, 2019              Loyalty Day
- ❖ May 30, 2019             Memorial Day
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## **POST ALL STATE TEAM AWARDS**

1. All-State Post Commanders and Quartermasters who have met all the criteria including 100% membership by April 30, 2019 will receive an All-State cap and lapel pin during the convention. Post Commanders and Quartermasters will each receive a check in the amount of \$150, **to assist in payment of expenses while attending and participating at the State Convention.** Time of payment will be at the discretion of the State Commander.
  
2. All-State Post Commanders and Quartermasters meeting the criteria and 100% membership after April 30, 2019 and by June 30, 2019 will receive an All-State cap and lapel pin at a Council of Administration meeting.

## **POST MEMBERSHIP DIVISIONS**

**2018 - 2019**

Post Contests and awards that may be announced during the membership year may be based on Post Membership Divisions.

There are eight (8) Membership Divisions.  
Find the membership division that your post is in and strive as a

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team member to be number one.

Division 1	401 Members and over
Division 2	From 301 to 400 Members
Division 3	From 251 to 300 Members
Division 4	From 201-250 Members
Division 5	From 151 to 200 Members
Division 6	From 101 to 150 Members
Division 7	From 51 to 100 Members
Division 8	From 0 to 50 Members

Division assignments will be based on Post Membership totals as of June 30, 2018.

**2018-2019**  
**DISTRICT ALL STATE TEAM**  
**REQUIREMENTS**

In order to qualify as an All State District Commander and Quartermaster  
The following criteria **must** be accomplished:

1. Be 100% in Membership no later than June 30, 2019.
2. The District Quartermaster must be bonded.
3. All posts in the District must be inspected no later than November 30, 2018.
4. Each Post in District must Purchase Buddy Poppies.
5. *All* District quarterly audits must be submitted as required by Section 418 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.
6. Must have a **Completed Election** report on file and a **Completed Warrant** on file, indicating all officers have been properly installed.
7. All Posts in the District must be 100% reported in all programs. ( **Posts submitted at least 4 Community Activities Reports during the year, and must have received at least (1) credit in all (5) Community Activity categories**)
8. The District must submit a candidate for the State Judging in Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen and Teacher of the Year programs.
9. The District must submit at least One (1) from the Optional Program List:
  - ❖ Scout of The Year.
  - ❖ Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
  - ❖ Firefighter of the year.
  - ❖ Paramedic/EMT of the year.
10. The District must submit a Student Veteran Activity Report.
11. The District must have conducted at least six (6) District Meetings.
12. The District Commander, Sr. Vice **or** Jr. Vice must attend all Department Council of Administration Meetings.
13. The District must have conducted its own O.T.I. ( **including recruiter training**) no later than September 30, 2019.
14. The District must make a donation to the Commanders Special Project.

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## 50% Life Membership Discount Incentive Program

### Program Goal:

- To increase Post Life Membership and convert existing annual members to life members.
- Free up efforts to recruit new members versus spending time chasing down existing members to pay annual dues.
- Increase life member rebates to Posts and Department

### Program Parameters:

- Fifty (50) thousand dollars from the investment account to fund the program for a three (3) year period (or until funds are exhausted and not voted by the Council of Administration to be replaced)
- For any existing annual member of a Maryland Post or New Life Member joining a Maryland Post. The Department of Maryland will pay 50% of the member's life member's dues. This program is not available for reinstatements. Reinstatements must join a Maryland post first and be in good standing for two (2) years. This program also is not for At Large Members unless they join a Maryland post first and are members in good standing for two (2) years.
- This membership program is a great benefit and tool for recruiting new members as it shows a substantial savings over a period of years to younger members. Indicated below are the potential savings based on age Brackets.

Age	Dept pays	Member pays	Savings to member based on life expectancy of 72 yrs. and \$30 annual dues
18-30	212.50	212.50	\$1,317.50 to \$1,047.50
31-40	205.00	205.00	\$1,025 to \$755
41-50	187.50	187.50	\$742.50 to \$472.50
51-60	167.50	167.50	\$462.50 to \$192.50
61-70	145	145	\$185
71 -80	112.50	112.50	N/A
81 and over	85.00	85.00	N/A

### Requirements to process:

- All applications for this program will be processed thru the Department Quartermaster after receipt from the Post Quartermaster.
- New life members will need to submit an application, DD 214 or other acceptable proof of service and payment of their half of the proper life membership dues according to their age.
- Credit card payments will delay processing of membership applications. Checks or cash is preferred.