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Comrades of South Carolina,

I am honored and humbled that you, the Comrades of this Department, have elected me to lead this Department for the next year. My moto this year is **"We Are Family"**. This does not mean that we don't disagree, or that we always get along. It means that we need to focus, together, on ensuring that as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, we continue to move forward with the Purpose of why we are here. That is to serve each other, Veterans, family members, serve our communities through education and protect and defend our constitution. These are just some of our purposes of why we are here.

This next year will be full of fun and excitement. We are going to push forward with the idea to share information and experience from one another through training, mentoring, and gatherings. Meetings and conferences/conventions are so vital to the growth and sustainment of our organization. We must continue to encourage our members to attend these meetings so that we can continue to mentor and keep interest in our purpose.

We as comrades with our auxiliary need to work together to build our community service. There are many posts that serve our community and focus on the VFW Purpose. I would like to ask them to assist with other posts that may have challenges with this. We need to remember that we are not in the Veterans of Foreign Wars to protect our own. We are here to serve and assist others to grow every year.

I thank all of you for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this position and I will do my absolute best to support and guide this department to grow and experience greater opportunities.

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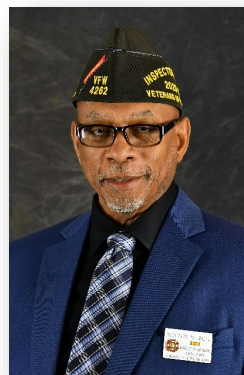
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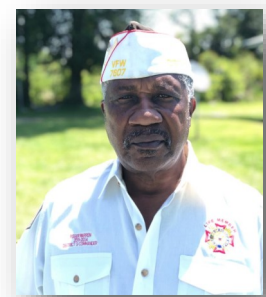
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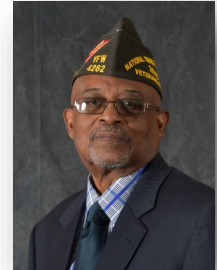
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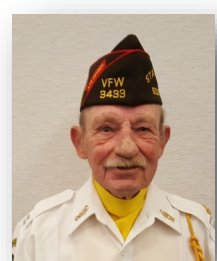
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Membership Mission

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 vision of service, leadership, and community outreach.

Introduction

Over time our Department has seen many changes and challenges. We have seen our ups and downs, increase and decrease in membership, and challenges with sharing knowledge and experience. This year we will be focused on building it so the membership will come. We as an organization need to get involved with the community. The posts are where the rubber meets the road, and it is most important that we encourage and support the posts with getting out beyond the walls of the post homes. I ask that all of you think about ways in which we can enrich the lives of our veterans and their families in our communities. This is how we will build our membership. We need to show our communities that we are here to support and help, as we can, and continue to build upon the small things that will enrich lives. Working together we can and will present the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to our communities so that they know we are here and that we mean what our logo says. One veteran or family member at a time will lead to the meaning that “No One Does More for Veterans”.

Membership Goals

1. Build a strong organization for the future through community service.
2. Work together to achieve the VFW's goals. Your Department Officers and Staff are here to help and support the posts in getting out in the community.

Membership Objectives

Contact our current Membership through phone calls, emails, letters, and visiting homes.

Encourage all members to learn through attending functions at the Posts and attending meetings at the District and Department Levels.

Mentor all members in the history of what we have in place in our by-laws and encourage them to share their ideas and get involved to expand opportunities in our posts.

Allow all members to take on functions and explore new ways of organizing and executing functions.

Provide the opportunity for new members to learn before we put them in positions.

Post and District Awards

The Post and District Commanders with the most recruiters by April 1st will receive a plaque and special recognition at the Department Convention.

Post Volunteer of the Year Award

The Post Volunteer of the Year awards will be presented to individuals at the Department Convention, who have been nominated through the Department Awards Chairman by 1 April 2022. There will be one award presented to a Comrade, one presented to an Auxiliary Member, and one presented to a Patron of the post that is not a member of the VFW or Auxiliary.

This award is being presented to acknowledge members who are not officers of the Post, District, or Department. They should be individuals who work to support the post in assistance for whatever the post needs. They are usually behind the scenes not looking for acknowledgement and just want to help support the post. This is specifically only for post members and patrons.

Legacy Membership

Posts that reach 15 Life Legacy members in the 21-22 program year will receive a State Commander's Plaque of Recognition.

Membership Early Bird Award

Any Post or District Commander that reaches 100% by December 31st, 2021 will receive a certificate and a memento for their Post and District in recognition of their efforts.

Posts that reach 95% in membership by December 31st, 2021 will have their quartermaster entered in a drawing to receive a Henry Riffle presented at the Conference in February 2022.

Posts that complete all required entries in the All-American Dashboard by December 31st, 2021 will have their Adjutant entered in a drawing to receive the Golden Pen Award. This Award will have an engraved pen set presented to the Post Adjutant and \$100.00 VFW Store Gift Certificate. If the Adjutant holds the position of Post Quartermaster and is drawn to win the Henry Riffle, another Adjutant will be drawn to win the Golden Pen Award.

New Post Development

For each new post, the Department will provide \$100.00 towards necessary materials and \$150.00 VFW Store Gift Certificate for the Post.

Membership Resources

To assist our Posts and Districts in meeting the goals set out by the Commander-in-Chief and Department Commander in this membership program, the National Headquarters has a wealth of resources at your disposal. Many of those are available free of charge to our members.

1. Membership materials ranging from applications, recruiting brochures, posters, and benefits brochures can be ordered directly from the Membership Department using the Membership Order Form (located under Membership Quick Links once you log into vfw.org).
2. Resources for Post Development, Membership Campaigns, and Mentorship such as training guides, videos, and webinars are available in the Training & Support section on vfw.org
3. Promotional tools such as radio spots, sample advertisements, public service announcements, and media kits are all available through the Media Room on vfw.org

See the trend? Just about anything you will need is at vfw.org, check it out. The VFW National Headquarters staff is ready and trained to answer any questions you may have concerning membership, VFW programs, or other questions. You can contact our Member Service Center directly at 1.833.VFW.VETS, or the Membership Department at 1.888.JOIN.VFW, or call 1-816-756-3390 for VFW National Headquarters.

The Department of South Carolina Commander and Staff are always ready to help and support. You can find the individual officer information in the front of the Commanders book or you can call the Department Headquarters at 1-803-808-0317 or email questions to admin@vfwsc.org.

Recruiting Awards

Individual Awards

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| 5 | Coin Presented by the Commander |
| 10 | South Carolina tumbler hot/cold cup |
| 15 | VFW Portfolio |
| 25 | \$50.00 or a \$50.00 Gift Certificate for the VFW Store |
| 50 | \$100.00 or a VFW Microfiber Jacket |
| 75 | \$125.00 or a VFW Bomber Jacket |
| 100 | \$150.00 or a VFW Leather Bomber Jacket |

All-State Criteria

Posts

Submit to District at least one entry for Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy Essay Competition and National Citizenship Education Teacher Program.

Submit 1 or more letters for the Department awards to the Department Awards Chairman.

Donate \$100.00 or more to the Veterans and Military Support Program at National.

Donate \$50.00 or more for the Veteran Service Officer to the Department Quartermaster.

Donate \$50.00 or more to the Commander's Special Project to the Department Quartermaster.

Order 500 Buddy Poppies through the Department Quartermaster.

Submit 3 of each community service programs, Community Service, Americanism, Youth, Safety, Veteran and Military Support Program, and Legislative for the Department Dashboard through the electronic submission on the VFWSC.org website.

Post Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, or Jr. Vice Commander must be present at all District meetings and District or Department School of Instruction.

Posts membership 100% + 1. In addition to this the post will be required to have 1 new or reinstated life member, or 1 new or level increased Legacy Life Member.

Posts must have all required material during their inspection.

Districts

All posts and the district inspection shall be completed by December 31st, 2021. All post inspections shall be done in conjunction with a visit to the post during the post meeting.

Submit to Department at least 1 entry for Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen Essay Competition and National Citizenship Education Teacher Program.

Have attendance of 80% of your posts at district meetings.

Coordinate two roundtables during that 2021-2022 year for the district.

70% of the posts in the district shall be at 100% in membership.

District membership 100% +2. In addition to this the district will be required to have 2 new or reinstated life members or 2 new or level increased Legacy Life Member.

The District shall have all required material that is on the inspection form, during their inspection.

The District will have representation at all Department Council of Administration meetings. Representation shall be the presence of the District Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, or Jr. Vice Commander.

Post and District Notes

All requirements must be completed by 1 April 2022 except membership which needs to be completed by 30 June 2022 to receive All-State Recognition. The requirements above also include the submission of reports to the Department Report Card on the VFWSC.org website and All-American Dashboard on the VFW.org website.

All State Team Awards

Commander's – All State Cover, (Captain and Co-Captain will be selected by the Department Commander), All State Plaque, All State Name Badge, All State Pin, All State Certificate and District Commanders will receive special pin.

Quartermaster's – All State Cover, All State Pin, Name Badge, All State Certificate and District Quartermaster will receive special pin.

Department of South Carolina Membership Objectives

Month	Member Numbers	Membership Percentage
July 2021	325	2.22%
August 2021	650	4.45%
September 2021	11675	79.96% This includes the life membership input
October 2021	12000	82.19%
November 2021	12325	84.41%
December 2021	12650	86.64%
January 2022	12975	88.86%
February 2022	13300	91.09%
March 2022	13625	93.32%
April 2022	13925	95.54%
May 2022	14300	97.94%
June 2022	14600	100%