



**Department of South Carolina
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Talk it UP!**

Memorandum

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Commanders pass this information to your post Commanders and brief at your District meetings.

Congratulation's to the following program winners.

Voice of Democracy

- **1st Place Jane Batson Mason, District 1, VFW Post 7723.**
- **2nd Place Jackson Seagle, District 7, VFW Post 10420**
- **3rd Place Layah Clinton, District 5, VFW Post 12136**

Teachers Award

- **FIRST PLACE ELEMENTARY: Amy Rodgers, District 4, Post 9273**
- **FIRST PLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL: Downing H. Hudson, District 7, Post 6444**
- **FIRST PLACE HIGH SCHOOL: Jenny Proctor, District 2, Post 11079**

Patriots Pen

- **1st place is Kayden Edwards District 1 post 10624**
- **2nd place is Nelle Tiptin District 6 post 3181**
- **3rd place TBA**

- **Mid-Winter – Hotel Reg, Dept Reg Need to get this done ASAP! Winter uniform in effect 1 December. Face masks required at Mid-Winter.**

Website – All information is on the website. If something is missing let us know.

The Department Dashboard replaced the report card. It is up to all Commanders to review and make sure this information is correct. We will use this information to do All State.

Post, District Adj responsible to keep up the AA Dashboard. ADJ need to update PP and VOD now before National locks it down for updating.

Community Service – Posts not doing this. Traveling around the state some posts do not know



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about this site.

Post not meeting. Per National Bylaws must do programs and function as a post.

Lots of members due in December. We have over 800 members who have not paid for calendar year 2020 through 1 Dec. Need to get these members back.

Posts who are using the same web as the Department and use the calendar their information will populate the Department Calendar and likewise on theirs.

Do not forget your round tables that need to be done once a quarter.

Latest General Orders, National HQ Bulletin and November Planning Calendar are out and posted on the Dept Website.

Brief your members if they have any issues with their post, they must follow the chain of command for resolution. Post – District – Department. If go to National, it will get kicked back to Department.

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MATERIAL ORDER FORM

- **National has made it easier for you to get all the recruiting brochures you will need to make this membership year successful! It's as easy as one two three!**
- **Go to vfw.org and click the login link in the upper right corner. Sign in when prompted.**
- **Under "Membership Quick Links," select Membership Online Order Form.**
- **Use the dropdown list to indicate items you need. The form will automatically calculate the cost of items and shipping. When finished, click SUBMIT and it will take you to a billing page if there are any charges.**
- **Follow the simple steps and if you have any questions, you may contact Leticia Cortez at 1.888.JOIN.VFW (1.888.564.6839) or email us at membership@vfw.org.**

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- **CHECK OUT OUR LEGACY LIFE VIDEO! Go to vfw.org, click on JOIN, and scroll down to Legacy Life Membership and then click on the video on the right. This prestigious program is available to all Life members and is now available in memoriam for past Life members. There are three levels of membership; each offer their own package of exclusive member benefits. Financial**



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contributions to the Legacy Life Member Program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

- *Enrollment Cost: Annual Payouts:*
- *Levels Posts Departments National*
- Gold- \$1,200.00 \$18.00 \$18.00 \$18.00
- Silver- \$800.00 \$12.00 \$12.00 \$12.00
- Bronze- \$400.00 \$6.00 \$6.00 \$6.00
- *What will your Legacy be?*
- Commanders on all levels are reminded that according to Section 105 of the National Bylaws, a member whose dues are unpaid after their anniversary date ceases to be a member in good standing and loses all rights of membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. They shall not attend meetings or conventions and shall not participate in Post, County Council, District, Department or National functions.
- The attention of Department, District, County Council and Post Commanders is directed to Section 103 of the Manual of Procedure, which prescribes the manner in which applications for membership will be handled. Applications for membership of new, reinstated or transfer members must be voted on by the members present at a regular Post meeting.
- We are starting the 2nd half of the year and our big push is now the Public Servant awards, Department awards and MEMBERSHIP. Check out the Commanders book for awards coming due in the next few months. Also do not forget the Department awards for the end of the year.
- Please help the Membership Chairman John Penman with your post and District membership. Each month we get a listing of posts that need 10 members or less and many of these have more the 10 members that can renew. We need to work on getting these members to renew as well as increasing our posts with new members.

All have a Merry and Safe Holiday Season.

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