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July 1, 2025

ALL STATE CRITERIA FOR POST COMMANDER 2025-2026 (Judging June 1, 2026)

- **1.** Post must be equal to or GREATER than 101% in membership by the June 30, 2026, deadline.
 - a. Top recruiter \$250.00
 - b. First Post and District \$150.00
- **2.** Post must have at least one (1) Command representative (Commander, Sr. Vice, or Jr. Vice) at each District meeting.
- **3.** The quartermaster and accountable officers must be bonded by September 1. The post must have all trustee audits on file at Department Headquarters by the last day of the month that they are due and must include all three trustee signatures. The Bond must be more than the total assets listed on the Audit.
- **4.** Post must conduct at least two (2) membership drives and report the drives in the community service report under the "Required Activities" program.
- **5.** The Post Commander must welcome two (2) new members and report the membership numbers to the Department Quartermaster by email before 1 June.
- **6.** The post must have been satisfactorily inspected, and the inspection report must be on file with the Department Inspector. The inspection must have met the satisfaction of the Department Inspector and Department Commander by 31 January 2026.
- 7. The Form 990 Post / District IRS TAX FILING (the entire document) must be verified on the Inspection Report and turned into the Department Quartermaster no later than December 31.
- **8.** The Post-Election Report must be completed and submitted before June 1, 2026.
- **9.** The Post Commander (Senior Vice or Junior Vice Commander in their absence), Quartermaster, and a Trustee must attend the Department School of Instruction.
- **10.** The Post Commander (Senior Vice or Junior Vice Commander in their absence) must attend the Department Mid-Winter Conference and Department Convention.

- **11.** The Post must have submissions for the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and National Citizenship Education Teachers Award, one of the three levels (K-5, 6-8, 9-12). The educational scholarships should also be listed in the community service report.
- **12.** BUDDY POPPY PROGRAM: Post must purchase a minimum of Buddy Poppys equal to three times the number of Post members in good standing on 30 June of the prior year and not less than one box of 500. Report completion under the "Required Activities" program.
- **13.** PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD: Post must have submissions for three of the following Public Service Award categories. Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT, Dispatcher, EOD, K-9. This should be reported in the community service report.
- **14.** LOYALTY DAY PROGRAM: Post must have Loyalty Day Ceremony as reported under the "Required Activities" program.
- **15.** POW/MIA: The post must hold a POW/MIA ceremony, as reported under the "Required Activities" program.
- **16.** DAY OF SERVICE: The Post must have a Day of Service event during the first two (2) weeks of May. This will be reported in the community service report and through the National Day of Service process.
- **17.** VETERANS AND MILITARY SUPPORT DONATION: A donation of \$125 will suffice for All-State (a minimum of \$1125 is required to be eligible for ALL AMERICAN). Donations must be processed directly through VFW National V&MS by May 15, 2026, and reported in the "Required Activities" program.
- **18.** SERVICE OFFICER PROGRAM DONATION: The State Quartermaster must receive a \$1.00 per member donation by May 15, 2026. The report of payment should be recorded in the "Required Activities" program.
- **19.** Post Commanders, Sr. Vice Commanders, or Jr. Vice Commanders must report at least 4 hours per month (July through June) of community service through the community service report and verifiable through social media.

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EACH "ALL-STATE" POST COMMANDER AND QUARTERMASTER WILL RECEIVE A CAP, LAPEL PIN, AND POST CERTIFICATE (*If you have received All-State Commander/Quartermaster previously, you will receive the additional Lapel Pins and Certificate)



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ALL STATE CRITERIA FOR DISTRICT COMMANDER (Judging June 1, 2026)

- **1.** The district must have 101% membership by June 30, 2026, or, having met all other criteria, must have 101% by June 30, 2026, the National Membership year. MEMSTATS will determine all membership criteria.
- **2.** Attend or send a representative to each Council of Administration meeting. (Commander, Sr. Vice-Commander, or Jr. Vice-Commander)
- 3. Quartermaster and Accountable Officers must be bonded by September 1, 2025.
- **4.** The district must have all trustee audits on file at Department Headquarters by the last day of the month that they are due and must include all three trustee signatures.
- **5.** The district must conduct at least two (2) membership drives.
- **6.** The District Commander must welcome four (4) new members. The membership numbers must be emailed to the Department Quartermaster before 1 June.
- **7.** The district must have been satisfactorily inspected, and the inspection report must be on file with the Department Inspector. The inspection must have satisfied the Department Inspector and Department Commander NLT 31 January 2026.
- **8.** District 990s must be verified on the Inspection Report and turned into the Department Quartermaster not later than December 31, 2025.
- 9. The District Election Report must be completed and submitted before June 1, 2025.
- **10.** District Commanders must provide their appointments for Service Officer, Committee Chair for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, National Citizenship Education Teachers, Committee Chairs for Membership, and Veterans-Military Support no later than September 1, 2025.
- **11.** District Commanders, Sr. Vice Commanders, or Jr. Vice Commanders must submit at least 4 hours of community service monthly on the department dashboard and through social media.

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