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MEMORANDUM FOR All Members of the Alabama Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary and Program Applicants

SUBJECT: 2024-2025 VFW Program Deadline Dates

The following dates are for the District and Post to plan their yearly calendars regarding program deadlines. Teresa Donahoe is the point of Contact for Department Programs.

**Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award**

**\*October 31, Entries to the Post**

November 15, Post Winners to the District

December 15, District Winners to the Department

January 15, District participation reports due to Department

\*February 1, Department Winners and Reports due to National (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation)

**Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen**

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December 15, District Winners to the Department

January 10, Completion of Department judging

January 15, District participation reports due to Department

\*January 15, Department Winners due to National

\*January 31, Department Winner and Reports due to National (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation)

### Scout of the Year

- \*March 1, Scout entries to the Post
- \*April 1, Post entries to Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs
- \*May 1, Department entry to National from Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs

### Community Service

- \*June 30, Community Service Reports Deadline
- \*July 1, Fred C. Hall Memorial Award for community service. The National Programs office will determine the top community service Posts in each conference, based on their community service reporting and total impact, from July 1 to June 30 of the previous year.
- \*July 1, Outstanding Community Service Post of the year. Each Department will have an OCSP Winner based on the total impact from July 1 to June 30 of the previous year.

### Public Servant National Award (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Services, Dispatcher, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Tech)

- January 1, Nominations due (from Post to Department)
- \*February 1, Nominations due from Department to National (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation)

### National Certificate of Recognition

- April 1, List due to National from Department (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation)

*\*The deadline is required (by VFW National Headquarters). All other deadlines are suggested and can be internally set at the discretion of the VFW Department leadership. Post Chairman, be sure to communicate with your District Chairman to find their official deadlines, and District Chairmen need to communicate with their Department Chairman to find their deadlines.*