

**Department of Maine
2008-2009
Membership Program**



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COMMANDER**



**"HONORING MAINE'S
VETERANS"**

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This year, “**WE**” need to keep the Department of Maine from falling behind. We must push for four (4) things in order to keep us moving forward:

1. **RETAIN** our Continuous members from the 2007-2008 Year.
2. **Work together in our Post to RECRUIT New Members.**
3. **Work to sign up new Life Members.**
4. **Work to resign our REINSTATED Members.**

All this of course will mean that this will be the “**BIG PUSH**” in order to obtain “**ALL STATE COMMANDER**”, “**ALL STATE QUARTERMASTER**”, and **OTHER AWARDS**. All of this can be accomplished, as it has been done in the past, but it will take a good “**MEMBERSHIP TEAM**” to do so. All Post Commanders are urged to get their membership teams in “**place, work very closely together and meet weekly to see where you stand**”. The ones that do this will be the “**TOP POSTS**” in the Department and anyone that has questions, **PLEASE ASK NOW**.

Our Maine Theme Is

"HONORING MAINE'S VETERANS"

Our National Theme Is

“HONOR – SACRIFICE – SERVICE ”

**TARGET DATES FOR 2008 – 2009 ARE
AT THE END OF THE MONTH**

Sept – 75%	Dec – 90%
Oct – 80%	Mar – 95%
Nov – 85%	Apr – 100%

THE ALL STATE CONTEST ENDS ON APRIL 30th, 2009

THE MEMBERSHIP CONTEST YEAR ENDS ON JUNE 30th, 2009

The membership program is an all hands job. The Posts Commanders, Quartermasters, and Membership Chairman are not the only individuals involved, all members of the VFW are recruiters for the organization. **Reminder: you must fill out the Awards form and send to the Department Membership Chairman before JUNE 30th 2009 for the SHIRT & JACKET Awards. ALL OTHER AWARDS END 30 APRIL 2009.**

2008 – 2009
DEPARTMENT OF MAINE MEMBERSHIP
PROGRAM AWARDS

1. “**EARLY BIRD DRAWING**” for Two (2) Free Life Memberships on Sept 30th, 2008. All members that have paid their dues by Sept 30th 2008 will be entered in the drawing.
2. The first Post under 200 Members to achieve 102% will receive a **Plaque**.
3. The first Post over 200 Members to reach 102% will receive a **Plaque**.
4. The Post Commander in each Membership Division, with the most N/R Members at close of business on November 30, 2008 will receive a **Chrome Plated VFW Cross Pen with VFW Emblem**.
5. The Post Commander in each Membership Division with the most New Members at close of business on January 31, 2009 will be issued an **Executive Folder. Must be over (10)**
6. **Plaque** will be awarded to the Post in each Membership Division that has recruited the most N/R Members by April 30, 2009. **(Must be 10% more N/R Members then last year at April 30th 2008)**
7. **A Clock** will be awarded to the Post in each Membership Division that has recruited the most New Life Members by April 30 2009. **Must BE OVER (5)**
8. **A WHITE VFW SHIRT** will be issued to any member that signs up at least **10 N/R** members by JUNE 30, 2009. Sign up **10 more for a total of 20 members** and receive a **JACKET** by 30 JUNE 2009.
9. **Soft Brief Bag** will be awarded to the Post Commander in each Division that has picked up the most Life Members by April 30, 2009. **MUST BE OVER (3)**
10. A **Plaque** will be awarded to the 2 Post with the longest continuous growth.
11. All 100% Post Commanders and Quartermasters will receive a **100% Pin**.
12. All Post Commanders and District Commanders that become 101% will receive a **SPECIAL CITATION IN A FRAME SIGNED by the STATE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN & STATE COMMANDER**.
13. All District Commanders whose District Percent is the same as or higher than the below dates, will be put in a drawing for **\$100.00** EACH OF THE 4 MONTHS. Drawn by the State Commander or visiting guest at the April COA.

TARGET DATES ARE:

OCT 80% DEC 90%
NOV 85% MAR 100%

ALL STATE COMMANDER'S & QUARTERMASTER'S CRITERIA

QUOTAS ARE 101% OF 2008's MEMBERSHIP TOTAL

	<u>MEMBERS</u>		<u>MEMBERS</u>
DIVISION # 1	10 - 50	DIVISION # 4	201 - 300
DIVISION # 2	51 - 100	DIVISION # 5	301 - 450
DIVISION # 3	101 - 200	DIVISION # 6	451 - 1000

- TWELVE (12) POST COMMANDERS & QUARTERMASTERS** can be selected on the basis of highest points at close of business April 30, 2009. There will be TWO (2) from each Division. But they must reach a minimum of 101% of the previous years membership and must have accomplished the following:
 - Must be 100% reported in all **ACTIVITIES** listed in the GO'S you receive in April
 - Post Trustees Reports turned in for each quarter
 - Post must participate in one of the Annual Fall Frolic at nearest Maine Veterans Home or Togus Christmas Party, or at least one (1) Veterans Home Christmas Party in your local area.
 - Must have Delegates Registered for the 2009 National Convention
 - Must have Purchased 10 Buddy Poppies per member.
- All Commanders and Quartermasters must have each personally recruited FIVE (5) N/R members.**
- The Commander and Quartermaster** are each required to accomplish activities and membership listed in items 1 thru 3 above. For instance, if the Commander does not qualify in any of the required task and the Quartermaster does, the Quartermaster could be an "All State" even though the Commander doesn't qualify. (THIS GOES BOTH WAYS)

There will be TWO (2) All State Commanders and Quartermasters selected per division. **If no Post qualifies in a division then no awards will be given out side of that division.** That comes to **12** Commanders and **12** Quartermasters eligible if they qualify.

- Commander – Quartermaster Cap**
- Commander – Quartermaster Pin**
- Commander – Quartermaster Citation**
- Commander – Quartermaster Convention Banquet Ticket**

The awards will be given out at the Department Convention Banquet in June 2009.

- Point tie breakers each single member over 100% is worth one point, **VOD, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of the Year** which will be worth five points each counting only once. No other activity reports will count towards the membership program for points.

WHEN IN DOUBT ASK FOR HELP FROM THE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, ASST. CHAIRMAN OR DEPUTY CHAIRMAN DEALING WITH MEMBERSHIP PROBLEMS.

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NOTES:



“AII-STATE COMMANDER/QUARTERMASTER CHECK OFF LIST”

(This was put together “ONLY AS A TOOL” to assist you)



ALL OF THE INFORMATION HERE IS TAKEN FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MAINE 2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM.

THE ALL STATE CONTEST ENDS ON APRIL 30th 2009 / MEMBERSHIP CONTEST YEAR ENDS JUNE 30th 2009

1. ALL QUOTA'S ARE 101% OF 2008's MEMBERSHIP TOTAL (DIV'S ARE LISTED IN PROGRAM) ARE WE 101% OF LAST YEAR? _____
2. HAVE WE REPORTED IN VOD? _____
3. HAVE WE REPORTED IN PATRIOTS PEN? _____
4. HAVE WE PURCHASED 10 BUDDY POPPIES PER MEMBER? _____
5. HAVE WE REPORTED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE? _____
6. HAVE WE REPORTED IN YOUTH ACTIVITIES? _____
7. HAVE WE TURNED IN POST TRUSTEE REPORTS FOR EACH QUARTER? _____
8. HAVE WE PARTICIPATED IN THE STATE COMMANDERS SPECIAL PROJECT? _____
9. HAS MY POST “EITHER DONATED TO OR PARTICIPATED” IN THE FOLLOWING?
 - a. ANNUAL FALL FROLIC _____
 - b. TOGUS XMAS PARTY _____
 - c. AT LEAST ONE VETERANS HOME XMAS PARTY IN YOU LOCAL AREA _____
10. HAS MY POST QM TURNED IN THE IRS COPIES (990) TO THE DEPT QM (if required)? _____
11. HAS MY POST REGISTERED DELEGATES FOR THE 2009 NATIONAL CONVENTION? _____
12. AS A POST COMDR “or” QM I HAVE RECRUITED 5 NEW or REINSTATED MEMBERS? _____



> > > REMEMBER THAT IF THERE IS A TIE WE WILL GO TO THE FOLLOWING < < <

**** (POINT TIE BREAKERS) – “VOD”- “PATRIOTS PEN” and “PAC” WILL BE WORTH 5 POINTS EACH.
(VOD-PATRIOTS PEN & PAC ONLY COUNT ONCE FOR THE 5 POINTS)**

**ALL POSTS SHOULD HAVE THEIR MEMBERSHIP TEAMS IN PLACE BY NOW AND SHOULD MEET ONCE A WEEK TO SEE WHERE THEIR POSTS STAND AND PLAN NEW THINGS TO GET ALL THE NEW / REINSTATED AND LIFE MEMBERS THAT THEY CAN TO MAKE THEIR POSTS NUMBER #1 IN THE STATE.
ALSO REMEMBER – WE MUST RETAIN THE MEMBERS WE HAVE TO STAY STRONG !**



**RECRUITING IS EVERYONES JOB (YES EVERYONE) IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MAINE THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR!
HAVE YOU RECRUITED A MEMBER THIS WEEK?
READ THE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**



**REMEMBER THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE TO ASSIST YOU.
YOU MUST STILL STUDY THE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM ON A REGULAR BASIS.**



VFW ALL AMERICAN PROGRAM



OVERVIEW:

All American status is based on participation in VFW Programs by Posts, Districts and Departments. Nominations will be made by the Department Commander from those Posts and Districts that have met the initial criteria. Final selection is at the discretion of the Commander-in-Chief. Deadline for completion of all criteria is May 15, 2009. However, for presentations to be made at Department conventions, nominations must be received three (3) weeks prior to those Department conventions.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL AMERICAN ELIGIBILITY:

ALL AMERICAN POSTS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Programs - accomplish all the following:
 - Voice of Democracy – a minimum of one entry advanced to District judging.
 - Patriots Pen – a minimum of one entry advanced to District judging.
 - National Citizenship Education Teacher Award – one entry advanced to District judging.
2. Buddy Poppy:
 - Purchase of a minimum of ten (10) Buddy Poppies per member.
3. National Military Services:
 - Make a donation to National Military Services.
4. National Veterans Service:
 - Appoint a Post Service Officer.

ALL AMERICAN DISTRICTS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Programs:
 - Voice of Democracy – advanced to the Department judging.
 - Patriot's Pen – advanced to the Department judging.
 - National Citizenship Education Teacher Award – one entry advanced to Department judging.
2. Buddy Poppy:
 - All Posts within the District must submit a Buddy Poppy order.
3. National Military Services:
 - Make a donation to National Military Services.
4. National Veterans Service:
 - 100% of all Posts must have appointed a service officer.
5. District must conduct a School of Instruction.

ALL AMERICAN DEPARTMENTS REQUIREMENTS:

1. Programs:
 - Voice of Democracy – an entry advanced to National judging.
 - Patriot’s Pen – an entry advanced to National judging.
 - National Citizenship Education Teacher Award – an entry in all three categories (Grades k-5, 6-8, 9-12) advanced to National judging.
2. National Military Services complete following:
 - Must have a Department fundraising event for National Military Services.
3. National Veterans Service:
 - DSO must have conducted annual training for Post Service Officers and notified and encouraged all Post and District service officers to participate.

NOMINATIONS FOR ALL AMERICAN:

A Department may nominate one (1) Post for every fifty (50) posts or a fraction thereof (rounded up), using the attached Department All American Report & Nominating Form and include the attached All American Post Reporting Form (attachment B) for nominated posts. Consideration should also be given to the Post’s efforts in membership recruitment and retention.

Departments may nominate one (1) District for every ten (10) districts or a fraction thereof (rounded up) using Department All American Report & Nominating Form and include the All American District Reporting Form (attachment C) for nominated Districts.

Additional nominations deemed worthy by the Department Commander may be submitted and will be considered by the Commander-in-Chief.

Chart of potential Posts and Districts is attached.

AWARDS FOR ALL-AMERICAN:

ALL AMERICAN POSTS RECEIVE:

1. All American Post plaque for the Post home.
2. Acknowledgement in *VFW* magazine.
3. All American pin w/diamond for Post Commander and Post Quartermaster.
4. Special All American pin for each member of the Post (posts will receive a quantity of All American pins determined by the Commander-in-Chief and may purchase additional pins up to the number of documented members).
5. All American caps for the Commander and all members will be available for purchase in the Emblem & Supply Catalog (see attached design).
6. All American Post streamer for Post colors.

ALL AMERICAN DISTRICTS RECEIVE:

1. All American District citation.
2. All American District Commander and Quartermaster diamond pins.
3. District Commander’s cap.
4. All American streamer for District colors.

ALL-AMERICAN DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE:

1. All American Department Commander cap.
2. All American Department Commander diamond pin.
3. All American Department streamer for Department colors.
4. Expenses paid to VFW National Convention to include a \$550 stipend, air fare and a banquet ticket (plus a banquet ticket for spouses in attendance). Department Commanders will be the only All American paid to attend the VFW National Convention.

Updated 4/3/08

DEPT QUOTA FOR 2008-2009 IS: 12,434

	Div	Post #	Name	HIGH	2007	6/30/2008	DUES:
1	4	2599	Presque Isle	570	235	212	\$26.00
1	3	6187	FortFairfield	228	115	103	\$26.00
1	6	9389	Caribou	867	615	541	\$25.00
1	4	9609	Fort Kent	526	230	217	\$26.00
1	3	9699	Ashland	291	168	171	\$26.00
1			TOTALS	2482	1363	1244	
2	2	1438	Lincoln	135	87	78	\$25.00
2	2	1605	Burlington	76	45	53	\$23.00
2	2	2299	ShermanSt	97	59	56	\$21.00
2	4	4154	Millinocket	494	258	238	\$30.00
2	2	7529	Island Falls	81	70	69	\$26.00
2	2	9429	West Enfield	84	75	67	\$22.00
2			TOTALS	967	594	561	
3	1	558	Eastport	184	40	41	\$23.00
3	1	3315	Lubec	110	27	27	\$21.00
3	2	9779	Calais	85	52	55	\$22.00
3	3	11299	Perry	186	153	131	\$24.00
3	3	11553	Harrington	197	179	197	\$25.00
3			TOTALS	762	451	451	
4	4	109	Ellsworth	355	230	223	\$25.00
4	4	1761	Bangor	703	301	227	\$25.00
4	5	3381	Old Town	604	429	433	\$25.00
4	1	4527	Orrington	110	47	43	\$24.00
4	3	4633	Hampden	284	159	153	\$21.00
4	4	4917	Brewer	626	236	219	\$25.00
4			TOTALS	2682	1402	1298	
5	3	3198	Skowhegan	323	151	151	\$25.00
5	1	3385	Dover Foxcroft	89	23	21	\$25.00
5	2	4298	Dexter	141	90	92	\$25.00
5	1	5723	Jackman Station	57	16	16	\$25.00
5	4	6924	Fairfield	436	275	272	\$25.00
5	3	7865	Madison	163	102	106	\$21.00
5	1	7866	Norridgewock	69	19	15	\$24.00
5	2	8934	Embden	138	81	74	\$23.00
5	1	9955	Pittsfield	133	39	36	\$24.00

5	1	10881	Farmington	45	31	30	\$25.00
5	1	11191	Newport	65	46	46	\$20.50
5			TOTALS	1659	873	859	
6	4	2499	Rockland	277	277	248	\$27.00
6	1	3095	Friendship	128	40	38	\$21.00
6	3	3108	Belfast	320	152	124	\$26.00
6	1	4169	Vinalhaven	81	22	20	\$21.00
6	2	6131	Northport	230	80	71	\$26.00
6	2	9437	Washington	135	71	64	\$24.00
6			TOTALS	1171	642	565	
7	1	616	Brunswick	87	28	28	\$25.00
7	2	2197	Topsham	114	81	80	\$25.00
7	2	4525	Waldoboro	218	81	75	\$20.50
7	2	7738	Bath	198	93	90	\$20.50
7	3	8395	New Harbor	297	136	121	\$23.00
7			TOTALS	914	419	394	
8	3	9	Randolph	143	123	114	\$25.00
8	5	887	Augusta	352	311	352	\$30.00
8	5	1285	Waterville	600	319	323	\$28.00
8	6	8835	Winslow	792	489	463	\$27.00
8	1	9384	Oakland	127	51	50	\$27.00
8	2	9526	Winthrop	123	123	74	\$25.00
8			TOTALS	2137	1416	1376	
9	4	1603	Auburn	505	340	293	\$29.00
9	5	1641	Rumford	882	373	328	\$25.00
9	6	3335	Jay	647	532	489	\$25.00
9	3	9150	Lewiston	199	174	174	\$22.00
9	4	9459	Lisbon	546	313	281	\$30.00
9	4	9787	South Paris	421	356	292	\$25.00
9	1	11032	Greene	68	53	49	\$26.00
			TOTALS	3268	2141	1906	
10	6	832	South Portland	1701	774	715	\$30.00
10	2	6783	Lovell	110	77	62	\$25.00
10	6	6859	Portland	1051	578	502	\$25.00
10	2	7642	East Hiram	137	74	70	\$25.00
10	2	9328	Harrison	95	61	64	\$30.00
10	1	9605	Long Island	61	32	32	\$22.00
10	2	10529	Royal River	101	101	99	\$25.00
10	2	10643	Windham	81	79	72	\$31.00
10	1	10879	Gorham	68	42	41	\$25.00
10	1	11362	Naples	49	39	37	\$28.50
10			TOTALS	3454	1857	1694	
11	3	489	Biddeford	489	192	195	\$20.50
11	3	5744	SoBerwick	158	126	137	\$21.00
11	1	6548	Kennebunk	121	41	40	\$23.50
11	5	6977	York Beach	348	327	348	\$30.00
11	3	7997	O.O.B.	322	277	167	\$25.00
11	2	9394	Kittery	126	67	65	\$26.00
11	5	9935	Sanford	506	330	339	\$25.00
11			TOTALS	2070	1360	1291	

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“HONORING MAINE’S VETERANS”
With: Robert H. Bernard, COMMANDER
DEPT OF MAINE, VFW 2008-2009
FORM TO BE COMPLETED
FOR ALL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS



Post No: _____

District No: _____

<u>(PRINT or TYPE)</u> Name of Member:	Recruiter:	Shirt Size:	Type of Member & Campaign	Date:	Verified by Post Quartermaster
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{EVERYTHING ON THIS FORM MUST BE PRINTED OR TYPED}

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:
 N = New Continuous
 R = Reinstated
 NL= New Life Member
 L = Continuous turned Life Member

CAMPAIGN MEDAL
 WWII
 KOREA - VIETNAM
 DESERT STORM
 IRAQ or OTHER

Name to go on shirt sleeve _____

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