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**The Following Information is to help you plan now, what you need to do to achieve All State and All American status, please do not wait until June 15<sup>th</sup>!!!**

**ALL STATE ELIGIBILITY:** Listed below is a reminder of the new Minimum Requirements for All State Judging.

Every Post Commander and Quartermaster who meets or exceeds the minimum standards by **Department Convention** will be considered for the title of All State Commander and Quartermaster. The Top 10% of all Posts will be eligible (Department Commander will determine if additional posts are eligible). Each member of the All-State Post Commander and Quartermaster team will receive an official "All-State Post Commanders and Quartermaster's Cap" with Lapel Pin at the Department Mid-Summer Meeting. In order to attain All American Status you must earn All-State.

**Minimum Requirements for Judging:**

Up to **twelve, (12)**, Posts could be selected for All-State.

If **twelve** Posts have not met **all of** the requirements on April 1, 2018, the remaining spots could be filled by Posts only delinquent in **the 100% membership requirement. A Post could achieve All State if they achieved 100% in membership between April 1, 2018, and June 30, 2018, if there were any of the twelve slots left and if they had met all other requirements by April 1, 2018.**

100% or above in membership **is mandatory.**

Voice of Democracy. Post must advance at least one entry to District competition, is one of 3 of 9. Patriot's

Pen. Post must advance at least one entry to District competition, is one of 3 of 9. Teacher

Award. Post must have one entry from any category advanced to District competition, is one of 3 of 9.

Veterans and Military Support Program. Minimum donation of \$50.00 due by April 1, 2018, for All-State competition. **This is mandatory.**

National Home. A Post shall purchase a new life membership from the VFW National Home for Children.

For All-State competition the Life membership must be purchased by April 1, 2018. **This is mandatory.**

Community Service. Posts must report 6 approved projects through the Community Service reporting tool in each of the four categories, (Veterans Service, Legislative Action, Community Activities, Youth Activities).

District Meetings. The Post commander or his representative shall attend all District meetings.

Buddy Poppies. The Post shall purchase 5 buddy poppies per member or the same amount as last year or a minimum order of 500, whichever is higher. Must be ordered by April 1, 2018 to be eligible for

All-State competition. **This is Mandatory.**

Firefighter, Law Enforcement Officer, EMT; each one is one of 3 of 9.

Scouting Program. Donation of \$25.00 or a scouting entry and \$10.00 donation. Donations must be made by the Scouting deadline, and is one of 3 of 9.

Three Programs of eight must be completed by April 1, 2018. Those programs are: (1) Voice of Democracy; (2) Patriot's Pen; (3) Teacher of the Year; (4) Firefighter award; (5) EMT award; (6) Law Enforcement Officer award; (7) Scouting Award; (8) Adopt-a-unit; (9) Hospital Volunteer Pin.

Post Quartermaster must be properly bonded.

The Post's September 2017, December 2017, and March 2018, audits must be on time. Five extra points for having the March 2018, audit in or postmarked by April 10, 2018.