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## Membership Program

### Department of Pacific Areas

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**2016-2017**

#### [National Direct Dues Program](#)

Our Department will participate in the National Direct Dues Program. This means the entire transmittal, along with the dues is sent directly to National for both annual and life memberships. The Posts will be paid their portion of the Life Membership dues from National. Details will be further explained in the Adjutant/Quartermaster Manual located once you login to vfw.org under leadership reference. If further instruction is required, please contact the Department Quartermaster or Department Senior Vice Commander for assistance.

#### [VFW Online Dues Processing](#)

**Post Quartermasters are highly encouraged to submit their dues processing using the VFW Online transmittal system.**

#### [New Post Institution Program Refund](#)

Any new Post instituted during the year, will receive a rebate of \$6.00 from Department for each new and reinstated member listed on the final Charter application form, submitted to National. When the new Post is officially instituted and Chartered the Department Quartermaster will refund monies for those members shown on the Charter, on the closing date (up to 90 days after the institution of the Post).

#### [Life Membership](#)

Life membership recruiting is an important program and we will strive to encourage everyone to become a Life Member. We have to be sure that all new and potential life members understand how strongly the VFW supports them, other veterans and local communities. It goes without saying that without the recruiting of new members, our great organization will not be able to survive. Recruiting must begin at the Post level. It is up to each Comrade to do their part to insure that our organization continues to grow. We have a proud legacy of leading the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. in membership recruitment throughout the years. Let's go out and show them that the best Department is right here in the Pacific Areas.

#### [Key To Membership Abbreviations](#)

N/R – New or Recovered (Reinstated) member. A Recovered member is an Annual member who re-joins after his dues have expired.

LX – A Recovered (Reinstated) member who re-joins the VFW as a Life member.

LC – An Annual member in good standing who becomes a Life member.

LAL – A Life Member At-Large who is assigned to an active DPA Post.

#### [Membership Recruiting Reward Program](#)

### Early Bird Program. (Ends November 30, 2016)

#### Post and District Awards

- Posts at 100% plus 10 members win one free life membership or one Bronze Legacy Life Membership.
- Posts recruiting 25 N/R (New or Recovered) life members win one free life membership.
- Districts with all posts at 100% membership win one free life membership.

Post and District Awards include LX members.

#### Individual Recruiter Awards

- 10 N/R members - \$50.00 gift certificate.
  - 25 N/R members - \$75.00 gift certificate.
  - 75 N/R members - \$125.00 gift certificate. \*
  - 100 N/R members - \$150.00 gift certificate.\*
- Individual Awards include LX, LC, and LAL members.

### **Recruiting 75 or more Individual Recruiting Awards:**

\*If a Comrade recruits 75 N/R members they will also receive paid airfare to Mid-Term C of A or Department Convention in June. If they continue to recruit up to 125 N/R members your hotel will also be paid. If the recruiter elects to travel to the C of A in December and continues to recruit an additional 75 for a total of 150 members he/she also gets a paid trip to the Department Convention including hotel cost!

### Life Member Recruiting Program (Posts and Districts)

- Posts over 1,000 members: For every 15 N/R Life Members recruited = 1 DPA paid life membership.
- Posts 500-999 members: For every 10 N/R Life Members recruited = 1 DPA paid life membership.
- Posts under 500 members: For every 5 N/R Life Members recruited = 1 DPA paid life membership.
- Any District which attains 100% plus 10 = 1 DPA paid life membership.

Regular Recruiting Program (Individuals)

The Department will continue to have the "Early Bird" program that will give away gift certificates for those Comrades who recruit members by the end of November 2015 National MEMSTATS posted date.

- Members Recruited – Recruit at least 03 N/R members and receive DPA and Commander Pins; for recruiting 10 to 100+ N/R members receive gift certificates (and a paid trip for 100+ members recruited). All pin rewards will be given to the member or Post Commander for presentation. All gift certificate awards will be presented at the Department C of A or Convention.
- Previous Rewards – Winners of "Early Bird" \$50, \$75 and \$100 rewards can receive more gift certificates by recruiting additional members after the November 2015 suspense date and prior to the end of May 2016.

EXAMPLE: 13 members total recruited by Nov. 30, 2016 = \$50 gift certificate. (10+)

20 members total recruited by May 31, 2016 = additional \$25 gift certificate. (3+7)

- Gift certificates - All gift certificates will be from the VFW Emblem & Supply Catalogue.

- Airfare - Economy class airfare will be paid to and from the District, to the Department Convention site for the duration of the convention (however this does not include hotel cost). The DPA Quartermaster will only reimburse attendee's for airfare ticket, not to exceed a normal travel time (i.e.: 8 day travel ticket; vice 13 day and up ticket.) Anyone receiving a paid airfare must attend all VFW business sessions or they will not be reimbursed for their airfare.
- Department Recruiter of the Year – A plaque will be presented to the Department Recruiter of the Year at the Department convention in June 2016.
- Recruiter Rewards – Rewards for recruiting will be determined as follows:
  - 03 to 05 N/R members - Department Commander and Department pins.
  - 10 N/R members - \$25.00 gift certificate
  - 25 N/R members - \$50.00 gift certificate
  - 50 N/R members - \$75.00 gift certificate
  - 100 N/R members - \$100.00 gift certificate

Individual Awards include LX, LC, and LAL members.

### [Legacy Life Member Recruiting Program](#)

Key: BLN-Bronze Legacy Life New; SLN-Silver Legacy Life New; GLN- Gold Legacy Life New; LLU- Legacy Life Upgrade

- 1 BLN 1 Point
- 1 SLN 2 Points
- 1 GLN 3 Points
- 1 LLU 1 Point
- Any Post Achieving a total of 10 points will receive \$100 gift certificate.
- District Achieving a total of 20 points will receive \$100 gift certificate.

#### [Note](#)

Computation of data for membership awards for Mid-Term C of A will be based on the end of November 2015 National MEMSTATS posted date and for the Convention at the end of May 2016 National MEMSTATS posted date. Specific suspense days are not used due to National posting MEMSATS on different days each month. At the end of May and November it is usually the last Friday of the month. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or need assistance. [svcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org](mailto:svcdpa@vfwdeptpacific.org)

Our objective is to ensure that our Department of Pacific Areas continues to be a leader in membership at the National level and that our Posts have a successful year in achieving this goal.