

**Department of Pacific Areas**  
**Membership Program**  
**2017-2018**

**Department of Pacific Areas Membership Goal for the year 2017-2018 is 12,000 members as of 30 June 2018.**

**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 and Annual dues from National. 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 Membership Systems.**

**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). **The Life Membership stipend does not apply to the formation of a new 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 ensure that our organization continues to grow. We have a proud legacy of leading the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America in membership recruitment throughout the years. Let's go out and show them that the best Department is right here in the Pacific Areas.

**(NOTE: N/R = New or Recovered (Reinstated) Life Member)**

## Membership Recruiting Reward Program

### Early Bird Program (Ends November 30, 2017)

#### Post and District Awards

- Posts at 100% plus 10 members will win one Life Membership or 1 Bronze Legacy Life Membership or a \$400 Stipend for its Post Membership Program
- Districts with all posts over 100% membership will win one free Life Membership or a \$400 Stipend to use for membership recruiting

### Regular Recruiting Program

#### Individual Recruiter Awards

- 3-5 members – Commander's Pin & DPA Pin
- 10 members - \$25.00 gift certificate
- 25 members - \$50.00 gift certificate
- 50 members - \$75.00 gift certificate
- 100 members - \$100.00 gift certificate

#### Life Member Recruiting Program (Posts)

- Posts over 1,000 members: For every 15 N/R Life Members recruited – 1 DPA paid Life Membership or \$400 Stipend to be used for their membership program
- Posts 500-999 members: For every 10 N/R Life Members recruited – 1 \$400 Stipend or 1 DPA paid Life Membership to be used for their membership program
- Posts under 500 members: For every 5 N/R Life Members recruited – 1 \$400 Stipend or 1 DPA paid Life Membership to be used for their membership program

#### Legacy Life Membership Program (For the year ending 30 June 2018)

- Posts over 1,000 members: Recruit 5 New Gold Legacy Life Members - Get 1 DPA Paid Bronze Legacy Life Membership or 1 DPA Paid Legacy Life Upgrade
- Posts 500-999: Recruit 4 New Gold Legacy Life Members - Get 1 DPA Paid Bronze Legacy Life Membership or 1 DPA Paid Legacy Life Upgrade
- Posts under 500-999 members: Recruit 3 New Gold Legacy Life Members - Get 1 DPA Paid Bronze Legacy Life Membership or 1 DPA Legacy Life Upgrade