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To: District Commander  
Post Commanders and Post Quartermasters

From: State Commander Thomas Hanzes *Thomas M. Hanzes*

Re: 2019 Spring Membership Program

Dear Comrades,

Membership is the strength that enables the VFW to fulfill its mission of service to veterans, their families, our communities and nation. This year's membership program has gotten off to a good start but the goal of a 100% year is not complete. Now more than ever we need your help to reach our goal.

Enclosed you will find additional awards and incentives to assist you to reach and surpass our goal this membership year. Please read and distribute this useful information to your district and post membership teams.

As a leader you have chosen to accept a challenge of tremendous importance and now is the time for you to step forward. We need to involve all our members in the effort. Now is the time to make certain that all post members have a current dues card. Now is the time to ask those who have faltered by the wayside to reinstate their membership. Now is the time to ask every eligible veteran to join the VFW.

My theme this year is "Serve – Mentor – Inspire". Now is the time to show our commitment by making our Department 100% and putting the Department of Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars back to NUMBER ONE.

Thank you for your commitment and efforts in helping this organization grow in strength and membership

**“SERVE – MENTOR - INSPIRE”**

**SPRING MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**

All Posts that reach 100% in membership by June 30, 2019 will be entered into a drawing for one (1) of fifteen (15) life memberships. The drawing will be held in early July and the Post will be notified by mail. It will be the choice of the Post who will receive the life membership.

All Posts that recruit three (3) new or reinstated members from March 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> will be entered into a drawing for one (1) of three (3) \$100 awards.

**ALL STATE POST COMMANDERS AND QUARTERMASTERS**

All Posts that meet the All State Mandatory Criteria by April 30, 2019, the Post Commander and Quartermaster will receive their cap, pin, and special recognition at the Department Convention in Erie, June 12-15, 2019.

Any Post that meets the All State Mandatory Criteria between May 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019, the Post Commander and Quartermaster will receive their cap and pin at the OTI in their area.

**DISTRICT COMMANDERS:**

All District Commanders who reach 100% in membership by June 30, 2019 will receive a special gift from State Commander Hanzes. Also, the District will receive \$100.00 from State Commander Hanzes.