

GENERAL ORDER NO. 7

DECEMBER 6, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Congratulations to Robert Hardy, post 529, for being the top recruiter in November-9 members.

Congratulations to Post 529 - 9 members.

Per the Commander's Membership Program, Robert Hardy has earned a \$50 VFW Store Gift Certificate and his Post 529 also earned a \$50 VFW Store Gift Certificate (\$100 total winnings).

STATE MEMBERSHIP:

Membership is vital to the success of our organization and to the services we provide. Most of the time getting a new member is as easy as saying hi and where did you serve? Every community has younger veterans who are eligible, and it should be the priority of every post and every member to let them know the VFW is here and ready to serve them. Massachusetts is at 78.51%, let's all work together to get to 100%.

MEMBERSHIP:

Members are reminded that under the subscription dues model, an annual member's dues expire on the last day of the month of which they paid the previous year. Annual members are encouraged to renew their dues prior to their anniversary month to avoid a lapse in continuous membership.

If an Officer or Committee member fails to renew their membership before the last day of the month they renewed in the year before, they shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office for the remainder of the administrative year. This situation creates an administrative headache for the post and should be avoided. Please keep track of your officers and make sure they are renewed in time, or better yet, have them upgrade to a Life Membership!

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DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

OMS ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be advised that the Online Membership System (OMS) will be shutting down at 4:00pm CST on Tuesday, December 31, 2019. Any transactions that are submitted through OMS on December 31, up to the closing time, will be posted to Memstats and Post Query later that evening and available for viewing the morning of January 2, 2019.

Mail received at the National HQ prior to December 31, 2019 will be processed and counted in the December total. Mail received after that date, regardless of the postmark date, will not be counted in the December total. We suggest you have your posts mail in their membership as early as possible or take advantage of the Online Membership System tools. Please note that email sent to individual member service center advisors are not guaranteed to be processed; please utilize the msc@vfw.org email address.

The OMS system will be back online for the submittal of transactions by 12:00 (noon) CST, Thursday, January 2, 2020; however, membership transactions that are processed will not be posted to Memstats until January 6, 2020....."

POST INSPECTIONS:

Section 518 provides that the Department Inspector shall require that each Post be inspected in accordance with Department and National guidelines. The purpose of the inspection is to assure that the Post operates in a manner that supports the purposes set forth in the Congressional Charter, complies with the By-Laws, preserves the financial integrity of the Post and protects the interest of the member. Every Post is expected to be inspected at least once each year.

It is the duty of the District Inspector to notify the Post Commander, Quartermaster, Adjutant and Trustees of the date and time that the inspection is scheduled. The inspector should allow you enough time to prepare for the visit. The Post inspection will go a lot smoother if it is conducted at some time other than a Post meeting night. If, for any reason, a Post cannot be inspected thoroughly, a report stating the facts must be submitted. It is the responsibility of the Post Quartermaster and Post Adjutant to provide the records necessary to complete the duties of Inspector. When the inspection of a Post is completed, the Post Inspection Form will be made out in triplicate. The yellow copy will be mailed to the Post Commander and a copy should be retained for your files.

We are currently behind on inspections. Make every effort to get these done.

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FORMS:

If you are looking for forms, try these links first! Also, forms are available on our state website, www.vfwma.org, under Member Tools.

**For all Veterans & Military Support program information and forms, use provided link below:
VMS Formstack Links:**

- Virtual Pins: <https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/virtualpinrequest>
- VFW Website Solution: <https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/websolutionapp>
- AUX Website Solution: <https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/auxwebsolutionapp>
- Chairman Report: https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/vms_chairman_report
- MAP Grant Application: www.vfw.org/MAPGrantApplication
- MAP Grant Report: www.vfw.org/MAPGrantReport
- Adopt a Unit Application: www.vfw.org/AdoptAUnitApp
- Adopt a Unit Report: www.vfw.org/AdoptAUnitReport
- Programs Donation Form: https://VFWPrograms.formstack.com/forms/vfw_programs_donation.

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY, PATRIOT'S PEN NATIONAL AWARD and NEW SMART/MAHER VFW NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARDS

Every Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen first place Department winner will receive a National scholarship or award. The new amount for the Voice of Democracy National Awards now total \$154,000 and the Patriot's Pen National Awards total is now \$55,000.

Voice of Democracy: <http://www.vfw.org/VOD/> Patriot's Pen: <http://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/>
NEW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AND PATRIOT'S PEN BROCHURES.

For Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen brochures, posters, awards and more, visit the VFW Store: <http://www.vfwstore.org/category/programs/voiceofdemocracy> for Voice of Democracy and <http://www.vfwstore.org/category/programs/patriotspen> for Patriot's Pen.

Please verify that all websites, publications, announcements, etc. has the correct teacher award entry deadlines for the 2019-20 program year. The dates are October 31, 2019, for entries to the Post, November 15, 2019, for completion of Post judging, December 15, 2019, for completion of District judging, January 10, 2020, for completion of Department judging and the Department winners are due to National Headquarters by January 15, 2020. The entry forms are up on the VFW website and are available in the VFW Store.

The Department VOD/Patriot Pen Banquet will be held on Sunday January 26th, 2020 at 12:00 pm at the Doubletree Hotel in Leominster MA.

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VFW NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVANT AWARDS

Departments are asked to submit three nominees (one for each career area) to the VFW Programs office no later than Feb. 1, 2020. VFW Programs will create citations for the following awards in each Department:

- VFW National Law Enforcement Award
- VFW National Firefighter Award
- VFW National Emergency Medical Technician Award

Each Department will receive their three awards and should contact their recipients to arrange a presentation. Department Commanders may present the awards at their Department Convention, but are encouraged to also present the award in front of the recipient's peers at a professional association event, city council meeting, etc. The purpose of the second venue is to expose these VFW awards to the general public and especially other law enforcement personnel, firefighters and

EMTs, many of whom are veterans eligible for VFW membership. Order plaques and citations for public servants from the VFW Store www.vfwstore.org/searchresults?q=public%20servant

NOTE: "NEW" VFW PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD CITATION POST ENTRY FORM.

This form has been developed to assist VFW Post Safety Chairmen with an entry form to hand out to the local Fire Department, Police Department, etc. to assist interested individuals in nominating one of their own. The entry forms along with the required documentation are to be returned to the local VFW Post for their judging. Once the winner in each category have been chosen, the Post will forward those entries on to the next level of judging. Simply visit vfw.org, log in to My VFW, then look under Member Resources, click on VFW Training & Support, then click on Community Service & Youth Programs, then look under Public Servant Program.

Call for VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Male and Female Volunteer of the Year Award Nominations

Each year the Executive Committee of the VA National Advisory Committee for the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) recognizes a Male and Female Volunteer of the Year. VFW Department leadership and VFW VAVS Representatives along with the VA Medical Facility Chiefs of VAVS are encouraged to submit nominations for the VFW VAVS Male and Female Volunteer of the Year to the VFW Director, National Veterans Services. Nominations must be submitted no-later-than close of business Nov. 27, 2019. VFW Department Commanders, Adjutants, Adjutant/Quartermasters will be receiving a notification letter with details about submission and nomination criteria/requirements. For more information and assistance, please contact the VFW at 202.543.2239.

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ACTION CORPS:

If you are not already an Action Corps Advocate, we urge you to sign up to receive our *VFW Action Corps Weekly* which will keep you informed about the work we are doing on your behalf on Capitol Hill. By staying connected, you will be the first to know what is happening in Washington regarding legislation that impacts the lives of veterans and their families, and you will be able to assist in our grassroots efforts by responding when we send out any Action Alerts. To become an Action Corps Advocate and receive the VFW Action Corps Weekly, sign up at: <http://capwiz.com/vfw/mlm/signup.htm>.

FACEBOOK: Make sure you 'like' and 'share' the VFW Department of Massachusetts Facebook page. We post updates, links, contest reminders, events, etc. for you. Share the good news of the VFW: <https://www.facebook.com/vfwma/>

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 10, 2020	Department Judging for VOD,PP and Teacher Completed
January 11, 2020	Council of Administration Meeting
January 15, 2020	Newspaper Deadline
January 26, 2020	Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen and Teacher Banquet

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COMMANDERS'S MESSAGE:

"Well, here we are, basically halfway through the year already! I appreciate all you are doing for the Department, especially with membership. We are over 78%, which is good, but I am calling on all of you to step it up a notch and let's try to get to 90% by January 1, 2020. By doing so it will make the rest of the year less intense for us to reach that 100% goal. In the interim, I have asked my line officers to call the 30+ Posts in the Department that have 10 or less members to reach 100%. It would be great to see this happen, not only in helping to reach our goal, but those thirty posts will have far less stress to deal with during the rest of the year and can concentrate on other issues. Please do your best and remember to 'do the right thing' in whatever you do! Lastly, as we enter this Holiday Season, give thanks to those servicemen and women serving abroad who won't be with us and remember their sacrifices as we enjoy this special time of the year! Both Mary and I wish you and your families the very best for a merry Christmas and a joyous and safe New Year!"

BY COMMAND OF:



COMMANDER

OFFICIAL:



ADJUTANT

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BE READY - ORDER YOUR BUDDY POPPIES NOW

BUDDY POPPY ORDER FORM

EFFECTIVE 1/01/2020

REVISED 11/20/19

NO OTHER FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 1/1/20

ORDER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MASS. ONLY

ITEM	COST	AMOUNT	TOTAL
1,000 BUDDY POPPIES	\$130.00		\$
500 BUDDY POPPIES	\$80.00		\$
10 COIN CANS	\$25.00		\$
25 COIN CANS	\$45.00		\$
TOTAL DUE THE DEPARTMENT			\$

PRICES INCLUDE SHIPPING

MAIL ORDERS TO::

DEPT OF MASS, VFW
24 BEACON ST SUITE 546-1
STATE HOUSE
BOSTON MA 02133

DATE YOU NEED POPPIES

DATE:

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE

DEPARTMENT OF MASS, VFW

POST/AUXILIARY #

NAME (MUST BE A PERSON, NOT POST NAME)

ADDRESS (CAN NOT MAIL TO A PO BOX)

CITY/STATE/ZIP

ALLOW 6 TO 8 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY

VFW PROGRAMS DEADLINE DATES

NOTE: Updated for the 2019-2020 VFW Program Year

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award

*October 31, Teacher Nominations to the Post
November 15, Completion of Post judging
*December 15, Completion of District judging
*January 10, Completion of Department judging
January 15, District participation reports due to Department Chairman
*January 15, Department winners due to National
*January 31, Department reports due to National

Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen

*October 31, Student entries to the Post
November 15, Completion of Post judging
December 15, Completion of District judging
January 10, Completion of Department judging
January 15, District participation reports due to Department Chairmen
*January 15, Department winners due to National
*January 31, Department reports due to National

Scout of the Year

*March 1, Scout entries to the Post
April 1, Post entries to Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs
*May 1, Department entry to National from Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs

Community Service

*April 30, Post Special Project & Fred C. Hall Award Submission (Department to National)
*April 30, National Outstanding Community Service Post Submission(s) (Department to National)
*May 31, Department Community Service Report (Department to National)

Public Servant National Award (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Services)

January 1, Nominations due (from Post to Department)
February 1 (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), Nominations due from Department to National

National Certificate of Recognition

April 1 (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), List due to National from Department

****Required deadline (by VFW National Headquarters.) All other deadlines are suggested, and can be internally set at the discretion of the VFW Department leadership. Post Chairmen, be sure to communicate with your District Chairmen to find out their official deadlines, and District Chairmen need to communicate with their Department Chairmen to find out their deadlines.***



DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department Calendar 2019-2020

2019

Date	Time	Event	Location
December 4	2:00 PM	Gold Star Tree Lighting	Statehouse
December 6	12-4 PM	Trees for Troops	Ft. Devens
December 7	12:00PM	Aux Spaghetti Dinner/Holiday Auction	Dedham Post 2017
December 9	6:30PM	Canton Hospital Christmas Party	Canton, MA
December 14		Wreaths Across America	
December 15		District Judging Deadline VOD, PP, Teacher Award	

2020

January 6	12:00 PM	Foundation Meeting	Statehouse Office
January 10		Department Judging Complete	
January 11	10:30AM	Council of Administration	Medway Post 1526
January 15		Newspaper Deadline	
January 25	9:30AM	Auxiliary Council of Administration	North Billerica Post 8819
January 26	1:00PM	VOD/Patriots Pen Banquet	Leominster, MA
February 14		Salute to Hospitalized Veterans	Bedford VA
February 15	9:00AM	Mid-Winter Conference	Beachmont Post 6712
Feb. 29-Mar. 4		Voice of Democracy	Washington DC
March 1-5		Legislative Conference	Washington DC
March 5-8		Commander-in-Chief Visit	
March 7	1:00PM	C-in-C Reception	
March 14	10:30AM	Council of Administration	Westford Post 6539
March 29	12:00PM	State President's Banquet	Knights of Columbus 27 West Foster St. Melrose
April 2-5		Sr. Vice Cdr./Adjutant Training	Kansas City, MO
April 15		Newspaper Deadline	
April 25	9:30AM	Auxiliary Council of Administration	Chatham Post 8607
April 26	TBA	Loyalty Day Bicentennial Park	Fall River
May 16	10:30AM	Council of Administration	Townsend Post 6538
May 24	12:30PM	Bourne Ceremony	Bourne
June 11-14		State Convention	Leominster, MA
July 18-23		National Convention	Reno, Nevada



Attention, Posts of Department of Massachusetts VFW!

As part of the annual fundraising for VFW National Home for Children, four raffle baskets have been donated!

- For every \$50 that is donated to the Massachusetts House Fund by a post, a member can be entered into the raffle.
- Also, for every Life Membership to the VFW National Home for Children for a one-time cost of \$50 each that a post sponsors, that member will be entered into the raffle.
- Two time periods for the raffles will be conducted:
 - September through December 2019
 - January through April 2020
- Posts that have already donated *can* submit names of members which will be retroactively entered into the raffle.
- Life Membership to the VFW National Home for Children *must* be submitted on the prepared application with the Department of Massachusetts Recruiter information, for Dept. of MA to be credited at the National level.
- Members' information will be submitted using the raffle ticket forms.
- All donations to be sent to the VFW Dept. of Massachusetts.
- Gift Baskets to be picked up by winners at the CoA meeting of that month. Special alternative arrangements may be available with the Program Chair.
- Each raffle basket of new items retails at least \$100!



Time Period September to December:

Basket One: **Bagapalooza!**

- Leather-like small duffle bag
- Matching attaché case
- Securable tour bag
- Two additional backpacks

Basket Two: **Kitchen Galore!**

- * Electric Rice Cooker
- * Cookbook
- *Silverware setting for four (20-piece)
- * Large Tablecloth
- *Cutting Board

Point of Contact is Christine Tron: ctron@vfwma.org
Program Chair, VFW National Home for Children
Department of Massachusetts VFW

Let's have fun!

District Meetings Schedule 2019-2020

DISTRICT #5	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	09/22/19	10AM	1018	DORCHESTER
	11/03/19	10AM	1645	STOUGHTON
	01/12/20	10AM	3402	FRANKLIN
	03/15/20	10AM	2498	NEEDHAM
	05/03/20	10AM	1526	MEDWAY
DISTRICT #6	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	09/15/19	1PM	7239	ACUSHNET
	11/17/19	1PM	3260	NEW BEDFORD
	01/19/20	1PM	8502	WESTPORT
	03/15/20	1PM	2547	NORTH EASTON
	05/17/20	1PM	6643	FREETOWN
DISTRICT #7	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	06/23/19	11AM	8503	SHELBURNE FALLS
	08/25/19	11AM	9397	HAMPDEN
	10/27/19	11AM	N/A	THE WALES OLD TOWN HALL
	02/23/20	11AM	8428	BELCHERTOWN
	03/22/20	11AM	7352	SPRINGFIELD
DISTRICT #8	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	09/15/19	2PM	10278	SHREWSBURY
	10/20/19	2PM	3329	MILLBURY
	11/17/19	2PM	1385	UXBRIDGE
	02/16/20	2PM	312	WORCESTER
	03/15/20	2PM	5594	UPTON
	04/30/20	2PM	5594	MILFORD (UPTON HOST)
DISTRICT #9	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	09/15/19	9AM	10338	LANESBORO
	10/27/19	9AM	448	PITTSFIELD
	11/17/19	9AM	8183	HOUSATONIC
	02/16/20	9AM	996	NORTH ADAMS
	03/15/20	9AM	12079	LENOX
	04/19/20	9AM	8348	GREAT BARRINGTON
	05/17/19	9AM	9566	DALTON
DISTRICT #10	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	01/12/20	10:30AM	2104	N. ANDOVER
	03/8/20	10:30AM	2359	DANVERS
	05/3/20	10:30AM	2346	SAUGUS

DISTRICT #11	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	08/18/19	12:00 PM	7389	WESTMINSTER-DIST BBQ
	09/15/19	2:00 PM	1807	LEOMINSTER
	10/20/19	12PM	523	CLINTON
	11/17/19	2:00 PM	905	GARDNER
	12/15/19	2:00 PM	905	GARDNER
	01/19/20	2:00 PM	905	GARDNER
	02/02/20	2:00 PM	7389	WESTMINSTER
	03/15/20	2:00 PM	3439	NORTH BROOKFIELD
	04/19/20	2:00 PM	650	ATHOL
DISTRICT #12	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	1/13/20	7:30 PM	697	WHITMAN
	2/10/20	7:30 pm	6053	HINGHAM
	3/21/2020	10:30 AM	9917	BREWSTER
	4/13/20	7:30 PM	8345	MARSHFIELD
	5/11/20	7:30 PM	1788	ROCKLAND
	6/8/20	7:30 PM	2846	EAST WAREHAM
DISTRICT #15	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	9/15/19	10:30 AM	8819	NORTH BILLERICA
	10/20/19	9:30 AM	662	LOWELL
	11/17/19	12PM	1274	NATICK
	01/19/20	10:30 AM	3291	PEPPERELL
	03/15/20	10:30 AM	6556	LITTLETON
	04/19/20	10:30 AM	6538	TOWNSEND
	05/03/2020	12PM	BANQUET	TBD
	05/17/20	10:30 AM	1027	HUDSON
DISTRICT #18	DATE	TIME	POST #	MEETING PLACE
	09/8/2019	10AM	529	SOMERVILLE
	10/13/19	10AM	1506	MELROSE
	11/10/19	10AM	1775	ARLINGTON
	01/12/20	10AM	8818	CAMBRIDGE
	02/09/20	10AM	1506	MELROSE
	03/08/20	10AM	2394	MELROSE
	04/12/20	10AM	529	SOMERVILLE
	05/10/20	10AM	1012	MEDFORD



Commander's Special Project

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall

The Memorial Wall will be the only such Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall in MA and RI and will signify to all Vietnam Veterans and their families, that we, their fellow Americans, will never forget the sacrifices of their brothers in arms and we will honor and remember them always.

The Memorial Wall will be a 380 feet long & 8 feet high replica of the Vietnam Wall located in Washington D.C.



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at Fall River Bi-Centennial Veterans Memorial Park



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Mission Statement

The VFW National Home for Children serves as a living memorial to America's veterans by helping our nation's military and veteran families.

The VFW National Home for Children was born out of a desire to honor those who served our country by helping their families.

- Its early founders dreamed of a complete village for those families and children left behind.
- 1922: Amy Ross was instrumental in planting the seed for the VFW National Home, with the thought of helping thousands of veterans.
- A private businessman, Corey Spencer, donated the original 472 acres of land near Eaton Rapids, Michigan.
- The first family, Mrs. Pollett and her six children, arrived in March 1925. 93 plus years of serving military and veteran families this year!

The VFW National Home for Children is the only community like it in the nation.

- 629 total acres, including:
- 80 acres that is developed into a community of 42 single-family homes, a licensed child-care center, a Community Center, and other buildings,
- In addition, the property includes hiking trails, picnic areas, campsites, and a fishing pond,
- 501(C) 3 non profit,
- As in our very beginning- Operate on private donations-NO GOV'T FUNDING.

The National Home's Program offers:

- Case management services to help families set up a family plan and goals.
- Educational, recreations, and enrichment opportunities for residents and their children.
- Community resources and counseling provided as needed.
- Free housing and daycare.

Lanes of Eligibility to Apply to Program:

- Relatives of eligible members of the VFW and its Auxiliary.
- Veteran families; honorably discharged or still serving in the National Guard or Reserves.

1st generation of houses

- Built in the 1920's, 30's, 40's
- Michigan house
- Constructed in 1926 and is maintained by VFW Dept. of Michigan & its Auxiliary



VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN
HELP HOPE HONOR

Check One: National Home Donation (\$50 or more)

Life Membership (One time \$50)

To be entered for raffle basket.

VFW Member's Name:

Address: (City, State, Zip Code)

Phone Number:

Mail to VFW Department of Massachusetts
State House, Suite 546-1
24 Beacon Street
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2nd generation of houses

- Built in the 50's & 60's
- Florida house
- Constructed in 1959/maintained by VFW Dept. of Florida & its Auxiliary

3rd generation of houses

- Duplexes
- Built in the 2000's
- Last house built in 2010 (one of the duplexes)
- Stephen P. Yokich House
- Built by UAW Veterans Affairs Dept
- This is our wheelchair access

Licensed Day Care

- Constructed in 1945
- Licensed by State of MI
- No charge daycare for families
- 3 rooms: Infant/toddler/preschool

Summary

Families come to us with many needs. Our loving and caring community offers:

- Financial relief
- Support for the whole family
- Healing
- Caring focus on issues to strengthen families and individuals
- Stability

The National Home offers these military & veteran families HOPE for better futures.

**To donate, make checks payable to: Massachusetts VFW
And send to: VFW Department of Massachusetts
24 Beacon Street
State House Suite 546-1
Boston, MA 02133
Reference "National Home Mass. House" in the memo line.**



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HELP HOPE HONOR

VA Urgent Care Benefit

PRINT or show this page for important tips for you and the provider.

Take it with you for your urgent care visit.

Check Eligibility

- You do not have an insurance card for this benefit.
- Call **1-833-4VETNOW** (1-833-483-8669) to verify you are eligible for urgent care services.

Do NOT Pay a Copayment at Time of Visit

Eligible Veterans will be billed separately by VA for any copayment that is applicable.

Receive Prescription, If Needed

A network urgent care/retail location provider may write you a prescription for up to a 14-day supply. The medicine must be listed on VA's Urgent Care Formulary: www.triwest.com/urgent-formulary. If the medicine is needed urgently and is not listed on the Urgent Care Formulary, it must be listed on the VA National Formulary, available here: www.pbm.va.gov/nationalformulary.asp. Urgent prescriptions may be filled at a VA or pharmacy in the ExpressScripts network. Opiates will be limited to seven days or less consistent with state law.

Important Message for Your Urgent Care/Retail Location PROVIDER:

As a TriWest network urgent care provider, you are authorized to care for eligible Veterans.

Unsure if you're in the network? Urgent Care/Retail Location Look-Up Tool: www.va.gov/find-locations or call 1-866-620-2071.

- **Submit Claim Within 30 Days**

Provider may call 1-800-782-2680 during normal working hours; option 2, for questions on claims submission.

- **Send In Medical Documentation**

After the visit, the provider should submit medical documentation to your home VA medical center. Find a VAMC at www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp.

IF YOU ENCOUNTER CHALLENGES AT THE URGENT CARE VISIT, CALL:

1-866-620-2017

**Voice of Democracy
Patriot's Pen
Teacher of the Year
AWARDS
2019-2020**

Voice of Democracy winners receive scholarships paid upon completion of their first semester.

1st place	\$5,000.00
2nd place	\$3,500.00
3rd place	\$2,000.00
4th place	\$1,250.00
5th place	\$ 750.00
6 thru 10th place	\$ 500.00

In addition, each winner will receive a check for \$50.00 in lieu of a gift.

Patriot's Pen winners receive checks in the following amounts:

1st place	\$500.00
2nd place	\$400.00
3rd place	\$300.00
4th place	\$200.00
5th thru 10th place	\$100.00

Teacher of the Year \$250.00 for each of the three winners.



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
VA Central Western Massachusetts Healthcare System

ACTIVITY DONATION FORM FOR VA CENTER

From: VA Volunteer(s) &/or Veteran Service Organization(s)

Subject: ACTIVITY / DONATION CONTRIBUTION FORM

To: Voluntary Program Officer 001-V

DATE: _____ ORGANIZATION/INDIVIDUAL NAME _____

ACTIVITIES / DONATIONS: _____

***** PERSON TO RECEIVE THANK YOU NOTE *****

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

ESTIMATED COSTS: (TO NEAREST DOLLARS) _____

Refreshments: _____

Prizes: _____

Others: _____

I hereby waive all claims to monetary benefits for services rendered as a volunteer worker on a "without compensation basis." I understand that this waiver applies only to compensation for specific services rendered in the Voluntary Service Program and has no relation to any compensation for other services or benefits to which I may be entitled. (Note: VA has entered into this agreement by the authority of 38 U.S.C., Section 513. This agreement may be cancelled by either party upon written notification.)

VOLUNTEER NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	4-Digit Code	NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

NOTE: ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS CAN BE LISTED ON BACK OF THIS SHEET

NOTE: PLEASE INSURE THAT YOUR ORGANIZATION MAILED OUT AN ACTIVITY SHEET FOR EACH ACTIVITY THAT IS PERFORMED.

NOTE: IN ORDER TO GET CREDIT FOR AN ACTIVITY, PLEASE INSURE THAT VOLUNTARY PROGRAM RECEIVES ACTIVITY SHEETS WITHIN THE SAME MONTH AS THE ACTIVITY THAT IS PERFORMED. Thank You!

In accordance with VHA Directive 4721, we are required to state "The Department of Veterans Affairs did not provide you, the donor, any goods or services in consideration in whole or part for your contribution."

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VOICE OF DEMOCRACY,
PATRIOT'S PEN &
TEACHER OF THE YEAR
AWARDS BANQUET

Your attendance at this banquet honors our youth who have achieved first place in their districts and shows the dedication of our VFW and Auxiliary members for this great program. In addition, we will be honoring our Teacher of the year recipients.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020
Commencing at 12:30 PM

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON LEOMINSTER
99 ERDMAN WAY LEOMINSTER, MA 01453

Menu

Baked Stuffed Chicken

New England Baked Haddock

Vegetarian

Includes:

Oven Roasted Potatoes

Green Beans with Red Peppers

Cheesecake with Strawberry and Dollop of Whipped Cream

Coffee/Tea/Decaf

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POST # _____ AUX# _____

DISTRICT _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

MEAL CHOICE: CHICKEN _____ FISH _____ VEGETARIAN _____

NO OF TICKET REQUESTING _____



TICKETS:

\$35.00 Per Person

Table of 8 Available

\$280.00

If You Wish to Sit Together,
Please Order Tickets at The
Same Time

Ticket Deadline: Jan 17th

ONLINE: Go to our
website: www.VFWMA.ORG
(CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEE
APPLIES FOR ALL ONLINE ORDERS)

MAIL:

DEPT OF MA VFW
24 BEACON STREET
SUITE 546-1
STATEHOUSE
BOSTON, MA 01233
MEMOLINE: VOD BANQUET

The Parents or Guardians of
the student winners will be
Invited Guests of The
Department. There Is No
Need to Purchase Tickets for
Them (Limit Two)