

GENERAL ORDER NO. 8

01 February 2019

JANUARY TOP INDIVIDUAL RECRUITER:

Michael Raymond Post 2498 (7 Members)

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Congratulations to the following Posts for attaining 100%+ in Membership for 2018-2019:

Town	Post	Percent	Town	Post	Percent
South Hadley	3104	135.61%	Framingham	929	109.75%
Leominster	1807	108.75%	Somerville	529	106.54%
Boston	144	105.74%	South Boston	6536	105.40%
Mansfield	3264	104.68%	Watertown	1105	104.54%
Scituate	3169	104.10%	Needham	2498	103.55%
Ludlow	3236	103.24%	Easthampton	3422	103.17%
Cambridge	8818	103.10%	Westford	6539	102.98%
Townsend	6538	102.85%	Lexington	3007	102.56%
Rochdale	7556	102.50%	Bourne	5988	102.41%
Boston	1018	102.03%	Hampden	9397	101.26%
Gardner	905	100.66%	Revere	6712	100.55%
Ashburnham	5509	100.00%	Bradford	675	100.00%
Franklin	3402	100.00%	Halifax	6258	100.00%
Hull	1787	100.00%	Medway	1526	100.00%
Shrewsbury	10278	100.00%	Somerset	8500	100.00%
Southborough	3276	100.00%	Stoneham	620	100.00%
Waltham	2152	100.00%	Waltham	10334	100.00%
West Roxbury	2902	100.00%			

Congratulations to the top 5 recruiters in the state:

Name	District	Post	Members
Robert W. Hardy Jr	18	529	52
Michael A. Raymond	5	2498	20
Michael J. Slater	7	3104	16
Anthony F. Manfredi Jr	12	5988	15
Jered S. Sasen	7	9397	14

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100% Membership Award Deadline: March 31, 2019: Post achieving 100% membership by March 31, 2019 will be entered to win a \$1000.00 cash prize (1 winner) and two \$500 cash Prize (2 winners). Note: Post must have a minimum of 50 members (prior year total) or more to qualify for this award. Post with 49 or less members will be entered for a chance to win \$200.00. Note: All Post that achieved 100% prior to 28 December 2018 are eligible for this award.



Commanders Membership Program

**Any Massachusetts VFW Post
who achieve 100%
In membership between
July 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019**

**Will be entered in a
Drawing for 1 of 3 cash awards
1st Place \$1000.00
2nd Place \$500.00
3rd Place \$500.00**

Post must have 50 or more members to qualify

**Post with 49 or less members will be entered
for a chance to win \$200.00**

Every Member Counts

Commander-in Chief's Challenge: At close of business on February 28th, 2019, the Post in each Division that shows the highest growth in their membership percentage for the month (measured from close of business 1/31 through close of business 2/28) will receive a \$1000.00 award to be deposited into the Post Fund.



COMMANDER'S CHALLENGE

**Commander-in-Chief B.J. Lawrence has laid down
a challenge to all VFW Posts for the month of
February 2019!**



To most people, February brings thoughts of Valentine's Day, a romantic holiday to spend with the ones we love.

The Commander-in-Chief is challenging all of us to show that same devotion to our mission of recruiting and retention over the month of February!

Looking back at the first half of the membership year, we are on track to show growth as an organization and surpass 100% in membership for the first time in over twenty-five years! It's up to all of us to reach that goal for the Veterans of Foreign Wars!

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It's time to focus on recruiting and retention, let's **MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

Membership Percentage = (Total / Prior Year) as reflected in MemStats.

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*Veterans of Foreign Wars
Department of Massachusetts*



**National VFW
Commander-in-Chief
Vincent "B.J." Lawrence
will be making his visit
to Massachusetts on
March 7-10, 2019**

Commander-in-Chief Banquet

Saturday March 9, 2019

Cocktails: 12:00 PM --- Meal: 1:00 PM

**The Crystal Room
49 Cedar Street
Milford, MA 01747**

For Tickets Mail Check to: VFW Dept of MA 24 Beacon Street State House,
Suite 546-1 Boston, MA 02333 in the Memo Line "Chief's Banquet"
or purchase online at: www.vfwma.org or call (617) 727-2612

\$40 Per Person (If you want to sit together register together)

Family Style Serving

**Baked Stuff Chicken or Roast Beef With All The Trimmings, Home Made
Cookies and Brownies, and a Coffee And Tea Station**

**Meet and Greet with the Chief from 10:00-11:30 AM. This is a great
opportunity to ask questions or express your concerns.**

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March Council of Administration (CoA): Will be held on March 16th at Pepperell Post 3291 located at 55 Leighton St, Pepperell, MA 01463 at 10:30.

Convention Corporation Meeting: Will be held on March 16th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Leominster located on 99 Erdman Way, Leominster, MA 01453.

Newspaper: The deadline for the next paper edition of the Department Newspaper is April 15th. All State Officer are required to submit an article, all District Commanders are required to submit a minimum of two pictures with caption (event and who is in the photo). Any post that wants to submit a photo is highly encouraged. Please send articles and photos to PSC Eric Segundo at esegundo@vfwma.org.

Buddy Poppies: Commanders on all levels should begin organizing their 2019 Memorial Day "Buddy"® Poppy Campaign. Every Post is urged to order and distribute VFW "Buddy"® Poppies.

District Meetings: All District Commanders are reminded that if a District meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather, they are to immediately notify the Department Representative, the State Adjutant and their respective Posts Commanders. **WE do not want anyone to have an accident due to inclement weather.**

National Convention registration Fee: Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, which provides that each Post will pay, in advance, a National Convention registration fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) which shall entitle the Post to a packet of convention information and materials and one identified registered delegate for the National Convention. Each additional delegate attending the National Convention will pay a ten dollar (\$10) delegate fee. Posts are encouraged to register their Post delegate(s) online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or by submitting their National Convention Post and Delegate Registration form that will be mailed to all Posts as part of the Election Report/Convention Registration mailing going out later this month. Registration forms for the 120th National Convention may be mailed to: Convention Registration, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

Post Election Report: Attention is directed to Section 217 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure covering the nomination, election and installation of Post Officers. Post Election Report forms are being mailed to Post Quartermasters with instructions that they complete the form online through the Online Membership System (OMS) or they can complete the form and return directly to National Headquarters immediately following the election of Post Officers but not later than June 1.

Delegates: Section 222 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure provides that delegates and alternates for the District Convention and Meetings, Department and National Conventions shall be elected at a regular meeting in April. Posts are entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each thirty (30) members or fraction thereof in good standing in the Post as of March 31.

District Convention: Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Bylaws and the Manual of Procedure, each District shall hold an annual District convention for the purpose of electing District officers, such convention to be held not less than ten (10) days nor more than seventy-five (75) days prior to the convening of the Department convention.

Pursuant to Section 403 of the National Bylaws – Regular Meeting, Districts shall hold at least two (2) regular meetings each year for purposes of transacting business and conducting schools of instruction.

Pursuant to Section 417 of the National Manual of Procedure, District officers shall not assume the duties of their office until the Department Commander is installed. District officers shall not be installed or assume the duties of their office until proof of eligibility has been submitted and properly reviewed in accordance with Section 416 of the Manual of Procedure.

Trustees Report of Audit: Attention of Post Commanders is directed to Section 218 (a) (11) of the National Manual of Procedure, Officers: Duties and Obligations. Trustees Report of Audit must be prepared in detail within thirty (30) days from the end of each quarter, one of which ends March 31.

Dates to Remember:

3 Feb - Four Chaplain's Day
9 Feb - Yellow Ribbon 151 RSG Great Wolf Lodge Fitchburg
14 Feb - Salute to VA Patients Bedford VA 1PM
16 Feb - Auxiliary Midwinter Conference Abington Post 5737
18 Feb - President's Day
19 Feb - USCG Reserve Birthday
2-7 Mar - Legislative Conference Washington, DC
8-10 Mar – Commander in Chief Visit to Massachusetts
9 Mar – Commander in Chief Banquet The Crystal Room, Milford, MA

Candidates for Department High Office 2019-2020:

Department Commander - Jeff Najarian, Post 1788
Department Sr. Vice Commander - Russell Jobe Post 6538
Department Jr. Vice Commander - Doug Wood Post 6539
Department Quartermaster - John Larney Post 1526
Department Chaplain - Fr. Joseph J. Gallick Post 697
Department Judge Advocate - Michael Raymond Post 2498
Department Surgeon - James Morrissey Post 3264
Department Surgeon - Christine Tron Post 545

District Meetings:

Feb 11 - District 12 Middleboro Post 2188 7:30PM
Feb 17 - District 10 Townsend Post 6538 10:30
Feb 17 - District 8 Millbury Post 3329 2PM
Feb 17 - District 9 North Adams Post 996 1PM

Feb 17 - District 11 Westminster Post 7389 2PM

Feb 24 - District 7 Holyoke Post 801 12 PM

I wish you and your family good health and happiness with many blessings and Thank you all for continued support

////Original Signed////

Keith M. Jackson

State Commander

Together We Can Build a Stronger VFW!



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