



## **VFW PROGRAMS DEADLINE DATES**

### **SMART/MAHER CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD**

- \*October 31, Teacher Nominations to the Post
- November 15, Completion of Post judging
- January 1, Post Nominations to Department Chair
- January 10, Completion of Department judging
- \*February 1, Department winners and reports due to National (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation)

### **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 Chairman
- \*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, Winner names to Dept QM
- \*May 1, Department entry to National from Department HQs

<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/scout-of-the-year>



**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

**SERVICE OFFICER AWARD**

John A. Biedrzycki Accredited Service Representative of the Year Award

Eligible nominees include:

- Department Service Officers
- Assistant Department Service Officers
- Claims Consultants/Representative/Analysts/Reviewers
- Veterans Service Officers/Representatives

April 1, Nominations due to State HQs

\*April 30, Nominations due to National

**NATIONAL CERTIFICATION OF RECOGNITION**

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

**JROTC DUE DATES**

Entries must be to District Chairman no later than Feb 15th.

Entries must be to Department Chairman by March 15th.

**MEMBER OF THE YEAR DUE DATES**

Entries must be to District Chairman no later than March 1st.

Entries must be to Department Chairman by March 15th.



## **VETERAN OF THE YEAR DUE DATES**

March 1, Nominations due (from Posts to District)

March 15, Nominations due to Department Chairman

April 30<sup>th</sup>, Nominations Due to National

## **JROTC AWARD**

It is important that each year we recognize one of the many outstanding Junior

ROTC candidates. This allows them to get a first look at the VFW

- Nominees must be JROTC in good standing without a failing grade.

- Entries must be to District no later than Feb 15th.

- Entries must be to Department by March 15th.

- The written recommendation will not be more than 300 words long. You may also include supporting documents which reflect accomplishments and/or

recognition separate from the written recommendation, (i.e., a listing of volunteer activities, hospital work, blood donations, community service with emphasis on Veteran needs, etc.). Supporting documentation does NOT count as part of the 300 authorized words of recommendation. Posts are not required for a monetary donation. But it is encouraged to celebrate your entry, much like VOD and Patriot's Pen.

## **National Volunteer Recognition**

\*No deadline. Posts submit completed Volunteer Award Request Forms to State Adjutant for record and submission to National HQs.

\*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.