



SUBJECT: COMMUNITY SERVICE POST OF THE YEAR (2022-2023)

1. The purpose of this document is to explain the process to be used in the selection of the Community Service Post of the Year for program year 2022-2023. This year's program is significantly different than that done previously. The intent is to clearly outline the requirements and minimize the bias in the selection process.

2. To be eligible for this award, a Post must complete the following.

a. Complete and report all required activities on the Department Dashboard. Satisfy all the requirements specified in the Department Membership Program for a Post to be considered for the All-State Team with the exception of the 100% membership requirement. While membership will be a small portion of the overall score, a Post does not have to be 100% prior to 15 April 2023 to be considered or win.

b. Submit reports via the Department and National Dashboards, as applicable, to demonstrate the activities of the Post throughout the year. The reports should conform to the Department's Community Service Guidelines. A Post must conduct and report activities in each of the four primary categories (Community Service, Americanism, Youth Activities, and Veteran and Military Service). Scoring will be weighted to account for the differences in Post membership population. For example, if two Posts were to report 100 hours of youth activities, they would not necessarily receive the same score. The larger post would receive a lower score.

c. Submit a written summary of the Post's activities in the four categories NLT 15 April 2023 to the Department Community Service Chairman, James Greenplate. The summary will include no less than 10 photographs that demonstrate the activities performed. The summary must also include descriptions of the Post's recruiting events, partnering events, and social media efforts.

3. Post submissions will be scored and judged by an independent panel of various community leaders, not the Department or District leadership. The overall winner will be designated as the Department's Community Service Post of the Year and will be submitted to VFW National. In addition, the top Post in each District will also be recognized at the State Convention.

4. The point of contact for this program is James Greenplate. Questions related to specific activities and this process should go to him. Questions about the Department or National Dashboard should be directed to the Department Adjutant, Mark Newman or the Webmaster, Ron Bales.