

Department of New Hampshire VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

TIMM GRANT - STATE COMMANDER

2026 - 2027



MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

The Obstacle Is The Way



GREETINGS COMRADES

As a new Membership year begins, so do new ideas. Let's put behind us "That's how we have always done it". I want to challenge everyone to think outside the box, and try something new, ask the members if they have any new ideas.

Your comrades have chosen you to lead the way. As your Commander, I will be asking you and your members to hike the extra mile, I want to make sure every post and Auxiliary member is included in sharing all the information. We need to get away from the excuse, "No one Tells Us Anything". We are one team working towards honoring our brothers and sisters who paid the ultimate price. We have a mission to help our comrades in need.

Our VFW Auxiliary is a very important part of our organization. Throughout the year you will see us working together. Their voices will be heard, we may not always see eye to eye, but we will work together to better the organization.

Reinforcing our organization will be the focus for this year. The stronger our post and Auxiliaries are the stronger the organization.

Respectfully

TIMM GRANT
Dept. Commander
VFW State of New Hampshire

REMEMBER

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Purpose

To recruit, retain and mentor a stable membership base including all generations of veterans.

To cultivate a membership that is well versed in institutional knowledge actively involved at all levels of the organization and in the local community.

To establish posts with an established vision of service, leadership and community outreach.

Department of New Hampshire Goals

- Involve Post members and grow local and national membership
- Maintain advocacy for our veterans and their families and strengthen comradeship among members
- Posts remain consistently active within their communities
- Posts remain faithful to the national Bylaws, of Manual of Procedure, and Ritual
- All members honor our Military Heritage

Department of New Hampshire Objectives

- Each post achieves 100% membership by June 30 2027
- 100% Post and District inspection pass rate with an emphasis on recruiting/retention program and community activities
- Every Post nominates a PP, VOD, Teacher of the year, Veteran of the year and JROTC Cadet or Employer of the year.
- Every Post sends a representative (delegate) to Dept. Convention June 2027

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Department of NH Recruiting Golden Eagle Award

Members that recruit 2 new or reinstated members will be awarded the Golden Eagle Award blazer/suit jacket pin



New Members

Individual Comrades that recruit 5 new members will be awarded.

1. For Continuous Members that Recruit 5 New Members
They will be awarded a Life Membership
2. For Life Members that Recruit 5 New Members they will be awarded a
Bronze Legacy Life Membership cash option (\$200.00)
3. For Life Members that Recruit 10 New Members they will be awarded a
Silver Legacy Life Membership. (cash option \$300.00)
4. For Life Members that Recruit 15 New Members will be awarded a
Gold Legacy Membership. (cash option \$400.00)

ALL - STATE POST REQUIREMENTS

1. Post must achieve 100% in membership to qualify.
2. Post must recruit 2 additional new and/or reinstated members.
3. Post donates \$100.00 to National Home(New Hampshire House) no later than May 1.
4. Post must purchase at least 500 poppies.
5. Post must participate in Voice of Democracy or donate\$100.00 to the Dept. VOD fund.
6. Post must participate in Patriots Pen or donate \$100.00 to Dept. PP fund.
7. Post must participate in Smart/Mahar VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher award or donate \$100.00 to the Dept. TOY fund.
8. Post must make all Dept. Contributions by November 15, 2026.
9. All mandatory requirements per Department/National bylaws, i.e., Audits, Donations, Delegates and Delegate fees, successful inspection etc. must be completed on time.
(there will be a one-time mulligan)
10. Post Commander, or their representative will attend District meetings
(if post commander is unavailable)
11. Donate a minimum of \$50.00 to Veterans and Military Support (VMS) program
12. Post must record 2 community service reports total 24 for membership year and Documented in the online reporting no later than April 15. 2027
13. Post to hold 1 Recruiting and Buddy Poppy event and Documented in the online reporting.

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Membership Program Rewards

1. 100% Post Banners: for achieving 100% in membership by June 30, 2027.
2. 100% Dept challenge coin: for achieving 100% membership by June 30, 2027
3. 100% Q.M hat pin: for achieving 100% membership by June 30, 2027
4. 100% Post/District Guidon with Mast/Staff for achieving 100% membership
By June 30, 2027



5. 100% + 1 Post, \$100.00 Deadline June 30, 2027
6. 1st 100% + 1 District \$100.00. Deadline June 30, 2027