

# *POST QUOTA*

To determine your 2016 Post Quota, use your 2015 membership (Convention Report of May 27, 2015) and add "1"

**SPECIAL AWARDS** - All Posts achieving 2016 quota by 2015 Department Convention (June 26) will receive a special certificate of recognition and housing in the Headquarters hotel at the 2016 State Convention, if desired. Any All-Time High Post Commander by May 25, 2016 will receive an American Legion Jacket as a THANK YOU! Any District Commander that is Quota by that date will also receive an American Legion Jacket.

**CONVENTION TURN-IN AWARD** - - The District in 1st Place on the Convention Report will receive \$100.00. Posts that achieve 2016 Quota by the 2015 Department Convention will receive a bonus based on their quota. Posts whose quota is 100 or less will receive \$100.00, Posts whose quota is 101-450 will receive \$200, and Posts whose quota is 451 or more will receive \$300.00. New PUFL members will not count toward quota unless the Department has received the per capita for the current year.

**NOTES: Cards must be received by noon on the turn-in date to count towards the prizes and awards available for Posts and Districts (except for Saturday turn-ins).**

**The maximum amount of funds available for the membership program is \$20,000. The Brown Jug awards (November) and Big 1 pin awards (May) are guaranteed funds set aside. After that the Post Quota Awards in November and January will be paid. All other prize money is subject to the availability of funds. Once the \$20,000 amount is expended, no further prize money will be available.**

**Posts that receive an award for being Quota and later become All Time High will receive the difference in the award amounts.**

Posts that are quota by the Department Convention will be entered into a drawing at the 2016 convention in Cleveland. The Post drawn will receive \$1,000.00. Post must be present and registered for the convention to win. The Post drawn will receive \$500.00 if they are not present and registered for the convention.

***August 5***

***DISTRICT AWARDS***

***Lap Prizes***

***1st Lap***

In the Large  
Districts  
(1, 3, 5, & 10):  
45 % of Quota  
\$100.00

In the Medium  
Districts  
(2, 4, 9, 11, & 13):  
45 % of Quota  
\$100.00

In the Small  
Districts  
(6, 7, 8, 12, & 14):  
45 % of Quota  
\$100.00

Any District that reaches or exceeds the minimum percentage required for the Lap, but is not in first place in their category, will receive a prize of \$50.00.

***On-line renewals must be in by the Monday before turn-in days to be counted***

# ***September 2***

## ***DISTRICT AWARDS***

### ***Lap Prizes***

#### ***2nd Lap***

In the Large  
Districts  
(1, 3, 5, & 10):  
55 % of Quota  
\$100.00

In the Medium  
Districts  
(2, 4, 9, 11, & 13):  
55 % of Quota  
\$100.00

In the Small  
Districts  
(6, 7, 8, 12, & 14):  
55 % of Quota  
\$100.00

Any District that reaches or exceeds the minimum percentage required for the Lap, but is not in first place in their category, will receive a prize of \$50.00.

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**October 7**

***DISTRICT AWARDS***

***Lap Prizes***

***3rd Lap***

In the Large  
Districts  
(1, 3, 5, & 10):

70 % of Quota  
\$100.00

In the Medium  
Districts  
(2, 4, 9,11, & 13):

70 % of Quota  
\$100.00

In the Small  
Districts  
(6, 7, 8, 12, & 14):

70 % of Quota  
\$100.00

Any District that reaches or exceeds the minimum percentage required for the Lap, but is not in first place in their category, will receive a prize of \$50.00.

***On-line renewals must be in by the Monday before turn-in days to be counted***

# ***November 13***

## ***4<sup>th</sup> Lap***

### ***BROWN JUG AWARDS***

#### **Big Brown Jug:**

Districts 1, 3, 5, 10  
must have minimum percentage  
of membership shown.  
80% - \$500.00

#### **Medium Brown Jug:**

Districts 2, 4, 9, 11, & 13  
must have minimum percentage of  
membership shown.  
80% - \$500.00

#### **Small Brown Jug:**

Districts 6, 7, 8, 12, & 14  
must have minimum percentage of  
membership shown.  
80% - \$500.00

**“JUGS” will only be awarded  
one time – November 12th**

**Any District which qualifies for the Brown Jug Award, November 12<sup>th</sup> (only) but which does not have the highest percentage in their category, will receive a \$100.00 bonus.**

Districts that are **Quota** by November 12 will be awarded a **Special Bonus** of \$500.00.

**Posts** which are Quota by November 12<sup>th</sup> will receive a \$100.00 bonus and any Posts which are "All Time High" by November 12th will receive a \$200.00 bonus. (No repeat winners)

***On-line renewals must be in by the Monday before turn-in  
days to be counted***

# **PEARL HARBOR REPORT**

**5<sup>th</sup> Lap**

**December 5  
(Saturday)**

**DISTRICT CASH AWARD** - Districts that reach 91% on this date (December 5, 2014) will receive \$200 cash award.

## **Convention Standings**

This Membership Report will determine where Districts will be housed (based on their category and hotel capacity) at the 2015 Department Convention.

### **NOTE:**

**CARDS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.**

*On-line renewals must be in by the Monday before turn-in days to be counted*

# ***New Year's Day***

## ***6<sup>th</sup> Lap***

### ***January 6***

**Posts** that are Quota by January 6th will receive a \$50.00 bonus and any Posts that are "All Time High" by January 6th will receive a \$100.00 bonus. (No repeat winners)

*On-line renewals must be in by the Monday before turn-in days to be counted*

# ***Mid-Winter Conference***

***January 17***

## ***Post Drawings***

**Special drawing** of prizes for four Posts reaching All-Time-High by January 6, 2016;  
each will receive \$50.00.

**Post member must be present to win.**

*On-line renewals must be in by the Monday before turn-in  
days to be counted*



# ***BIG 12 COMPETITION***

***7<sup>th</sup> Lap***

***February 3***

For Districts that reach 95% on this date (February 3, 2016), the District Commander and First Vice Commander will each receive a \$25 dinner certificate.

***On-line renewals must be in by the Monday before turn-in days to be counted***

# ***American Legion Birthday***

***March 2***

***8<sup>th</sup> Lap***

## ***Posts and Members Drawings***

Any District that is ahead of its previous year's membership on the lap date (March 2, 2016) will receive \$.50 for each member they are ahead.

To reward **All-Time-High Posts**, there will be a drawing with **four** winners, each to receive \$50.00 each. **No repeat winners.**

### **NOTE**

**THE PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS WILL  
CONDUCT A STATEWIDE ROUNDUP IN  
CONJUNCTION WITH THIS LAP DATE.**

*On-line renewals must be in by the Monday before turn-in  
days to be counted*

# ***RACE TO THE TOP***

***April 6***

***9<sup>th</sup> Lap***

Districts that are All Time High on this date will receive \$1,000 cash award. Districts that are Quota on this date will receive \$500.

Any District that is ahead of its previous year's membership on the Lap date, (April 6, 2016), will receive \$.50 for each member they are ahead.

A drawing will be held of all quota posts and 8 posts will win \$50 each.

***On-line renewals must be in by the Monday before  
turn-in days to be counted***

# ***May Day***

***May 4***

***10<sup>th</sup> Lap***

All Districts which reach **Quota** by **30 days prior to Convention**, will receive an award of \$100.00 (No Repeat Winners)

Any District reaching **All-time-High** by **30 days prior to Convention**, will receive a \$200.00 award. (No Repeat Winners)

***On-line renewals must be in by the Monday before  
turn-in days to be counted***

**MAY 25**

**11<sup>th</sup> Lap**

**BIG 1 PIN AWARD**

**In the Large Districts:**

Districts 1, 3, 5, & 10, the  
District in First Place wins- \$750.00

**In the Medium Districts:**

Districts 2, 4, 9, 11, & 13, the  
District in First Place wins- \$750.00

**In the Small Districts:**

Districts 6, 7, 8, 12, & 14, the  
District in First Place wins- \$750.00

**THIS REPORT WILL DETERMINE DEPARTMENT  
CONVENTION SEATING, BASED ON CATEGORY.**

**THIS REPORT DETERMINES 2015 POST AND  
DISTRICT QUOTAS.**

*On-line renewals must be in by the Monday before  
turn-in days to be counted*

# ***OTHER DISTRICT AWARDS***

All Districts which reach **Quota** by **30 days prior to Convention**, will receive an award of \$100.00

Any District reaching **All-time-High** by **30 days prior to Convention**, will receive a \$200.00 award.

**All members** who sign a **new** member will be in a special drawing. The members will be in the drawing each time they sign a **new** member so the person who signs 8 **new** members will have their name in the "Pot" 8 times. There will be fourteen names drawn for **\$100.00** each. (Checks presented at Mid-Winter Conference)

# AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP 2016 RENEWAL SCHEDULE

## CUTOFF DATES

MAY 15, 2015

SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

OCTOBER 16, 2015

DECEMBER 11, 2015

FEBRUARY 12, 2016

APRIL 15, 2016

## RENEWAL DATES

JULY 3, 2015

OCTOBER 2, 2015

NOVEMBER 16, 2015

JANUARY 8, 2016

FEBRUARY 26, 2016

APRIL 27, 2016

Transmittals received after a cutoff date will not prevent a subsequent note from being delivered at or around the renewal date.

**\*Changes to Post Addresses or dues amount must be in writing  
at Department by the cutoff dates listed above!!!**

# 2015 - 2016 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP TARGET DATES



<b>EARLY BIRD/NEF KICKOFF</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 9, 2015</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>FALL MEETINGS</b>	<b>OCTOBER 14, 2015</b>	<b>55%</b>
<b>VETERANS DAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 13, 2015</b>	<b>65%</b>
<b>PEARL HARBOR DAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER 9, 2015</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>MID-WINTER</b>	<b>JANUARY 20, 2016</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 10, 2016</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>LEGION BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 9, 2016</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH</b>	<b>APRIL 13, 2016</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>ARMED FORCES DAY</b>	<b>MAY 11, 2016</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>DELEGATE STRENGTH</b>	<b>30 DAYS PRIOR TO NATIONAL CONVENTION</b>	

Target dates fall on the second Wednesday of the month unless there is a holiday on that day or at the beginning of that week.

The November target date will be on Friday due to Veterans Day falling on that previous Tuesday.

To maximize the December renewal notice, the January target date will be on the third Wednesday of the month.



# ***DEPARTMENT TARGET DATES - 2015***

<u>LAP NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
1	8-5-2015	45
2	9-2-2015	55
3	10-7-2015	70
4	11-13-2015	80
5	12-5-2015	91
6	1-6-2016	N/A
7	2-3-2016	95
8	3-2-2016	100
9	4-6-2016	N/A
10	5-4-2016	N/A
11	5-25-2016	N/A

# **MEMBERSHIP**

## **AWARDS FOR MEMBERS**

**EARLY-BIRD STICKERS** - For each member paying Legion dues by VETERANS DAY (November 11) a special card sticker. Available in quantity from Department Headquarters.

**CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND CERTIFICATES** - For the member who has continuously paid Legion dues for 30 years or more, special cards denoting, 30 thru 75 years continuous membership are available from Department Headquarters at any time upon certification of eligible's name by Post Adjutant. Special Certificates recognizing same multiples of continuous membership are ideal for presentation by Post to members are available from national emblem sales.

**NOTE: The continuous years membership card program has been discontinued by national headquarters. The supply of 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 year cards is exhausted.**

**POST CHAMP PIN** -- See special form in this booklet. Adjutant must file form. Cost - \$2.00, **tax included.**

**GOLD NUMBER ONE PINS** – Gold lapel pin awarded to District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander in same membership categories as Brown Jugs for leading their group with percentage of quota at Department Executive Committee meetings. Leading District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander in each category at the end of the membership year is allowed to retain the pin. Any District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander who led their category during the year at the conclusion of each Department Executive Committee meeting is presented a replica pin if they do not win the gold pin. (Awarded by Department).

## **AWARDS FOR POSTS**

**CASH PRIZES** - Available to the Post exceeding Quota by highest percentage in its membership category on dates described in membership program. Winners automatically determined by Department Headquarters. (Awarded by Department).

**POST CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE** - Awarded each Post which achieves a membership by December 31 equal to or exceeding its previous All-Time-High. Winning Post automatically determined by Department Headquarters. (Awarded by National).

**POST HONOR RIBBON** - Awarded to each Post which equals or exceeds its previous year's membership by December 31. (Awarded by National).

**QUOTA PLAQUE** - Awarded by District Commander to each Post reaching Quota.

**FIVE OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS ALL-TIME-HIGH AWARD** - Presented to Post which attains 5 or more consecutive years All-Time-High. Eligible Posts are automatically determined. (Awarded by National).

**1000 AND OVER QUOTA AWARD** - Posts having an assigned Quota of 1000 or more which reach or exceed Quota by Veterans Day Report will receive a Certificate of Recognition.

**QUOTA CERTIFICATE** - Sent to District Commander for award to the Post automatically upon reaching Quota. (Awarded by Department).

**ALL-TIME HIGH COMMANDER'S PATCH** - Sent to District Commander for award to the Post Commander automatically upon their reaching ALL-TIME-HIGH in membership, with All-Time-High Certificate. (Awarded by Department).

**100% POST COMMANDER'S PATCH** - Sent to District Commander for award to the Post Commander automatically upon their Post reaching Quota. (Awarded by Department).

**200% AND 300% COMMANDER'S PATCH** - A very exclusive patch for Post Commanders whose membership reaches 200% or 300% of Quota. (Awarded by Department).

**CONVENTION HOUSING** – A drawing will be held, based on the May 25 convention report, of four Quota First Vice Commanders and they shall receive 2 nights lodging at the Department Convention.

**RECRUITER PLAQUE** – A plaque will be awarded to the post with the most new members signed (one plaque for each size category). List of new members recruited must be submitted by the May 4 Target Date to qualify.

## ***SPECIAL CONVENTION QUOTA AWARD***

The 2015 - 2016 Membership Planning Committee unanimously adopted action to pay special and well-deserved recognition to any Post that equals or exceeds its 2016 Quota by the time of the 2015 Department Convention. The 2016 Convention in Cleveland will be June 26 – June 28. For purposes of this award, 2016 cards received at the Convention or in the office of the Department Headquarters in Delaware by the close of the Convention will be counted.

A special "Certificate of Recognition" will be the award issued for this outstanding achievement.

As a special reward for reaching Quota at the Convention, all Quota Posts will be given the opportunity to house their delegates in the Headquarters Hotel at the Convention in 2016, if desired.

## ***AWARDS FOR DISTRICTS***

**LITTLE - MEDIUM - BIG BROWN JUGS** -- **Little Brown Jug** for District - awarded to District which exceeds percentages described in membership program booklet to highest degree on dates shown. Winner automatically determined by Department Headquarters. **Medium Brown Jug** awarded to District on dates shown. **Big Brown Jug** awarded on same basis to District. (Awarded by Department).

**LAP PRIZES** -- Cash prizes awarded Districts in same membership categories as Brown Jugs for leading their group with percentage of Quota on specific dates shown in the membership program booklet. Winning Districts automatically determined by Department. (Awarded by Department).

**DISTRICT COMMANDER QUOTA AWARD** --Cap Patch presented to each District Commander equaling or exceeding their assigned Quota. (Awarded by Department).

## ***DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AWARDS***

In addition to the awards listed previously, numerous plaques and other forms of awards are presented to outstanding Posts and individuals for membership and program accomplishments throughout the previous year. Following are the awards and purposes:

### ***MEMBERSHIP AWARDS***

**HUGH K. MARTIN AWARD** – Awarded to Post showing greatest increase over previous “All-Time High”

**DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S AWARD** -- Awarded annually to the Post with Quota of 750 or more, which attains highest percentage of previous year's membership by February 3. **WINNER MUST BE QUOTA POST.** Winner automatically determined by Department.

**DEPARTMENT FIRST VICE COMMANDER'S AWARD** - Awarded annually to the Post with Quota between 25 and 750, which attains highest percentage of previous year's membership by February 3. Winner must be Quota Post. Winner automatically determined by Department.

**GRAND AWARD** -- Presented annually to the Post first reaching membership Quota in the Quota group 1,000 and over. Winner automatically determined by Department.

**ELI K. JENSEN AWARD** -- Awarded to District showing greatest percentage increase over previous year. **District must be quota to qualify**

**DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT'S AWARD** – Plaque presented annually to any District 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Commander whose District reaches quota

## **OTHER PROGRAM AWARDS**

### **CPR Awards**

*Plaques awarded annually at Department Convention*

**MICKEAL J. GOLATO MEMORIAL AMERICANISM AWARD** -- Presented to the Post which performed the most outstanding service in Americanism. Form automatically mailed to each Post prior to District Convention.

**EDWARD McBANE YOUTH ACTIVITIES AWARD** -- Presented to the Post which performed the most outstanding service in the Youth Activities field. Form automatically mailed to each Post prior to District Convention.

**JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE AWARD** -- Presented to the Post judged to have performed the most outstanding Legislative Program during the year preceding the Department Convention.

**LAW AND ORDER AWARD** -- Presented annually to the Post which carries out the best Law and Order Program.

**RALPH DOLL MEMORIAL CONSERVATION AWARD** -- Awarded annually to the Post within the Department which has been judged to have implemented the most outstanding conservation program.

**ALICE FRIEDMAN MEMORIAL AWARD** -- Presented annually to the Post which contributed the best program to the benefit of the community. Form automatically mailed to all Posts prior to District Convention.

**VETERAN SERVICE AWARD** -- awarded to Post showing the best service to the Veteran Community

**FATHER JOHN E. DUFFY AWARD** -- Presented to the Post which performed the most outstanding program of "Service to God and Country". Form automatically mailed to each Post prior to District Convention.

**OUTSTANDING POST CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR AWARD** -- Presented to the Post Chaplain who has performed outstanding service by his devoted guidance to the Post to the end that all activities are in keeping with the spirit of "SERVICE TO GOD AND COUNTRY" Program. (See Father John E. Duffy Award).

## VA & R AWARDS

**AL SCHAEFER REHABILITATION AWARD** -- Presented to the individual Legionnaire who is considered the most outstanding in the field of Rehabilitation and Service. The winner is selected by a (3) person committee, appointed by Department Commander, of the Department VA&R Committee at Department Convention. Nominations can come from DEC, VA&R Committee, VA Employee, and/ or DSO and accepted right up to Department Convention. Nominees are PSO's, VAVS, or other Legion volunteer activities within Rehabilitation and Service. Must be a member in good standing during current Legion year and accomplishments articulated and supported, if possible, with evidence (news, awards, pics). Nominations will be forwarded to the Department Adjutant and copied to the Service Director.

**Certificates of Appreciation** – Certificates of Appreciation are for outstanding Department of Veterans Affairs officials upon their retirement or resignation from that Department. The word “official” as stated by the Committee on Certificates of Appreciation is defined in the following: “An officer is distinguished from an employee in the greater importance, dignity, and independence of their position, and in the authority to direct and supervise others. Their duties must not be clerical or ministerial.”. Governed under Resolution No. 58, Spring 1958, NEC. This award is approved at the meeting of the VA&R Conference and pre-convention meeting of VA&R Commission, deadlines set by National bi-annually. Nominations will be forwarded to the Department Adjutant and copied to the Service Director.

**Citations for Meritorious Service** – To acknowledge contributions of Post Service Officers, Posts, and others (exception of VAVS) to the rehabilitation program. This award is not meant for VA employees (see Certificate of Appreciation). This award is to pay tribute to those Legionnaires whose untiring efforts have meant so much to the success of our rehabilitation program. It is suggested that where possible, the presentation of these Citations be made a feature of Department Conventions, Service Officer Schools, or Department Conferences. These are usually approved at National Conference and Convention or when VA&R Commission meets. Nominations will be forwarded to the Department Adjutant and copied to the Service Director.

**Department VA Award** – To acknowledge contributions of any person who is employed by The Department of Veterans Affairs. Nominees must have performed outstandingly in providing service for veterans and may be made by Department Service Officers, Post Service Officers, Districts, and members of the VA&R Committee. A brief write-up of their duties and achievements are required. The recipient of the award will be selected by a (3) person committee (30) days prior to Department Convention, appointed by the Department Commander. Nominations can be accepted by Department HQ at any time of the year. Nominations will be forwarded to the Department Adjutant and copied to the Service Director.

**William F. Lenker National Service Trophy** – Awarded to the Department of The American Legion excelling in welfare work for veterans and their dependents. This trophy is one of the most distinctive and impressive awards your Department can earn and truly symbolic of the highest traditions of The American Legion, and the recipients of the award can be justifiably proud of their contribution to the rehabilitation program of The American Legion. Submitted to National by Department Headquarters Service Director, due in July of each year. Information is based on CPR reporting that provides the proper evidence for the “Statement of Rehabilitation Activities” to National.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR OR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION SPECIALIST AWARD** – To recognize the front line civilian warriors on behalf of children. A Department trophy plaque is permanently displayed at Department HQ with the recipient name and city or county which the recipient is employed. Eligibility is open to professional and volunteer youth counselors. A formal nomination form will be provided to the Children & Youth Department Committee each year. The nominations are to be submitted to the Service Director at Department Headquarters (2) weeks prior to the Mid-Winter Conference in January each year. The recipient is invited to receive the award at the Department Convention, at their own expense, or the District. Nominations may come from PSO's, County Officers, District Commanders, and Department Officers. The Child Welfare Committee will judge and select the nominations with the approval of the Department Executive Committee.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH AWARDS** -- Five awards (Citations) total to outstanding Posts in membership categories 25-100, 101-300, 301-600, and 601 and over conducting the most outstanding Child Welfare Program, and an award to the overall Department Winner. Forms are automatically mailed to all Posts. Winners judged at Convention annually by the Children & Youth Committee.

**SPECIAL CHILDREN & YOUTH CITATIONS** – A beautiful Citation signed by the National Commander and the National Children and Youth Chairman to recognize (3) most outstanding Children & Youth Programs submitted by Posts for each District. Awards given in (4) distinct membership categories. Deadline on or before September 1 of each year.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE** – A beautiful certificate signed by the National Commander, National Americanism Chairman, and the Children & Youth Committee Chariman to recognize the (4) most outstanding Children & Youth programs submitted by Posts in the Department, awarded by (4) distinct membership categories. Deadline on or before September 1 of each year.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT REPORTING AWARD** – A beautiful certificate signed by the National Commander, National Americanism Chairman, and the Committee on Children & Youth Chairman to Districts in the Department that achieve 100 percent Post Children & Youth reporting. (100 percent CPR submission within the District by June 1 of each year). *National Resolution No. 4, October 6-7, 1965.*

**ANNUAL CHILDREN & YOUTH CITATIONS** – A beautiful citation signed by the National Commander and the National Children & Youth Chairman to recognize any Post in the Department that has reported an outstanding Children & Youth program for the year.

*(These are not Children & Youth Awards)*

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD** -- Presented to the outstanding individual in the Special Olympics Program.

**EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD** -- Presented annually to the outstanding Educator of the Year. Nominations made annually by Districts.



## **NATIONAL VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION COMMISSION AWARDS**

All deadlines for the following employment awards are January 15 to National and must be first submitted through the Department Employment Committee and the Service Director at Department HQ. Specific nomination forms are provided by the Service Director at Department Headquarters, distributed by National each year. Selections are made by the National Economic Commission Award Subcommittee that meets during the annual Washington Conference and notification is sent to Department HQ in March of each year for plaque distribution in June or July of each year. The Commission provides free plaques to each Department that submits nominations.

**EMPLOYER OF VETERANS AWARDS** – Departments may submit a total of (3) nominations for this category of employer award on a specific nomination form provided by Department Headquarters. The award sizes are the following: Small – 50 or fewer employees, Medium – 51-200 employees, Large – 201 employees or more. Criteria is the following; (1) At least 10 percent of nominees workforce must be veterans, (2) Nominee must have been in business for at least five years, (3) Nominee cannot restrict employment to veterans only, (4) Nominee must be a private sector employer, eliminating any city, state, or federal employer.

**EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (ES) AWARDS** – The purpose of the ES awards is to confer national recognition annually on one outstanding Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER), one Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) specialist, and one local Employment Service (ES) office. These folks provide job counseling, testing and placement assistance to unemployed and underemployed veterans.

**EMPLOYMENT OF OLDER WORKERS AWARD** – to recognize one employer in each state for an outstanding record in the hiring and retention of older workers. Nominations can come from Posts or other sources and are sent to HQ to select one nominee. The Department Adjutant or Employment Chairman will sign off on the nominee.

**AWARD TO ENHANCE LIVES OF DISABLED PERSONS** – The purpose of the National Organization on Disability (NOD) awards competition is to confer National recognition on organizations, such as The American Legion, for involvement in enhancing the lives of disabled persons. Any Legion project or program that improves the quality of life for disabled persons will be considered. Nominations are from Posts or other sources.

**MICHAEL GUTY HOMELESS VETERANS OUTREACH AWARD** – Each Department is to have a Homeless Veterans Task Force Chairman to coordinate the Department Activities and report them to the Adjutant and the Veterans Employment and Education Division at least once a year. The award is given to The American Legion Department that demonstrates American Legion family involvement in homeless veteran initiatives that show outstanding support for activity in any or all of these areas: volunteerism, prevention, supportive housing, advocacy, and fundraising.

## **GIFTS FOR YANKS**

**GIFTS FOR YANKS AWARDS** – There are 14 Department Awards granted for the Gifts For Yanks Program of which (4) of them are to be obtained at Department Convention. In each of the (5) membership categories there is largest contribution and largest percent of goal which are awards given by Department to District Commanders. The (4) Department Convention awards are given at Convention to the largest contribution and largest percent of goal by Post and District. The District GFY Chairman will also give (3) plaques at the District meetings and conferences based on District

membership category. There are also exemplary plaques for donations of \$5,000 or more to be distributed by District Commanders.

## **OTHER AWARDS**

**POST PUBLICATION AWARDS** – Eight Awards based on circulation. Single Sheet, Multiple Sheet, Computer Generated, and Commercially Printed newsletters for circulations under 500 and more than 500. Winners determined by the Department Public Relations Committee.

**POST HISTORY/SCRAPBOOK AWARDS** -- Award to Post judged by Post History Contest Committee to have compiled the most outstanding Post History and Scrapbook for preceding year. Judged at first Department Executive Committee meeting in July or August.

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS  
60 BIG RUN ROAD  
DELAWARE, OH 43015

TO: ALL POST ADJUTANTS

POST \_\_\_\_\_

**2016 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

There is very little recognition an outstanding membership worker can receive in The American Legion, but the following Awards are provided by the Department for such recognition. Your Post should complete the information below to recognize those key workers.

In order that we may properly honor your request we ask that you return this form as soon as possible. **YOUR REQUEST WILL BE HONORED AS LONG AS SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE.**

The available Awards are:

**POST CHAMP:** A brilliant cap ornament for the champion membership promoter in your Post. In order to receive this pin, the Post must report the name of the winner and send **TWO DOLLARS (\$2.00) TAX INCLUDED** to help defray the cost of the award.

**Recipient** \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Members \_\_\_\_\_

**HALF CENTURY CLUB:** A special pin for each member who recruits a minimum of 50 members (new, renewal, or Post 888 memberships)

**Recipient** \_\_\_\_\_  
# of Members \_\_\_\_\_

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