

# Membership Awards For 2021

To be eligible for Department Awards Posts must be chartered for two years. In the event that a postmark day falls on a Sunday or holiday, it shall be the next business day. All Post awards will be in the following categories: Category I - 10 to 75; Category II - 76 to 150; Category III - 151 to 300; Category IV - 301 to 500; Category V - 501 to 700; Category VI - 701 to 900; Category VII - 901 and over. Category will be determined according to membership on July 31, 2020.

Your base membership goal for 2021 is one more member than your membership on July 31, 2020. Your base membership goal will then be adjusted (up, down, or remain the same) so that the total Department Membership Goal will be identical to the goal established by our national organization.

## **Recruiter of The Year Award (Nat'l Award)**

Each Post will have the opportunity to submit the name of a recruiter who has signed the highest number of **NEW** members for that Post for 2021 as the Department Recruiter of the Year. Certification must be submitted by May 10, 2021. The top recruiter will receive a framed certificate with his/her accomplishment inscribed thereon. Certification forms are available from Department Headquarters.

A National Recruiter of the Year will be determined by National from all Department winners. The award will include an expense paid trip to the 2021 National Convention.

## **Gold Brigade & Silver Brigade (Nat'l Award)**

Legionnaires who recruit 50 or more new members by May 10, 2021 will qualify for enrollment in the elite Gold Brigade of The American Legion. Gold Brigade members will receive a special cap pin, Gold Brigade Certificate, and a gold jacket or polo shirt. Members of the Gold Brigade will be recognized by the National Commander during the National Convention. Certification forms are available from Department Headquarters.

Legionnaires who recruit 25 to 49 new members by May 10, 2021, will qualify for enrollment in the Silver Brigade of The American Legion. Silver Brigade members will receive a silver pin and a Silver Brigade Certificate. Certification forms are available from Department Headquarters.

## **100% District, County & Post Membership Award (Cut off June 1, 2021)**

100% Award to each Commander, Adjutant, and Membership Chairman achieving their 2021 Goal designating them 100% in membership. This award will be sent automatically from Department Headquarters.

## **Early Bird Member Award (Cut off September 10, 2021)**

Any regular member who has their dues paid and transmitted to Department Headquarters by the first membership target date shall be in a drawing for \$150.00.

## **Permanent / PUFL Member Appreciation Award (Cut-off January 1, 2021)**

Any Nebraska "Permanent" or PUFL" member on the Department membership roster on January 1, 2021 shall be in a drawing for \$150.00

## **Post Rebate Program (Cut-off November 14, 2020)**

A Post who signs up a new member who has never belonged to The American Legion before and has that membership transmitted to Department Headquarters by the cut-off date shall receive \$5.00 from Department Headquarters. Postmark date November 14, 2020.

### **Star Award (Cut-off March 31, 2021)**

Star Award Pin-Department award to each membership worker. Bronze for enrolling 5 to 9 new members, a Silver for enrolling 10-14 new members; Gold for enrolling 15-24 new members; Gold Star with Wreath will mean that the worker has signed 25 or more new members. A new member is one who did not belong to The American Legion the previous year. The awards will be sent to the Post upon certification by the Post Adjutant. Postmark deadline is March 31, 2021.

### **Birthday Citation (Cut-off March 31, 2021)**

Incentive Goal Citation – Department award to each Post enrolling or surpassing their 2021 Incentive Goal. Postmark deadline March 31, 2021.

### **Floyd Raymond Memorial Trophy (Cut-off June 1, 2021)**

A special Department award to the Post with the greatest percentage of increase in membership for 2021 over previously attained All-Time High in each category. Postmark date June 1, 2021.

### **Post Membership Achievement Award**

A plaque will be presented to the Post in each of seven categories that shows the greatest percentage increase in membership by May 31, 2021, over its membership as of July 31, 2020. Category will be determined according to membership on July 31, 2020.

### **Honor Ribbon (Nat'l Award)**

Any Post which by December 31, 2020, enrolls for 2021 as many or more members as it had for 2020, will be awarded the Honor Ribbon. This is a gold ribbon which may be attached to the staff of the Post Banner.

### **Certificate of Meritorious Service (Nat'l Award)**

A Certificate of Meritorious Service will go to all American Legion Posts which have a 2021 membership equaling or surpassing their previous All-Time High by December 31, 2020.

### **District Commander and Vice Commander Contest**

A prize of \$20.00 will be presented to both the District Commander and Vice Commander whose District is in third place on the membership analysis prepared to coincide with National Target Date No. 9.

A prize of \$25.00 will be presented to both the District Commander and Vice Commander whose District is in second place on the membership analysis prepared to coincide with National Target Date No. 9.

A prize of \$30.00 will be presented to both the District Commander and Vice Commander whose District is in first place on the membership analysis prepared to coincide with National Target Date No. 9.

### **District Commander Membership Achievement Award**

A plaque will be presented to the District Commander whose district is in first place on the May 31 membership analysis.

### **District Race Toward Goal**

The first District to reach goal will win \$100.00.

The second District to reach goal will win \$75.00.

The third District to reach goal will win \$50.00.