



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – MISSOURI'S NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL

PERRYVILLE, MO – National Wreaths Across America Day's ceremony to be held at Missouri's National Veterans Memorial.

WHAT: Missouri's National Veterans Memorial (MNVM), an official Wreaths Across America (WAA) location, will host a wreath-laying ceremony, joining more than 3,700 other locations across the country for National Wreaths Across America Day. This annual event seeks to further the yearly mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, ensuring that the memory of those who served our country endures.

WHEN: Saturday, December 14, 2024

A wreath-laying ceremony will take place at Missouri's National Veterans Memorial at 11:00 am

WHERE:

Missouri's National Veterans Memorial
1172 Veterans Memorial Parkway
Perryville, MO 63775

About Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's year-long mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at more than 3,700 veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and overseas.

MNVM's Welcome Center and Museum is open 7 days a week from 11:00am to 3:00pm, and all outdoor monuments/campus grounds are open 24/7/365.

Questions Contact:

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(573) 547-2035
michael@mnvmfund.org

2024-2025 Reminders & Upcoming Events

December 2024 – May 2025

December 2024

1 **Be The One Day**
7 Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Day
11 75% Membership Target Date
20 Space Force's 5th Birthday
25 – Jan 2 Department Headquarters Closed
31 Membership Cutoff for Lincoln Pilgrimage

January 2025

1 New Years Day Office Closed
1 **Be The One Day**
18 80% Membership Target Date
20 Inauguration Day
20 Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday – Department Office Closed
28 Coast Guard's 109th Birthday

February 2025

(Americanism Month)
1 **Be The One Day**
2 Four Chaplains Sunday
6 **Law & Order/Fire Fighter Nomination due to Department**
6 **Distinguished Legionnaire Nomination due to Department**
6 **Distinguished Service Nomination due to Department**
11-12 Lincoln Pilgrimage -Springfield, IL
14 Valentines Day & Ash Wednesday
17 President's Day – Department Headquarters Closed
22-26 National Washington Conference
23 **Oratorical Contest – Southern Boone County High School, Ashland, MO 1:00 p.m.**

March 2025

1 **Be The One Day**
1 **Spring Department Executive Committee Meeting – Harry B. Pryor Post 152, 123 E. Broadway, Ashland, MO 11:00 a.m.**
1 Missouri Boy State Trivia Night – Lindenwood University 6:00 p.m.
1 **Eagle Scout Application Dues to Department Headquarters**
2 Missouri Boy State Board meeting – Lindenwood University
12 90% Membership Target Date
15 American Legion's 106th Birthday
25 **Registration For State Youth Government Day due to Department**
29 Vietnam War Remembrance Day

April 2025

(Children & Youth Month)
1 **Be The One Day**
9 **State Youth Government Day**
10 95% Membership Target Date

15	Annual Post Data Report Due to Department
18	Good Friday – Department Headquarters Closed
20	All Scholarship applications are due to Department
20	Easter
27	American Legion Family Day

May 2025

1	Be The One Day
5-8	National Spring Meetings – Indianapolis, IN
7-8	Truman Pilgrimage – Independence, MO
8	Truman Holiday - Department Headquarters Closed
10	2025 Membership Award forms due to Department
14	100% Membership Target Date
16-18	86 th High School Oratorical Contest – Hillsdale College Michigan
23	National Poppy Day
26	Memorial Day - Department Headquarters Office Closed

MISSOURI CADET PATROL ACADEMY

Sponsored by The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.
in Cooperation with the Missouri State Highway Patrol

53rd Class held June 8 through June 13, 2025

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Age: 16-18. No condition of race, creed or sex is a prerequisite for selection. Former Cadet Patrol graduates will NOT eligible.
2. Applicants must have a C grade average or higher (2.0+ GPA). Home-schooled students that meet the C grade average requirement are also eligible.
3. Must furnish own transportation to and from the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy.
4. Every applicant must be of good moral character and come well recommended.
5. ***Applicants must be in excellent physical condition and able to participate in a rigorous physical program.***
6. **Copy of valid Missouri driver's license must be attached.**
7. This application must be endorsed by an American Legion Post in your area to be considered.

PERSONAL DATA

1. Name _____ Home Phone _____
2. Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____ School Grade _____ Do you Swim? ___ Yes ___ No
3. Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____
4. Student Email Address: _____
5. Father's Name _____ Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
6. Father's Email Address: _____
7. Mother's Name _____ Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
8. Mothers Email Address: _____
9. I do believe in The American Legion's Principles of Law and Order and for God and Country. Circle Y N

UNIFORM MEASUREMENTS: (How to Measure) For accuracy, you must have someone else measure you. Keep the tape straight and snug, but not too tight. If your measurements are between sizes, order the next larger size, to the nearest inch, e.g., 34, 35, 36, etc. These garments do shrink somewhat with washing, so plan accordingly. **Pants Inseam:** Measure down the inseam of the leg to one inch below the ankle bone and round up to the nearest full inch. *Example:* Actual measurement is 31-1/2" = 32" inseam as shown above. **Waist:** Measure over the shirt (not the trousers). **Neck:** Measure actual collar size to the nearest one-half inch (e.g., 15-1/2, 16-1/2, 17-1/2, etc.) **It is very important that these measurements are correct. Uniforms are ordered from a uniform company using the sizes given from below and cannot be changed.**

***** You can find a how-to guide at the back of this application *****

Height: _____

Weight: _____

Uniform Pants:

Uniform Shirts: (Nearest one-half inch)

PT Clothes: (XS – 3XL)

Waist _____

Neck _____

T-Shirt: _____

Inseam _____

Chest _____

Shorts _____

Neck size must be accurate because shirts will be worn with a necktie.

NOTE: PLEASE FILL IN ENDORSEMENTS ON BACK OF FORM.

Must submit copy of medical insurance in case of illness. Student will be taken to Urgent Care clinic if complaining of illness while attending the program. Co-payment will be the responsibility of student.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE (Must be completed in full by applicant.)

1. _____
(Name, Relationship and Phone Number of person to be notified in case of medical emergency.)

2. Circle diseases you have had:

Measles	Mumps	Smallpox	Chicken Pox	Pneumonia	Scarlet Fever	Asthma	Polio	Diabetes
Allergies	Diphtheria	Appendicitis	Convulsions	Heart Trouble	Lung Trouble	Ear Trouble	(Other)	

3. Date of last Tetanus Shot _____

4. Have you been vaccinated against Smallpox? (Please circle) Yes No

5. Have you received Polio Immunization? (Please circle) Yes No

During your stay at the Academy you will be covered by insurance. Your personal medical insurance will be the primary policy and the insurance provided by the Cadet Patrol program is the secondary policy.

Applicant's Signature _____
(Name) (Date)

TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR FAMILY PHYSICIAN:

What is the physical condition of the applicant:

Heart_____ Ears _____ Skin_____ Eyes _____ Lungs _____ Throat _____

Do you feel the applicant is physically capable of taking part in a program that includes rigorous physical activity?
_____ Yes _____ No

(Signature of Physician)

(Date)

EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION

(To be completed by parent or legal guardian.)

I, _____, as the **PARENT** or **LEGAL GUARDIAN** of the applicant, do hereby consent to the performance of emergency medical or dental care, including surgical procedures, for this applicant. I understand this will be done only in an emergency, and by a licensed physician. Anesthesia may be used when deemed necessary, by medical personnel.

(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian)

(Date)

ENDORSEMENTS

1. **SCHOOL** – I hereby certify that the above-named student is a member in good standing of our local high school or home school and has a C grade average or higher (2.0+ GPA) and is recommended for participation in the youth program.

Signature of School Official – Name of School – Position

2. **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL** I, _____, regularly employed in the field of law enforcement, do know, or have interviewed the applicant and do recommend him/her as a worthy candidate to participate in the youth program.

Signature of Peace Officer

Title

Date

Name of Law Enforcement Office

3. **LOCAL LEGION POST** – I hereby certify that the above listed applicant is a resident of Missouri. Our Legion Post Cadet Patrol Chairman recommends his/her acceptance in the youth program. (**Note: PAYMENT FOR FEE OF \$450.00 (PAID BY SPONSORING POST) MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION. Make the check payable to *The American Legion Department of Missouri.***)

Name and Number of American Legion Post

Signature of Post Commander or Adjutant

Phone Number

4. **DISTRICT ENDORSEMENT** – The applicant named in the application is hereby approved as our District Representative in the youth program. (*Student must be interested in pursuing a career in Law Enforcement.*)

District #

Signature of District Commander or District Cadet Patrol Chairman

Date

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY DISTRICT CHAIRMAN
NO LATER THAN March 1, 2025.**

**APPLICATION MUST REACH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY
April 1, 2025.**

PURPOSE

It should be unnecessary to say that at the heart of the American system is this nation's dependence upon Law and Order, yet few concepts now are more misunderstood by our society than those which govern the relationships between Freedom and Democracy and Law and Order.

Never in the history of this nation has this relationship been so strained and under attack, but at the same time, never has there been a greater need or opportunity to convey to the general public, and in particular the youth, the need for Law and Order in a dynamic and progressive Democracy. Because of current social unrest and changing lifestyles in this country, the role of Law Enforcement Agencies in upholding the law needs full understanding and support.

The principal responsibility of our law enforcement authority is to insure all the rights and freedoms of **All** members of our society, and the underlying purpose of The Missouri Cadet Patrol Academy is to provide firsthand experience of the role of Law Enforcement in promoting and safer-guarding American freedoms and rights.

It is hoped that the young men and women who participate in The Cadet Patrol Academy will develop favorable attitudes toward law enforcement and will help disseminate these attitudes throughout the community.

Our young people have proven their abilities to think clearly and often to be the staunchest of supporters for moral and legal rights. The Academy gives them the opportunity to see law enforcement practices and concepts at their best.

SPONSORSHIP

The local Legion Post may accept outside financial assistance to send a Cadet to the Academy. However, none can be accepted except through the local Post which will send their nominations to the District Chairman who will make the final selections. District Chairmen are encouraged to make alternate selections.

The Cadet Patrol program will be conducted at the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City, Missouri, located at 1510 East Elm Street, (Highway 50 East).

THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF A TYPICAL WEEK OF RIGOROUS PATROL RECRUIT TRAINING

The week's activities will include: Classroom instruction in the History of Law Enforcement, defensive driving, Radar, Motor Vehicle Laws, First Aid, shooting demonstrations, drug abuse, and use of alcohol, as well as demonstrations of police skills, such as personal defense and weapons firing. Organized sports will be a part of the program as well as tours of the area as time permits. It is expected that Missouri State officials will visit during the week. The American Legion will furnish staff assistance during the program.

QUALIFICATIONS

Age — 16 through 18 years of age. Must Have reached sixteenth birthday by **April 1, 2025.**

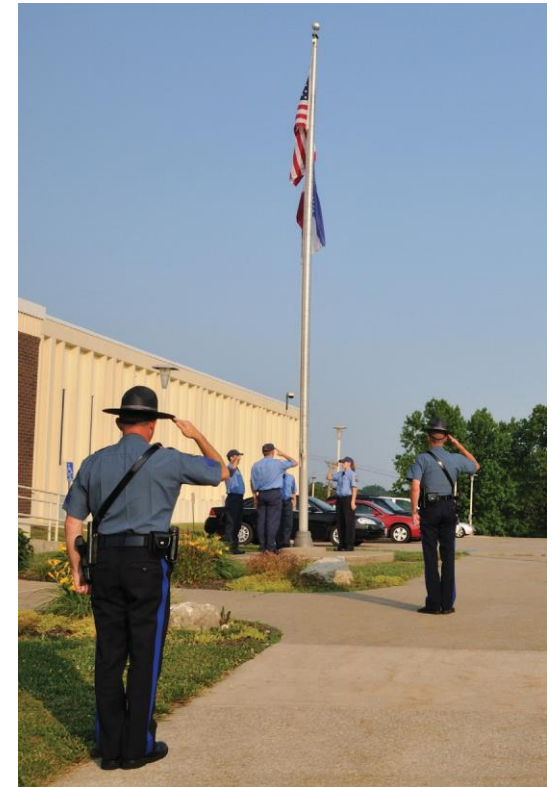
Applicants must have a (C) average or higher (2.0+ GPA). Home schooled students that meet the (C) average requirement are also eligible.

Each applicant must be of good moral character, present a neat, well-groomed military appearance and come well recommended. Males will not report to the Academy with a beard.

Possess a valid driver's license or a learner's permit (due to driving course). Copy of driver's license or learner's permit must accompany the application.

Have an interest in pursuing a career in the Criminal Justice System.

Any individual applying for Cadet Patrol must meet the qualification requirements and only those recommended by their local high school official may be considered. If home school note on application.



“KEEP IT FLYING”



“LOOKING GOOD”

Former Cadet Patrol Graduates are not eligible. NO CONDITION OF RACE, CREED OR COLOR IS A PREREQUISITE TO SELECTION. UNDER NO CONDITIONS WILL HARASSMENT BE TOLERATED.

APPLICATION

Official application forms, which must be fully completed, may be obtained from your local American Legion Post and online at www.missourilegion.org. Be sure the necessary signatures of your high school principal, your local Post Commander or Adjutant, your Doctor and local law enforcement official have been secured. The applicant should express a personal interest in the program.

Applicants must be physically able to take part in a Rigorous Physical Program. The local Post Commander, Adjutant, or Cadet Patrol Chairman will interview each applicant, and forward each completed application with the fee of \$450.00 to the District Commander or Chairman, **no later than March 1, 2025.**

Make checks payable to: The American Legion Dept. of MO.

The District Commander must forward his endorsed application to The American Legion, Department of Missouri, Inc., Post Office Box 179, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, no later than **April 1, 2025.** (The District Commander is urged to forward additional applications in the event they might be accepted. If not accepted, fees will be returned.)

EQUIPMENT

Each Cadet will be issued an official uniform which will be worn at all times, except during recreational periods. Personal toiletry items, including glasses (if you wear contacts), clothing for athletic activities such as gym shoes, T-shirts and black dress shoes for marching in uniform will be the responsibility of the individual.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cadets are quartered two per room which includes restroom and bathing facilities. Rooms are heated and air conditioned. A lounge with TV and recreational facilities. In case of illness the student will be taken to a medical facility for care. This will not be a choice of the cadet.

REGISTRATION AND CHECKOUT

Registration will begin on Sunday, June 8th at 3:00 p.m. and must be completed by 5:00 p.m. Once Cadets complete registration, they will be staying at the academy for the remainder of the week.

Checkout will begin immediately following graduation on Friday, June 13th.

Individuals providing transportation will be permitted to pick up Cadets only at the Missouri Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy — **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

For those Cadets wishing to drive their own vehicles to the academy, parking space will be available. However, they must remain parked until checkout time Friday June 13th, 2025.

VISITORS

GRADUATION WILL BE AT 10:00 a.m., (Time is subject to change. Please call 573-526-6174 to confirm.) **Friday, June 13th, 2025.** Families and friends of the Cadets are invited to attend.

Cell phones will not be permitted during scheduled activities.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY A CADET MAY BE REACHED BY TELEPHONE AT 573/526-6174 or 573-526-6175



53rd Annual MISSOURI CADET PATROL ACADEMY

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC SAFETY



conducted at
MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

sponsored by

THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Missouri

in cooperation with

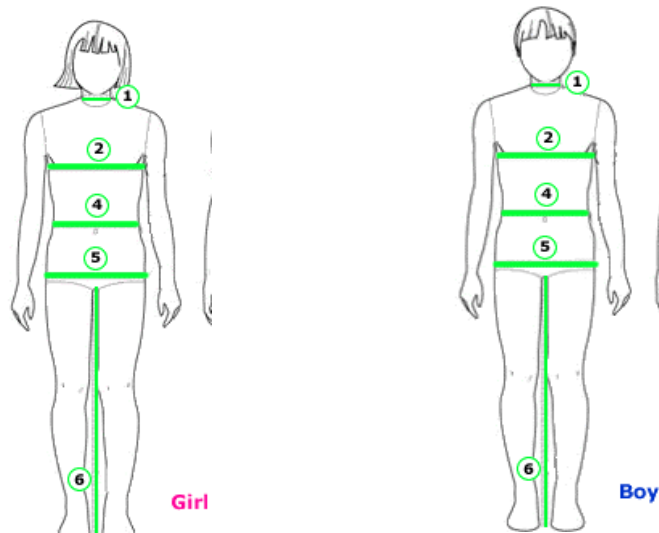
THE MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

June 8th through June 13th, 2025

Frankie Adams, Chairman
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 619-0080

Grateful appreciation is extended to Past Department Commander Charles A. Barron (1967) whose dedication led to the creation of this National Security activity.

How to measure for your uniform.



Neck (1):

Measure around base of neck, just below adam's apple, allowing for comfortable fit. About a finger width of room.

Chest/ Bust (2):

Measure the fullest part of the chest. Boys just under the arms. Girls across the fullest part of the bust.

Waist (4):

Measure around the narrowest part of your natural waist. Generally around the belly button area. To ensure comfortable fit, do not pull the measuring tape too tightly.

*DO NOT measure over the belt or waistband.

Inseam (6):

Measure while standing, from the top of your inner thigh down to the bottom of you ankle.

*About one inch below the anklebone.

INSURANCE INFORMATION

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

(Please Return to Department Headquarters with Acceptance Form)

(Name of Claimant)

(Date of Birth)

(Home Address)

Person to contact in an Emergency

(Address)

(Phone Number)

During the applicant's stay at The American Legion Cadet Patrol Academy, Supplemental insurance will be provided by The American Legion **after all claims have been submitted to the individuals insurance company.**

1. Parents Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Father's Occupation _____ Employer _____
(Name/Address/Phone No.)

3. Mother's Occupation _____ Employer _____
(Name/Address/Phone No.)

4. List of family medical insurance policies _____
(Attach separate sheet if more space is needed)

Name of Insurance Co. _____ Group Individual HMO
Policy No.(s) _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

To whom (Employer, Union, etc.) was policy issued _____

(Date)

(Signature of Parent or Guardian)



ANNOUNCING!!!!

DISTINGUISHED LEGIONNAIRE AWARD

Deadline Feb. 6, 2025

Eligibility: Living members of The American Legion Department of Missouri, who have rendered and continue to render outstanding and even sacrificial service to The American Legion and its programs for "God and Country." No Past Department Commander, Past National Executive Committeeman or Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall be eligible for the award.

Source of Nominations: Nominations may come only from Districts of the Department of Missouri. Nominations must be approved by Districts action. Each District may submit no more than one nomination annually.

Method for Nomination to be written: They should state the branch of service and period of time during which the nominee served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. The nomination must give, in detail, the history of service the nominee has rendered to The American Legion on the Post, District, and Department levels, giving dates of such service. Nomination should be accompanied with other supporting material.

Deadline for Nomination: Nominations must be received at The American Legion Department of Missouri Headquarters by February 6, 2025.

Post Awards: No award will be made posthumously unless death occurs after nomination of Legionnaire has been received at Department Headquarters.

Distinguished Legionnaire Award - Rules and Regulations

Eligibility: Living members of The American Legion, Department of Missouri, who have rendered and continue to render outstanding and even sacrificial service to The American Legion and its programs for “God and Country.” No Past Department Commander, Past National Executive Committeeman, or Alternate National Executive Committeeman shall be eligible for the award.

Source of Nominations: Nominations must come from a Post or District that is a member of the Department of Missouri. A nomination submitted by a Post must be submitted to their District for approval/disapproval. Nominations approved by District action may be submitted to the Department of Missouri. Each District may submit no more than one nomination annually.

Method for Nominations: Nominations will be written in the form of a resolution (See Attached Example). They should state the branch of service and period of time during which the nominee served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. The nomination must give in detail, the history of service the nominee has rendered to The American Legion on the Post, District and Department levels, giving dates of such service. Nominations should be accompanied with other supporting material(s).

Deadline for Nominations: Nominations must be received at The American Legion, Department of Missouri Headquarters by February 6 of each year.

Selection of Recipients: The Distinguished Legionnaire Committee shall meet prior to the spring meeting of the Department Executive Committee and evaluate the nominations presented. The committee will select the Legionnaire, whom they feel is most worthy to receive the award and present his/her name to the Department Executive Committee at the spring meeting for their confirmation/approval. One Legionnaire will be selected to receive the Distinguished Legionnaire Award each year.

Posthumous Awards: No award will be made posthumously unless death occurs after the nomination of the Legionnaire has been received at Department Headquarters.

Presentation of the Award: The Distinguished Legionnaire Award will be presented with due ceremony at the next Department Convention, following the meeting of the Department Executive Committee at which the award was approved. In the event of extenuating circumstances, and at the discretion of the Department Commander, the award plaque may be presented at another time and place.

Amendment of Rules: These rules may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Department Executive Committee, by a majority vote of those members of that body present. Such amendment, if any, shall not be effective until the close of the next succeeding Annual Department Convention.

EXAMPLE of RESOLUTION Format

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Department of Missouri

Full Name of the Post and Post Number

_____, Missouri _____

WHEREAS, The Distinguished Legionnaire Award, Department of Missouri, The American Legion, is awarded to living members of The American Legion who have rendered and continue to render outstanding and even sacrificial service to The American Legion, and its programs for “God and Country”; and,

WHEREAS, _____ Post _____, _____, Missouri, of District _____, has an exceptional Legionnaire who is deserving of consideration for the award of Distinguished Legionnaire for 20_____; and,

WHEREAS, Legionnaire _____ served in the U.S. _____ during (the Vietnam era, World War II, etc.) by enlisting / by being drafted in 19____, and serving our great nation honorably for over _____ years, and he/she joined The American Legion becoming a member of _____ Post _____, _(CITY)_, _(STATE)_ in 19____; and,

WHEREAS, Legionnaire _____ has served Post _____ as (List offices, committees and other duties); and,

This is used only if the Legionnaire served in any Post capacities, otherwise omit this Whereas.
(USE WHATEVER SPACE YOU NEED TO DESCRIBE)

WHEREAS, Legionnaire _____ has served the _____ District as (List offices, committees and other duties); and,

This is used only if the Legionnaire served in any District capacities, otherwise omit this Whereas.
(USE WHATEVER SPACE YOU NEED TO DESCRIBE)

WHEREAS, Legionnaire _____ has served the Department and National headquarters as (List offices, and committees served on at department and national levels); and,

This is used only if the Legionnaire served in any Department capacities, otherwise omit this Whereas.
(USE WHATEVER SPACE YOU NEED TO DESCRIBE)

WHEREAS, Legionnaire _____

Describe in full detail the history of service the nominee has rendered to The American Legion on the Post, District and Department levels other than offices/committees held described above that this legionnaire created, supported, participated in or has been involved in that makes him/her an outstanding and distinguished candidate deserving of the Distinguished Legionnaire Award; and,

(USE WHATEVER SPACE YOU NEED TO DESCRIBE THIS LEGIONNAIRE’S ACCOMPLISHMENTS. IF THERE IS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION/MATERIAL, PLEASE ATTACH IT).

WHEREAS, Legionnaire _____ has unquestionably demonstrated his qualities of leadership and devotion to The American Legion; and,

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that the members of _____ Post _____, unanimously approved this candidate, _____, for the Distinguished Legionnaire Award, Department of Missouri, for the year 20_____; and let it be,

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be included in the Post minutes and a copy be forwarded to the _____ District for approval and endorsement at the next regular meeting; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution if endorsed by the _____ District be forwarded to the Department of Missouri.

Unanimously approved this ____ day of _____ 20_____, by _____ Post _____, _____, Missouri, in a regularly scheduled membership meeting as duly assembled.

Post Commander

Post Adjutant

Unanimously approved this ____ day of _____ 20_____, by the _____ District, Department of Missouri, in a regularly scheduled membership meeting as duly assembled.

District Commander

District Adjutant



Call For Distinguished Service Award nominees

The Distinguished Service Award Committee is seeking nominations of individuals to be considered for the 2025 Award.

A resolution approved by the 1966 Department Convention authorized this award. The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor The American Legion Department of Missouri can bestow upon a Missourian, other than being elected Department Commander.

The Award is presented to Missourians who have throughout the years rendered dedicated and exceptional service to their state of Missouri and to the nation.

The recipients need not be a member of The American Legion, nor a Veteran of the military service.

Only one award may be made each year to a living person, but more than one posthumous award may be made in any one year.

Deadline for the receipt of nominations is February 6, 2025. The Committee will meet during the 2025 Spring DEC meeting to determine their recommendation to the Department Executive Committee for final action.

Please mail nominations to the **Department of Missouri Attention Distinguished Service Award** PO Box 179 Jefferson City, MO 65102 or to the email to services@missourilegion.org .



THE AMERICAN LEGION EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

 **AMERICAN
LEGION**



Name: _____

Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Date of birth: _____

Telephone number: () _____

Email: _____

Is your Boy Scouts of America Unit chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) unit or Sons of The American Legion (SAL) squadron? _____

If yes, please complete the following:

(Post/Unit/Squadron Number)

(Street)

(City) (State) (ZIP)

For members of BSA units chartered by an American Legion post, ALA unit or SAL squadron, the affiliation of the Scout to the Legion Family must be certified.

Are you the child/grandchild of a Legionnaire, Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary member?
_____ **If yes, please complete the following:**

(Name of Member)

(Relationship) (Membership No.)

Eligibility Requirements

THE NOMINEE MUST:

- Be either a registered active member of a Boy Scouts of America unit that is chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron.

OR

- Be a registered active member of any chartered Boy Scouts of America unit and have a parent or grandparent possessing up-to-date membership in The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary, and in the case of a recently deceased member, their membership for the year immediately prior to the current year may be used.

AND

- Received the Eagle Scout Award.
- Received a Scouts BSA or Venturer Religious Emblem.
- Have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting and community.
- Have reached their 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.
- Applied through the department (state) in which their Scout unit is chartered.
- Provide documentation of current BSA membership. (Membership must be valid for the year in which you are applying.)

**APPLICANTS: DO NOT SEND THIS APPLICATION
DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. SUBMIT
TO YOUR AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT (STATE)
HEADQUARTERS.**



THE AMERICAN LEGION EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS



The Scout who best meets the qualifications outlined in the nomination application will be selected as the annual American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year by the National Americanism Commission.

Each year the American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will travel to join the youth champion delegation of The American Legion for participation in the annual National Convention of The American Legion.

Scholarships

The American Legion provides for a national scholarship to be awarded to the Eagle Scout who is selected The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.

The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year will receive a \$10,000 scholarship. Three runner-up scholarship awards will be granted in the amount of \$2,500 each.

The scholarship recipients will be eligible to receive their scholarship immediately upon graduation from high school (public, parochial, military, private, or home school) and must utilize the total award within four years of their graduation date, excluding active military duty or religious mission.

The scholarship may be used to attend a school selected by the student provided it is state accredited, above the high school level, and within the continental limits of the United States, except in the case where the student may be from a possession of the United States, in which case the student can select a school in that possession or in the continental United States.

Disbursement from the scholarship fund will be made jointly to the student and the school at the beginning of each semester or quarter. **Only one request will be honored per semester or quarter.**

DO NOT SEND THIS APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

Applicant should type or print all information.

Section A – High School Record

Note: Please attach a copy of your official high school transcript.

Grade: _____ Name of high school: _____

Grade point average: _____ In upper _____ % of class. Number in class: _____

On **one additional page (500 words)** list activities participated in during high school and also list awards, honors and recognition received. And include a copy of school transcripts.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment A if more than one page is submitted.

Section B – Scouting Record

Note: This section will be reviewed closely by the selection committee.

	Years	Unit No.	Sponsor
Cub Scout	_____	_____	_____
Scouts BSA	_____	_____	_____
Venturing Crew	_____	_____	_____
Eagle Award Received: _____	Palms: _____		

Section B – Scouting Record (continued)

On **two additional pages (1,000 words total)** (1) List leadership positions held in your Cub Scout Pack, Scouts BSA Troop, Varsity Scout Team, and/or Venturing Crew; (2) List other Scouting activities you may have participated in (Jamborees, Order of the Arrow Conferences, etc.).

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first two pages of Attachment B if more than two pages are submitted.

Section B1 – Eagle Scout Project

On **two additional pages (1,000 words total)** succinctly describe your Eagle Scout Project.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first two pages of Attachment B1 if more than two pages are submitted.

Section C – Community Participation Record

On **one additional page (500 words)** list community organizations in which you have held membership **excluding high school and Scouting**. Additionally list other activities that you were involved with that directly or indirectly improved life in your community.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment C if more than one page is submitted.

Section D – Religious Award

Denomination: _____ Name of Religious Institution: _____

Name of BSA Religious Emblem (Award) Received: _____

Month and Year Received: _____

On **one additional page (500 words)** list religious youth organizations, clubs, groups that you have been involved in, to include honors awarded and offices held.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment D if more than one page is submitted.

Section E – Career Interests

On **one additional page (500 words)** describe your career interests and/or goals. The selection committee realizes that in many cases, applicants will not have decided on career goals; however, complete this section to the best of your ability.

Note: The screening committee will only consider information provided on the first page of Attachment E if more than one page is submitted.

Section F – Letters of Recommendation and Testimony

One letter each from your **religious institution, school, your community and Scouting must be included**. Two additional letters of recommendation and testimony may also be included. Please keep in mind that the letters of recommendation are an important part of this application and will be carefully reviewed by the screening committee.

Note: The screening committee will only consider the four required letters and the two additional letters of recommendation of Attachment F if more than the six required letters of recommendation are submitted. Letters of recommendation will be limited to one page.

Authorization

CERTIFICATION BY EAGLE SCOUT

I certify to the accuracy of the foregoing facts. If selected, I will be free to travel to The American Legion National Convention and participate as a member of the youth champion delegation, representing The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America.

SIGNATURE OF EAGLE SCOUT: _____ DATE: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT

I hereby certify that the information on this application pertaining to my Scout's age and grade in school is correct. I am willing and desirous that my Scout become The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year. In consideration of the benefits derived from this honor, if selected, I hereby voluntarily waive any, and all, claims against The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America totally and all representatives thereof.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____

Authorization (continued)

SCOUT UNIT LEADER

The above named applicant is qualified in every respect to represent The American Legion and the Boy Scouts of America, and has our recommendation.

SIGNATURE OF SCOUT UNIT LEADER: _____

DATE: _____

AMERICAN LEGION SELECTION COMMITTEE APPROVAL

DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT/SCOUT CHAIRMAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS REVIEWED BY DEPARTMENT SELECTION COMMITTEE: _____

Selection Process

DEPARTMENT

- **Nominations must be received by department headquarters no later than March 1.**
- The application judged best in the department and a list of the members of the Department Selection Committee should be emailed to: americanism@legion.org, Subject: Eagle Scout of the Year Nomination.
- For additional information, applicants should contact their department headquarters.
- Please be sure that the application packet is complete upon receipt. Missing documentation will not be requested.

NATIONAL


- **Nominations must be received by national headquarters no later than April 1.**
- The National Americanism Commission's Youth Activities Subcommittee will review all department nominations, and, in their judgment, select The American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINALIST

The selection will be announced in the Americanism Commission report to the National Executive Committee during The American Legion's annual Spring Meetings in Indianapolis, each May.

American Legion department (state) contact information is online:
 **legion.org/departments**



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THE AMERICAN LEGION & SCOUTING



Square Knot

AWARD

This award is designed to recognize American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members who are actively involved in the Scouting program. This award is not meant to be a selective or limited award, but one that is available to any American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion member who completes the requirements for the award. The award is meant to recognize dedication and work required by an American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion member to assist in furthering the Scouting program in The American Legion.



The award includes a gold and purple square knot, which may be worn on the Scout uniform. A certificate and congratulatory letter from the national commander of The American Legion are also included as recognition for the award.



To be considered for The American Legion Square Knot, it is expected that American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion members will work to provide the maximum impact of The American Legion's support of the Scouting program and to achieve maximum visibility.

A. Service

1. Be a current member of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion.
2. Be a current registered Scouter in a leadership position at the unit, district or council level; or as a Chartered Organizational Representative (COR); or as a district, council, area or regional member-at-large; or as a commissioner at any level.

B. Training

If serving as a unit leader complete five of the following:

1. Complete your unit leader Position-Specific (Role-Based) Course (Scoutmaster Position-Specific, Venturing Advisor Position-Specific, Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster Position-Specific, or Sea Scout Leader Position-Specific).
2. Complete "Youth Protection" training within the past 24 months.
3. Complete a certified "First Aid and CPR" certification within the past 24 months through either the American Red Cross or Emergency Care & Safety Institute.
4. Earn the Scouter's "Training Award" for your position.
5. Complete a Woodbadge, Powderhorn or Seabadge training program.
6. Attend a national training conference at either Bechtel Summit's John D. Tickle Training Center, Florida Sea Base or Philmont Training Center.

If serving as a Chartered Organizational Representative (COR), or as a district, council, area or regional member-at-large, or as a Commissioner at any level, complete three of the following:

1. Complete the Position-Specific (Role-Based) Course for your position (Commissioner Position Specific Basic Training or Chartered Organization Representative Position Specific Training).
2. Complete a Woodbadge training program.
3. Complete a council or area specific degree program through the College of Commissioner Science or University of Scouting.
4. Attend a regional or area training conference such as the OA National Leadership Seminar or Regional/Area Commissioner Conference.
5. Attend a national training conference at either Bechtel Summit's John D. Tickle Training Center, Florida Sea Base or Philmont Training Center.

C. Tenure

1. Serve a total of three consecutive years in a Scouting leadership position at the unit, district or council level; or as a Chartered Organizational Representative (COR); or as a district, council, area or regional member-at-large; or as a commissioner at any level.

D. Performance

While serving in a Scouting leadership position at the unit, district or council level; or as a Chartered Organizational Representative (COR); or as a district, council, area or regional member-at-large; or as a commissioner at any level, complete a minimum of five of the following:

1. Serve a minimum of two years as a Post Chartered Organizational Representative for Scouting or Scouting





unit leader and demonstrate success with your unit(s) in terms of growth in membership.

2. Assist your post, district or department to raise funds to support Scouting. Participate with a local BSA district or council friends of scouting fundraising effort.
3. Participate as member of a BSA District or council membership/relationships committee and represent The American Legion.
4. Assist in organizing or reorganizing a cub pack, Scout troop, sea scout ship or venturing crew chartered by an American Legion post.
5. Participate in the Eagle Scout of the Year program at the post, district or department level.
6. Make contact with Scout troops and venturing crews in your area through visits, roundtables or other means and solicit their participation in the National High School Oratorical Contest, Junior Shooting Sports Program, Boys State, American Legion Baseball and other Americanism programs and document the results of your efforts.
7. Recruit manpower from your post or district to support a Scout activity such as a camporee, bicycle rodeo, merit badge day or other related event to help further American Legion recognition in support of the Scouting program.
8. Develop and carry out or participate in an American Legion program to recognize the leaders of Scouting programs in your post, district or department.
9. Promote and coordinate the development of a network of department American Legion Scouting Team members to assist in the development of Scouting within The American Legion.
10. Earn the Den Leader Training Award or Scouters Training Award.

11. Earn the Unit Leader Award of Merit or District Award of Merit.

12. Earn any Scouter's Key Award.

13. Earn the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award or Commissioner Award of Excellence in Unit Service.

E. Approval

1. Submit appropriate documentation (photocopies of membership card, course completion certificates, memorandum/letters signed by Scouting leadership highlighting accomplishments, etc.) in order to fully document the attainment of the requirements as outlined in sections A, B, C and D.
2. Obtain the written endorsements of your American Legion post commander, American Legion Auxiliary unit president or Sons of The American Legion squadron commander and the department Scouting chairman, department adjutant and department commander that you have satisfactorily completed the requirements for this award. (A website link to department headquarters addresses can be found on the back of the brochure to assist in obtaining the written endorsements of the department Scouting chairman, department adjutant and department commander.)
3. Submit the appropriate documentation and written endorsements to the Americanism Commission online at www.legion.org/scouting.
4. Note: Application packets that lack the appropriate documentation or written endorsements will be returned.

F. Awarding Process

The department would arrange for presentation of The American Legion Square Knot, certificate and congratulatory letter at an appropriate place and time.





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 **www.legion.org/departments**



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Boy Scouts Committee
3341 American Avenue
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For More Information Call:
J. L. Goolsby
(816) 344 – 3780

OCTOBER 22, 2024 - - - The American Legion Department of Missouri BSA Committee announced that the Eagle Scout of The Year program for 2025 is underway. The program at the national level grants the winner a \$10,000 college scholarship and three other Eagle Scouts each receive a \$2,500 college scholarship. The Eagle Scout who wins the competition from Missouri will receive a \$750 college scholarship.

Prospective nominees must be either a registered active member of a Boy Scouts of America unit that is chartered to an American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit or Sons of The American Legion squadron or be a registered active member of any chartered Boy Scouts of America unit or have a parent or grandparent possessing up-to-date membership in The American Legion or Sons of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary, and in the case of a recently deceased member, their membership for the year immediately prior to the current year may be used.

They must have received the Eagle Scout Award, received a Scouts BSA or Venturer Religious Emblem, have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting and community, have reached their 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection, and applied through the Department (state) in which their Scout unit is chartered and have documentation of current BSA membership.

Applications for the Eagle Scout of The Year can be obtained in Missouri from your local Boy Scout Council or your local American Legion Post. The form must be submitted to the American Legion Department of Missouri, BSA Committee, P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65109, no later than March 1, 2025.

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To: The Missouri Firefighter or EMT (Career/Volunteer)

From: The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.

Re: 2025 Firefighter/EMT Award

The purpose of this letter is to make everyone in Missouri's Firefighter/EMT community aware of our Department's annual Firefighter/EMT Award, which is to honor a Missouri Firefighter/EMT for his/her career in serving the general public.

Every Missouri Firefighter/EMT who is affiliated with a tax-supported entity and reside and serve within the State of Missouri is eligible for this award. **We request that only one (1) Firefighter/EMT from your agency be submitted for the award.** Should there be more than one (1) Firefighter/EMT involved in an incident, submit details on those involved.

Our Law & Order/Public Safety Committee will select one (1) as Missouri's Firefighter/EMT recipient for 2025. That person will be invited to the Department Convention, July 12th, 2025, in Cape Girardeau, to receive the award. The Missouri winner will then be nominated for the National Firefighter/EMT Award of The American Legion.

Please note the enclosed application requires the signature of the Post Commander, if there is not an American Legion Post in your jurisdiction contact the Law & Order and Public Safety Chairman, Mr. Kenny Goth at (660) 351-2184.

The Chairman must receive nominees by February 6th, 2025. Please complete and submit all information and documentation to:

Kenneth Goth, Chairman
Law & Order and Public Safety
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(660) 351-2184

***Regards,
The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc.***

The American Legion Department of Missouri

Fire Fighter/ EMT Award Nomination

1. Name of Nominee _____ Age _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Recommended by _____ Post No. _____
2. Present Position (i.e., Lieutenant, Captain, Fire Chief, etc.) How long as a Fire Fighter/ EMT?

3. List of previous experience: _____

4. Give a brief biographical sketch of nominee, including, but not limited to education, family, church affiliation (if any), fraternal or social organizations including youth groups worked with.
5. Just what, in your opinion, makes this nominee an outstanding Fire Fighter/ EMT?

6. List any honors or awards for outstanding work.

7. If this nominee is declared the winner, will he or she appear at our Department convention? Yes___ No___

8. Has the nominee’s superior been informed of this recommendation? Yes___ No___

Please attach hereto a letter of recommendation from the nominee’s superior.

9. If additional space is needed for further comments on anything pertaining to this nomination use the remaining space or attach additional sheets with comments.

Deadline February 6, 2025

Mail to Kenny Goth, Chairman
Law & Order and Public Safety
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102

(Post Commander)

(Post Adjutant)

CAREER FIRE FIGHTER/ CAREER EMT
VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER /VOLUNTEER EMT ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBILITY:

To be considered for this most prestigious award, all nominees must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a citizen of the United States of America.
2. Be a Career Fire Fighter or Career EMT, or a Volunteer Fire Fighter or Volunteer EMT, personnel, who swore an oath to protect the lives and property of the citizens of their respective jurisdiction.
3. Consideration for posthumous award is permissible only when the recipient has died subsequent to selection for the award and prior to its presentation.
4. Be assigned as a Career Fire Fighter or Career EMT, or a Volunteer Fire Fighter or Volunteer EMT, personnel, representing within the State of Missouri:
 - A Municipality (City)
 - County
 - State Fire Fighter
 - Private communities that have paid Fire Departments
 - Federal Fire Fighter
5. Reside and serve with in the State of Missouri.

Note: An individual can only be considered for one award and cannot be submitted under the guidelines for both career (paid) and volunteer services.

NOMINATIONS:

The following rules apply to all nominations for this most prestigious award. All candidates:

1. Must meet the guidelines spelled out in the beginning of the letter.
2. Period of **2025** Nominees service: January 1, **2024**-December 31, **2024**.
3. Must be nominated using the official form provided; copies of which can be obtained from the department website : www.missourilegion.org
Please contact Department at 1-800-846-9023
4. Nominations for a Career Fire Fighter or EMT must be accompanied with a copy of the nominee's certificate of graduation from an accredited fire academy, Should the volunteer Fire Fighter or EMT have a certificate, please include that also.
5. Must be recommended by his/ her commanding officer
6. Nomination Applications shall have the following: **(1)** a completed application form.
(2) A total of 12 pages of service documentation. The first 6 pages will be one-sided 8 ½ "x 11" bond paper and include press articles. (Specific acts of community service;heroism and meritorious performance recognized by his/her fire agency should be included and documented.) **(3) A 5x7 color photograph of the nominee in uniform must be submitted for packet to be considered.**
7. Nominations shall be submitted to their local post
8. All nominations shall be submitted with the official cover sheet as the top page of the application.

Mail to: Kenny Goth, Chairman
 Law & Order and Public Safety
 P.O. Box 179
 Jefferson City, MO 65102
 (660) 351-2184

Deadline February 6th, 2025

CAREER FIRE FIGHTER/ CAREER EMT **VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER /VOLUNTEER EMT ELIGIBILITY**

Judging Criteria:

Many Fire Fighters/ EMT personnel exemplify themselves with a single act of bravery or distinguishing event. However, Community Service will count significantly in the overall selection criteria and will make up fifty percent of the criteria for The American Legion Career Fire Fighters/ EMT's or Volunteer Fire Fighters/ EMT's awards. Volunteers also distinguish themselves by attaining additional training and studies (College) towards degrees and studies within their own Agency to advance in the Volunteer ranks of their agency.

Specific Act of Heroism or Meritorious Service (20 Points):

Citations for acts of heroism or meritorious service must be provided including a description of the act that was performed in detail, the medal or the award that the individual was recommended for and received. The award or citation must have been awarded within the time frame designated by the Standing Rules. Any supporting documentation such as newspaper accounts of the act or of the individual receiving the award, certificates and letters of recommendation and commendation should be submitted.

Community Service (50 Points):

Career Fire Fighters/ EMT's or Volunteer Fire Fighters/ EMT's personnel provide service to their communities as First Responders on a daily basis at their local Volunteer stations. These activities must be performed within the time frame set by the Standing Rules and must be described in detail and must be substantiated by official letters from their agency, community or county officials, citizens associations, American Legion Post or other recognized private or civic organizations.

Community service typically has been performed over an extended period of time. Those activities, in addition to those described above, should be described in detail and must be substantiated by an official letter from the city or county officials, Missouri State Officials, citizens associations, American Legion Posts, county, or district, or other officially recognized private or civic organizations. Supporting documentation such as awards, certificates, letters of recognition, letters of recommendation and commendation, and/or newspaper clippings must be included.

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Note: Any full time paid Fire Fighter/ EMT personnel that volunteers at a local Volunteer Fire Station and is being considered for The American Legion Career Fire Fighters/ EMT awards, under the guidelines of the full time personnel, cannot also be considered under the Volunteer Fire Fighter/ EMT guidelines and have two applications submitted.

Career Achievements (25 Points):

Many Fire Fighters/ EMT, Career or Volunteer, personnel excel in their careers over the years by continuing their education and training to better themselves in the performance of their daily duties. Education leading to a degree in fire service and promotions and specialized training to enhance their job performance is relevant and should be included. These achievements must be substantiated by official letters or other official documentation from the Agency he/she is a volunteer for, and should be included.

Committee Preference (5 Points):

The Committee will be given the option to award five points to the candidate that exhibits the best letters of recognition and news clippings and has the best overall record in their opinion.

Judges:

A panel of six committee members shall judge all entries. All entries shall be judge based upon criteria specified herein. A quorum shall constitute four committee members.



THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI
JUNIOR ROTC CADET
OF THE YEAR
2025



Name and Contact Information

Name: _____

High School: _____ Phone #: _____

JROTC Unit: _____ JROTC Unit Email: _____

JROTC Unit Address: Street _____

City _____ MO, Zip Code _____

JROTC Phone #: _____ Military Service Associated with: _____

Cadet Rank: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

JROTC Medals & Ribbons

(List your medals and ribbons in order of highest precedence
and indicate multiple earned medals and ribbons – Spell out award name)

1 _____ 2 _____

3 _____ 4 _____

5 _____ 6 _____

7 _____ 8 _____

9 _____ 10 _____

11 _____ 12 _____

Other JROTC Awards

(List any award received and year received. Do not list additional Medals & Ribbons from the above section)

1 _____	2 _____
3 _____	4 _____
5 _____	6 _____
7 _____	8 _____
9 _____	10. _____

Participation in Your JROTC Unit Leadership Positions and Roles

(List your top 4 JROTC participation with most recent listed first)

1. School Year _____ Rank at Time _____

Briefly describe your most important accomplishment or award while in this position.

2. School Year _____ Rank at Time _____

Briefly describe your most important accomplishment or award while in this position.

3. School Year _____ Rank at Time _____

Briefly describe your most important accomplishment or award while in this position.

4. School Year _____ Rank at Time _____

Briefly describe your most important accomplishment or award while in this position.

Cadet Last Name:

Participation in Activities with The American Legion

List any participation with The American Legion as either a member of one of the Legion organizations or member of the JROTC. List up to six activities.

1. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

2. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

3. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

4. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

5. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

Cadet Last Name:

6. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

**Participation in Activities or Organizations other than the
JROTC or The American Legion**

List up to four activities

1. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

2. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

3. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

4. Activity (enter activity and year) _____

Briefly describe your participation in the activity

Cadet Last Name:

Membership in the American Legion Family

Are you currently a member of the Sons of the American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary?

If YES what Squadron or Unit: _____ # of Years as a member: _____

Post name and number affiliated with: _____

Cadet Last Name:

[illegible]

JROTC SENIOR INSTRUCTOR ENDORSMENT

(Provide your endorsement of the cadet below)

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

Signature of Instructor



Department of Missouri American Legion JROTC Cadet of the Year 2025

The application for the Department of Missouri American Legion JROTC Cadet of the Years consists of:

Completed application form

Photograph of cadet in service dress uniform at least 5" x 7" in size

Instructions for Completion of the Application Form

Cadet of The Year must be a cadet currently in or just completed their junior year of high school when the application is sent.

The cadet will fill out the first six pages of the application. The senior instructor should review the application for accuracy and provide their written endorsement on page seven of the application. Any JROTC program will submit only one application.

Additional Information Sheet: If there is not enough space on the application then list additional relevant information on a separate page. Do not list more entries than requested on the application.

Additional page(s) will have the below information centered at the top of this page:

Additional Information for Section:
(enter title of the section from the application)
Cadet Rank & Name
Page ____ of ____

Name and Contact Information: Provide accurate name and contact information as requested in this section.

JROTC Medals & Ribbons: List your top 12 medals and ribbons earned through JROTC. The medals/ribbons need to be listed in order of precedence as viewed when looking at your uniform. The medal/ribbon with the highest precedence will go in block one. Indicate if you have been awarded the medal/ribbon more than once. On the medal/ribbon line you can enter OLC with the number of times received. Example: Top Performer Award & 2 OLC.

Other JROTC Awards: List up to 9 other JROTC awards you have received and the school year it was earned (i.e. 2022-2023). Enter most recent awards first. **Do not** list additional Medals and Ribbons that would go in JROTC Medals & Ribbons entry above.

Cadet Last Name: Enter last name of cadet at the bottom left of pages other than the first page.

Unit Leadership Positions and Roles: Document your participation in your JROTC unit. Enter most recent school year participation first and go back in chronological order.

School Year: Enter in the appropriate school year it was earned (i.e. 2022-2023).

Rank at time: Identify the rank you held while in this position.

Accomplishment: Summarize your MOST significant accomplishments while in this position. If you received an award for this accomplishment, explain what you did to earn it (be very specific) on your additional information sheet.

What we are looking for: 1) Leadership role, 2) Significance of the accomplishment

Participation in Activities with The American Legion: If you have participated in activities associated with the American Legion then provide the details in this space. If known enter the post number associated with. Examples may include Veterans and Memorial Day events, parades, events at an American Legion post or Flag Day ceremonies. Legion activities can be associated with The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion or American Legion Riders.

What we are looking for: 1) Leadership role, 2) Significance of the accomplishment

Participation in Activities or Organizations other than the JROTC or The American Legion: List any activity you are active in that would not fit into the above sections.

Activity: List the activity or organization you were associated with. List most recent and go back in chronological order. Examples may include student body government elected positions, captain of sports team, positions in a church group or FFA. List activities with other veteran organizations here also (VFW, DAV, or SAR are examples).

Office Held: If you held a leadership position for that activity then list it.

Accomplishment: Summarize your MOST significant accomplishment while in this position.

What we are looking for: 1) Leadership role, 2) Active involvement,

Membership in the American Legion Family: If you are a member of one of these Legion organizations list this information here to include post, unit, squadron or chapter associated with.

What are your Goals after High School: In the space provided, describe what your plans are upon graduating from high school? Do not enter information for this section on an additional information page.

Signatures: The application must be signed by both the cadet and parent or legal guardian to be accepted for award consideration.

Senior Instructor Endorsement: In the space provided the senior instructor will provide written endorsement. Be specific on Americanism and Leadership qualities demonstrated by the cadet in the JROTC unit, school and community. Signature of senior instructor is required.

Award Package Submission

Award package will consist of completed application by cadet, endorsement by senior instructor, and full-length photograph (portrait orientation) of cadet in service uniform with current rank and ribbons. Photo should be at least 5" x 7" on photo paper.

Mail application and photograph in large envelope so application and photograph are not folded.

Mail to:

The American Legion Dept of Missouri
Attn: ROTC Committee Chairman
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Completed awards packages must be received by **June 23, 2025** for consideration.

The American Legion Department of Missouri

Law & Order Award Nomination

1. Name of Nominee _____ Age _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Recommended by _____ Post No. _____
2. Present Position (i.e., Patrolman, Chief of Police, Deputy, etc.) How long in Police service?

3. List of previous Police experience: _____

4. Give a brief biographical sketch of nominee, including, but not limited to education, family, church affiliation (if any), fraternal or social organizations including youth groups worked with.
5. Just what, in your opinion, makes this nominee an outstanding Police Officer?

6. List any honors or awards for outstanding police work.

7. If this nominee is declared the winner, will he or she appear at our Department convention? Yes___ No___

8. Has the nominee’s superior been informed of this recommendation? Yes___ No___

Please attach hereto a letter of recommendation from the nominee’s superior.

9. If additional space is needed for further comments on anything pertaining to this nomination use the remaining space or attach additional sheets with comments.

Deadline February 6, 2025

Mail to: Kenny Goth, Chairman
Law & Order and Public Safety
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102

(Post Commander)

(Post Adjutant)

LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Judging Criteria:

The emphasis of The American Legion Department of Missouri Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Program is not a single act of bravery or a single distinguishing event. Community Service will count significantly in the overall selection criteria and will make up fifty percent of the criteria for The American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. While those acts in themselves count significantly in the overall selection criteria, they constitute only twenty percent of the total. Many Law Enforcement Officers excel in the daily performance of their duties demonstrating a distinct pattern of dedication and professionalism. They further distinguish themselves through extra curricular service performed for the community, state and nation. The following will be considered for judging:

Specific Act of Heroism or Meritorious Service (20 Points):

Citations for acts of heroism or meritorious service must be provided including a description of the act for which the citation was issued. The citation must have been presented during the time period described under Standing Rules. Any supporting documentation such as awards, certificates, letters of recognition, letters of recommendation and commendation, and/or newspaper clippings should be included.

Community Service (50 Points):

Community services provided while on or off duty, which contributed significantly to the well being of his/her community must be provided. These activities for the time frame designated under Standing Rules, must be described in detail and must be substantiated by an official letter from city or county officials, Missouri State Officials, citizens associations, American Legion Posts, county or district, or other officially recognized private or civic organization. Supporting documentation such as awards, certificates, letters of recognition, letters of recommendation and commendation, and/or newspaper clippings must be included.

Community service typically has been performed over an extended period of time. Those activities, in addition to those described above, should be described in detail and must be substantiated by an official letter from the city or county officials, Missouri State Officials, citizens associations, American Legion Posts, county, or district, or other officially recognized private or civic organizations. Supporting documentation such as awards, certificates, letters of recognition, letters of recommendation and commendation, and/or newspaper clippings must be included.

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS (25 Points):

Many law enforcement officers excel in the daily performance of their duties exhibiting a distinct pattern of dedication and professionalism. Career achievements should be described in detail and must be substantiated by an official letter or other official documentation, and/or newspaper clippings and must be included. Education leading to a degree in law enforcement or special training that has enhanced professional and job performance is considered relevant and should be included.

JUDGES PREFERENCE (5 Points):

Judges will be given the option to award five points to the candidate that exhibits the best letters of recognition and news clippings and has the best overall record in their opinion.

Judges:

A panel of six judges shall judge all entries. All entries shall be judged based on the criteria specified herein. A quorum shall constitute four judges.

LAW OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Nominations:

The following rules apply to all nomination for this most prestigious award. All candidates:

1. Must meet the guidelines spelled out in the beginning of the letter.
 - a. The American Legion Posts present their selections to Department Chairman of the Law & Order Committee.
 - b. The Chairman must receive the agencies nomination by February 6th, 2025.
Only one nomination will be accepted from each agency. Each Troop of the Missouri State Highway Patrol can submit one nomination.
2. Period of Service for this award shall be specified under the Standing Rules of the National criteria. (2024 Nominees service: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024).
3. Must be nominated using the official form provided; copies of which can be obtained from The American Legion Department of Missouri, Inc. Jefferson City, MO. 1-800-846-9023
4. Nominations must be accompanied with a copy of the nominee's certificate as a law enforcement officer.
5. Must be recommended by his/her commanding officer or supervisor.
6. Nomination Applications shall have the following: **(1)** a completed application form. **(2)** A total of 12 pages of service documentation. The first 6 pages will be one-sided 8 ½ "x 11" bond paper and include press articles. (Specific acts of community service; heroism and meritorious performance recognized by his/her law enforcement agency should be included and documented.) **(3) A 5x7 color photograph of the nominee in uniform must be submitted for packet to be considered.**
7. Nominations shall be selected by the Law & Order Committee, where a final selection will be made prior to the State Convention.
8. All Nominations shall be submitted with the official cover sheet as the top page of the nomination package.
9. All candidates must agree and be granted prior permission to attend The American Legion National Convention if selected to receive the National Award.

Mail to: Kenny Goth, Chairman
 Law & Order and Public Safety
 P.O. Box 179
 Jefferson City, MO 65102
 (660) 351-2184

Deadline February 6th, 2025.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Category I -- Legionnaire to recruit **3 New Members** by **May 10, 2025** will be announced during General Session.

Category II -- Legionnaire to recruit **5 New Members** by **May 10, 2025** will receive a Certificate.

Category III -- Legionnaire to recruit **10 New Members** by **May 10, 2025** will receive a Plaque.

Category IV -- Legionnaire to recruit **25 New Members** by **May 10, 2025** will receive a Plaque.

Category V -- Legionnaire to recruit **50 New Members** by **May 10, 2025** will receive a Plaque.

Legion Post -- The Post with the highest percentage of its **2025** membership goal will be awarded \$100.00. Membership must be received at Department Headquarters by **July 1, 2025**. (Postmarked not honored)

Auxiliary Members -- Any Auxiliary member to recruit 3 **New Legion Members** for **2025** by **May 10, 2025** will receive a certificate. The Auxiliary member who recruits the most Legion Members will receive a certificate of recognition.

Recruiters Name should only be submitted once. New member names and membership numbers must be provided to be considered This form should not be submitted to Department Headquarters **before April 10, 2025** to ensure proper credit is given to the recruiter. New Members names will be verified at Department. This form must be returned to Department no later **than May 10, 2025**.

Recruiters Name _____ Post No. _____

New Members Names:	Post No.	New Members Names:	Post No.
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2025 Membership Recruiter

This form is to be completed by the Post Adjutant or Post Membership Chairman to submit names for Membership Recruiter Awards. Send to Department Headquarters at P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102, no later than **May 10, 2025**.

Post # _____ District _____

Please Mail Pins To:

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2025 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

The power and importance of a Post Newsletter is indescribable. Properly used, it is a very valuable tool for communicating to the members of the Post the news, events, and programs that make The American Legion such a dynamic organization of veterans. Every Post should be communicating their news to their members. This news gives the members a sense of pride and accomplishment and makes them want to be a part of their Post and participate in programs if they are able to.

To recognize the importance of Post newsletters, The Department of Missouri conducts an annual Post Newsletter competition to recognize the most outstanding newsletters. There are five awards, one for each of five membership categories. The five awards based on membership are: Category 1, 15 to 50 members; Category 2, 51 to 100 members; Category 3, 101 to 200 members; Category 4, 201 to 500 members; and Category 5, 501 or more members. Only first place is awarded in each category.

Winners of the Newsletter competition are announced at the Department Convention, and the awards are presented to each winner at the Fall Conference.

A post should present one year of their Post Newsletter in a folder, binder or book. A Post may also submit one year of their post newsletter in digital format, a thumb drive (preferred, CD or DVD). The digital submissions will be judged by viewing the files on a computer screen.

Judging is based on:

- a. Neatness and legibility as well as the information contained in the newsletters.
- b. Informative contents: Organized by activities/programs/news-information (from Post to Department and vice-versa).
- c. Content: Organized articles by officers and/or committees.
- d. Membership growth & retention: Newsletter contains information on recruiting, retaining, and renewing membership.
- e. Calendar of Events: A timely list of events scheduled to take place in the post and other events of importance that members should be aware of. (Items should contain dates, time and location of each event and should reflect timely notice to all members so members can participate in the events.)
- f. Judges Discretion: Judges overall opinion.

Any advertising contained in the newsletters should have a disclaimer to the effect that the below or above-named business donates to and supports our Legion programs.

The Media & Communication Commission's goal is that every Post that publishes a newsletter will submit their newsletter for competition at the Department Convention. Newsletters submitted for competition should be hand delivered to the Department Convention Office before 9:00 am Friday, July 11, 2025 or must be mailed to The American Legion, Department of Missouri, ATTN: Media and Communications Commission, P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0179 so they arrive NLT July 7, 2025.

For information concerning this program, contact Commission Chairman Theadore McCart (314)550-9791.



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★ E-MAIL: info@missourilegion.org ★ WEBSITE: www.missourilegion.org ★

TO: District Commanders, District Chairmen, and Post Adjutants

FROM: Lloyd Miller, Chairman State Youth in Government

SUBJECT: Thirty-Seventh Annual Missouri State Youth in Government Day

DATE: November 1, 2024

The 37th Annual State Youth in Government Day Program is scheduled for **April 8, 2025**, at the Missouri State Capitol. A busy schedule is planned for the day.

9:00 a.m. - Registration --- The American Legion Headquarters Office 3341 American Ave, Jefferson City, MO 65109

9:45 a.m. Tour Missouri House with Representative Dave Griffith

12:00 p.m. Luncheon – Roscoe Enloe Post 5, 1423 Tanner Bridge Rd, Jefferson City MO

2:00 p.m. – Observe the Missouri Senate Debates.

ALL EVENTS AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE

All participants and chaperones should report to The American Legion Headquarters Office at 3341 American Ave Jefferson City, MO, at 9:00 a.m. for registration. Sponsor packets containing nametags, certificates, and a map The Missouri State Capital and the Supreme Court will be distributed at that time. Should your guest list change after being submitted to Department Headquarters it is important you contact Theresa Boss by phone, 573-893-2353, or send e-mail to services@missourilegion.org to advise her of any changes.

Registration forms must be submitted to your District Commander/Chairman by **March 15, 2025**. This list must include all Legionnaires, Auxiliary Members, Chaperones, Teachers and Students attending. Please include **\$20.00** per person for the luncheon with your list of names. Don't forget to include bus drivers.

District Commanders/Chairman should submit their list and luncheon money to Department Headquarters **no later than March 25, 2025**, to meet deadlines for preparing necessary packets and luncheon arrangements.

Any questions you may have should be directed to your District Commander/Chairman. **Please encourage all schools to participate in this program.**

Teacher/Student Registration and Chaperone Registration Forms are on this webpage under 'Programs' and 'State Youth Government Day'

SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. — REGISTRATION
The American Legion Department of
Missouri Headquarters
3341 American Ave
Jefferson City, MO 65109
(573) 893-2353

9:45 a.m.— Tour Missouri House
With Representative Dave Griffith

12:00 p.m. — LUNCHEON
Roscoe Enloe Post 5
1423 Tanner Bridge Rd
Jefferson City, MO 65101

2:00 p.m.— Observe the Missouri
Senate Debates

37th Annual
**Missouri State
Youth Government Day**



*Thank you for participating in
this memorable day.*

*Wishing you success in all your
future endeavors and a safe
trip home.*

*~The American Legion
State Youth Government Committee*



The American Legion
Department of Missouri
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65101-0179
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37th Annual

Missouri State Youth Government Day



*Conducted at the
Missouri State Capitol*

April 8, 2025

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In Memoriam

The State Youth Government Day Program is a result of the efforts of the late Lawrence F. Bonderer, Past Commander of Vern R. Glick Post 25, The American Legion, Chillicothe, Missouri.

Commander Bonderer's tragic death occurred just days before the first State Youth Government Day held in April 1988. In appreciative memory, a Resolution was unanimously adopted during the 1988 Department Convention naming the program for him.



Purpose

Our purpose is to provide Missouri youth with the opportunity to witness their state government in action. Never in the history of the world has there been a greater need for highly educated and involved students of Democracy than now. With this in mind, The American Legion is providing a forum allowing young adults to participate in the governmental process with officials of the three branches of government. The heritage of freedom, liberty, and justice gained through the sacrifices of our forefathers cannot be lost nor taken for granted through complacency. We, the people, must make every effort to insure understanding and dedication to these principles.



We hope that the young men and women who participate in State Youth Government Day will witness the professionalism and dedication of our government officials in action and will have their pride in America strengthened.

The American Legion's State Government Day should not detract from any other organization's Government Day, but should be an additive so increased youth involvement will result. Organizations wishing to participate should contact their local American Legion Post.



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STATE YOUTH GOVERNMENT DAY
DISTRICT CONTACTS

DISTRICT 1

Terry McCameron, Chairman
18073 Monroe Road 851
Paris MO 65275
573-931-1239

Outdoorsman117@yahoo.com

*District 1 counties include:
Schuyler, Scotland, Ralls,
Clark, Adair, Knox, Lewis,
Macon, Shelby Marion,
Monroe*

DISTRICT 2

Phyllis Campbell, Chairman
3112 County Road 1140
Clifton Hill, MO 65244
660-261-4218

Phylliscampobell706@gmail.com

*District 2 counties include:
Mercer, Putnam, Grundy,
Sullivan, Livingston, Linn,
Carroll, Chariton, Randolph*

DISTRICT 3

Edward A. Weaverling,
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Hamilton, MO 64644
816-805-2319

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*District 3 counties include:
Worth, Harrison, Gentry,
Davies, Dekalb, Caldwell,
Clinton, Clay, Ray*

DISTRICT 4

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*District 4 counties include:
Atchison, Nodaway, Holt,
Andrew, Buchanan, Platte*

DISTRICT 5

Tom Tanner, Chairman
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Tatanner2003@gmail.com

District 5 - Jackson County

DISTRICT 6

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Warrensburg, MO 64093
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*District 6 counties include:
Cass, Johnson, Bates, Henry
St. Clair, Vernon, Cedar*

DISTRICT 7

Stephen J. Olson, Chairman
423 E North St
Marshall MO 65340
660-831-0982

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*District 7 counties include:
Lafayette, Saline, Howard,
Pettis, Benton, Hickory*

DISTRICT 8

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*District 8 counties include:
Cooper, Boone, Morgan,
Moniteau, Cole, Callaway,
Osage, Miller, Camden*

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DISTRICT CONTACTS

DISTRICT 9

Larry Dufour, Chairman
106 Mill Run Ln
St. Peters, MO 63376-7106
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*District 9 counties include:
Pike, Audrain, Lincoln
Montgomery, Warren, St.
Charles, Gasconade, Franklin*

DISTRICT 14

Tom Giles, Chairman
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Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
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Tagiles8292@gmail.com

*District 14 counties include:
Cape Girardeau, Carter,
Ripley, Butler, Bollinger,
Stoddard, Scott, Mississippi,
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Pemiscot*

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Ballwin, MO 63021
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Jimchristman1484@gmail.com

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*District 15 counties include:
Barton, Dade, Jasper,
Lawrence, Newton, Barry,
McDonald*

DISTRICT 11 / 12

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District 11 / 12 - St. Louis City

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Texas, Dent, Wright, Shannon,
Howell*

DISTRICT 13

Duane DeClue, Chairman
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636-208-9097
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*District 13 counties include:
Jefferson, Washington, Iron
St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve,
Madison, Reynolds, Wayne,
Perry*

DISTRICT 17

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*District 17 counties include:
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Webster, Christian, Douglas,
Stone, Taney, Ozark*



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CHAPERONE REGISTRATION

(Submit to District Commander/Chairman by March 15, 2025)

DISTRICT	DISTRICT COMMANDER / CHAIRMAN NAME	
E-MAIL ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER HOME ○

NAME	TITLE <small>i.e. Commander, Member, President, Teacher</small>	POST / SQUAD / UNIT / SCHOOL	CELL PHONE <small>Important for Dept. Staff</small>
TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING			
LUNCHEON \$20.00/PERSON ○ Payment Enclosed TOTAL AMOUNT			



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TEACHER / STUDENT REGISTRATON

(Submit to District Commander/Chairman by March 15, 2025)

DISTRICT	DISTRICT COMMANDER / CHAIRMAN NAME		
E-MAIL ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER	

PARTICIPANT'S NAME	SCHOOL NAME	TITLE T - Teacher S - Student D-Bus Driver	TEACHER'S CELL PHONE <small>IMPORTANT - TO NOTIFY YOU OF CHANGES WHEN ENROUTE</small>
TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING			
<input type="radio"/> Payment arranged by _____ (Post or Dist.) <input type="radio"/> Payment Enclosed LUNCHEON IS \$20.00/PERSON TOTAL AMOUNT			

(COPY / ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY)

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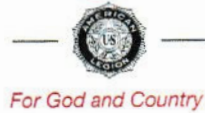
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To: All Missouri High Schools
From: The Department of Missouri American Legion
Subject: Missouri State Youth Government Day

It is time to begin planning of our 37th Annual Missouri State Youth Government Day, conducted at the Missouri State Capitol. The 2025 State Youth Government Day will be held on **April 8, 2025**.

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“TOOT OUR HORNS AWARD PROGRAM”

A project of the Media and Communications Commission, Department of Missouri

This program is to encourage each post in Missouri to promote the American Legion in local and state media; to increase participation in district and department functions; to improve public relations with non-members; to encourage posts to set and attain goals they can be proud of in support of American Legion and veteran programs; to encourage non-member veterans to join the American Legion, and to encourage posts to develop a line of communication between them and their members.

A ‘TOOT OUR HORN plaque’ will be presented to each post qualifying with “BARS” to be added for each completed membership year that the post participates in this program. This application **MUST BE RECEIVED NOT LATER THAN JUNE 30th** of the membership year that this award is being applied for. Posts qualifying for the TOOT OUR HORN award will be announced at the Department Convention and the awards will be presented at the Fall Conference. Listings of all Post(s) receiving their award for the current year will also be published in the “*Missouri Legionnaire*.”

REQUIREMENTS

Complete a minimum of 5 out of the following 10 categories:

- ☐ At least 6 advertisements, notice of meetings, or listing in local media (newspaper, television, radio, etc.) announcing post meetings.
- ☐ Publish a Post newsletter. This may be paper or emailed. (attach copy of newsletter)
- ☐ At least 2 post members attend the State Convention (provide a list of those who attended, signed by Post Commander or Adjutant)
- ☐ At least 2 post member attend the State Spring DEC meeting or Fall Conference (provide a list of those who attended, signed by the Post Commander or Adjutant)
- ☐ Post participation in a community event (parade, fair, troop rally, etc) (Attach a photo, newspaper clipping, etc.)
- ☐ Philanthropic activity (e.g. benefits, fund-raisers for a charitable cause, food pantry collections, bell ringing for Salvation Army, etc.)
- ☐ Conduct a new member recruiting campaign or Post revitalization campaign
- ☐ Conduct a complete Buddy Check
- ☐ Attain 100% or membership goal for current year by the May National target date.
- ☐ Maintain a post web presence (webpage, Facebook, centennial page)

Complete a minimum of 3 of the following categories

- ☐ Conduct monthly meetings
- ☐ One or more members of the Post is a District Officer (provide name(s) and office(s) held
- ☐ One or more members of the Post is a Department Officer (provide name(s) and office(s) held
- ☐ Host a District meeting
- ☐ Submit the Consolidated Post Report for current year (attach copy)
- ☐ Submit Certified Post Officer list to Department within 30 days of Department Convention

Reporting is to be done on this form as soon as requirements are met but no later than June 30th of the current membership year.

Copies of substantiating materials must accompany this application.

Post Name and Post Number: _____

Membership year submitted for: _____, Date submitted: _____

SIGNATURE OF POST COMMANDER OR ADJUTANT: _____

**SEND THIS APPLICATION AND SUBSTANTIATING MATERIAL(S) TO: The American Legion, Department of Missouri,
ATTN: Media & Communications Commission, P.O. Box 179, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0179**