**The American Legion**

**Department of New York**

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**2017-2018**

**NATIONAL AWARDS**

**NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:**

**DEPARTMENT RECRUITER OF THE YEAR**

Each American Legion Post will have the opportunity to submit the name of the recruiter from that Post who has signed up the highest number of new members for the membership year by the May target date. Department Headquarters will supply certification forms to be completed by the Post Commander or Adjutant and submitted to Department Headquarters by the May target date plus one week. Department Adjutants will determine the top new member recruiter for their respective Department and certify the winner to National Headquarters, on or before the last day of May. The top new member recruiter, properly nominated and certified from each Department, will be awarded a framed certificate noting his/her accomplishment.

**NATIONAL RECRUITER OF THE YEAR**

The individual certified with the highest number of new members recruited from among all the Departments will be declared National Membership Recruiter of the Year. The award includes a trip to the National Convention: six days and five nights for the Legionnaire and guest, round-trip air transportation, hotel accommodations and reserved seating tickets to the National Commander’s Banquet for Distinguished Guests. Monetary awards will be presented to the next highest 26 individuals:

* One $1,000 check
* 10 $150 award checks (third place)
* 15 $100 award checks (fourth place)

Department Adjutants must nominate top recruiters on or before the last day of May.

**THE GOLD BRIGADE**

A Legionnaire who recruits 50 or more new members (transfers do not count) into The American Legion by the May target date will qualify for enrollment in the elite Gold Brigade of The American Legion. These very special Legionnaires will be awarded unique gifts designating affiliation with the Gold Brigade. Also, special recognition will be given to those Legionnaires through special announcements in the *Dispatch*, online and other media. The gifts awarded to a Gold Brigader will depend on the number of times he or she has qualified for this award.

**FIRST TIME GOLD BRIGADE SECOND TIME + GOLD BRIGADE**

- Gold Brigade Patch - Gold Brigade Patch

- Special Gold Brigade cap pin - Gold Brigade certificate

- Gold Brigade certificate - “Hash mark” for jacket sleeve

- Designer jacket **or** - Designer jacket **or**

- Polo Shirt **or** - Polo Shirt **or**

-Sweater with a Gold Brigade logo - Sweater with Gold Brigade Logo

**GOLD BRIGADE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR AWARD**

A Gold Brigader who has won the Gold Brigade award for five consecutive years is eligible for a distinctive Gold Brigade blazer. A Legionnaire may only qualify once every five years. Department Adjutants must submit all Gold Brigade certification forms to National Headquarters by the last day of May.

**GOLD BRIGADE SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OR MORE AWARD**

A Gold Brigader who has earned the Gold Brigade Award for at least six consecutive years or more to include the current membership year is eligible for a $150 check and a Legion cap with the label “Master Recruiter”. Department Adjutants must submit the certification form by the last day of May.

**THE SILVER BRIGADE**

A Legionnaire who recruits 25 to 49 new members (transfers do not count) into The American Legion by the May target date will qualify for this award. A silver pin and certificate will be awarded. Silver Brigade and Gold Brigade awards cannot both be awarded to a recruiter during the same membership year.

**PIONEER AWARD**

The National Membership & Post Activities Committee created the Pioneer Award on May 5, 1965, to recognize those directly involved with new Post formation. However, recognition and awarding of this citation are the new Post’s responsibility. Completed certification forms should be returned to Department Headquarters for approval prior to being forwarded to National Headquarters. All Pioneer Awards will be returned to Department Headquarters for proper presentation.

**COUNTY COMMANDER 100% PIN**

This special pin is worn only by those Legionnaires who as County Commanders accomplished at least 100 percent of their assigned County membership goals. These Commanders may be nominated at any time during the calendar year.

**NEW POST DEVELOPMENT PIN**

The New Post Development Pin is available to members of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion who assist with the initial start-up of a new Post. Volunteers can be nominated at any time throughout the year.

# NATIONAL COMMANDER’S PIN INCENTIVE PROGRAM

American Legion National Commander Denise Rohan will award her National Commander pin to any Legion member who obtains three new members into the Legion. A new member is any eligible person joining for the 2018 membership year who was not a member of The American Legion during the 2017 membership year. Each member listed must be eligible for membership in The American Legion; forward names of SAL members or Auxiliary members to your Detachment or Unit for use in their respective incentive programs. To maintain the integrity of the National Commander's pin incentive program, only one pin will be awarded per individual. Upon receipt, National membership staff will confirm the names and mail the pin directly to the person who earned it. Commander Rohan's incentive program will end June 30, 2018, or when supplies are exhausted.

# NATIONAL COMMANDER’S HONOR RIBBON PROGRAM

American Legion National Commander Denise H. Rohan will award her National Commander Honor Ribbon to any American Legion Family that achieves 100 percent membership by May 30, 2018. For this award, the Legion Family is defined as a post and any combination of an Auxiliary unit, Sons squadron or Legion Riders chapter. Each branch must achieve 100 percent membership to qualify for the award. The National Commander Honor Ribbon membership incentive program will end May 30, 2018.

**NATIONAL POST AWARDS:**

**POST HONOR RIBBONS**

Honor ribbons are awarded to Posts whose membership for the current membership year (as of December 31) achieves an advance membership (for the year about to begin) equal to or greater than the final membership for the year ending.

**CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE ALL-TIME HIGH AWARD**

This certificate is awarded to all Posts that have, by December 31, enrolled an advance membership for the membership year equaling or surpassing the Post’s previous all-time high membership.

**FIVE OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEAR ALL-TIME HIGH POST AWARD**

This citation is awarded to those Posts that have received the Certificate of Meritorious Service All-Time High Award, five or more consecutive times. After a Post has won the award for five consecutive years of all-time membership highs, it may continue to win the award each year thereafter as long as each year’s membership sets a new all-time high.

**POST REVITALIZATION RECOGNITION LETTER**

Individuals who assist in revitalizing a Post will receive a recognition letter from the National Commander welcoming them back into The American Legion.

# POST EXCELLENCE AWARD

The purposes of this award are membership growth, exposure of American Legion values to the youth of the community, and increased visibility of the American Legion Family through service projects. A Post achieving this qualification will have had numerous Post members involved in planning and achieving these goals. Many Posts are most likely already active in these areas and will qualify without extra effort. Others, however, will need to increase their efforts in one or more areas to qualify for the award.

The standard to be achieved in each area:

* **Membership**. Must be at least one member greater than the previous year. At least one Post officer attends District meetings.
* **Youth activities**. Must sponsor and actively participate in at least one primary youth program: Boys State, American Legion Baseball, Oratorical, Boy Scouts, or Junior Shooting Sports.
* **Community service.** Must accomplish a community service project with members of the Legion Family actively working in the community outside the post home. A wide range of potential projects exists, such as a project centered on one of Children & Youth’s emphasis areas to fulfilling a strictly local need. A monetary donation may be part of the project but may not constitute the entire project.
* **Service to troops/veterans.** Must accomplish a project supporting troops or veterans in the community with Legion Family members outside the post home. Potential projects include the Family Support Network, Heroes to Hometowns, or simply helping a local veteran with necessary updates to his or her home. Again, a monetary donation may be part of the project but may not constitute the entire project.

The District Commander responsible for the Post will certify a Post as having achieved the four specified criteria. The District Commander will submit a list of Posts meeting the criteria to the Department Headquarters. That list should include the Post name, Post number, Post address, and Post Commander’s name. Ideally, the last two criteria are accompanied by copies of press releases submitted to the local media about the projects. That method ensures the projects were not only accomplished but that an attempt was made to enhance the image of The American Legion through local media. The copy submitted should include a date and time stamp showing receipt by the media outlet.

**NATIONAL COUNTY AWARDS:**

**COUNTY COMMANDER RACE TO THE TOP**

Competition is divided into five categories based on the membership of the County without regard to geographic locations. County Commanders will compete in each of the following categories based on final membership year totals, and a top County Commander for the National award will be selected from each of the five categories. Post ribbons will also be awarded to each top County Commander for all Posts in those Counties. Second and third place awards will also be presented in each category, but no additional ribbons will be awarded for the Posts in these Counties.

Category I – 15-1,499 members

Category II – 1,500-2,999 members

Category III – 3,000-4,999 members

Category IV – 5,000-7,499 members

Category V – 7,500 or more members

**First Place –** The top County Commander and guest in each category whose County membership on March 31 represents the greatest percentage over the final previous year’s membership will receive a trip to the 100th National Convention in Minneapolis, MN in 2018. **This cannot be less than 100 percent to qualify.** Each winner and guest are entitled to a trip to the National Convention as a distinguished guest of the National Commander, including round-trip airfare, tickets to the National Commander’s Banquet, and hotel accommodations for six days and five nights. These County Commanders will also receive Legion caps signifying they are Race to the Top winners, awarded on stage at the National Convention with ribbons for each of the County’s Posts.

**Second Place –** The County Commander in each category who County membership on March 31 represents the second highest percentage over the final previous year’s membership will receive a $500 check. **This cannot be less than 100 percent to qualify.**

**Third Place –** The County Commander in each category whose County membership on March 31 represents the third highest percentage over the final previous year’s membership will receive a $375 check. **This cannot be less than 100 percent to qualify.**

**COUNTY COMM. ACHIEVEMENT AWARD & COUNTY HONOR RIBBON**

All County Commanders whose May target date membership exceeds the previous year’s membership by at least the number of Posts in that County will be awarded the County Commander Achievement Award framed certificate. In addition, the County will receive a County Honor Ribbon for its County colors.

**COUNTY COMMANDER NEW POST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

County Commanders who create new American Legion Posts in their respective Counties and have the new Post’s temporary charter application on file at National Headquarters by the May target date will receive a framed certificate.

**Certification Forms for Awards on the Following Pages**

**\* Please note, forms must be submitted to Dept. Headquarters for verification, Dept. will forward to National where applicable \***

## NOMINATION FORM

## “RECRUITER OF THE YEAR”

**\*POST ADJUTANT SEND TO: \*\*DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT SEND TO:**

**DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS THE AMERICAN LEGION**

 **ATTN: MEMBERSHIP DIVISION**

 **PO BOX 1055**

 **INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46206**

In the Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the top new member recruiter of membership enrolled for current membership year as of May target date, and transmitted to National Headquarters is: **(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)**

1. **NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ POST \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER ID NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Phone (\_\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of NEW MEMBERS enrolled (minimum 10): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(Attach list of names and ID numbers of new members)

**Next Highest New Member Recruiter (Make additional copies if needed)**

**2. NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ POST \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER ID NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Phone (\_\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Number of NEW MEMBERS enrolled (minimum 10): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(Attach list of names and ID numbers of new members)

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Post Adjutant Date Department Adjutant Date

Mail to reach on or before:

\*Department Headquarters: May Target Date

\*\*National Headquarters: Last Day of May

**CERTIFICATION FORM**

**GOLD BRIGADE NEW MEMBER RECRUITER AWARD**

**POST: RETAIN COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS**

**SEND TO: DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE THE MAY TARGET DATE**

The following member in the Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ qualifies for the

Gold Brigade award for enrolling 50 or more new members into The American Legion by May target date. (Please attach the list of names with each nomination form).

First time qualifiers for the Gold Brigade receive:

 a Gold Brigade cap pin, certificate, a Gold Brigade patch, and choice of a jacket, or sweater, or polo shirt with the Gold Brigade logo.

Second time qualifiers for the award receive:

 a Gold Brigade certificate, patch, a “hash mark” for the sleeve, and the choice of either another Gold Brigade jacket, **or** sweater, **or** polo shirt with the Gold Brigade logo.

**PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):**

This Gold Brigade award will be my:

 [ ] A. First “Gold Brigade” award

 [ ] B. Other (Specify 2nd or 3rd time qualified) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**If you checked either box “A” or “B”, circle one: jacket sweater polo shirt**

 *(Circle size)* Size: (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 City State ZIP

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of NEW MEMBERS enrolled (minimum 50) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Department Adjutant (signature) Post Adjutant (signature)

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 Date (Cannot be after May Target Date)

**USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY**

**DEPARTMENT REMINDER** - Forward a copy of this form to the National Membership Division and a copy of the list of new members signed up to National Headquarters, on or before the last day of May.

**CERTIFICATION FORM**

**GOLD BRIGADE**

**FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR AWARD**

Departments: Send to National Headquarters by last day of May.

The following member of the Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ qualifies for the prestigious fifth consecutive year Gold Brigade award for enrolling fifty or more new members into The American Legion by the May target date.

A Legionnaire may only qualify for this award once every five years.

*This Navy blue blazer replaces the gold blazer of previous years.*

(Circle One)

**Man’s Blazer:** (Cut) Short, Regular, Portly (Stout), Long, Extra Long, Extra Extra Long

#### PLEASE SPECIFY EVEN SIZES 34-54 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Size

**Lady’s Blazer:** (Cut) Short, Regular, Long, Extra Long, Extra Extra Long

PLEASE SPECIFY EVEN SIZES 4-20 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Size

(Please Type or Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Post No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mem. ID \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Years of being a Gold Brigader 20\_\_\_\_\_\_ - 20\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Certified:**

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Department Adjutant (signature)

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Date

**DEPARTMENT REMINDER -** Forward a copy of this form to the National Membership Division and a copy of the list of new members signed up to National Headquarters, on or before the last day of May.

**CERTIFICATION FORM**

**GOLD BRIGADE**

**SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OR MORE AWARD**

The following member of the Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ qualifies for the sixth consecutive year or more Gold Brigade award for enrolling fifty or more new members into The American Legion by May target date.

This award is a $150 check and a Master Recruiter Legion cap, along with a Gold Brigade plaque, cap pin, and hash mark.

**Note: Please type or print; make sure all of the information below is complete to help avoid processing delays.**

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| Name: |  | Member ID#: |  |
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| Phone: |  | Post #: |  | Post City: |  |
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| Years qualifying for Gold Brigade: |  |  |
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| Number of NEW MEMBERS enrolled (minimum 50): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
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| Please specify crown type (Regular, Fort Knox, Women’s crown): |  |
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| Please specify (Lined or Unlined): |  | Cap size: |  |
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| Mandatory Insignia (Y/N): |  | If yes, please list: |  |

Certified:

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Department Adjutant (signature)

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Date

**DEPARTMENT REMINDER -** Forward a copy of this form to the National Membership Division and a copy of the list of new members signed up to National Headquarters, on or before the last day of May.

**CERTIFICATION FORM**

**SILVER BRIGADE NEW MEMBER RECRUITER AWARD**

**POST: RETAIN COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS**

**SEND TO: DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON OR BEFORE MAY TARGET DATE**

The following member in the Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ qualifies for the

Silver Brigade Award for enrolling 25 to 49 **NEW MEMBERS** into The American Legion by May target date.

Silver Brigaders receive a silver pin and a silver certificate.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 City State ZIP

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of NEW MEMBERS enrolled (25 to 49) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Department Adjutant (signature) Post Adjutant (signature)

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 Date (Cannot be after May Target Date)

**USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY**

**DEPARTMENT REMINDER -** Forward a copy of this form to the National Membership Division and a copy of the list of new members signed up to National Headquarters, on or before the last day of May.

**THE AMERICAN LEGION PIONEER AWARD**

Post Commander:

Post Adjutant:

The American Legion has authorized issuance of a citation titled “The American Legion Pioneer Award.” Your post may make nominations for this award immediately after securing a temporary charter.

This award is a means of recognition for an individual who has made the greatest contribution in helping to get your post chartered and insuring a successful operation.

You can play an important role in giving proper recognition both to the nominee and to your post. If your post has someone to nominate, please complete the information below and return to your department headquarters for certification and forwarding to National Headquarters.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Post No.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ located at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, was chartered on\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nomination for The American Legion Pioneer Award is hereby made for: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Post No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ feels the above nominee deserves the Pioneer Award because: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Post Commander

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 Post Name and Number

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Post Adjutant City and State (ZIP)

The above information is certified as correct: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Department Adjutant

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 Department

**DUPLICATE AS NECESSARY**

**CERTIFICATION FORM**

**NEW POST DEVELOPMENT PIN**

This recognition, in the form of a specially designed cap/lapel pin, is for any individual who assists in starting a new post.

Department adjutants may nominate these individuals by name at any time once the temporary charter has been submitted.

**POSTS: Mail to Department Headquarters**

**TO:** The American Legion

 Attn: Membership Division

 P.O. Box 1055

 Indianapolis, IN 46206 Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ requests New Post Development Pins for the following individual(s) for assisting in the development of Post \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Name of individual(s) who assisted in starting this new post.

**ADJUTANT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTMENT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**DUPLICATE AS NECESSARY**

Pins will be shipped directly to the department for presentation at an appropriate ceremony.

**NATIONAL COMMANDER DENISE H. ROHAN**

**2018 MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PIN**

**Certification Form**

**(3) New Members**

**Please make sure that the address, phone number and email address provided is for the recruiter**

**and not the post. One pin per recruiter, incentive goes through June 30, 2018 or until quantities are depleted.**

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| Date: |  |  |
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| Recruiter’s Name: |  |
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| Membership ID Number: |  |  |
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| Street Address or PO Box: |  |
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| City, State, Zip: |  |
| Email Address: |  |
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| Daytime Phone Number: |  |  |
| Send to Post Send to Recruiter  |  |  |
| **TO QUALIFY YOU NEED TO RECRUIT (3) NEW MEMBERS INTO THE AMERICAN LEGION. (A NEW MEMBER IS DEFINED AS ANY ELIGIBLE PERSON JOINING FOR THE 2018 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WHO WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DURING THE 2017 MEMBERSHIP YEAR).****PLEASE NOTE: EACH NEW MEMBER LISTED MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION. PLEASE FORWARD THE NAMES OF NEW SAL MEMBERS OR AUXILIARY MEMBERS TO YOUR SQUADRON OR UNIT FOR USE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.** |

**(3) NEW MEMBERS:**

**(Include full name, department, and post)**

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**All requested information is mandatory. Please ensure form is filled out completely before submission. Please allow up to 2 weeks for processing.**

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**Return completed forms to:**

**The American Legion**

**National Membership Division**

**PO Box 1055**

**Indianapolis, IN 46206**

**Fax: 317-630-1413**

**Email:** **ksingleton@legion.org**

**100% AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY RIBBON**

100% American Legion Family Ribbons will be awarded to any post family that achieves 100% membership by the 2018 100% target date. (American Legion Family is defined as a post **and/or** *any* combination of Auxiliary unit or SAL squadron. (**Each must achieve 100% to qualify**)

**TO:** The American Legion Date **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 Attn: Membership Division

 P.O. Box 1055

 Indianapolis, IN 46206

The Department of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** certifies that the following American Legion posts families have achieved 100% of their American Legion Family goal. (For example, if a Legion post has an Auxiliary unit and/or a SAL squadron; they all must achieve 100%.)

***Examples***

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| **100% Post** ***(please include post #)*** | **100% Auxiliary** | **100% Squadron** | **No. of Ribbons** |
| **Post 29** | **Yes** | **Yes** | **3** |
| **Post 50** | **Yes** | **no squadron attached** | **2** |
| **Post 500** | **no auxiliary unit** | **Yes** | **2** |

**Check all that apply:**

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| **100% Post** ***(please include post #)*** | **100% Auxiliary** | **100% Squadron** | **ALR Chapter (yes/no)** | **No. of Ribbons** |
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**DEADLINE IS MAY 30TH**

**DUPLICATE AS NECESSARY**

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Department Adjutant

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**CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

**POST ALL-TIME HIGH AWARD**

This certificate is awarded to those posts which, by December 31st, have enrolled an advance membership for the year about to start equaling or surpassing the post’s previous all-time high membership.

**POSTS: Mail to Department Headquarters by January target date**

**TO:** The American Legion **DEADLINE: January 31st**

 Attn: Membership Division

P.O. Box 1055

 Indianapolis, IN 46206 Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please list posts in numerical order starting with No. 1

The Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ requests citations for the following posts:

#### Name of Post/ No. of advance

Post No. Location All-Time High members Dec 31st

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Department Adjutant

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**DUPLICATE AS NECESSARY**

**CERTIFICATION OF POSTS EARNING**

**FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS ALL**-**TIME HIGH AWARD**

This award is for a citation to the post which has five or more consecutive years all-time high. Please note a minimum of five consecutive years is necessary to qualify, but a citation can be earned each year the post continues its all-time high performance after the fifth year.

**POSTS: Mail to Department Headquarters**

**TO:** The American Legion

 Attn: Membership Division

 P.O. Box 1055

 Indianapolis, IN 46206 Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please list posts in numerical order starting with No. 1

The Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ requests citations for the following posts:

**NAME OF POST NUMBER OF CONSECUTIVE YEARS**

**AND NUMBER OF ALL-TIME HIGH MEMBERSHIP**

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Department Adjutant

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**DUPLICATE AS NECESSARY**

**CERTIFICATION FORM**

**POST & DISTRICT REVITALIZATION RECOGNITION LETTER**

These letters are awarded to the revitalized post and those individuals who assisted in the revitalization effort.

**POSTS: Mail to Department Headquarters**

**TO:** The American Legion

 Attn: Membership Division

 P.O. Box 1055

 Indianapolis, IN 46206 Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ requests a “Welcome Back” letter for Post\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

Name of individual(s) who assisted in the revitalization of this post.

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Department Adjutant

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**DUPLICATE AS NECESSARY**

Letters will be shipped directly to the department for presentation at an appropriate ceremony.