

## **VFW PROGRAMS DEADLINE DATES**

***NOTE: Updated for the 2017-2018 VFW Program Year  
as of 12/23/16 (will release in mid-May of 2017)***

### **Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award**

- \*October 31, 2017, Teacher Nominations to the Post
- November 15, Completion of Post judging
- December 15, Completion of District judging
- January 10, Completion of Department judging
- January 15, District participation reports due to Department Chairman
- \*January 15, Department winners due to National
- \*January 31, Department reports due to National

### **Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen**

- \*October 31, Student entries to the Post
- November 15, Completion of Post judging
- December 15, Completion of District judging
- January 10, Completion of Department judging
- January 15, District participation reports due to Department Chairmen
- \*January 15, Department winners due to National
- \*January 31, Department reports due to National

### **Scout of the Year**

- \*March 1, Scout entries to the Post
- April 1, Post entries to Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs
- \*May 1, Department entry to National from Department Scouting Chairman or Department HQs

### **Community Service**

- \*April 30, Post Special Project & Fred C. Hall Award Submission (Department to National)
- \*April 30, National Outstanding Community Service Post Submission(s) (Department to National)
- \*May 31, Department Community Service Report (Department to National)

### **Public Servant National Award (Law Enforcement, Firefighter, Emergency Services)**

- January 1, Nominations due (from Post to Department)
- February 1 (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), Nominations due from Department to National

### **National Certificate of Recognition**

- April 1 (to guarantee receipt for Department Convention presentation), List due to National from Department

***\*Required deadline (by VFW National Headquarters.) All other deadlines are suggested, and can be internally set at the discretion of the VFW Department leadership. Post Chairmen, be sure to communicate with your District Chairmen to find out their official deadlines, and District Chairmen need to communicate with their Department Chairmen to find out their deadlines.***