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ILLINOIS VFW NEWS &
STATE PUBLICATIONS CONTEST



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This year we need all our Officers, Districts, Posts, and Auxiliaries to demonstrate “We Continue to Serve” on the events and issues affecting our members. The “Commander’s Leadership Manual” and the “Illinois VFW News” will work toward that goal. Both the “Commander’s Leadership Manual” and the “Illinois VFW News” will also be available on-line. You can go to www.vfwil.org for access.

Articles, news, and other items for the “Illinois VFW News” can be submitted via email. If you do not have access to a computer, you can also mail the information to the above address. When submitting any information please remember the following:

- Address emails with “Illinois VFW News” in the subject line.
- Include name and telephone number of the person submitting the item.
- If sending via U.S. mail, please type or print news item legibly.
- When submitting photographs via U.S. mail, send original photographs. Please no newspaper copies of photographs.
- When possible, please identify all persons in the photograph.

Advertising space is available in the newspaper again this year. Currently, the cost of an ad is \$50.00 for a business card size space. This is subject to change by the Council of Administration.

Four issues are planned for publication. Publication months are September, December, March, and June. All items for these issues should be submitted by the 10th of the month prior to the publication date. In addition to our printed editions, we are planning periodic electronic newsletters which will be available online.

STATE OF ILLINOIS PUBLICATION CONTEST

Editors of District and Post newsletters are invited to be a part of the 2011-2012 State of Illinois Publications Contest. You should enter one newsletter published between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011.

Illinois VFW News & Publication Contest Program 2011-2012 Continued

We will use the National VFW Publication Contest Guidelines with all entries being placed in categories based upon membership. Membership category divisions are as follows: Large Post-180 or more members, Medium Post-100-179 members, Small Post-99 members or less. Large District - 2,100 or more members, Medium District - 1,300-2,099 members, Small District - 1,299 members or less. Membership categories are subject to change. All entries received will be placed in the proper category prior to judging.

First place winners will receive a beautifully engraved plaque, and their entries forwarded to Kansas City for National Contest Judging. Awards will be given out at the State Convention in June 2012.

An independent panel will judge all entries in the Publication Contest.

All entries must have a cover letter accompanying the newsletter with the following information:

- Name of Newsletter
- Post or District number
- Editor's name and contact information
- Membership category.

All entries must be received not later than March 1, 2012 at the above listed address.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me either via email or via telephone.

Together we can demonstrate *"We Continue to Serve"* in the State of Illinois, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

