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# VFW SCOUTERS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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This award is designed to recognize VFW Scouters who serve on the VFW State Scouting teams for a three-year period and who accomplish the required tasks during this period. This award is not meant to be a selective or limited award, but one that is available to any VFW Scouter on the Scouting team who completes the requirements. It is our personal VFW award to recognize dedication and work required by a VFW team member to assist in furthering the Scouting program in the VFW.

The award consists of a gold and purple square knot which may be worn on the Scout uniform and a certificate.

## REQUIREMENTS

It is expected that the VFW team members will work to provide the maximum impact of VFW support to the Scouting program and to achieve maximum visibility for VFW efforts.

- A. **Service.** Be registered in a Scouting position at the District or Council level: Chartered Organizational Representative (COR), District/ Council Member-at-Large, Unit Commissioner. (Your Department Scouting Chairman can help you obtain this registration.)  
*(Objective: To go beyond the Post and be able to understand and influence Scouting in the VFW District and Department as well as at the local Council level).*
- B. **Training.** While a member of the State team:
1. Participate in a Chartered Organizational Representative (COR) training course.
  2. Complete a BSA District staff training course or
  3. Attend a Wood Badge training program.
- C. **Tenure.** *(Tenure starts when you join the team.)*
1. Complete a total of three years as a member on the Department State Team.
- D. **Performance.** While a member of the State team do five of the following:
1. Serve a minimum of two years as a Post Chartered Organizational Representative for Scouting and demonstrate success with your units in terms of growth in program.
  2. Help with your VFW Department or District or Post to raise funds to support Scouting in your Department.
  3. Participate with a local BSA District or Council Friends of Scouting fundraising effort.
  4. Serve on the staff of a Department training team to train VFW Scouters.
  5. Participate as member of a BSA District or Council Membership/Relationships Committee and represent the VFW.
  6. Assist in organizing or reorganizing a Scout Troop, Cub Pack or Venture Crew in a VFW unit.
  7. Participate in the Scout of the Year program at Post, District or Department level.
  8. Make contact with Scout Troops and Venture Crews in your area through visits, roundtables or other means and solicit their participation in the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy programs and document the results of your efforts.
  9. Recruit manpower from your Post or VFW District to support a Scout activity such as a camporee, bicycle rodeo, merit badge day or other related event to help further VFW recognition in support of the Scouting program.
  10. Develop and carry out or participate in a VFW program to recognize the leaders of Scouting programs in your Post, District or Department.
  11. Promote and coordinate the development of a network of State VFW Scouting Team members to assist in the development of Scouting within the VFW.
- E. **Approval.**
- Obtain the approval of the VFW Department Commander and VFW Department Scouting Chairman that you have satisfactorily completed the requirements for this award. Documentation should be sent (for review and final approval) to the VFW National Headquarters Programs Office, 406 W 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64111, fax 816-968-1149, email: [kharmar@vfw.org](mailto:kharmar@vfw.org), phone: (816) 968-1117. If approved, a VFW Community Organization Award citation and letter will be mailed back to the Department Commander, with a copy of the letter mailed to the Awardee, Department Adjutant, and Scouting Chairman. The Awardee will need to purchase the square knot (No. 613864) directly from a Boy Scouts of America [Scout Shop](#). Please visit [this web page](#) for additional information.