

# **SONS OF THE VFW**

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of forming Sons of the VFW Unit within your Post is to provide an ideal base for implementing all your Youth Activities Programs. The Unit will enhance your Post's Community Service Programs by their participation in all your events. The Unit will serve as a vehicle for launching major national youth programs such as Junior Rifle, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, Youth Baseball and Scouting. Sons of the VFW Unit in your Post will help build your membership by recruiting parents and grandparents of eligible sons. The Sons will learn the meaning of true democracy from association with loyal American Patriots of our Order in a parent-son relationship that our Youth of today need. The Unit can assist you in distributing Buddy Poppies and Poppy Boards.

## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To be eligible for the Sons of the VFW, a boy must be between the ages of 8 and 18 with a parent or grandparent merely being eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

## **CHARTER A SONS OF THE VFW UNIT**

You only need the names of ten (10) eligible sons or grandsons. There is no fee nor State or National per capita tax. The Sons of the VFW Unit themselves set a minimal amount for their dues, with the approval of the Post.

## **HOW TO REPORT**

All activities should be reported on-line via the Department website under Youth Activities at <http://www.vfwca.org/membertools/programform12rpt.html> **AND** by submitting a report (Form-12) to the Department Sons of the VFW Chairman.

**Important!** – To qualify for awards a Post must send a copy of the Program Reporting (Form 12) to the Department Chairman with all applicable attachments.

## **AWARDS**

Plaques shall be awarded at the State Convention in the following categories:  
Outstanding Unit, Outstanding Unit Advisor and Outstanding Unit Commander.