**2025-2026 VFW PROGRAM DEADLINES**

**POSTS – DEPARTMENT – NATIONAL**

**OCTOBER 2025**

Patriot’s Pen and VOD Student Entries to Post \* October 31

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award Entries to Post \* October 31

**NOVEMBER 2025**

Patriot's Pen and VOD Post Judging Completed November 15

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award Post Judging Completed November 15

**DECEMBER 2025**

Patriot’s Pen and VOD District Judging Completed December 15

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award District Judging Completed December 15

**JANUARY 2026**

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award District Winners to Department Chairman January 1

Public Servant National Award (EMT, Law, Firefighter) Nominations from Post to Department January 1

Patriot’s Pen and VOD Department Judging Completed January 10

Patriot’s Pen and VOD District Participation Reports to Department Chairman January 15

Patriot’s Pen and VOD Department Winners to National \* January 15

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award Winners to Department HQ's \*January 20

All Patriots Pen and VOD must be entered into All American Dashboard ………\* January 31

**FEBRUARY 2026**

Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Award Department Winners and Reports to National \* February 1

Public Servant National Award (EMT, Law, Firefighters) Nominations from Dept to National February 1

**MARCH 2026**

Scout of the Year Entries to Post \* March 1

**APRIL 2026**

Scout of the Year Post Entries to Department Scouting Chairman April 1

**MAY 2026**

Scout of the Year Department Winner to National \* May 1

**JUNE 2026**

Community Service Record Books due to Department June 15

Community Service Reports Deadline \* June 30

**JULY 2026**

National Community service Post of The Year (NCSP) \* July 1

**\* REQUIRED DEADLINE BY VFW NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS**