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2026-2027 SMART/MAHER VFW NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARDS

Info to: Department Commander James Brown
Department President
Department VFW Officers and Department Auxiliary Officers
Post Commanders and Post Auxiliary Presidents

From: Karen Kline
State Smart/Maher Citizenship Education Teacher Chairman

Subject: 2026-2027 Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education
Teacher Award

Fellow Comrades and Auxiliary Members:

Welcome to another exciting year for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Each year the VFW selects elementary(K-5), middle (6-8) and high school (9-12) teachers to participate in this program. Post and District Chairmen can access the program guides and entry forms from the National VFW website www.vfw.org or Department website www.vfwpa.org. The Department entry deadlines will be posted to Department website.

State Deadlines for 2026-2027 Smart/Maher Teacher Awards are:

1. October 31, 2026 – Entry form to Post
2. November 16, 2026 – Entry to District if applicable
3. December 15, 2026 – Post/District winners forward to State Chairman Karen Kline Address:
29 Farm House Lane, Camp Hill, PA 17011. **Do not mail to Department Headquarters**
4. January 15, 2027 - Department winners to National

Thank you,
In support of our Troops, Veterans and Friendship in the VFW and It's Auxiliary.

Karen Kline
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