



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

WELCOME HOME

Learn about the VFW
and what WE can do
for YOU.

A photograph of a soldier in a camouflage uniform hugging his family. The soldier is on the left, looking down at a young child in a red and white striped shirt. A woman with long blonde hair is on the right, smiling and holding the child. The background is white.

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WE STAND FOR VETERANS.

You Belong Here

As the nation's largest organization composed entirely of veterans who've served in a foreign conflict, VFW membership spans the globe with over 6,000 Posts worldwide. We're an elite group of proud veterans who continue watching each other's backs long after the fight is over.

Camaraderie. Friendship. People who understand you. You'll find it all as a member of the VFW.



We support our brothers and sisters in arms, on the front line and here at home. There's a sense of pride in knowing that through your VFW membership, you're continuing a tradition of comradeship and advocacy that's more than 120 years old.



Currently, Vietnam veterans represent the largest portion of VFW members. However, more than half of our new members since 2005 have been age 39 and younger. In addition, women veterans are one of the fastest-growing groups in our ranks.

With thousands of Posts in the U.S. and overseas, you can always find a place to belong among those veterans who have shared your experiences. No other veterans organization can match the VFW's commitment to our nation's veterans and those currently serving.

Taking Care Of Our Own

Veterans have always watched out for each other. When veterans of the Spanish-American War returned home in 1899, there was no guarantee of medical care, no veterans' pension, and many veterans and their families were left to fend for themselves after their sacrifice. A visionary band of veterans formed what would eventually become the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and through hard-fought determination established the veterans benefits we enjoy today. We exist to protect and defend those who have sacrificed for our nation. You've earned that.

A nighttime photograph of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. The building is illuminated with warm white lights, highlighting its classical architecture, including the large dome topped with the Statue of Freedom. The sky is a deep, dark blue. In the foreground, the steps and lower levels of the building are visible, with some streetlights and interior lights glowing. A semi-transparent yellow banner is positioned across the middle of the image, containing the text "ADVOCACY FOR VETERANS" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

ADVOCACY FOR VETERANS

Fighting For You

We strategically put our legislative muscle to work on Capitol Hill every day. Standing up for your rights. Fighting to protect funding for critical veterans' programs. Mobilizing grassroots support to create a citizenry of informed, engaged veterans' advocates. Getting the job done. Everything we do on Capitol Hill is with the VFW's priority goals and veterans' well-being in mind. With the strength of our members and their families behind us, our voice on "the Hill" cannot be ignored, and we will continue the fight for our fellow veterans.



VFW leadership testifies regularly before Congress. As a united voice for veterans everywhere, we make our voices heard on legislation and proposals that affect you.

Our grassroots lobbying efforts are carried out by the Action Corps. VFW's Action Corps influences the passage or defeat of legislation in the best interests of veterans and service members by writing, visiting and calling congressional officials. To find out more, visit vfw.org.

THE VFW HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN NEARLY EVERY MAJOR LEGISLATIVE VICTORY FOR VETERANS IN THE 20TH AND 21ST CENTURIES.

AMONG THEM:

1920, Widows & Orphans Pension Act (Spanish-American War)

1930, Veterans Administration (VA) established

1933, Wagner-Peyser Act: Veterans Employment Service

1936, Bonus bonds (\$2.4 billion) to WWI vets redeemable

1944, G.I. Bill of Rights (P.L. 346); Veterans Preference Act

1952, Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act (Korean War G.I. Bill)

1954, Veterans Compensation Act

1962, Veterans Benefits Act (Cold War G.I. Bill)

1966, Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act (P.L. 89-358) (Vietnam War G.I. Bill)

1978, Veterans preference preserved

1981, Former POW Benefits Act

1984, Montgomery G.I. Bill

1989, VA becomes a Cabinet department

1991, Agent Orange Act (P.L. 102-4)

1999, Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act

2004, Full concurrent receipt for military retirees rated 100% disabled (P.L. 108-375)

2005, Traumatic Injury Insurance supplemental created (S. 806)

2006, Protestors banned from military funerals (H.R. 5037)

2007, VFW calls for VA/military health care system review after Walter Reed outpatient debacle

2008, Record VA discretionary budget approved; G.I. Bill for the 21st Century signed into law (Post-9/11 G.I. Bill)

2009, Advanced Appropriations for VA becomes law

2010, Family Caregiver Legislation signed into law; Ensured all VA and DOD health care programs were recognized as meeting minimum coverage standards under national health care law

2011, VOW to Hire Heroes Act; Stopped annual TRICARE premium increases

2012, Ensured all veterans' programs were exempt from mandatory federal budget cuts through sequestration

2013, Reinstated military Tuition Assistance programs; new Stolen Valor Act signed into law

2014, In-state tuition for Post-9/11 GI Bill veterans made law; Veterans First Funding Act

2015, Eliminated 1% COLA reduction for military retirees

To learn more about the VFW's legislative accomplishments and goals, go online and visit:

vfw.org/advocacy

*“Let us strive on to finish the work we are in,
to bind up the nation’s wounds, to care for
him who shall have borne the battle and for
his widow and his orphan, to do all which may
achieve and secure a just and lasting peace
among ourselves and with all nations.”
- Abraham Lincoln*

SUPPORT FOR VETERANS



Here For You

VFW Service Officers are stationed across the country and on major military bases to help with the VA claims process. We're working harder than ever to create seamless transitions for new veterans and demand justice for veterans of past conflicts.

Through National Veterans Service (NVS) representatives at every VA Regional Office, the VFW provides claims assistance free of charge to all veterans, and remains dedicated to ensuring that each and every veteran received the benefits we've earned.



If you're ready to file a VA claim, don't go at it alone.

Let the VFW help.

Find a service officer in your state at vfw.org/NVS.



At the Ready

VFW programs are in place to provide meaningful assistance at every stage of your military or civilian life.

- Assistance securing emergency financial grants through the Unmet Needs program
- Free phone time for deployed service members and hospitalized veterans through Operation Uplink
- VFW's Mental Wellness Campaign, providing assistance for our fellow veterans who may be affected by invisible injuries and emotional stress.
- Free health screenings, eye exams, cholesterol checks and other tests at our annual Health Fair
- Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD) claims assistance for separating military personnel at over two dozen military installations worldwide.

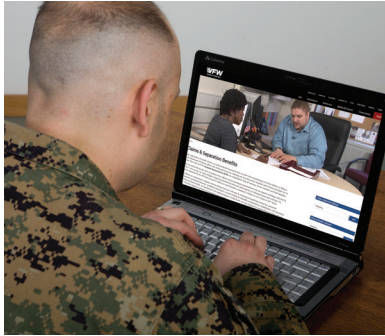


CONNECTIONS FOR VETERANS

Come On In

The VFW never stops evolving to meet the needs of our members. We listen and deliver. So if you're looking to expand your network, make new friends, and make a difference - then come on in! With over 6,000 Posts worldwide, you can always find a VFW Post in your area where you can get first-hand experience about what we're doing for veterans, both locally and throughout the nation.

If you would like to get in contact with your local VFW Post, all you need to do is visit vfw.org and use our **Find A Post** feature to locate the nearest VFW to you, anywhere in the country!



The best way to see what the VFW is doing in your area is to visit your local Post and get involved!

Stop by and learn how

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FOR VETERANS.**



- Explore job and career opportunities on www.vetjobs.com, a VFW-sponsored job board created just for military members, veterans and their spouses.
- VFW's Facebook community is nearly 600,000 strong. Check it out, join the conversation and discover how our fast-growing group of patriotic friends can benefit you.
- Learn about our educational programs like Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen which help educate the youth of America about the role of veterans in our history and our society. Find out more at vfw.org/Youth.
- Take advantage of the VFW's Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship and receive up to \$5,000 for continuing education. Learn more at vfw.org/Scholarship.
- Enjoy numerous exclusive membership benefits ranging from travel and financial services to supplemental insurance programs and military-civilian transition assistance programs, available to all VFW members.

I Want To Join!

If you've served honorably in a foreign conflict, **even if you're still serving**, we want you on our side as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. By filling out the application on the next page, you can take the first step towards becoming part of the nation's largest group of combat veterans. We offer multiple membership options, from Annual membership to a Lifetime membership payable in one lump sum or as installments over the course of a year.

Annual Membership - \$45/year

Lifetime Membership - see below

*Mail in the completed application with the appropriate dues to the address on the back of the form, or bring it to your local VFW Post and you're on your way to becoming part of a group where **NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS!***

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

AGE as of DECEMBER 31st	ONE-TIME PAYMENT	LIFE MEMBERSHIP INSTALLMENT PLAN	
		initial payment	11 payments of
THROUGH AGE 30	\$425.00	\$45.00	\$38.64
31-40	\$410.00	\$45.00	\$37.27
41-50	\$375.00	\$45.00	\$34.09
51-60	\$335.00	\$45.00	\$30.45
61-70	\$290.00	\$45.00	\$26.36
71-80	\$225.00	\$45.00	\$20.45
81 AND OVER	\$170.00	\$45.00	\$15.45

Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debit entries or affect a charge by any other commercially accepted practice to your account set forth above for the payment of dues reflected on this application. You understand such charges may be made within 2-3 business days of payment due date. For installment payments, charges will be made on or around the 1st or the 15th day of the month. This authorization will remain in full force until VFW has received notification from you of its termination or upon completion of the installment payments. Annual dues are subject to change. By completing this authorization, you acknowledge that you will only receive notice when the payment would differ by more than \$10.00 from the most recent payment. Contact VFW Member Services at 1.833.VFW.VETS (1.833.839.8387) or write VFW Member Services, 406 W. 34th St., Suite 316, Kansas City, MO 64111 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or to report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, closed accounts, or unauthorized transactions. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time ten business days prior to the scheduled payment date. If you are unaware of the charge date for your account, please contact VFW. If a payment is returned by your financial institution (e.g., due to insufficient funds, incorrect account information, closed account, etc.) the VFW will contact you at the address we have on file, explain why the payment could not be processed, and provide alternate payment options. The privilege of making payments under this agreement may be revoked by VFW if any item is not paid upon presentation. You may have additional rights and responsibilities under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

Life Membership Installment Plan Terms and Conditions: The VFW life membership installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a life membership by making an initial payment of \$45.00 and (11) monthly payments. The member will be issued an annual membership card at the time of enrollment. A permanent life membership card will be issued upon the completion of payments. The life membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the year in which the application is submitted. Delinquencies of 31-120 days can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward. Member will be dropped from the installment plan after 120 days delinquent and all monthly payments made to date will be applied to future years annual dues.

Automatic Payment Plan and Installment options require credit/debit card for processing. By signing this application you acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions of the Automatic Payment Plan and Installment options, if selected.

Name: _____ Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Address: _____ Branch of Service: (Check all applicable) Phone: _____
 _____ ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE
city state ZIP
 _____ MARINES COAST GUARD SPACE FORCE
 SSN (optional): _____
 Gender: (M) _____ (F) _____

Qualifying Foreign Service (Check all applicable)

WORLD WAR II	BOSNIA/KOSOVO
OCCUPATION SERVICE	GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY
KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954)	AFGHANISTAN (2001-present)
KOREA DUTY (1955-present)	IRAQ (2003-2011)
VIETNAM SERVICE	INHERENT RESOLVE (2014 - present)
EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS	SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA
DESERT SHIELD/STORM	HOSTILE FIRE / IMMINENT DANGER PAY

Dates and location of service in an overseas conflict:

dates

location

Please list any campaign medals received below:

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (circle one)

Member-At-Large OR Post # _____

☐ ANNUAL MEMBER: Please enclose \$45 dues or Post dues of \$_____

☐ check if you wish to be automatically billed for annual dues

☐ LIFE MEMBER: Please enclose amount shown on table.

☐ LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN: Please enclose \$45 initial payment

By entering into the Installment Plan, I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$_____ to be paid in 11 monthly installment payments after my initial payment of \$45.00. Information about scheduling payments can be found by calling the VFW Member Service Center at 1.833.VFW.VETS.

BILLING INFORMATION

☐ MASTERCARD ☐ VISA ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMEX ☐ CHECK

card number

exp. date

amount

I attest that I am a veteran of, or am currently serving in, the US Armed Forces, and that my Campaign Service was honorable, and that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; (3) I have received Imminent Danger or Hostile Fire Pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

Applicant's Signature

date

Richard Thomas ID#11562352

Recruiter's Name and Membership Number

Quartermaster's Signature and Membership Number



NO ONE DOES MORE **FOR VETERANS.**[®]

Start enjoying the benefits and camaraderie of belonging to a group of veterans who have earned their membership through service to our country. The Veterans of Foreign Wars has thousands of Posts across the nation and plenty of ways for you to get involved in a way that suits you best. Start making friends and contacts who understand where you've been and can help you get to where you want to go. You've earned this right - join the VFW today!

You can join the VFW if you...

- have served honorably or are currently serving in the US Armed Forces
- received a campaign or service medal for overseas service
- served at least 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea anytime since 1949
- received Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay

Visit **vfw.org/Join** for a complete list of eligibility.

You've earned it.

As a VFW member, you'll enjoy the benefits of belonging to America's largest combat veterans' organization.

- *A subscription to VFW magazine*
- *Discounts and special offers from a wide range of businesses*
- *No-cost personal accident insurance*
- *Veterans' advocates that can assist with VA claims and other benefits*



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