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STATE COMMANDER

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Comrades,

We are now a quarter of the way through this VFW year and it's time to address several housekeeping issues that need to be addressed.

During post inspections, an issue with Trustee Reports has come up. National has advised the Department that only signatures are required on Trustee Reports and there is no need to have the name of those signing printed by their signature.

District Commanders are required to have team inspectors inspect posts at a district meeting as it is the District's responsibility to be a school of instruction at these meetings.
Inspectors are in a position to not only inspect the post but also to help the post understand where they need to make improvements and/or corrections.

I have received numerous complaints from post officers who have infighting among their post members. As post commander you must resolve these issues with your respective posts. Chain of command must be followed at all times. Keeping this in mind, District Commanders and Post Commanders will not be allowed to do an end run around to resolve post issues.

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Daniel Kell
STATE ADJUTANT

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James Haas
STATE QUARTERMASTER

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Comrades,

The quarterly audit of the department was completed by our appointed audit team. I am happy to say that all is in order. Other financial operations, a decision was made to move our investments to the Albany Branch that grants us

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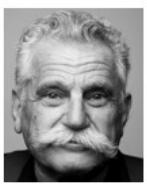
Jody Treadway
Editor



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The Auxiliary is a separate entity and should not be interfering with internal post problems nor should a post be interfered with an internal Auxiliary problem.

I know that by working together and communicating with each other we can make the Department of New York a stronger and better organization.

As November approaches, I want to thank each and every one of you for your service and wish you a Happy Veteran's Day.

Jack

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accurate statistical information on our Department's Program activity. It is the primary responsibility of the Adjutant to make entries on the Dashboard, but authority is granted to the Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, and Quartermaster to make the entry as well. Please review the Commander-in-Chief's Membership Program for further requirements to meet the All-American Membership Program for the 2026-2027 year. The All-American Membership Program is designed to recognize exceptional leadership and accomplishments in membership growth and VFW core Programs.

Membership this year again is a priority and Commander Sanford appreciates your efforts in retaining and recruiting new members. This year the Department of New York participated and started off with having a recruiting event at the State Fair in Syracuse, New York and we were able to recruit 43 new members in the Department of New York. Every member we can recruit or retain will contribute to the overall success and strength of our Department and the VFW. Let's continue to hold membership drives in our Districts and posts and work towards Nationals Membership goal of 100% +1 and keep Department of New York an All-American Department.

SMART/MAHER VFW NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD
Nominations for this award and the judging at the Post level should be close to completion and
District level should be preparing to begin. Teacher nomination entries must be received at a local participating VFW Post by the **Oct. 31 deadline.** VFW Post Teacher Award Chairpersons may submit one candidate in each grade level to their District by November 15. If your Department does not have a District judging, then submit it to your Department

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hands-on access to our accounts.

As a reminder, New York State Office of unclaimed funds lists 28 New Yor VFW posts with funds that may be claimed. To see if your post has unclaimed funds, visit WWW.ny.gov/unclaimed -funds. It is a simple process to claim your funds. Just follow the directions on the site.

The department is working on closing the sale of two defunct post properties. This has been a long process, but the end is in sight. Closing defunct posts properties is not a process we enjoy. Our department goal is to keep all posts open and continue to support our Veterans in local communities throughout the State of New York.

November is just around the corner. If your post is operating on the VFW Fiscal Year, your IRS 990 is due no later than November 15, 2026. If you are a new post or district quartermaster, you need to file an IRS form 8822B. This form identifies you as the financial officer of your Post or District.

I recently attended Quartermaster Training at our National Hqs. The training was quite detailed and beneficial. I had the chance to tour the National Hqs. and meet with all departments. I have to complement all the employees at National. They all have the same goal and that is to support the departments, posts, and all members of the VFW.

Wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Comreadeship,

James Haas

Quartermaster

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Headquarters and/or Department Chairperson by January 1, 2027. The Department may select a single candidate in each grade level and submit them to VFW National Headquarters, on the Dashboard by February 1, 2027. For National judging each Department's selections will receive a National Commendation citation.

VFW's National Citizenship Education Teacher awards include: three National $1,000 awards for the top K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 teachers for professional development expenses, $1,000 award to each winning teacher's school, plaques for both the winning teacher and school, and an all-expenses-paid trip to attend a VFW and Auxiliary National event.

VFW NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVANT AWARDS

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects emergency medical technicians, law enforcement and firefighter personnel to receive VFW Public Servant Awards. Post Safety Chairmen are encouraged to submit a candidate for these awards to their Department Headquarters by January 1, 2027. Departments are asked to submit three nominees (one for each career area) to the VFW Programs Office no later than **February 1, 2027**. VFW Programs will create citations for the following awards in each Department:
VFW National Law Enforcement Award
VFW National Firefighter Award
VFW National Emergency

With Fall Season here and Winter season right around the corner I want to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Yours in Comradeship,
Daniel L. Kell
State Adjutant

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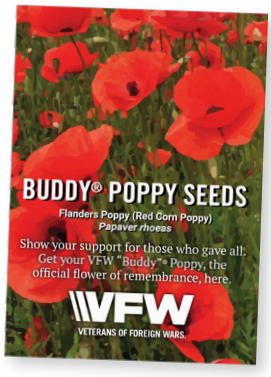

Marcello Rotunda
SR. VICE COMMANDER

Comrades,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer now it is time to work on inspections, and make sure you get your 990's in. The District Commanders and the Inspectors should have already set up a schedule to ensure all posts are inspected within their respective District. There are posts within the Department to date that currently still have not been inspected. These posts should be the first posts inspected when setting up your inspections. Let's strive this year and work to get every post in the Department Inspected prior to the Department Convention.

District and posts should be planning membership drives to help meet the retention this year to keep Commander Jack Sanford and Department of New York an All-American Department. Commander-in-Chief Corey Geisler Membership goal of 100% +1 and 80% retention in the Department by the end of June 2027. I ask and need every Membership Chairman in the District to communicate with their Posts and advice our State Membership Neil Jordan of any membership drives their Districts are having throughout this issuing year, this will allow the Department to aid the District Membership Chairmans with the required material and assistance they will need to have a successful membership drive. Let's continue to build and strengthen our organization.

All American Dashboard, we need to continue to get with and educate our posts on the importance of reporting information to the Department of New York and ensure they are entering their program information on the Dashboard for Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year so National will have accurate statistical information on Program activity and the Posts receive credit.

The Holiday season is here and winter right around the corner, I want to wish everyone safe travels.

Yours in Comradeship,
Marcello Rotunda
Sr. Vice Commander, Department of New York

Jeffrey Gillette
JR. VICE COMMANDER

Comrades,

Summer is over and Fall has arrived. I hope that all of you had a great summer. For me, it was a busy one. I finally retired from my civilian job and getting myself established in my new role as Jr. Vice Commander has required a number of trips to headquarters. I have had the pleasure of attending a number of District meetings and have had the opportunity to meet many District and Post officers. I am looking forward to attending many more District meetings and introducing myself to many more of you over the upcoming months. I also had the pleasure of meeting many veterans and working at the recruiting booth at the NY State Fair with Past State Commander Jim MacArthur, who by the way still leads the state in the number of members recruited. I challenge all of you to get out and take every opportunity to recruit wherever you may be. Who will be the one to beat PSC MacArthur as top recruiter this year?

The Department Fall Conference is behind us. Though held in September instead of October (normally held Columbus weekend) attendance at the conference seemed lighter than usual. As always, the information presented was informative, helps us to do our jobs and know where we currently stand, I have to ask, "Why is attendance down and what can we do to entice more or better attendance at Department and District meetings and events?" Please send your suggestions to me at jgillette@vfwny.com. I truly want to hear your thoughts and suggestions.

It's the end of September, District and Post meetings are being held and we've held our Department OTI. The Department OTI instruction and attendance were exceptional. Districts should be starting to conduct their own OTI's. I know the requirements for All-State credit is for the Quartermaster and the Three Year Trustee to attend a Department or District OTI,

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but any officer new to their position should be attending training to receive the information required for them to better understand the requirements of their position. Let's get them involved. Train them to move up. If you hold a new position and are not sure about something reach out to a prior officer with knowledge or reach out to your District or Department. Don't be afraid to ask.

District inspectors should have started doing inspections. Inspections are required annually. They are all about ensuring our Posts are being operated correctly and consistently. It's an opportunity for the District to have a discussion with the Post and to provide assistance where and when needed. If you have a question call headquarters or call me, we are there to assist you.

Along those same lines, as we enter the second quarter of our administrative year it is imperative that all Posts and Districts start entering your Program activity on the All-American Dashboard. Posts should be completing entries for their Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher Programs. These entries are essential to ensure that the VFW National Organization has accurate statistical information on the Department NY's Program activity. You can view your District and Post All-American status at the VFW.org website on the All-American Dashboard. As a reminder, it is the primary responsibility of the Adjutant to make entries on the Dashboard, however, authority is granted to the Commander, Sr. Vice Commander, Jr. Vice Commander, and Quartermaster to make these entries as well.

By now you should have received copies of the Commander-In-Chief and Commander Sanford's membership programs. Please review these program guides for their membership Program for further requirements to meet the All-American Membership Program as well as the All-State for the 2026-2027 year. The All-American Membership Program is designed to recognize exceptional leadership and accomplishments in membership growth and VFW core Programs.

Yours in Comradeship,
Jeff Gillette
Jr. Vice Commander

Ben Thompson, PSC
JUDGE ADVOCATE
VFW

Comrades,

As your State Judge Advocate, I recommended that officers at all levels obtain a copy of the current 2027 podium edition of the Congressional Charter, Bylaws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual, which are available through the VFW Store at National Headquarters or you can download the digital version from the National webpage for free. The 2027 revised edition reflects the amendments adopted by the 127th National Convention. It is the responsibility of the Commander along with the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders to enforce strict observance of the laws and usage of this organization including Post, District and Department Bylaws along with the Congressional Charter, National Bylaws, Manuel of Procedure and Ritual and all lawful orders from proper authorities. Therefore, it is also recommended that copies of the District and Department Bylaws be obtained also. To sustain the Veterans of Foreign Wars reputation and assure its continued success, I recommend that all Post and District Commanders read the Department of New York's Code of Ethics, which can be found on the Department's webpage, and either use the Departments Code of Ethics or draft one of their own for their offices to sign. The integrity of all our officers is vital to the success of organization.

As a reminder, as we move towards the upcoming elections cycle, I direct everyone's attention to Article VII, Sec. 702 of the VFW National Bylaws, which states, "No Post, County Council, District, Department or the National Organization, or any component part or member thereof, shall participate in any way in a campaign of a candidate for any partisan public office…" This applies to fundraisers, endorsements, and the use of VFW facilities or names in any way that suggests the VFW is supporting a candidate.

On a personal note, as we look forward to the Christmas holiday season, we have so much to be thankful for. We look forward to spending time with family and friends, meals with family and exchanging gifts. This is the time of year that we all must take time to think about those less fortunate than most of us. This is when we all must come together to try to

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PROCTOR-HOPSON POST #1896, Veterans of Foreign Wars
"VFW Military Family Support Center"
IN CONJUCTION WITH
Department of New York VFW & Auxiliary
&
AMERICAN CITIZENS FOR SOLDIERS IN SERVICE

HOLIDAY CHEER

On behalf of our military personnel serving in Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Djibouti, Doha and Abu Dhabi, we are again sending Christmas Trees, lights, ornaments and Menorahs to our military personnel in harm's way at the above locations. This is our **twenty third year** of running our program sending trees to our deployed troops and we look forward to it being as successful as the previous years.

To support this program, you may fund a tree with the appropriate lights and decorations for a donation of $25.00. You may fund as many trees as you would like. Working together, we as supporters of our military personnel can make the Christmas holiday a little more enjoyable for those fighting far away from home.

If you would like to support this program by funding a tree(s), make your check or money order payable to:

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Thanking you in advance for your support.

Ben Thompson, PSC
Proctor-Hopson #1896
VFW Military Family Support Center

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make the holiday season brighter for our fellow Veterans and their families. It doesn't take a lot to bring a smile to someone's face. It could be no more than a card, a visit, or a phone call. A program sponsored by the Post and Auxiliary is a way to show support for our Veterans and families that may not have family members nearby. Whatever we do, we need to remember to show our support for all our Veterans.

Once again, this year, the members of Proctor-Hopson Post #1896, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the US and its Auxiliary sponsored our Holiday Cheer/Trees for Troops program, and yes this was our 23nd year. On behalf of the Officers and Members of Proctor-Hopson Post #1896, I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Proctor-Hopson Post #1896 VFW Military Family Support Center's Holiday Cheer/ Trees for Troops program. As in the past, the program was a joint venture between Proctor-Hopson Post #1896, Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary, DHL Express, Dee's Nursery, and The American Citizens for Soldiers in Service. It is our goal to try to bring a little taste of home to our troops serving in Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar and Abu Dhabi, Iraq, Djibouti, and Jordan during the holiday season. Thank you for your support in the past and I look forward to your continued showing our nations servicemen and women, along with their families, you care.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and safe holiday season.

Ben Thompson, PSC

State Judge Advocate

Harold Patchen

STATE INSPECTOR

VFW

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Comrades

Well, we are one quarter of the way through our VFW year. Where has the time gone? Inspections are coming in really slowly. The inspectors should send the finished inspections directly to the Department HQ as soon as they have been completed and reviewed by the District Inspector. The sooner District 1,10 and 11 get to Neil Jordan and 2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and 9 get to me, we can get them reviewed and results back to the respective District Commander. This will allow the posts inspected, time to rectify deficiencies that are necessary to get the inspection approved. Waiting too long to get the inspections done and then waiting to get them to the department only hurts the posts.

Once again Commander Ron Sorrentino and his District 10 team of inspectors are leading the pack. I'm sure that many felt the need to wait until the September 30th Quarterly Trustee reports were completed. If any District Inspector has questions, I'm here to help you out (518-899-4976). I'm at the DNY on Thursdays reviewing all inspections received since the previous Friday.

I personally have two more posts left to inspect and appointments with their Commander and QM to do them. I'll inspect my final post November 21st, at the completion of their Post meeting. One inspection team of Mitchell and MacArthur (12 posts?) are going to hit the road soon, if they haven't already. I hope that other districts DON'T expect their District Inspector to do all the inspections. Every District Commander should have 2-3 inspectors helping the elected district inspector. Many hands make quick work.

I've already inspected Districts 2,5,8 and 9. Assistant Inspector Neil Jordan will inspect my district and I will inspect his district at the Midwinter Conference. I'm also willing to inspect Districts 6 and 7 at the Midwinter Conference, if the Commanders have everything in order. Let's all make an effort to get all inspections done NLT February 2027. This date is **NOT a MANDATE** and should not be taken that way. I picked that date arbitrarily so that the Post Commanders will have plenty of time to rectify any errors. I would love to see as many posts as possible, if not all, be ALL STATE and All American and will do anything I can to help them succeed.

Below are District stats, from the department Dashboard, for Post inspections and IRS-990's completed as of today, 10/10/2026. Commanders we need to pick up the pace, especially those with no inspections sent in.

In Comradeship,

Harold Patchen

State Inspector

VFW-NY

Dist #	# posts Inspected	# Posts approved	# Posts to be inspected	% Approved	# Posts In district	IRS-990'S Completed	% Posts that have been inspected	Comments
1	2	0	26	0.0	28	5	0.0	
2	3	0	54	0.0	57	16	5.3	
3	3	2	38	2.4	41	5	4.9	
4	3	3	18	0.0	21	0	0.0	
5	0	0	35	0.0	35	3	0.0	
6	0	0	33	0.0	33	3	0.0	
7	0	0	17	0.0	17	5	0.0	
8	0	0	22	0.0	22	0	0.0	
9	1	0	13	0.0	14	2	7.1	
10	10	1	14	4.2	24	5	37.5	
11	0	0	27	0.0	27	1	0.0	
Total	22	6	297	0.6	319	45	4.7	
								Last update 10/10/2026

Gene Ratigliano, PSC

NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER

Comrades,

As I reported to those attending the Department 2026 Fall Conference, I just recently returned from the August Budget & Finance Committee meeting that was held in Kansas City and am providing you with an update on the financial status of our National organization

As of June 2026, the VFW's General Fund & Investments total $135,05,710. 00. As many of you know it has been an up and down financial market over the last few months but the VFW's investments in the market has shown a strong rise in performance. National's overall Cash & Investment balance has increased **over $10.4 million dollars** since the beginning of the fiscal year.

This upward trend in our investments has enabled National to pay out over $6 million toward the expenses of upgrading the DC building renovations that I reported to you previously.

So, needless to say as an organization, we are doing quite well financially!

Following an intensive Council workshop and budget meeting a C of A meeting was held the next day.

A number of motions were made during that C of A – all of which passed.

Adjutant General West made a motion that the date currently listed in the VFW Ritual for Commemorative Date for Women in the Military Service be changed from October 18th to June 12th.

Quartermaster General Garduno presented a number of motions as well:

-That the Council adopt the 2026-27 as presented.

-Approve the allocation of $850,000 for property Capital expenditures in FY 2026-27

-Approve the addition of pay banding to the VFW salary structure

-Approve changes to the VFW Travel Policy

-Approve replacing the ex-officio VFW Auxiliary position on the Retirement Planning Board of Directors with the VFW Chief Accounting Officer.

-Confirm the election of Ryan Strathman as the Employee Representative to the VFW Retirement Planning Board of Directors with the VFW Chief Accounting Officer.

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-Repeal the 2.6% salary grade increase that was approved by the Audit & Compensation Committee in February

There's more good news financially for the VFW in that the VFW's Planned Giving Program is also doing quite well raising more than $80 million compared to some $74 million las fiscal year – a significant increase in donations to the organization.

There are some changes in MAP Grant funds for 2026-27 with now a cap on those funds. The VFW will no longer provide funds before an event. Once an event is complete you will need to request reimbursement. You'll find more information on the All-American Dashboard under the Military Assistance Program Grant Guidelines application.

There is some GREAT NEWS for our Posts. The 3-YR grant limit has been eliminated and a Post may now apply for one grant annually!!

Administrative Operations continue to carry a heavy burden. There are currently 36 Posts and one District under Department suspension.

25 Posts are under Commander-in-Chief suspension due to not submitting a 2026-27 election report. There were four Post consolidations and seven Posts going defunct.

Admin Ops is also engaged in 18 Article IX Disciplinary Actions and four administrative removals. The office also received 56 new sets of By-laws and Articles of Incorporation with 105 sets under review.

We are four months into the VFW year and membership has been slowing climbing. We need to boost our effort while the weather is still with us and do all we can to get out into the community to events that you can attend. Both the National and Department Commander are looking for posts to reach a minimum of 100% plus ONE member. It is also necessary for the Three-Year Trustee to be trained as well as the Post Quartermaster at an OTI by December 31, 2026, for a Post to become eligible for All-State. With the Department just having completed its Officer Training session it will be incumbent upon the Three-Year Trustee and Quartermaster to attend either their own District OTI or another at a neighboring District.

Gene Ratigliano

National Council Member

Emmitt Henry
COMMANDER
DISTRICT 1
VFW

Comrades

Since installation I've been energized to increase inter-district communication, not only technically (online) but a "press the flesh" approach. I've met with leadership at seven Posts, which I previously have never been. It is my intention to visit every Post within the District. It is exciting and encouraging to observe the camaraderie residing in these veteran communities and at these Posts.

As the inspection season commences, we have installed three assistant inspectors to help lift the load from our frosty Inspector comrade Commander Neil Jordan [1896]. Post Quartermasters Paul Dietrich [1574], and Edie Argueta [150], and Past District Commander Jesse Figueroa [546] have stepped up and answered the call to help expedite inspections.

We also plan to initiate a "Buddy Post" practice; pairing up administratively strong, efficient Post officers with ones that may be struggling for any vary of reason. Again, delegating oversight with willing participants to build a cohesive network and fellowship.

Increasing membership remains a priority to the district. We continue to discuss ideas that may build a strategy that will spur growth as well as organizational activity, assisting veterans, their families, and our communities. I believe increasing the Veterans [VAVS] and Student Veterans [SVA], may be a bountiful pool of eligible candidates. We seek to explore the potential of these areas.

In addition to visiting Posts, I've also had the opportunity to participate in several events and calls-to-action, which support veteran causes, such as "Hope for the Warrior," "Flanders Field, Post #150, Inaugural 5K Rucksack March," and "Fleet Week Kickoff Breakfast."

Alongside District 1 Senior Vice Commander Ryan Graham, during the 9-11 Memorial Service at 'Ground Zero,' we hosted Senior Vice Commander in Chief Glenn Umberger during the service and to pay respect to the lives lost on that solemn day. See pictures on the right.

In closing I am optimistic about the upcoming year. Making friends, accomplishing objectives, and establishing processes & programs that will help catapult our District into the future. We Rule because We Rock!

Semper Fidelis

Emmitt Henry

District 1 Commander

Thomas Varmette
COMMANDER
DISTRICT 3
VFW

Comrades

Throughout District 3 many VFW Posts participated in 9/11 ceremonies for the 25th Memorial Anniversary. The motto "Never Forget" sentiment was frequently used by President George W Bush and 25 years latter we as a nation are doing so.

EVENTS:

One of many District 3 Posts that participated in 9/11 Memorial Ceremony was VFW Post 7291 Greenwich.

Members coordinated the service with St. Joseph's Church and Post Color Guard presented the colors at the beginning of the service. At the conclusion of the service the Color Guard retired the colors and posted next to a fire truck for the ringing of the church bell honoring those that perished on 9/11. Other members of the Post handed out American flags to service attendees. An outside combined ceremony was conducted for 9/11 remembering the events of 9/11 and those that paid the ultimate sacrifice on 9/11. Following the ceremony the Post sponsored a picnic for First Responders and family members.

"The Great Annual Clam Bake" took place at VFW Post 9593., Stuyvesant Falls.

This is an annual event which takes place in first week of August. Approximately 300 hundred people participated in the event. Food is plenty, with plenty of clams, half chicken (BBQ), clam chowder, corn on the cob, etc. The DJ was outstanding and kept good music playing throughout the clam bake. At the end the raffles for the event are called and after that everyone sits back and just relaxes.

In Comradeship,

Tom Varmette

District 3 Commander

Dept. of N.Y. VFW

Stephen Roberts
COMMANDER
DISTRICT 4
VFW

Comrades,

District 4 has been extremely busy with recruitment as well as training to ensure policies and procedures are being followed. Several of the District's Comrades were able to attend the Department OTI and then District 4 followed that up with a District OTI for those not able to get to Albany. Both sessions were extremely successful and all expressed how important these training sessions will help as they move forward at their respective Posts.

Our 9 Posts in Oneida County are now eligible to receive up to $50,000 in matching funds for Post improvements. Oneida County in their 2026 budget approved $250,000 for this grant project. The Oneida County Veterans Capital Restoration Matching Grant Program was established to support the preservation,

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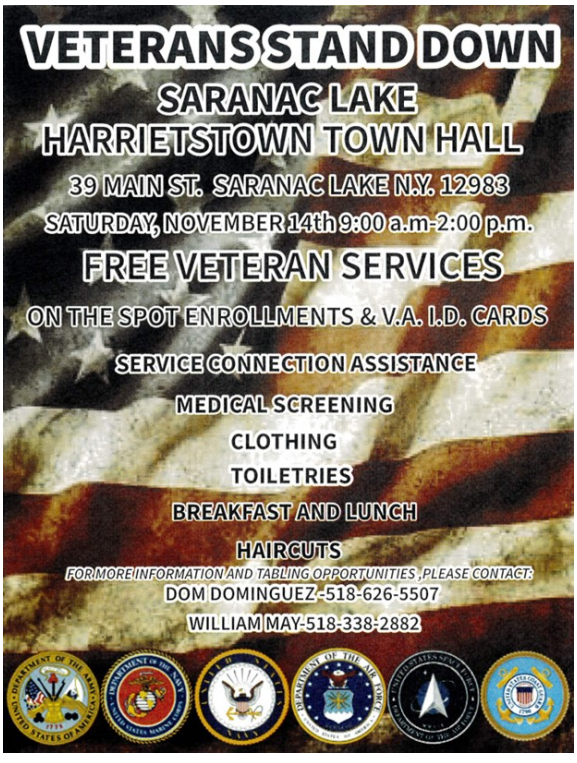
repair, restoration, and modernization of facilities owned and operated by Veteran organizations throughout Oneida County. The program recognizes the important role these organizations play in honoring Veterans, supporting military families, and serving as valued community gathering spaces. One of the key points in the grant application is that the Post or organization must be in good standing with their parent organization.

Oneida County became the 31st County to join the Veterans Treatment Courts. Fifth Judicial District Administrative Deborah H. Karalunas announced the opening of the Oneida County Veterans Treatment Court (OCVTC). The OCVTC is a problem-solving court designed to serve justice-involved veterans charged with either a misdemeanor and/or felony who may be experiencing addiction and/or mental health challenges. The OCVTC, located in the Utica City Courthouse at 411 Oriskany Street West in Utica, is a collaborative effort of the New York State Unified Court System's Fifth Judicial District. Oneida County District Attorney Todd Carville said, "Our society relies on brave, selfless individuals who serve our country in the United States Armed Forces. When those who have served our country are no longer actively serving, we do not forget that service. For those who have entered the criminal justice system and do not pose a risk to public safety, we will identify services needed and provide a support network in the hopes of rehabilitating and restoring our veterans."

Yours in Comradeship,

Steve Roberts, District 4 Commander

Department of New York VFW



Thad Barber
COMMANDER DISTRICT 6
VFW

Comrades,

As District 6 Commander, I have been very busy this summer and participated in several events to support the VFW to include the following:

- Attended the Erie County Fair Veterans Memorial Ceremony in August
- Attended Franklinville Clam Bake and volunteered services to raise money for Homeless Veterans
- Attended the Legion of the Silver Rose Ceremony in Tombstone Arizona to honor Vietnam Veterans with agent orange presumptive injuries
- Attended Department of New York Fall Conference

Upcoming events to include:

- District 6 OTI training on November 14, 2026, in Springville, NY, Post 5260
- Inspection committee making rounds to each post in district to complete all inspections
- Selling fundraising tickets for ways and means for the District to support our programs

As Commander I am looking forward to supporting my District in the upcoming events. With the winter seasons coming upon us I want to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Yours in Comradeship,
Thad Barber
District 6 Commander

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Marcello Rotunda Department Sr. Vice Commander and District 6 Commander Thad Barber were at the Silver Rose Cemetery in Tombstone, Arizona to honor Vietnam Veterans that were affected by Agent Orange and helped with Fundraiser for Ronza to raise money for medical expenses. In the meantime, Ronza passed away and the money went to help his family with expenses.

Norbert Neiderer
COMMANDER
DISTRICT 9

Comrades,

Fall is here and Winter is just around the corner. Everyone is getting ready for the Holidays. The district has been keeping busy. We held our District meeting at VFW Post 3120, Tupper Lake on September 13, 2026. We want to thank Past State Commander Tom Howard for being our guest speaker. We handed out our 50/50 tickets to all posts to sell. This is our annual fundraiser. Last year we raised over $6,000.00 for the district.

We had several posts attend the NYS VFW Fall Conference on August 18-19-20, 2026, which was held in Albany. Both District 9 Commander and District 9 Auxiliary President were in attendance as well as 4 Posts with representatives.

We had several posts (5) attend the NYS OTI training held in Albany.

We had Veterans Outreach Days planned for Plattsburgh (Oct 6, 2026) and Saranac Lake (Oct 7, 2026) in association with U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs (VA) and NYS Dept of Veterans Services.

We have a Veterans Stand Down scheduled for November 14, 2026, at Harrietstown Town Hall, Saranac Lake. Event will include Spot Enrollment & VA ID Cards, Medical Screening, Clothing, Toiletries, Breakfast & Lunch and Haircuts.

Posts have been busy working with our communities. They have sponsored 4-H Groups, Punt, Pass & Kick Football Competition, Golf Tournaments, Food Drives, School Supply Drives, etc. They have also done Chicken Bar-B-Q, Chicken Wing Nights, Steak & Clam Nights, Veteran Luncheons, and Dances.

We have completed 13 of our 14 Post Inspections as well as our District Inspection. We have also completed OTI Training at the District level getting all posts to participate. OTI was easier this year as everyone is working better together.

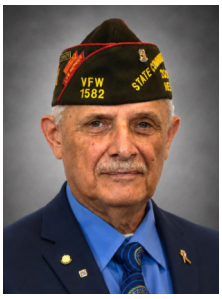
October 11, 2026, VFW Post 125 in conjunction with our Auxiliary is holding a "Walk 22" event. This event has raised over $1,200.00 so far. Congratulations to our Auxiliary for their hard work in making this event happen.

November 3, 206 is Election Day. We all fought for this right, so remind everyone to get out and vote.

Posts are getting ready/making plans for the upcoming Veterans Day Ceremonies on November 11, 2026. VFW Post 125 is having Assemblyman Michael Cashman as their guest speaker. Other posts are having Present & Past Military Members, Local Community Leaders and Business Leaders as speakers.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a Safe and Joyous Holiday Season.

Yours in Comradeship,
Norbert Neiderer
District 9 Commander



Ronald Sorrentino
COMMANDER
DISTRICT 10

Comrades,

As I often note, this has been a very active period for our district. Before reviewing our activities over the past few months, I would once again like to thank the district 10 posts for helping us earn All-American recognition. This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of all our comrades. Unfortunately, one post has already surrendered its charter this year. We make every effort to help each post remain active, but those efforts are not always successful. As I have prepared this report, we are working to transfer the affected members to other posts. Throughout the year, I hope that members of our leadership team and I will have opportunities to visit other posts across the district.

What have we been doing so far this year:

In July, I attended the National Convention in Reno. Although the convention was lengthy, the daily bus ride to the site gave us an opportunity to see downtown Reno.

In August I attended, with many of our district 10 post, Commander Sanford home coming At Post 1896.

On September 5, 2026, I meet with my officers to discuss this upcoming year's activity.

On September 12, 2026, attended Post 3350 BBQ, great food. Nice to see the comrades in a casual setting and talk about items other than VFW.

On September 13, 2026, we held our first meeting of

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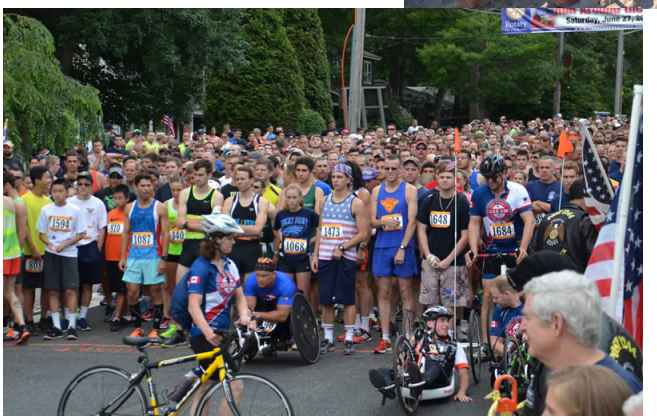
Scenes from around District 11



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the 2026-2027 year. I gave out all State caps, and once more thanked the comrades foll their hard work.

On October 3, 2026, our district held OTI class. Good turnout, we had a great class with lots of questions.

I just want to say one more thing, just in case you did not, (by mistake of course) forgot to read my Service Officer chairman report, on raffle donation. Then here is a second reminder, *DONATE, Please*.

Ronald Sorrentino
District 10 Commander
Chairman Servicer Officer Raffle and Journal
Chairman Community Activity

Guillermo Sandoval
COMMANDER
DISTRICT 11

Comrades,

Gratitude is the way I always start any literature that I am asked to write. Although I had the honor of writing the last Newsletter, this is officially my first one that reflects the first full three months under my command. I would like to thank every member of this wonderful organization by dedicating the following words. The fact that, at a young age, one of the most important and difficult decisions of your life was to serve your country, and that today, as you read this today, you are still serving your community; makes you a special kind of patriot in my eyes, and I am truly honored to serve alongside you.

District 11, encompassing all the beautiful unique landscapes of Suffolk County, Long Island began the month of July like the rest of our Nation, celebrating 250 years of being the best Nation that humankind has ever witnessed. As main streets throughout our vast country dressed up in Red, White and Blue, several District 11 VFW Posts marched in their town's parades. On this special year, the VFW Department of New York generously provided Banners and lawn signs celebrating the Nation's 250th Independence. This project was a product of a thoughtful motion made by our District 11 Past Commander Bill Hughes. These Patriotic and uniformed accessories were seen, not only across our district, but across the whole State of New York. It was special to think that Comrades from all corners of our beautiful state were celebrating in collective camaraderie.

July also brought some more somber ceremonies, but nevertheless, extremely special and poignant, such as the Reinterment of Medal of Honor Recipient, Army, PFC Garfield Longhorn at Calverton National Cemetery. Past District 11 Commander Bill Hughes, now serving as District Chief of Staff, had the honor of speaking at the Ceremony of this Heroic fellow Vietnam War Veteran who sacrificed his life by using his body to shield his fellow comrades from an enemy grenade. As the Summer continued, members of District 11 continued to honor the fallen and simultaneously help living Veterans by participating in Suffolk County Veterans Run Series (SCVRS), which hosts multiple loyalty and memorial races throughout the summer months to support local veteran organizations.

The VFW advocates for all Veteran related issues, and District 11 and its membership follow suit. on August 7, 2026—National Purple Heart Day— U.S. Army veteran Daniel Knote received his Purple Heart, 58 years after being wounded in Vietnam during a ceremony at **VFW Post 6249** in Rocky Point, a very active post Commanded by our own's District 11's Junior Vice Commander, Frank Lombardi.

The month of August ended as our local V.A in Suffolk County held their annual Veterans Appreciation BBQ at the Northport VA Medical Center on August 22nd, 2026. Your fearless Leader, Commander Sandoval, who is writing this, attended in force with Past Commander Hughes and other District members. Capitalizing on such a grand Veteran gathering, we decided to set up our recruiting table and provided the attendees with information about V.A benefits, as well as other Veteran resources and Veteran related services. The next day, our District 11 Social Media Chairman Eric D'Arce, a Marine Corps veteran completed a 66-mile run across our county to raise awareness about veteran suicide and share a message of hope for those who are struggling with mental health challenges.

September began with another annual event, created with one purpose in mind: to save lives. Several District 11 Comrades crossed the Long Island Sound from Bridgeport, Connecticut to Port Jefferson, New York in the "22 PAC Kayak Event" to raise awareness to the horrors of PTSD and veteran suicide; in order to help reduce the exacerbating stigma.

District 11 wrapped up the month of September by holding the first meeting of the fiscal year with Quorum, good attendance, great chow and great hosts, as District Senior Vice Commander Joseph Van Emmerik and his post members from Post 2913 Patchogue Jayne-Lattin welcomed members from all 26 Posts in our district as they converged to work, collaborate and build camaraderie.

I will say again that without the volunteering spirit of our members, and their lifetime devotion to serving our

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our country both at home and abroad, none of these amazing events would be possible. The Camaraderie that we built long ago, when many of us were just becoming adults, continues to grow and allows us to collectively accomplish great things for the greatest Nation in the world. Thank you all, my fellow VFW Comrades.

Respectfully submitted,
Guillermo Sandoval
VFW District 11
Commander
Suffolk County NY

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ADSO - NYC

VFW

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

Comrades,

New York City veterans are as unique and diverse as the city (*aka Big Apple*) itself. As a Veteran Service Officer (VSO) covering the borough of the Bronx—divided into nine council districts—I am currently the only full-time VFW VSO serving the 1.4 million people who call the "Boogie Down" Bronx home. Like most New Yorkers, veterans face a critical and persistent challenge: the lack of affordable housing. Even council members struggle to find suitable office space within their districts to serve their constituents. Real estate in the city is an expensive premium and often out of reach for veterans living on fixed incomes or managing service-connected disabilities.

Many veterans ultimately turn to the Veteran Administration (VA) after exhausting their resources, their ability to work, and their means to support themselves and their families. Most older veterans seek help only when confronted with the reality of being unable to pay rent, their service-connected conditions preventing employment, and their Social Security alone not enough to survive. Similarly, many surviving spouses do not reach out until they can no longer care for themselves or afford basic living expenses and healthcare.

Over the last two years, my work has taken me into neighborhoods I had never even heard of—despite growing up and attending school in New York City (NYC). Each morning feels like tackling a basic-training-style obstacle course to find street parking before 9 a.m. I've taken commuter trains, subways lines, and buses to reach districts deep in the South Bronx. I could eat at a different restaurant every day for a year without repeating a spot—just within this one borough. As a lifelong New Yorker, I couldn't be prouder to serve veterans in a city so vibrant, diverse, and internationally rich. Every district has its own distinctive community, with unique sights, sounds, foods, music, and housing landscapes. Languages, cultures, and daily interactions can change from one corner to the next. The Bronx is so dense and dynamic that you almost forget it's only one part of an 8.5-million-person city. NYC could function as its own country with the resources and opportunities available—yet veterans remain underserved in accessing the benefits they've earned.

The cases I handle span a wide spectrum: homeless veterans experiencing mental-health crises, military widows facing eviction after losing their spouse's income, dependent children and spouses exploring education benefits, newly discharged young veterans adjusting to civilian life and searching for stable employment, and veterans already rated 100% service-connected who need home healthcare aids or seeking to plan their burial arrangements and leave a legacy for future generations.

My days are often spent triaging referrals from NYC council districts, the VA Regional Office, VA patient advocate at medical facilities, and VFW headquarters. The work of researching and filing claims feels like a Yankees pinstripe— long and never ending.

The most gratifying cases are the ones where you help a veteran get 100% service connected after years of denials. It turns out the answer was in files all along -it's because as VSO you must take the time to read through hundreds of service treatment records to decipher handwritten notes describing a medical condition or traumatic event the VA did not identify. These veterans can focus their time and energy on taking care of themselves without worrying about having enough to pay bills. They can attend medical therapies, afford suitable housing and stop working part-time jobs and enjoy their families. The joy comes from helping military widows get Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) after successfully demonstrating their late husbands had died of service-connected disability. These disability funds help them stay in their homes and not have to rely on public assistance.

Recently, more complex cases have been coming through, including discharge upgrades for veterans spanning from the Vietnam era to the COVID-19 pandemic, and even deported veterans trying to navigate benefits from abroad. Although we only service NYC veterans, we get cases from across the tri-state area—New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania—seeking accurate assistance, timely responses, and knowledgeable VSOs. In New York City, you encounter complicated, rare and unusual cases that are only possible in large urban jungles. Here, you truly become "a jack of all cases" So as the old saying goes if you can make here as a VSO-you can make anywhere!

Ronald Sorrentino
SERVICE OFFICER
JOURNAL AD
CHAIRMAN

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Comrades,

By now, you should have received the **2026–2027 Service Officers Raffle donation form.** As for this report, we have received $ 9,300—$850.00, less than last year. We have until November 12, 2026, to close the gap, and I know we can do it. Please do not wait till the last minute to donate. Our goal is to support our service officers, so please read the letter and consider donating. With the increase in service officers this money will help our officers, which in turn will benefit all our comrades. The funds we raise help these officers carry out their important work and secure the benefits for our comrades. We all know how hard they work. We still have time to bet last year's goal. This is a new year and a fresh opportunity. So, to all my post comrades and auxiliaries, **thank you for your continued support.**

Ronald Sorrentino

Chairman

Happy Halloween
Casper says do not forget to donate!

Pat Iuliucci
POW/MIA CHAIRMAN

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Comrades,

Fort Drum is located in Jefferson County, New York. During WWII, it was known as Pine Camp. A portion of the present Fort Drum was first used as a military training site in 1908 when it was named Pine Camp; the following year land was purchased to develop the camp as an installation. The army had an earlier presence in the North Country from the early 19th century, prior to the War of 1812. Fort Drum consists of 107,265 acres. In the region, winter temperatures can reach as low as -30 degrees. It's mission includes command of active component units assigned to the installation, providing administrative and logistical support to tenant units, support to active and reserve units from all services in training at Fort Drum, and planning and support for the mobilization and training of almost 80.000 troops annually.

WWII expansion:

With the outbreak of WWII in Europe, Pine Camp was selected by the Army for a major expansion. An additional 75,000 acres of land was purchased, displacing 525 local families. Five entire villages were eliminated, while others were reduced from one-third to one-half their size. Three thousand buildings, including 24 schools, six churches, and a post office, were abandoned. By Labor Day of 1941, 100 tracts of land were taken over. Contractors went to work, and in a period of ten months at a cost of $20 million, an entire city was built to house the divisions scheduled to train at Pine Camp. Eight hundred buildings were constructed, including 240 barracks, 84 mess halls, 86 storehouses, 58 warehouses,27 officers' quarters, 22 headquarters buildings, and 99 recreational buildings, as well as guardhouses and a hospital. The three divisions to train at Pine Camp included the 4th Armored Division, the 45th Infantry Division, and the 5th Armored Division.
During the war, the post also served as a prisoner of war camp for captured Italian and German troops. Some were allowed to work on area farms during their internment. Of prisoners who died here, one Italian and six Germans are buried in the Sheephold Cemetery near Remington Pond. Pine Camp held primarily German POWs and Italians POWs, between 1500 and 4,000 German prisoners and 2,500 Italian

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POWs, between 1500 and 4,000 German prisoners and 2,500 Italian prisoners in its stockade between 1943 and 1946. Pine Camp was established as New York's first POW camp in 1943, initially housing Italian prisoners captured during the North African campaign before shifting primarily to German POWs. The main camp administered several branch camps and labor details across the region (including the Adirondacks and Oneida and Jefferson counties), sending nearly 1,000 prisoners out at various times on local farms, orchards, canneries, and lumber/pulpwood companies. The camp closed in 1946 after the war ended and prisoners were repatriated to Europe.

Current Statistics: WWII-72,651, Korean War-7,341, Vietnam-1,565, Cold War-126, Gulf War-6

Richard Campese
MOTORCYCLE RIDER CHAIRMAN
VFW

Comrades,

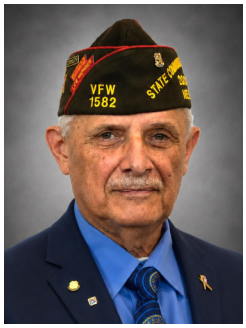
The VFW Riders Group is defined in Article XIII of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedures. Currently the Department of NY has three District level groups, one in District 11, District 4 and District 3. The National Riders Group held its first meeting this year in conjunction with the VFW National Convention in Reno, Nevada. At the meeting the membership elected officers for the national organization and amended and approved our provisional by laws. These bylaws were recently approved by the National Commander in Chief.

Now that these bylaws have been adopted that will leave us a lot of work to do at the department and chapter levels to put the structure of our groups together to comply with these by laws. I will forward the approved bylaws to the Department Adjutant and the district chapter Presidents as soon as possible. I suggest that all our Department and District level officers become familiar with them so they will know what will be expected of them. I will be asking for help from our current VFWRG members as well as the VFW Department and District officers in standing up the Department and the local groups that will be compliant with these bylaws. Further information about the riders group can be found on their website, vfwridersgroup.org or their Facebook page at VFW RIDERS Discussion group. Ultimately, we will build a valuable organization that will help drive recruiting and retention within the VFW as a whole. In the end, attracting new members and keeping existing members engaged is what we all know we need to do to keep the VFW as a strong and viable organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Campese

Dept of NY Chairman, VFW Riders Group



Ronald Sorrentino
COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN
VFW

Comrades,

As of the end of September, we are not up to what we have done in 2025-2026. We are down in all categories so far for the year 2026-2027. But as before the department has over 150 community activity reports that could not be accepted because they there inputted with an activity date before July 1st. *I have emphasized many times that the reporting time for Community Activity is from July 1 through June 30.* The reports that were not accepted was because the activity date was outside this period. I know I say this every time I put out this report, but I will continue to do so. This report shows the first quarter plus one month. Let's make the next quarter an improvement and pass last year's quarter.

Ron Sorrentino
Community Service Chairman

National	Total VFW/Aux Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	Total
	826,144	$9,247,411	$39,104,267

Department of New York	Total VFW/Aux Volunteer Hours	Dollars Donated	Total
	6,345	$173,098	$402,388

Department	District	Total VFW/Aux Volunteer Hours	Value of Hours	Dollars Donated	Total
New York	1	386	$13,950	$2,136.78	$16,086.82
New York	2	754.5	$27,268	$24,324.54	$51,592.17
New York	3	1,510.50	$54,589	$18,634.11	$73,223.58
New York	4	414	$14,962	$31,977.14	$46,939.10
New York	5	338	$12,215	$3,960.54	$16,175.86
New York	6	205.5	$7,427	$35,579.42	$43,006.19
New York	7	341	$12,324	$3,696.22	$16,019.96
New York	8	635	$22,949	$11,905.72	$34,854.62
New York	9	452	$16,335	$16,852.96	$33,188.24
New York	10	1,189.00	$42,970	$20,837.54	$63,808.00
New York	11	119	$4,301	$3,193.00	$7,493.66
	Total	**6,345**	**$229,290**	**$173,097.97**	**$402,388.20**

2026 Fall Conference
Albany Marriott, Albany New York

Meetings, meetings and more meetings……

Stop 22 - Walking for those who can't

Saying farewell to Don Mackey after 20 years as the Department of New York VFW's CIT Director

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❒ Yes! I want to join the VFW as a member-at-large and continue serving my country, my community and my fellow man.

PLEASE ENTER YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M.I.)

Address: _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Birthdate: _____ Social Security #: _____ (optional)

SERVICE INFORMATION

❒ Army ❒ Marine Corps ❒ Navy ❒ Air Force ❒ Coast Guard ❒ Space Force

Eligibility (choose all that apply)

- ❒ WWII
- ❒ Korean War
- ❒ Vietnam
- ❒ Persian Gulf War
- ❒ Afghanistan
- ❒ Iraq
- ❒ Korean Service (7/1/49 to present)
- ❒ Kosovo
- ❒ Combat Action Ribbon
- ❒ Expeditionary Medal
- ❒ Occupation Medal
- ❒ Inherent Resolve
- ❒ SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia
- ❒ Imminent Danger/ Hostile Fire Pay
- ❒ Other: _____

Dates of Service: _____ to _____ Service Location: _____

Name of Campaign Ribbon or Medal: _____

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❒ ONE YEAR ($45.00) ❒ TWO YEARS ($90.00)

- ❒ Please bill me annually for my membership.
- ❒ I would like to enroll in the Automatic Payment Plan.

❒ LIFE MEMBERSHIP (one-time)

❒ LIFE MEMBERSHIP (installment plan)

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.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

AGE as of Dec. 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 effect 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 306, 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.

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PAYMENT INFORMATION

❒ Check/Money Order ❒ Mastercard ❒ VISA ❒ Discover ❒ AMEX

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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VERIFICATION & SIGNATURE

I attest that by forwarding this application that I have confirmed my eligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to verify my eligibility for membership.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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