



VFW

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

WELCOME HOME

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

[vfw.org](https://www.vfw.org)



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.



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.

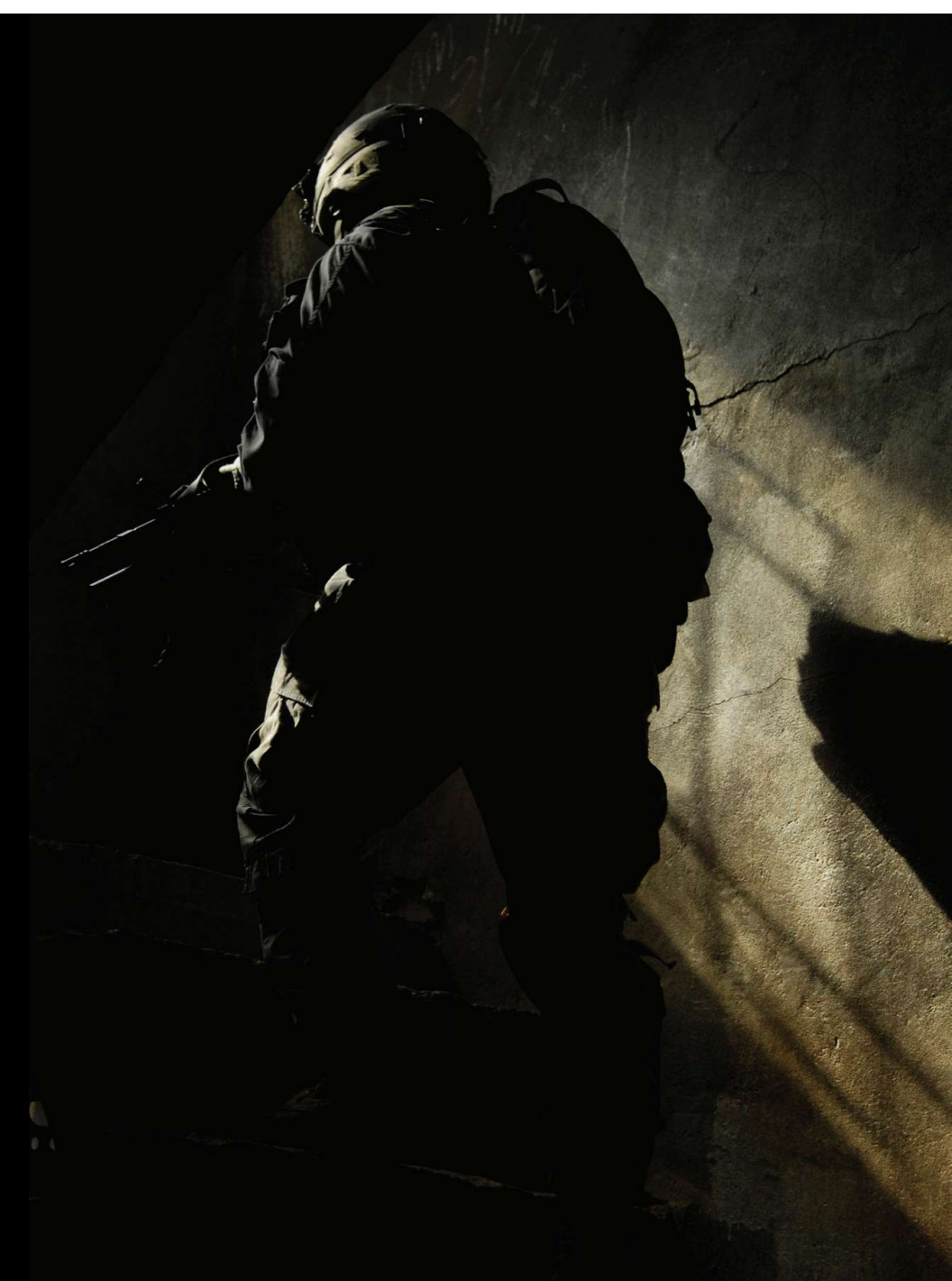
Our grassroots lobbying efforts are carried out by the Action Corps. VFW's Action Corps influences the passage or defeat of legislation in the best interests of veterans and service members by writing, visiting and calling congressional officials. To find out more, visit vfw.org.

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

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| 1920, Widows & Orphans Pension Act (Spanish-American War) | 2006, Protestors banned from military funerals (H.R. 5037) |
| 1930, Veterans Administration (VA) established | 2007, VFW calls for VA/military health care system review after Walter Reed outpatient debacle |
| 1933, Wagner-Peyser Act: Veterans Employment Service | 2008, Record VA discretionary budget approved; G.I. Bill for the 21st Century signed into law (Post-9/11 G.I. Bill) |
| 1936, Bonus bonds (\$2.4 billion) to WWI vets redeemable | 2009, Advanced Appropriations for VA becomes law |
| 1944, G.I. Bill of Rights (P.L. 546); Veterans Preference Act | 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 |
| 1952, Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act (Korean War G.I. Bill) | 2011, VOW to Hire Heroes Act; Stopped annual TRICARE premium increases |
| 1954, Veterans Compensation Act | 2012, Ensured all veterans' programs were exempt from mandatory federal budget cuts through sequestration |
| 1962, Veterans Benefits Act (Cold War G.I. Bill) | 2013, Reinstated military Tuition Assistance programs; new Stolen Valor Act signed into law |
| 1966, Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act (P.L. 89-358) (Vietnam War G.I. Bill) | 2014, In-state tuition for Post-9/11 GI Bill veterans made law; Veterans First Funding Act |
| 1978, Veterans preference preserved | 2015, Eliminated 1% COLA reduction for military retirees |
| 1981, Former POW Benefits Act | To learn more about the VFW's legislative accomplishments and goals, go online and visit: |
| 1984, Montgomery G.I. Bill | vfw.org/advocacy |
| 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) | |

*“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.*

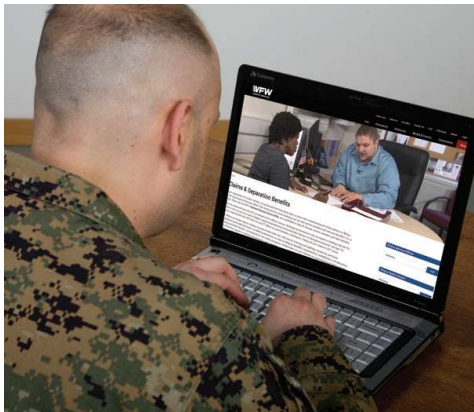


CONNECTIONS FOR VETERANS

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
**NO ONE DOES MORE
 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.

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](https://www.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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