



# YOUR VFW AT A GLANCE

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**VFW**   
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**

# THE VFW'S MISSION:

To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

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**YOUR VFW MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS ALL VETERANS**

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# IT'S JUST ONE MORE WAY YOU'RE HONORED FOR YOUR SERVICE.

In honor of your service to America, patriotic businesses across the country offer exclusive discounts and services to VFW members.

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# MEMBER BENEFITS

## TRAVEL SERVICES

Let us help you make traveling more convenient! Discounts on flights, car rentals and more.

## MEDICAL SERVICES

VFW members save on items like prescriptions, vision, hearing aids and other health products.

## FINANCIAL

Make sure you're making the most of your money with convenient services.

## TECHNOLOGY & ELECTRONICS

Stay up to date on the latest technology by applying great discounts.

## END OF LIFE SERVICES

Our end of life services help you give your family peace of mind.

## TRANSITIONING TO CIVILIAN LIFE

Let us help you on your journey to a new future.

## INSURANCE

We use our resources to help provide insurance for every stage of life.

## HAIRCUTS

Sport Clips® is proud to be the Official Haircutter of the VFW.

## REAL ESTATE & MORTGAGE SERVICES

We help VFW members with all aspects of the home buying process.

## RETAIL DISCOUNTS

Retail establishments offer special discounts for VFW members.

# VFW PRIORITIES

## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The VFW's National Legislative Service is our watchdog on Capitol Hill with one goal: to protect YOU.

They meet with decision-makers in D.C. to ensure legislation affecting veterans is a priority for our elected officials.

As one of the most respected voices on Capitol Hill, we'll never stop fighting for veterans' rights and benefits. The VFW doesn't wait to hear how legislation will affect the veteran community, we help shape it from the beginning.

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# LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

By testifying at congressional committee hearings and interacting with congressional members, the VFW has played an instrumental role in nearly every piece of veterans' legislation passed since the beginning of the 20th Century.

## 1944 GI BILL OF RIGHTS

### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

### ELEVATION OF THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO A CABINET-LEVEL POSITION

### FOUNDING OF A NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM

### COMPENSATION FOR VIETNAM VETERANS EXPOSED TO AGENT ORANGE

### STOPPED CONGRESS FROM PASSING THE "10 FOR 10" PLAN THAT WOULD HAVE DRASTICALLY CUT VETERANS SERVICES

### PASSAGE OF TODAY'S POST-9/11 GI BILL

### 2011 VOW TO HIRE HEROES ACT

### REPEALED THE 1% COLA PENALTY ON WORKING-AGE MILITARY RETIREES

# VFW PROGRAMS

## NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE

**The VFW's National Veterans Service (NVS) office assists veterans filing claims with the VA.**

NVS consists of a nationwide network of service officers who are experts in dealing with the claims process and help thousands of veterans cut through the bureaucratic red tape every year. **They are the key to success, recovering nearly \$6 billion in earned benefits and compensation for veterans in the last two years.**

Your first step in filing a claim should be to contact a VFW Service Officer. The entire process is free to all veterans, so tell those you know who are not VFW members. Talk to your Post's service officer or stop by the VFW office at your local VA medical center if you have any questions.



# UNMET NEEDS

The VFW Unmet Needs program helps America's service members and veterans who run into unexpected financial difficulties as a result of deployment or other military-related activity. The program provides emergency financial aid of up to \$2,500 to assist with basic life needs in the form of a grant - not a loan - so no repayment is required.

Since the program's inception, Unmet Needs has distributed \$5 million in emergency aid to qualified military families.

Let us offer you a hand up when you need it!



[www.vfw.org/UnmetNeeds](http://www.vfw.org/UnmetNeeds)

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# SPORT CLIPS® HELP A HERO SCHOLARSHIP

The VFW “**Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship**” provides service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. It’s just another way we say “thank you” for your service and sacrifice.

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 are awarded to qualified applicants each semester, and previous recipients are free to apply again in the future.

## 1 STUDENT VETERAN

**The VFW joined with Student Veterans of America to create the 1 Student Veteran program, which offers direct assistance to student veterans who have questions or are experiencing problems accessing their VA benefits.**

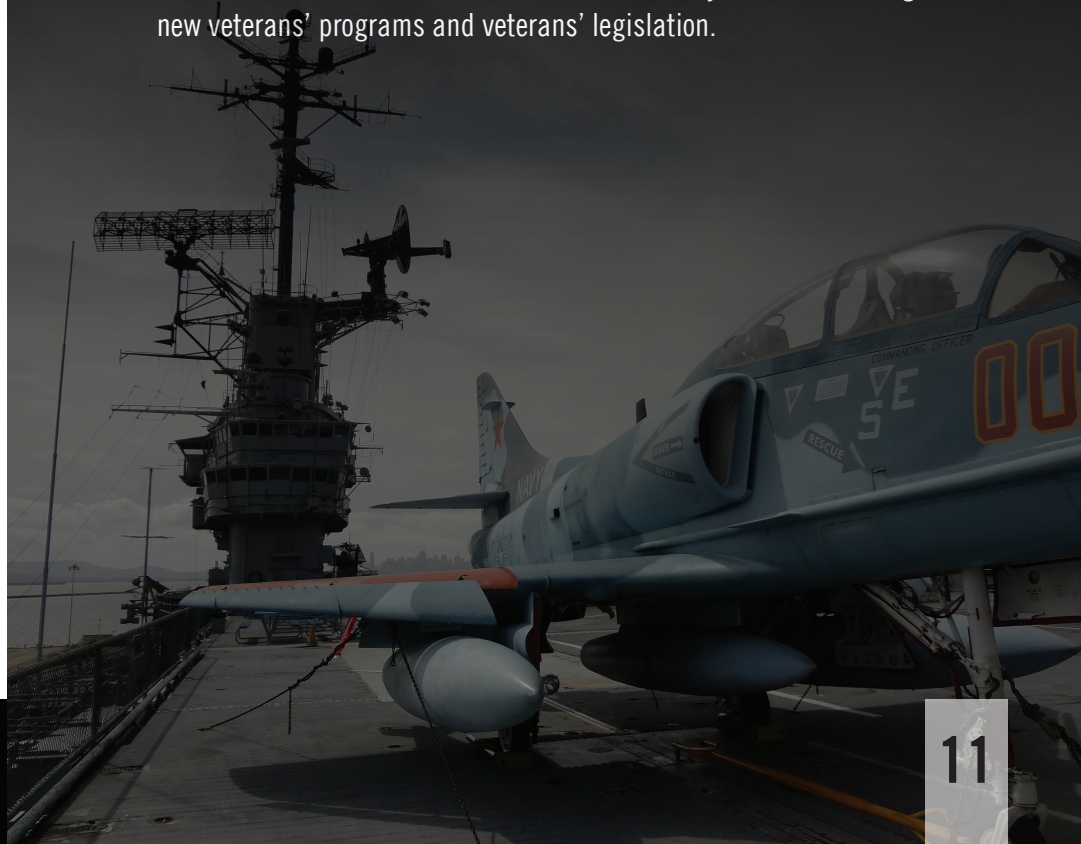
We seek to ensure student veterans receive their benefits in a timely manner and have a place to turn to if they need help. Our direct access to VA Regional Offices across the country means that we can work quickly to provide our student veterans timely and accurate answers regarding the complex claims process. It also means that those whose education benefits have been wrongfully denied, delayed during a transfer from one school to another or paid in error, will not have to wait the months it would traditionally take to file a formal appeal.

# YOUR VFW MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS ALL VETERANS.

**The VFW strives to do good things for deserving people** - our veterans, service members and their families. From local grassroots ideas to national influence, we work every day to make a difference. It's our strength as an organization. And, with each individual membership, we only grow stronger.

**A strong VFW means a louder veteran voice that cannot be ignored.**

It ensures we have the strength to fight to protect VA benefits and entitlements. And it ensures we're taken seriously when advocating for new veterans' programs and veterans' legislation.





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**BECAUSE NO ONE'S DONE MORE FOR OUR COUNTRY.**

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