



# VFW



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

## NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.





**STAND FOR VETERANS**

# You Belong Here.

As the largest combat veterans' organization around, VFW membership spans the globe. We're an elite group of combat warriors who continue watching each other's backs long after the fight is over.

Camaraderie. Friendship. People who "get you." You'll find it all here.



We support our brothers and sisters on the front lines and here at home. There's a sense of pride in knowing you're continuing a tradition of comradeship and advocacy that's more than 110 years old.



- While Vietnam veterans represent the largest number of VFW members, more than half of new members are age 39 and younger.
- VFW has 7,400+ Posts in the U.S. and around the world.
- Female veterans are one of the fastest growing groups of VFW membership.

## 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 medical care or veterans' pension. The wounded, the sick and their struggling families were left to fend for themselves. A visionary band of veterans formed what would later become the VFW. We exist to protect and defend those who have sacrificed for this nation. You've earned that.





**ADVOCACY FOR VETERANS**



# Fighting For You.

We strategically put our legislative muscle to work on The 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...



**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 [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) and the blog [www.vfwonthehill.org](http://www.vfwonthehill.org).

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

To view the full list of VFW legislative accomplishments dating back to WWI, visit [www.vfw.org/VFW-in-DC](http://www.vfw.org/VFW-in-DC)



**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.



## \$2,000,000,000

**VFW service officers help nearly 100,000 veterans claim more than \$2 billion in VA benefits annually.**



## 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
- Free phone time for deployed service members and hospitalized veterans
- Help finding jobs through [www.vetjobs.com](http://www.vetjobs.com)

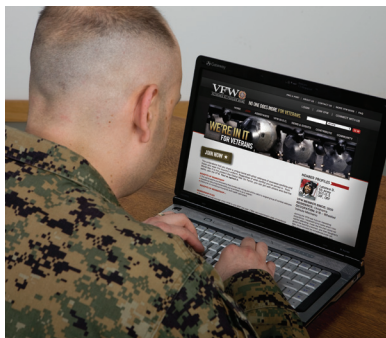


**CONNECTIONS FOR VETERANS**



# Come On In.

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, you're in the right place.



- Explore job and career opportunities on [vetjobs.com](http://vetjobs.com), a VFW-sponsored job board created just for military members, veterans and their spouses.
- VFW's Facebook community is 240,000+ strong. Check it out, join the conversation and discover how our fast-growing group of patriotic friends can benefit you.

**CHECK OUT  
VFW ON:**



# You can join VFW if you . . .

- 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 [www.vfw.org/Join](http://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

# ELIGIBILITY FOR VETERANS



Air Force Expeditionary  
Service Ribbon with  
Gold Border



Coast Guard Combat  
Action Ribbon



Combat  
Action Badge



Combat Action  
Ribbon



Combat  
Infantryman Badge



Combat Medical  
Badge



SSBN Deterrent  
Patrol Insignia





Afghanistan  
Campaign Medal



Air Force Combat  
Action Medal



American  
Campaign Medal



American Defense  
Service Medal



Armed Forces  
Expeditionary Medal



Army of  
Occupation Medal



Asiatic-Pacific  
Campaign Medal



China Service  
Medal



European-African-  
Middle-Eastern  
Campaign Medal



Global War  
On Terrorism  
Expeditionary Medal



Iraq Campaign  
Medal



Korea Defense  
Service Medal



Korean Service  
Medal



Kosovo Campaign  
Medal



Marine Corps  
Expeditionary Medal



Navy Expeditionary  
Medal



Navy Occupation  
Service Medal



Southwest Asia  
Service Medal



Vietnam Service  
Medal

# Join Today.

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Start enjoying the benefits and camaraderie of belonging to a group of combat veterans who have earned their membership through service to this country.

We have Posts across the nation and plenty of ways for you to get involved in the way that suits you best. Start making friends and contacts who understand where you've been and can help you get where you want to go.

Check out the full story at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).



These patriotic companies are proud to provide discounts and special offers for VFW members:



Visit [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) for a complete list of benefits available to members.



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