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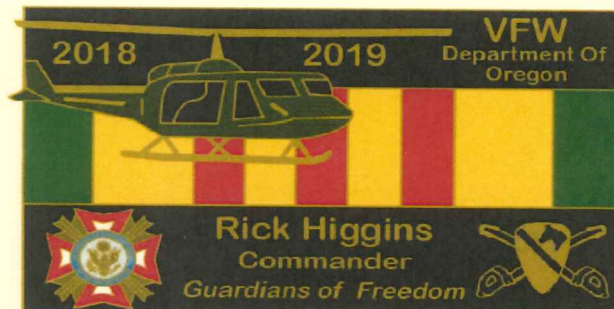
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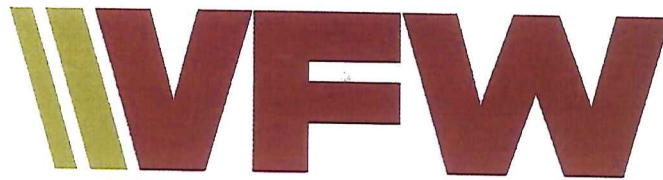
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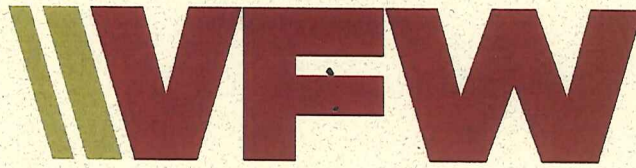


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I. Department of Oregon Contact Information



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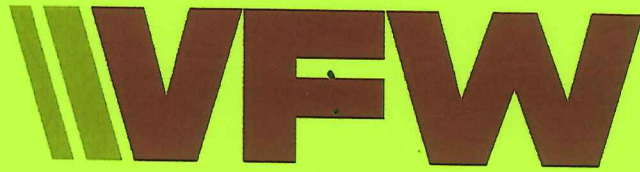
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II. Veterans of Foreign Wars At A Glance



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VFW at a Glance

The VFW is a nonprofit veterans service organization composed of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces. The VFW and its Auxiliary are dedicated to veterans service, legislative advocacy, and military and community service programs.

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Origins

In 1899, the American Veterans of Foreign Service (Columbus, Ohio) and the National Society of the Army of the Philippines (Denver, Colo.) were organized to secure rights and benefits for veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippines War (1899-1902). These two organizations merged in 1914, creating the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. VFW was chartered by Congress in 1936.

Membership Eligibility

Those serving honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces in a foreign war or overseas operation recognized by a campaign medal, in Korea after June 30, 1949, and recipients of hostile-fire or imminent danger pay. Veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Persian Gulf, Somalia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq and other smaller expeditionary campaigns, as well as occupation duty, qualify.

Partner Organization

A national volunteer service organization, the Auxiliary of the VFW was founded in 1914 and is the backbone of many local VFW volunteer efforts.

Membership Size

Nearly 1.7 million VFW and Auxiliary members in all 50 states, and many foreign countries.

Organizational Structure

Thousands convene each year at VFW's national convention to elect officers, adopt resolutions and discuss business affairs. Leading the organization are the elected commander-in-chief, senior vice commander-in-chief and junior vice commander-in-chief. The National Council of Administration serves as the VFW's board of directors. Nearly 6,400 Posts worldwide comprise 52 Departments in the 50 states, the

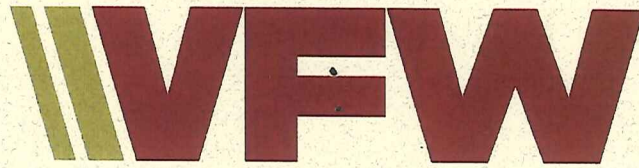
Priority Issues

- **Budget:** Secure full funding for programs and Asia/Pacific Areas and Europe. Posts form the basic local chapter.

services for veterans, service members and their families by ending sequestration.

- **Health Care:** Ensure veterans have timely access to high quality, comprehensive and veteran-centric health care, and secure sufficient funding for the VA Health Care System.
- **Women Veterans:** Expand women's health care services to all VA medical centers to ensure the growing number of women veterans have access to gender-specific services.
- **Suicide Prevention & Homelessness:** Work with VA, DOD and Congress to reduce the rate of suicide and homelessness among veterans.
- **VA Benefits & Compensation:** Ensure veterans and their dependents have timely access to earned benefits.
- **Seamless Transition:** Improve education, employment and transition programs so veterans have an opportunity to obtain meaningful employment after leaving military service.
- **Military Quality of Life:** Fight to maintain a quality and comprehensive benefits and retirement package that is the backbone for an all volunteer force.
- **Education & Employment:** Fight to sustain G.I. Bill benefits and insist on strengthening USERRA. Continue to improve licensing and credentialing for military skills.
- **Defense & Homeland Security:** Fully support the troops and their mission in the war on terrorism, and to secure U.S. borders against all enemies, both foreign and domestic, who are intent on doing us harm.
- **POW/MIA:** Achieve the fullest possible accounting of America's 83,000 MIAs from World War II forward.

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III. Veteran Service Office Activity Report

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE
DSO MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

THIS REPORT IS FOR: Portland Service Office

REPORT MONTH OF: Jan 2019

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Office Interviews: | <u>24</u> | 8. Appeals Actions | |
| 2. Communications: | | a. NOD Filed | <u>4</u> |
| a. Correspondence Recd | <u>408</u> | b. VA Form 9 Filed | <u>0</u> |
| b. Correspondence Orig | <u>278</u> | c. DRO: | |
| c. Emails Received | <u>336</u> | 1. Conferences | <u>3</u> |
| d. Emails Responded to | <u>328</u> | 2. Favorable Decisions | <u>1</u> |
| e. Telephone calls | <u>121</u> | 3. Unfavorable Decisions | <u>0</u> |
| f. Other | <u>97</u> | d. VA Form 646 Filed | <u>1</u> |
| 3. Claims Filed | <u>22</u> | 9. Health Care Assistance | |
| 4. Powers of Attorney Filed | <u>22</u> | a. Enroll 10-10EZ Compl | <u>0</u> |
| 5. File Accessed | <u>396</u> | b. Health Care Ref Asst | <u>0</u> |
| 6. Ratings Cleared | <u>68</u> | c. Hospitalized Vets Visit | <u>0</u> |
| 7. Rating Queries | <u>167</u> | Veterans Assisted through | |
| | | 10. outreach | <u>6</u> |
| | | 11. New VFW Members | <u>1</u> |
| | | | |
| | | # Awds Recd | Totals |
| 12. DISABILITY BENEFITS | | | |
| a. Compensation | | <u>75</u> | <u>1,109,372.16</u> |
| b. Pension | | <u>0</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| 13. DEATH BENEFITS | | | |
| a. DIC | | <u>0</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| b. Pension | | <u>0</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| c. Burial | | <u>0</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| 14. OTHER BENEFITS | | | |
| a. VR & E | | <u>33</u> | <u>205,333.39</u> |
| b. Waivers of Indebt | | <u>0</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| 15. C & C Awards | | <u>0</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| 16. Lump Sum and Retroactive | | <u>23</u> | <u>307,634.41</u> |
| 17. TOTALS | | <u>131</u> | <u>1,622,339.96</u> |
| 18. Miscellaneous Comments: | | | |

MODIFIED REPORT: 10 BVA HEARINGS, 6 TRAVEL BOARD HEARINGS

VETERANS' ORGANIZATION QUARTERLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

Important Submission Instructions

ODVA Form VS0913 VETERANS' ORGANIZATION QUARTERLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES is used to report the work load and recoveries report of the organization for the period indicated. Please submit, along with your report of expenditures, to the address below, fax to 1-503-373-2393, or email to: CVSO-NSOFunding@ODVA.state.or.us

Reports are due NO LATER THAN the last working day of the month following the end of the fiscal quarter.

| | |
|--|---|
| Submit to: Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Statewide Veteran Services 700 Summer Street NE Salem, Oregon 97301-1285 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 st Quarter (July, August, September) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 nd Quarter (October, November, December) <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd Quarter (January, February, March) <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th Quarter (April, May, June) |
| Name of Organization | Fiscal Year |
| Veterans of Foreign Wars | 2018 - 2019 |

| CLAIMS AND APPEALS WORK LOAD | | | |
|--|----|-------------------|------|
| Claims | | Appeals | |
| Original Claims Filed (526s, 527s, 534s) | 86 | NODs Filed | 9 |
| All Other Claims Filed | 0 | VA Form 9s Filed | 4 |
| New Powers of Attorney Signed | 69 | Personal Hearings | 20 |
| Original USDVA Form 1010EZ Filed | 4 | BVA Hearings | 19 |
| Hospital Contacts by Service Officers | 3 | Ratings Reviewed | 694 |
| | | Files Reviewed | 1095 |

| RECOVERIES | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Types of Claim | Number | Retroactive Award | 12 Months | Total |
| Compensation and Pension | 497 | \$ 944,166.49 | \$ 7,853,797.20 | \$ 8,797,963.69 |
| Death/Survivor Pension and DIC | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Education and Voc Rehab | 119 | \$ | \$ | \$ 386,877.74 |
| Insurance Claims | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Burial Allowance | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Other | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Totals | 616 | \$ 944,166.49 | \$ 7,853,797.20 | \$ 9,184,841.43 |

| CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE | | |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|
| This report is submitted to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs and is certified to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. | | |
| Title of Signer | Signature | Date Signed |
| VFW STATE SERVICE OFFICER | <i>Erica Doyle VFW SSO</i> | January 9, 2019 |



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IV. Veteran Service Office Staffing Needs



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Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Oregon Veteran Service Office needs:

FACTS:

1. Current staffing levels are one full-time Service Officer, one full-time Assistant Service Officer, one part-time Assistant Service Officer and one full-time Administrative Assistant.
2. VFW Service Officers have routinely handled about twice the number of claims (480) as average (180) for Service Officers state wide.
3. VFW Service Office has routinely obtained \$20,000,000 to \$35,000,000 in annual VA payments to veterans in earned benefits. (1.5 to 2 Service Officers)
4. VFW Service Officers have been compensated at about 50% of the rate paid to average VSO s in the State.
5. Low compensation levels have made it difficult to hire and retain qualified personnel.
6. Training for VFW Service Officers provided by VFW National Service Office is considered among the best in the Nation.
7. Heavy work load with minimal staffing has caused the service to individual veterans to be below desired standards.
8. Currently, annual funds available from Veterans of Foreign Wars is limited to approximately \$70,000.00 plus \$30,000.00 from State of Oregon through ODVA pass through funding.
9. Department of Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars provides funding to the VFW VA Volunteer Services Representatives at VA medical facilities in Portland, Roseburg, and White City to purchase comfort items for patients. (\$150.00 per month to each, total annual expense \$5,400.00). The cost is part of our Service Office budget.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Staffing level of the Department of Oregon Veterans of Foreign Wars Service Office needs to be increased to four service officers and two administrative assistant positions (one full time and one half time) to provide the expected level of service to the veterans requesting service from this office.
2. In order to hire and retain qualified service offers to meet required staffing levels, compensation must be increased to levels closer to that paid to service officers throughout the state.
3. The fourth service officer will be primarily used for outreach to the 80 plus Posts in 14 Districts around the state. Allows Department of Oregon VFW to leverage the 95+ volunteer Post and District Service Officers.
4. Travel rates paid for out reach work will be at GSA per diem rates and mileage at IRS rate.

ADVANTAGES of VFW SERVICE OFFICERS:

1. Clearly there is a large population of veterans that prefer a VFW Service Officer, in part due to an approximately 15,000 membership of combat veterans.
2. VFW Service Officers have and will continue to work at less than the average compensation level for Service Officers state wide.
3. VFW Service Officers have a record of higher productivity than the average Service Officer with over \$200 of earned benefits obtained for veterans for each dollar invested.
4. Training and technical oversight provided by National VFW is the best available. The 95+ volunteer Post and District Service Officers can be leveraged with competent accredited Department Service Officers.



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V. VFW Service to Veterans



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VFW Service to Veterans

From lobbying Congress and monitoring the Department of Veterans Affairs to assisting veterans filing claims, VFW remains a dedicated advocate for America's veterans, service members and their families.

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National Veterans Service (NVS)

The NVS is responsible for accrediting and training VFW service officers. NVS provides annual training to VFW Service Officers. NVS staff represents veterans at the Board of Veterans Appeals in Washington, D.C. Each year NVS provides \$1.9 million to VFW Departments in support of their veteran service programs.

• *Department Service Officers (DSOs)*

A nationwide network of highly trained and accredited service officers helps veterans navigate the complicated VA claims process. Department of Veterans Affairs statistics show that for 2017, the VFW helped recoup \$7.7 billion in earned benefits. This amount includes \$1.2 billion in new claims, submitted on behalf of 101,000 veterans.

• *Tactical Assessment Center (TAC)*

VFW's TAC operates a toll-free hotline for veterans with questions or concerns about VA health care and benefits. The number is 1-800-VFW-1899. Veterans can also email vfw@vfw.org.

• *Health Screenings*

VFW hosts a health fair at its national convention. Attendees can receive health screenings, eye exams, cholesterol checks, respiratory function testing, blood pressure screening and blood glucose testing. Many lives have been saved thanks to these free screenings.

• *Pre-Discharge Program*

Introduced in 2001, VFW's pre-discharge program (formerly known as Benefits Delivery at Discharge) provides claims assistance to separating military personnel on more than 24 military installations and military populated regions throughout the country.

National Legislative Service

The NLS educates Congress and advocates for policies that improve the lives of veterans, active duty military and their families.

• *Action Corps*

This grassroots lobbying effort has more than 300,000 volunteer advocates who write, call and visit lawmakers to discuss issues related to veterans. Also, Action Corps members receive the VFW *Action Corps Weekly*, an e-newsletter relating to current legislation and events.

National Security and Foreign Affairs

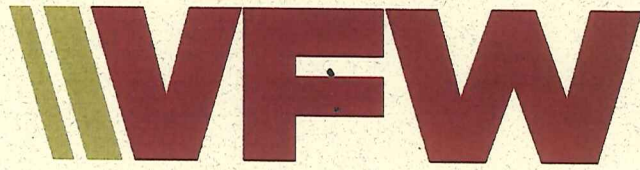
The welfare of active-duty, Guard and Reserve personnel and their families is of a prime concern to VFW.

• *POW/MIA*

VFW national officers visit Asian and European countries to meet with host-country officials to stress the importance of conducting MIA investigation and recovery operations, as well as gaining access to documents and archival research facilities.

Employment Services

VFW is a strong supporter of veterans' preference in government positions. The Washington Office actively works to advance veteran-specific employment legislation.

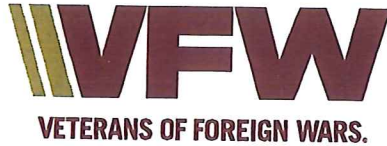


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VI. VFW 2019 Priority Goals

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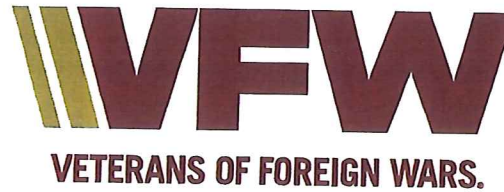
Support today's veterans and military

Help us ensure an adequate VA system will be there for the millions of current and future veterans.

When you visit your congressional representatives, please stress these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 116th Congress. These goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. To find out who your congressional representatives are, visit vfw.org/actioncorps.

Play a role in the process

Ensure that these Priority Goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW's Action Corps Weekly e-newsletter at vfw.org/actioncorps.



*Delivering the promise to our
veterans, service members,
and their families.*

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VII. VFW 2019 Programs and Projects



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VFW Programs & Projects

Since its founding, VFW has been a staple in the community. Troop support, youth activities, volunteering and scholarship programs are a few of the ways VFW shines in the many communities and cities where Posts are located.

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Youth Scholarship Programs

• *Voice of Democracy*

This audio-essay competition annually awards nearly \$2 million in scholarships to students in grades 9-12. First-place winner receives a \$30,000 scholarship.

• *Patriot's Pen*

More than \$1.2 million is awarded annually to students in grades 6-8 in this essay contest. First-place winner receives \$5,000.

• *Scout of the Year*

Three scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding scouts. First place receives \$5,000, second place receives \$3,000 and third place receives \$1,000.

• *Teacher of the Year*

The VFW annually recognizes one exceptional elementary, junior and high school teacher for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Awards include \$1,000 for professional development, \$1,000 for his/her school, and an all-expenses-paid trip to attend VFW National Convention. In addition, the top 10 high school Teacher of the Year recipients will have an opportunity to attend a Graduate Level Medal of Honor Character Development program at Freedoms Foundation.

Educational Outreach

• *Echoes From the Wall*

VFW partnered with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to distribute a curriculum, Echoes From the Wall, to 25,000 public and private high schools and donated \$50,000 to the project.

• *Educational Brochures*

VFW produces and distributes a flag brochure and poster.

• *Veterans in the Classroom*

November is officially known as VFW Veterans in the Classroom Month. Members demonstrate flag etiquette and share their wartime experiences with America's youth.

Youth Activities

Locally, VFW Posts sponsor various youth sporting programs such as baseball and ice hockey. In addition many VFW Posts sponsor Boy and Girl Scout troops, Junior Olympics, bike safety, JROTC units, drill teams, color guards and a variety of other programs to build good citizenship and exemplary character in America's youth.

Community Volunteerism

Each year, VFW members volunteer nearly 9 million hours of service to various community endeavors.

• *Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service*

VFW was a charter member in 1946. VFW volunteers donate millions of hours of service annually at VA medical facilities.

Troop Support

• *Military Assistance Program (MAP)*

The link between the VFW and the military community has provided over 4,000 grants to VFW Departments and Posts for morale-boosting events since 2005, hosting more than 2 million military members and their families at these events.

• *Adopt-a-Unit*

More than 2,900 units and ships have been adopted through VFW Posts since 2007. VFW National Headquarters adopted the USS Cole in 2002.

• *Care Packages*

Posts across the country show their support of America's military by collecting and distributing much-needed personal items for adopted units.

• *VFW Unmet Needs*

This program administers emergency financial grants to military families to help cover basic expenses like mortgage payments, childcare, food and more. Since 2004, more than 6,400 grants have been issued totaling \$9 million.

• *VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship"*

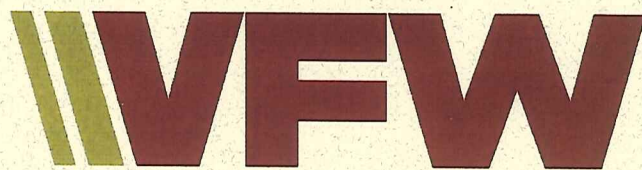
Introduced in 2013, this program awards scholarships of up to \$5,000 to qualifying veterans and service members. The program has provided more than 900 scholarships totaling more than \$4 million.

• *1 Student Veteran*

Enacted in 2013, this program offers direct assistance to student veterans who have questions or are experiencing problems accessing their VA benefits.

• *VFW Operation Uplink™*

Introduced in 1996, this program connects active-duty personnel and hospitalized veterans with family members through free phone time and VFW "Free Call Days." Operation Uplink has provided over 7.6 million free connections through FCDs since 2006.



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VIII. VFW Community Achievements



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VFW Community Achievements

The VFW takes great pride in its history of service to its communities both stateside and abroad. Annually, VFW and Auxiliary members donate nearly nine million hours to community service projects, relief efforts and local VA facilities each year.

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- 1915 Post 2100 helps sponsor a Boy Scout troop in Everett, Wash.
- 1916 First national VFW essay contest held.
- 1922 Buddy Poppy Program begins.
- 1923 VFW enters the war on drugs by printing a resolution calling for an international conference.
- 1927 VFW donates \$10,000 to Mississippi Valley flood victims.
- 1930 First VFW scholarship award (\$300) goes to a Boy Scout.
- 1936 Boy Scout-VFW plan of cooperation is signed.
- 1938 VFW supports the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.
- 1940 VFW Junior Rifle Clubs are formed with National Rifle Association.
- 1942 VFW Aviator Cadet Program begins.
- 1950 A cooperative disaster-relief plan is developed with the Red Cross.
- 1952 The Dunn family (Kansas flood victims) wins a \$75,000 farm in Washington courtesy of the VFW.
- 1953 VFW National Teen-er Baseball: First tournament is held in Hershey Park, Pa.
- 1956 150,000 kids take part in the national VFW marble competition.
- 1958 VFW becomes full partner with Voice of Democracy (VOD).
- 1959 Minnesota VFW/Ladies Auxiliary raise \$325,000 for dedication of the VFW Cancer Research Center at the Univ. of Minn. (Minneapolis).
- 1961 VFW assumes primary sponsorship of VOD—within four years 262,000 students participate.
- 1962 Lite-a-Bike program: a \$300,000 project with 3-M Co. of St. Paul, Minn., provides "Scotchlite" reflector tape—50,000 VFW members from 4,500 Posts participate.
- 1964 VFW/Ladies Auxiliary contribute nearly \$100,000 to earthquake victims in Anchorage, Alaska.
- 1970 Drive-to-Survive program begins.
- 1973 Drug Awareness program begins.
- 1978 Women admitted to VFW.
- 1979 VFW Political Action Committee forms.
- 1980 Minnesota VFW Posts sponsor the U.S. hockey team in the Winter Olympics.
- 1983 VFW agrees to permit the Red Cross to use VFW facilities as shelters and relief centers during national disasters and emergencies.
- 1986 VFW donates \$122,000 to the Statue of Liberty Restoration Fund.
- 1990 VFW contributes \$49,000 to California earthquake victims.
- 1992 VFW disburses \$197,000 to relieve victims of Hurricane Andrew and other disasters.
- 1993 Relief funds total \$500,000.
- 1995 Youth Essay Contest (7th-8th grades) begins.
- 1997 Buddy Poppy celebrates 75th anniversary.
- 1998 VFW Posts raise \$100,000 for the March of Dimes.
- 1999 VOD gives \$2.5 million in scholarship monies to high school students. VFW donates \$50,000 and 25,000 reprints of its war chronology to Vietnam Veterans Memorial's *Young American Vietnam War Era Studies Project*.
- 2000 VFW distributes 60,000 audio books to armed forces worldwide through *Operation Yarnspinner*.
- 2002 VFW contributes \$110,000 to diabetes research. VFW equally distributes \$120,000 among families of active-duty personnel killed in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the Pentagon.
- 2003 VFW partners with USA Freedom Corps homefront initiative.
- 2004 VFW establishes relationships with the National Council for Social Studies (NCCS) and National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).
- 2005 VFW disburses \$560,000 to Gulf Coast veterans after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. VFW distributes 5,000 copies of CD entitled, "*Vietnam: A Nation Remembers*." VFW establishes VFW Military Scholarship program. VFW expands Patriot's Pen Essay Competition.
- 2007 VFW Radiothon raises nearly \$100,000 for Unmet Needs.
- 2010 VFW donates over \$648,000 toward construction of the Vietnam Veterans Education Center. VFW increases Voice of Democracy National Scholarships to \$150,000. VFW raises over \$20,000 to assist service members with family in Haiti following the January earthquake.
- 2011 VFW pledges \$500,000 toward the construction of the Veterans Hall in the National Museum of the United States Army. VFW provides over \$145,000 in emergency financial relief to military families living in tornado-stricken areas.
- 2012 VFW provides over \$120,000 for Hurricane Sandy victims on the East Coast.
- 2013 VFW provides \$30,000 for the Moore, Okla. tornado victims and over \$30,000 for the flood victims in Colorado.
- 2015 VFW provides \$10,000 to the Pacific Areas for typhoon relief.
- 2016 VFW provides \$25,000 for flood relief in Louisiana.
- 2017 VFW provides \$30,000 for Hurricane Matthew victims in North Carolina, and more than \$452,000 in aid for victims of Hurricanes Irma, Harvey and Maria, and for victims of the California wildfires.



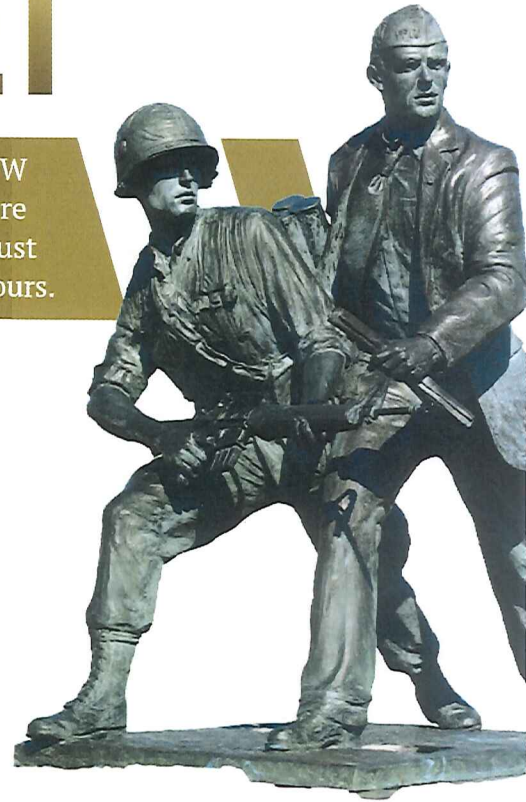
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IX. VFW Fact Sheet

FACT SHEET

As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.



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ENSURES THE VFW CAN

Educate a separating service member about his or her well-earned VA benefits through a private benefits counseling session with a VFW Service Officer.

Provide training to 4 VFW Service Officers on signs of emotional suffering so they can better direct veterans to programs and services.

Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.

Serve 5 morale-boosting "welcome home" meals for service members recently back from combat.

2,000+

Number of VA-accredited VFW representatives across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

39

Number of VFW-SVA Fellows (student veterans) who have traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for veterans' rights.

\$8.3 billion+

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits — which includes \$1.4 billion in new benefits paid to veterans in fiscal year 2018.

2.3 million+

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events since 2005.

27

Number of times the VFW has testified before Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

\$3 million

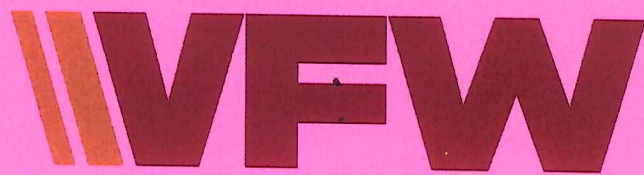
Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

\$10.8 million+

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 43% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

\$5.7 million

Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 1,287 veterans and service members through VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" since January 2014.



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

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We are the nation's oldest veterans' service organization auxiliary.
For more than 100 years, we have been serving veterans, the military and their families in countless ways.
Millions of hours, millions of dollars and millions of tributes.

THIS IS WHO WE ARE.

VFW Auxiliary members are the relatives of those who have served in overseas combat.

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*I am an Auxiliary member because our programs **help veterans in need**,
preserve our nation's **patriotic traditions** and **educate youth**.*

- Jeanene B.

VETERANS & FAMILY SUPPORT

\$5.1
MILLION

Value of goods and services Auxiliaries provided to veterans, active-duty service members and their families.



Auxiliaries provided aid to veterans, active-duty military, and their families in all 50 states



The majority of Auxiliaries took part in veteran and military suicide awareness and prevention education



Thousands of Auxiliaries nationwide participated in or sponsored events or projects for active-duty troops and their families

HOSPITAL

\$2.9
MILLION

Amount spent by Auxiliaries on all hospital projects and items



841,025

Number of hours served in VA medical centers, hospitals, nursing homes and veterans homes



2,765

Number of Auxiliaries that hosted or sponsored events at VA medical centers, hospitals, nursing homes and veterans homes



60,063

Number of Auxiliary members who volunteered for the Hospital Program