

A man in a military uniform is smiling and embracing a woman and a young girl. The woman has long brown hair and is wearing a white top. The girl has her hair in pigtails and is also wearing a white top. They are all smiling and looking towards the right. The background is a bright, out-of-focus indoor setting.

WELCOME HOME.

What's next starts here.

 **VFW**
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.



Spanish-American War
(1898-1902)



World War I
(1917-1918)



World War II
(1941-1945)



Korean War
(1950-1953)



Vietnam War
(1964-1975)



Desert Shield/Desert Storm
(1990-1991)

YOU'VE EARNED YOUR PLACE HERE

As the nation's largest organization comprised entirely of veterans who've served in a foreign conflict, VFW membership spans the globe. 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.

Join a Proud Legacy

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.

Built By Veterans, For Veterans

Service in a foreign conflict changes you. It forges bonds, builds resilience, and creates experiences known only to those who've served our country. The VFW is built on that shared experience — a community where your service is recognized and your voice matters.

Membership in the VFW is not granted lightly. It is earned through honorable service and the many sacrifices you've made.

When you join the VFW, you don't just join an organization, you become an integral part of an effort to better the lives of veterans, service members and their families alongside nearly 1 million fellow veterans. You'll take your place in a proud legacy built by veterans, sustained by veterans and carried forward by veterans like you. No other veterans organization can match the VFW's commitment to our nation's veterans and those currently serving.

The campaigns shown represent some, but not all, paths to VFW membership. Eligibility is not limited to service in the conflicts pictured. Learn more at vfw.org/Eligibility.

Operation Enduring Freedom (2001-2014)

Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003-2011)



SUPPORT FOR VETERANS

ENSURING AMERICA HONORS THE CONTRACT



The VFW is one of the most respected voices on Capitol Hill. When we speak, Congress listens.

When you join, you make the veterans' voice stronger. Advocating for enhanced benefits and access to care. Fighting to protect funding for critical veterans' programs. Mobilizing grassroots support to create a citizenry of informed, engaged advocates. Simply put, you'll help ensure a grateful nation honors the contract it signed with those who raised their right hand.

You'll become a part of our Action Corps network — a grassroots advocacy powerhouse comprised of VFW members and supporters — which, in coordination with the VFW's National Legislative Service — stays informed and takes action on key legislative issues.

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 and in local municipalities across the nation cannot be ignored.

Learn more at vfw.org/ActionCorps.



The VFW has led nearly every major veterans' legislative victory of the 20th and 21st centuries.

1930 Veterans Administration (VA) established

2014 The Choice Act

1944 G.I. Bill of Rights

2017 Forever GI Bill

1991 Agent Orange Act

2022 Honoring our PACT Act

To learn more about the VFW's legislative accomplishments and goals, go online and visit vfw.org/Advocacy.



FIGHTING FOR VETERANS



WE ARE STILL SERVING

Post-military life isn't the end of service, it's the new mission - and we're leading on the front line. In our nation's capital, in local municipalities and everywhere else decisions are made, the VFW is fighting for the rights veterans have earned, and working to ensure veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

Learn more at StillServing.org.

We Know Claims

VFW Accredited Service Officers are located across the country, and many directly on major military bases to help educate veterans on the VA benefits available to them and assist them through the VA claims process — free of charge. We're working harder than ever to create a seamless transition for those separating, and extending a hand up to veterans of past conflicts.

Our representatives remain dedicated to ensuring that each and every veteran receives the benefits they've earned and deserve.

If you have questions about your benefits or are ready to start your claim, visit claims.vfw.org.



Community Service

For veterans, service doesn't end when the uniform comes off. Veterans volunteer at higher rates than civilians, and in the VFW, we lead by example.

VFW Posts are pillars of support in their communities, partnering with local organizations to host food and blood drives, respond to natural disasters, and serve as hubs for outreach and relief. We also look out for one another through Buddy Checks, strengthening connections among veterans.

While the VFW serves communities every day, each May we unite for a national Day of Service to make an even greater impact.

Learn more at VFWDayofService.org.



If you've earned one of these,
YOU BELONG HERE



FROM SERVICE TO SUCCESS

The VFW never stops evolving to meet the needs of veterans. We listen. We adapt. We deliver. If you're looking to expand your network, build lasting friendships and continue making a difference, you'll find your place here.

With thousands of Posts worldwide, find a Post near you and see firsthand how we support other veterans, as well as our communities.

Visit vfw.org/FindaPost to locate a VFW near you.

Get Connected. Make an Impact.

- **Join the conversation.** Follow VFW National Headquarters on Facebook, Instagram, X, TikTok and YouTube to stay connected, celebrate camaraderie, and keep up with the latest from across the VFW.
- **Include your family.** The VFW Auxiliary offers family members of VFW-eligible veterans a meaningful way to serve and find a community of belonging. Learn more at vfwauxiliary.org.
- **Inspire the next generation.** Programs like Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen educate America's youth about the role of veterans in our history and society. Learn more at vfw.org/Youth.
- **Invest in your future.** The Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship offers up to \$5,000 for continuing education. Learn more at vfw.org/Scholarship.
- **Access exclusive benefits.** Enjoy members-only benefits including travel and financial services, supplemental insurance, and military-to-civilian transition assistance. Learn more at vfw.org/MemberBenefits.

Joining the VFW is the best way to connect with fellow veterans, amplify your voice, and access the resources you've earned. Together, we make sure veterans are heard, supported and taken care of — today and for generations to come.

AT THE READY

VFW programs are in place to provide meaningful assistance at every stage of your military or civilian life.

Mental Wellness Efforts

Working alongside several like-minded organizations, we are raising awareness, fostering community engagement, supporting improved research and working to provide intervention for those impacted by injuries and emotional stress.

Together, we can help change the stigma! Get involved at vfw.org/MentalWellness.



Connection Through Gaming

We're bringing service members and veterans together in an exciting, supportive gaming community. Our leagues go beyond competition — boosting mental wellness, building skills and creating real camaraderie.

Registration is FREE! Sign up today and connect with thousands of veteran gamers at vfw.org/Gaming.



Combating Food Insecurity

Food insecurity — lack of access to adequate nutrition — should never affect our nation's service members, veterans or military families. Our Uniting for Veterans initiative works to address these issues.

Learn more at vfw.org/UFV.



Committed Until They All Come Home

Across generations, thousands of American service members remain unaccounted for. The VFW is committed to honoring the sacrifice of those who are still missing and actively works with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to continue identifying those who are missing and bring them home.

Since 1991, the VFW has remained the only veterans service organization to return to Southeast Asia annually to actively observe and participate in field site searches alongside the DPAA detachments.

Learn more at vfw.org/NSFA.



Stay Informed and Entertained

Knowledge is power! We aim to keep our members well informed on all things VFW and veteran related through communications delivered directly to you.

Still Serving: The VFW Podcast - A show for veterans, by veterans—spotlighting key issues, challenges, and legislation impacting service members and military families. We tackle the tough topics shaping our community with a little humor.

VFW Dispatch - Our official monthly newsletter designed to keep members informed on VFW news, and veteran focused initiatives and events.

Checkpoint - Our monthly newsletter highlighting the great work of VFW Posts and members around the world.

VFW magazine - Our award winning, bimonthly publication features news and stories which inform and honor America's heroes.

VFW Magazine

Available electronically at vfw.org/Magazine.

Share our posts and tag us to show how you're getting involved.



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I Want to Join

If you've served honorably in a foreign conflict, even if you're still serving, we want you on our side as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. By filling out a membership application, you can take the first step toward becoming part of the nation's largest group of combat veterans. We offer multiple membership options, from Annual membership to a Life membership payable in one lump sum or as installments over the course of a year.

Ready to join fellow veterans?
Scan the QR code to fill out your
VFW membership form online
or visit us at vfw.org/Join!



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!

What Makes You Eligible?

You can join the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States if you had honorable military service (active duty, Guard/Reserves, veteran or retired) with service in a war, campaign, expedition on foreign soil, or in hostile waters, proven by any of the following:

- An authorized campaign or expeditionary medal for overseas service
- Received hostile fire or imminent danger pay
- Served 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days in Korea

Visit 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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