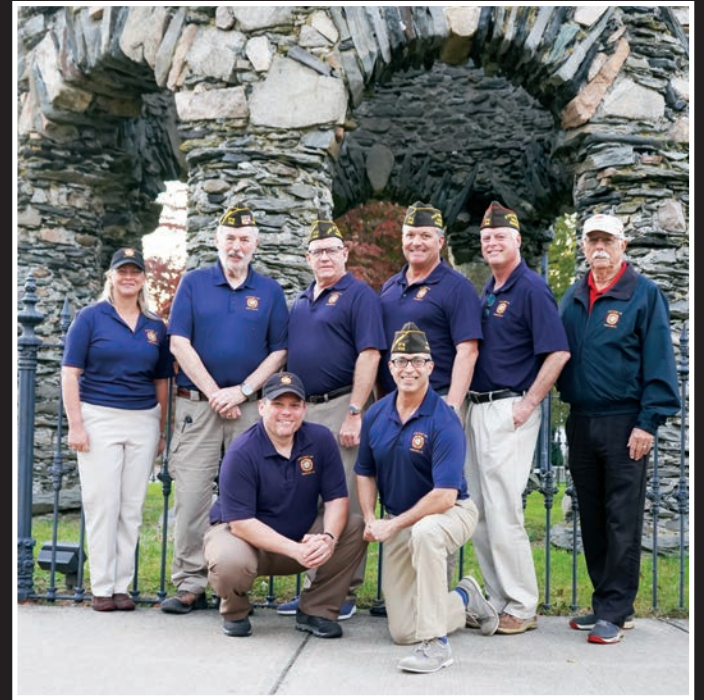


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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.



Members of VFW Post 5867 and its Auxiliary gather for lunch in May 2018 at Burger King in Lakeside, Calif. The group, which included youth, turned out to thank the restaurant for its ongoing support of the VFW. Photo courtesy of VFW Post 5867





New York State 28th District Assemblyman Andrew Havesi receives a VFW “Buddy”® Poppy from Markas Pogozelski on Sept. 15 in Middle Village, N.Y. Markas, the son of VFW Post 551 Auxiliary member Paul Pogozelski, collected \$110 in donations for Post 551. Markas was inspired to hand out Poppies during the community street cleanup after hearing his dad talk about the number of homeless vets in the U.S. “We wish to outlaw the term ‘homeless vet’ as these brave souls risked their lives for our freedom and country,” Paul said. “The least we can do is provide them a safe home to lay their heads at night.” *Photo courtesy of Paul Pogozelski*

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VFW is Still Serving Around the Globe

VFW and Auxiliary members have long been known as leaders in their communities. When needs arise, there is no group better to get the job done. When Texas was hit with catastrophic flooding along the Guadalupe River, VFW Posts sprung to action. Posts opened as collection points, including one nearly 1,000 miles away. Hundreds of VFW volunteers worked together to provide much-needed relief. Such endeavors are truly the VFW way.

Expanding on its efforts to continue serving is the VFW Day of Service, considered to be the finest example of our great organization working to benefit others. Launched in 2022, the VFW Day of Service kicks off on the first Saturday in May. It is a month-long endeavor dedicated to serving communities around the world.

This year, the #DayofService hashtag saw a usage increase of 163 percent compared to 2024, with the hashtag generating nearly 17 million impressions and was used more than 3 million times across social media and news outlets. A total of 2,334 Day of Service events were held this year, and I suspect this number to grow by leaps and bounds in 2026.

VFW's Day of Service was developed from the successful Still Serving campaign, which kicked off in 2020. Using the hashtag #StillServing, veterans share their stories of continued service on social media. I am honored to say that more than 3 million people have engaged in this phenomenal campaign. I encourage all veterans everywhere to share their stories of how they are #StillServing.

Through its Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition, VFW awarded \$1.45 Million in scholarships and awards in 2024-25. Another \$1.1 million was awarded to middle-school participants in the Patriot's Pen writing competition. Furthermore, since 2014, VFW has awarded more than \$15 million to 3,350 Veterans and service members through the VFW's "Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship" program. These programs prove VFW's resolve to help further education in those who desire it.

On Capitol Hill, VFW's Washington Office staff plays a critical role in issues of great importance to veterans. The National Legislative department advocates daily to

improve care and benefits for the community. The staff works to accomplish VFW's priority goals, which are established annually. In 2025, VFW continued the fight for those veterans whose service conditions are not falling under the *Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins (PACT) Act*, which was signed in 2022. VFW will not stop until the conditions under the *PACT Act* are expanded and clarified. We will always have the best interests of our nation's veterans at heart. Congress needs to honor its contract to all veterans and VFW will continue to be the voice for vets everywhere.

Also located on Capitol Hill is VFW's National Veterans Service (NVS) department. It has a nationwide network of service officers, who continue to make a difference for veterans and their families. VFW has more than 2,000 VA-accredited representatives across the country ready to fight for veterans' benefits. We also staff service officers at 23 Benefits Delivery at Discharge sites on military installations. Our service officers there offer VA benefits help to active-duty troops who are soon to be discharged.

For more than 100 years, NVS has been a beacon for veterans needing VA claims assistance. We do this free of charge, whereas others — referred to as "claim sharks" — may charge up to five times the amount of retroactive compensation a veteran receives. In 2025 alone, VFW recovered more than \$16.2 billion for veterans ... yes, that is billions with a "B." VFW represented 608,000 veterans. This is something of which we are truly proud.

We also help veterans and their families with direct financial assistance. VFW's *Financial Assistance for Service Members* program has distributed more than \$13.2 million to nearly 12,000 military and veterans' families since 2004. The program provides up to \$1,500 to veterans, service members and their families during times of financial hardship. It continues to touch so many lives every day — we know what it means to wear the uniform and have our family back home.

This is but a mere glimpse into the efforts put forth by VFW's outstanding workforce, not to mention our more than 1.3 million VFW and Auxiliary volunteers around the world. We remain unwavering in our commitment to America's veterans.

WE ARE THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



Members of VFW Post 1 come together on May 2 before the start of the First Friday Art Walk outside of their Post building in Denver's Santa Fe Art District. Each month, the Post opens its doors to thousands of art enthusiasts for the citywide Art Walk event, where they exhibit veteran art and connect with the community.
Photo by Ismael Rodriguez Jr./VFW

OF THE UNITED STATES

OUR CORE VALUES:

- Always put the interests of the members first.
- Promote patriotism.
- Honor military service.
- Ensure the care of veterans and their families.
- Serve our communities.
- Promote a positive image of the VFW.
- Respect the diversity of veteran opinions.
- Treat donors as partners in our cause.

VFW BY THE NUMBER

MORE THAN

1.3 MILLION: Number of VFW and Auxiliary members

5,489: Number of VFW Posts worldwide

Six major wars and nearly **40** military actions since 1945 represented by VFW members.

VFW TAKES PRIDE IN ITS COMMITMENT TO VETERANS AND TODAY'S MILITARY. OUR PROGRAMS ENSURE NO ONE IS FORGOTTEN.

You have most likely heard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The initials "VFW" are emblazoned on many of our 5,489 Posts worldwide. We are the nation's most established major veterans' group, and we have been a part of the country's social fabric for 126 years.

We are an organization of nearly 1 million veterans who have served overseas in war zones or areas demanding arduous duty, from mountains and deserts to jungles and swamps.

What you might not know about is our continuing commitment to our country and community. Our mission extends to troops serving overseas

today and their families waiting back home.

Our Mission: To foster camaraderie among U.S. veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Our Vision: Ensure that 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.

VFW MEMBERS CARE PASSIONATELY ABOUT SERVING THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS. JUST AS WE PLEDGED DURING OUR TIME IN UNIFORM, WE AGAIN VOW TO SUSTAIN A LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO THE NATION AND OUR COMMUNITIES.

A VENERABLE ORGANIZATION

VFW traces its origins to 1899 when 13 Spanish-American War veterans convened in Columbus, Ohio. By 1914, this group had merged with two other Spanish-American/Philippine War veterans' organizations to become known collectively as the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

VFW's supreme governing body is its National Convention. Each July, thousands of VFW members vote as registered delegates, determining policy by adopting resolutions and making important business decisions.

VFW's National Headquarters is in Kansas City, Mo., where the organization's administration and programs-related efforts are coordinated. Legislative-oriented activities are developed and implemented in VFW's Washington Office in the nation's capital.

VFW-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Joining VFW to accomplish its mission are the VFW Auxiliary, the VFW Foundation, the VFW National Home and the Military Order of the Cootie, which is composed of VFW members dedicated to assisting hospitalized veterans.

NONPROFIT STATUS

VFW is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(19) and the VFW Foundation is exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to both organizations are deductible under section 170(c).



NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE 2025

**MORE THAN
\$16.2 BILLION**
TOTAL RECOVERED IN 2025

VETERANS **HELPING** VETERANS

Located in the nation's capital, VFW's National Veterans Service (NVS) has served veterans, military members and their families for over a century. NVS was built on the principle of helping these groups acquire their earned VA benefits.

Last year, VFW's National Veterans Service helped more than 608,000 veterans receive more than \$16.2 billion of VA disability benefits, including back pay. VFW's network of VA-accredited service officers has been helping veterans receive their earned pay.

VFW's NVS Director Michael Figlioli said that VFW is committed to a lifetime of advocacy for all veterans.

"Our representatives are representing a client from the moment they file a disability claim, through a review of the VA's decision," Figlioli said. "VFW also files any appeals necessary for the veteran or family member to receive the maximum benefit allowed."

Figlioli said VFW Accredited Service Officers' work on disability claims does not end with VA disability claims. Service officers must be knowledgeable on topics such as the *GI Bill*, VA health care, home loans, and other VA benefits and services.

VFW is especially proud to provide service on 23 military installations to aid those active-duty troops preparing to discharge. VFW's Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD) representatives have been available for more than 20 years, providing free service. In addition to its legislative support of the *TAP Promotion Act (H.R. 1845)*, VFW continues to champion to formally integrate its BDD service into the military's Transition Assistance Program, or TAP.

"It does not matter if you are a member of the VFW or not — we are here to help," Figlioli said. "VFW will never charge a fee for assisting a veteran, their spouse or family member in filing a claim."

Among the many VFW National pre-discharge



VFW Service Officer Belinda Boldoe gives a speech after receiving the *John A. Biedrzycki Accredited Service Representative of the Year Award* in August during VFW's 126th National Convention in Columbus, Ohio.
Photo by Bob Knudsen

claims representatives in the country, Donna Yawn works out of the Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD) site at Camp Pendleton in California, the largest Marine Corps base on the West Coast.

Though Yawn assists veterans indirectly, the impact of her care for detail ripples across the base. She is responsible for reviewing veterans' ratings, exam results, and dependency claims for accuracy. If a discrepancy is found, Yawn contacts the Regional Office (RO) to correct the previous rating decision, which usually adds an additional benefit to the veteran's

current award.

"My favorite part of doing this job is reviewing a claim for accuracy, finding an error," Yawn said. "Contacting the RO to review my findings based on reviewing the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), then getting that previous decision overturned, which results in a greater grant of benefits awarded to the veteran."

At the 2025 VFW National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, the VFW and VA partnered to host an on-site claims clinic. The clinic assisted more than



HOW SERVICE OFFICERS HELP:

- Providing a lifetime of advocacy, from the time a veteran files an initial claim to helping survivors understand their benefits.
- Explaining benefits and helping veterans navigate the often bureaucratic maze of procedures and paperwork.
- Guiding and supporting veterans through months or even years of claims processing.
- Helping veterans prepare necessary documents and evidence, monitoring cases and information claimants of recent development.
- Assisting veterans who can't personally get to VA regional offices.

VFW National Veterans Service Director Michael Figlioli, left, speaks to veterans service officers during VFW's Accredited Representative Conference in September in Washington, D.C.

Photo by Brittany Dymond

190 veterans and submitted 146 claims. Six of those claims resulted in over \$54,000 in retroactive benefits awarded. Veterans also were able to submit evidence and have their questions answered by service officers.

According to VFW Assistant Director for Training Keith Garrison, service-related disabilities were the most common claims that service officers assisted with. Veterans also had access to on-site exams for general medicine, mental health, issues relating to hearing, and an X-ray for musculoskeletal conditions.

"VFW has provided this vital service at our na-

tional convention for the last several years. It is a great collaboration between us and the VA," Figlioli said. "In reality, VA brings a 'mini-Regional Office' to our site, conducts onsite exams, interviews, and if all is in order, will issue a rating decision, which did occur this year for a couple of veterans. Every iteration is different based on footprint, availability of resources, and staffing. I would consider this year to be another success. It is always good to have the VA Secretary stop by as well and have him interact with his staff and see firsthand the good works of the VFW and the VA."

UNITING FOR **VETERANS**

Since 2018, VFW has teamed up with Humana to establish the *Uniting to Combat Hunger* campaign. It remains a staple in fighting not only hunger, but also food insecurity across the country. VFW is proud to add a veteran homelessness component to the campaign.

VFW's partnership with Humana has garnered more than 6 million meals for families in the United States. VFW and Humana also are alarmed at the number of active-duty troops and veterans who suffer from food insecurity. This is why VFW and Humana wanted to give healthy meals to needy Americans as part of *Uniting to Combat Hunger*.

Volunteers at the 126th VFW National Convention in Columbus, Ohio — the birthplace of the VFW — participated in the seventh-annual *Uniting to Combat Hunger (UTCH)* seed-sorting event, which aims to help families affected by food insecurity. The effort amassed more than 9,500 seed packets for distribution to VFW Posts and Auxiliaries, as well as community gardens across the country.

VFW Foundation Director of Donor Relations Richard Freiburghouse said the *UTCH* campaign exhibits the VFW's commitment to serving veterans and their communities by addressing one of the most pressing issues facing many veterans.

"The *Uniting to Combat Hunger* program is dedicated to addressing food insecurity and veteran homelessness in communities nationwide, while empowering our members to take action and create meaningful impact," Freiburghouse said. "Our incredibly dedicated membership is uniquely equipped to drive local efforts that contribute to broader national change."

A day after the seed sorting event during VFW's convention, then-VFW Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt and Cara Brown, director of Key Relationships for Humana's MarketPoint, announced the joint decision to rename the program.

"While hunger and homelessness remain critical issues, we recognize the necessity to adapt our program to offer additional support as necessary," Lipphardt said. "The *Uniting for Veterans* name change better suits our ever-expanding mission and dedication to provide responsive and comprehensive assistance through our Posts and Auxiliaries that truly adapts to the needs of our veterans and their families."

On behalf of Humana, the VFW's long-standing partner since *UTCH*'s inception in 2018, Brown expressed their shared enthusiasm for the program's evolu-



VFW Post 684 member Brigitte Rhew, left, of Memphis, Tenn., and William King, a VFW Post 10624 member from Mt. Pleasant, S.C., participate in the VFW's *Uniting to Combat Hunger's (UTCH)* seed sorting event on Aug. 9 at the 126th VFW National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. *Photo by Danny Cook/VFW*

tion. To note the growth, Brown added that in 2024 alone, *UTCH* raised more than 800,000 meals for those suffering from food insecurity and provided 325 nights of housing for homeless veterans.

"Since our partnership began, we have helped distribute more than 6 million meals together, an incredible milestone that reflects our commitment to our nation's heroes," Brown said. "Now the *Uniting for Veterans* program will allow us to address a wider spectrum of needs for our veterans."

According to Feeding America, one in nine working-age veterans is food insecure. The organization also claims that about 24 percent of active-duty service members were food insecure in 2023, and about 1.2 million low-income veterans use the government's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

To learn more about the expanded *Uniting for Veterans* program, visit vfw.org/UnitingforVeterans.

FOOD INSECURITY BY THE NUMBERS **6.4 million:** The number of meals that have been provided by VFW and Humana's *Uniting to Combat Hunger* initiative. **14 million:** The number of food insecure children in the country. **1.2 million:** The number of low-income veterans who use SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). **1-in-4:** The approximate number of active-duty service members who experience food insecurity. **1-in-9:** About the amount of food insecure working-age veterans.



VFW and VFW Auxiliary members attend a hearing of the Senate and House VA committees on March 4, 2025, on Capitol Hill. The centerpiece of the hearing was the testimony by then-VFW Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt calling on Congress to honor the contract that all veterans signed when they served in the military by protecting earned benefits from unnecessary budget cuts and staffing reductions at VA. *Photo by Bub Knudsen*

A LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM FOR VETERANS



Then-VFW Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt, supported by dozens of VFW members, testifies before a joint hearing of the House and Senate VA committees in March 2025 in Washington, D.C. *Photo by Bob Knudsen*

VFW has played an integral part in almost every piece of veterans' legislation signed into law for more than 125 years.

VFW advocates daily at the nation's capital to improve care and benefits for the military community. The force of the more than 1.3 million VFW and Auxiliary members' influence help the organization achieve its legislative goals.

The VFW's National Legislative Service (NLS) monitors all legislation affecting active-duty service members, veterans and their families. The NLS team regularly testifies at congressional committee hearings and directly works alongside Congress and the president's administration to accomplish VFW's priority goals and fight back against bad proposals that would eliminate or cause harm to veterans' earned benefits.

Every year since 1949, Congress has provided VFW with the opportunity for the organization's leaders and activists to speak with lawmakers and staff of their respective states.

Signed in 2022, the *Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act* serves to expand VA health care and benefits to veterans exposed to harmful toxics and veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf and Post-9/11 eras. Just as important, the *PACT Act* includes a framework for VA's evaluation of toxic exposures that were not included in the legislation. VFW continues to urge Congress to conduct oversight of VA's presumptive process, because veterans with serious health conditions cannot keep waiting.

VFW acknowledges the growing need for alternative treatments to mental health care. We have endorsed a bill that would allow for a study of psychedelic drugs on treating conditions such as PTSD. Introduced in the House on April 3, the *Innovative Therapies Centers of Excellence*

Act of 2025, or *H.R. 2623*, would be led by a panel of experts in innovative therapies and would designate at least five VA medical facilities as specialized locations to study alternative treatments involving MDMA, psilocybin and DMT, among other substances. The goal is to increase efficiency in treating anxiety, bipolar disorder, chronic pain, depression, Parkinson’s disease and PTSD.

The Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act, also known as *P.L. 118-210*, was a bill VFW advocated heavily for. It was officially signed into law by former President Joe Biden on Jan. 2, 2025, and will:

- Expand benefits related to caregiving for elderly and infirmed veterans.
- Increase accessibility for in-home care resources.
- Extend timelines and eligibility for certain GI Bill Programs.
- Provide further funding for mental health services and shelters for homeless veterans.

Working alongside Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Paralyzed Veterans of America and The Independent Budget Veterans Service Organizations (IBVSOs), VFW provided their recommendations for the 2026 Veteran Health Administration (VHA) budget. The Independent Budget, designed to help guide congress on where to allocate spending for veteran services, infrastructure and care, includes notable items and price points such as:

- Medical care, \$132.7 billion
- Medical community care, \$33.7 billion
- Construction projects, \$9.6 billion
- Information technology, \$8.2 billion
- Veterans Benefits Administration, \$6.5 billion
- Prosthetic and medical research, \$1.2 billion

We will continue to advocate for funding transformative and extensive care for veterans through The Independent Budget, and that the VA remains the primary coordinator for veteran care.

For the past decade, VFW has provided a platform for student veterans to assist in legislative efforts. Since 2014, VFW and the Student Veterans of America (SVA) have provided student veterans with the opportunity to have their voices heard on Capitol Hill. Throughout the semester long fellowship, the fellows get to work closely with lawmakers and administrators who implement policies relating to veterans.

According to 2024-2025 VFW/SVA Fellow and Marine Corps veteran Terry Traylor, the fellows focused primarily on the *G.I. Bill* and the National Guard and Reserve *G.I. Bill Parity* this past semester. The latter would expand the parameters for *G.I. Bill* eligibility — according to the bill, “every day in uniform” (weekend drills, annual training and federal active duty) will count towards *G.I. Bill* eligibility.

The Fellowship allowed Jennifer Ross, an Air Force veteran, to become more



Members of the VFW Department of Texas and its Auxiliary gather for a photo in March in Washington, D.C., after talking with Henry Kull, third from left, legislative correspondent for Rep. Nathaniel Moran (R-Texas). The Texas delegation included, from left, Karen Toomer of the Texas VFW Auxiliary; Sarah Weede, commander of VFW Post 2466 in Lubbock, Texas, the Texas Women Veteran’s chair; Shenna Lawless, VFW National Legislative Committee Member; and then-VFW Department of Texas Junior Vice Commander Benny Guerrero. The Texas VFW representatives joined hundreds of other VFW members during the annual trek to Capitol Hill during VFW’s Washington Conference. *Photo courtesy of Sarah Weede*

involved with the VFW, for which she had little experience with prior. Now a member of VFW Post 1503 in Montclair, Va., she praised how seamlessly the two organizations worked together throughout the fellowship.

“I was most grateful for the kind-of dual nature of it,” Ross said. “It wasn’t just the SVA or the VFW. I liked how closely they worked to create a phenomenal program. Each piece offered such a unique viewpoint on how they individually handled policy.”

To include all VFW members in legislative processes, VFW sends out the Action Corps — a weekly grassroots newsletter that provides readers with up-to-date information on advocacy efforts in Washington, a nationwide database of contact information for elected officials and “action alerts” detailing how to help veterans get their voices heard when it is needed most. Currently, more than 300,000 VFW members are subscribed to the newsletter. Members can easily sign up for Action Corps through the VFW website.

SAVING LIVES THROUGH COMBAT TESTED GAMING

Last July, VFW Post 2205 in Denton, Texas, collaborated with Regiment Gaming to host a video game tournament at the Post's state-of-the-art gaming suite. Excerebus, a veteran-founded, Fort Worth-based company, sponsored the event.

Participants competed in the popular battle royale game "Call of Duty: Warzone," with prizes ranging from \$750 for first place to a free year of VFW membership for third place.

This was the first official tournament held in the gaming suite since its opening on April 23 and is indicative of a growing interest in veteran gaming communities — including VFW's own official gaming league Combat Tested Gaming.

VFW Director of Programs Lynn Rolf III pitched the idea for a VFW-centered gaming league six years ago and was officially greenlighted in 2023. Today, Combat Tested Gaming hosts a Discord server with more than 2,500 veterans.

Discord, an instant messaging and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) social platform, allows veterans to easily communicate — over both text and phone/video call — with each other, easily connect each other in multiplayer games and stay on top of Combat Tested Gaming and VFW news through group chats and forums within the server.

During VFW's National Convention in August, Rolf announced to the crowd that over that weekend alone, two veterans claimed that the Combat Tested Gaming community has saved their life.

Seven veterans in total have come forward to credit the Combat Tested Gaming community for having saved their lives since the league first began.

"You've made a difference this weekend," Rolf told the crowd at the VFW National Convention, in reference to Combat Tested Gaming. "This community has saved lives."

Video games have been proven to positively benefit mental health for veterans.

"Gaming helps veterans with 'socialization,' one of



VFW's Combat Tested Gaming was on full display at VFW's 126th National Convention in August in Columbus, Ohio. VFW Programs Director Lynn Rolf III announced at convention that the gaming platform is saving the lives of veterans. *Photo by Bob Knudsen*

the Army's five pillars of resilience," says VFW Post 2205 commander Tim Middleton.

For some veterans, getting together with others in person on a regular basis can be challenging, for a multitude of reasons. Whether it's generally not having enough time, challenges relating to injuries sustained in combat or challenges pertaining to mental health, connecting with other veterans can prove difficult.

Along with feeling a sense of community, gaming can help veterans with substance abuse disorders. By promoting self-growth and comradery, video games can

help veterans find a deeper sense of purpose that doesn't involve harmful substances.

In September, Combat Tested Gaming began its "Madden '25" gaming league, with veterans compiling football teams to compete against each other once a week throughout the National Football League season.

By attracting younger veterans and helping veterans build stronger bonds with each other, gaming has the potential to expand the influence of VFW — to help reach out to veterans who are in need of a connection.

HELPING WHEN FAMILIES NEED IT MOST



The VFW is honored to offer a hand-up to active-duty service members in times of financial difficulties. While the name of this program has changed over the years, the intent has not: The premise behind VFW's *Financial Assistance for Service Members* program is to help ease challenging financial times.

Since 2004, the VFW has provided financial grants to active-duty service members (to include activated Guard and Reserve members) and their families who

have run into unexpected financial challenges due to deployment or other military-related activity or injury.

Unexpected hardships include:

- Deployment.
- Military pay error that is no fault of the service member.
- Medical discharge due to service-connected injuries/illnesses received while on active-duty orders.

This program offers grants up to \$2,500 to cover daily necessities. It is important to note, these grants are not loans, meaning no repayment is required. To further alleviate stress, VFW pays creditors directly, resulting in the peace of mind financial relief can bring.

Daily necessities include, but are not limited to:

- Housing expenses – mortgage, rent, repairs and homeowners' insurance.
- Vehicle expenses – payments, repairs and insurance.
- Utilities.
- Childcare.
- Medical bills.

The needs of our active-duty service members and their families should never go unmet. Contributions to the *Financial Assistance for Service Members* program make a profound difference. Every donation helps ensure that our service members and their families receive aid quickly, letting them focus on their duties without the burden of financial stress. VFW is here to offer them a lifeline during a time of need.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SERVICE MEMBERS BY THE NUMBERS More than \$13.1 million: The amount of financial grants awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of financial hardship. 11,634: Number of service members and their families who received assistance from VFW.

VETERAN RECEIVES **HELP A HERO SCHOLARSHIP**



VFW "Sport Clips Help-A-Hero Scholarship" recipient Paul Phelps joins his wife Sarah and their four daughters in a Christmas photo. After struggling with PTSD, Phelps founded M.A.S.H. Ministries, a nonprofit organization that utilizes faith to help veterans and first responders heal.
Photo courtesy of Paul Phelps

In 1994, after graduating from high school, Paul Phelps enlisted in the Army and began his nearly 20-year career in the military. Throughout his service, Phelps sustained several injuries, eventually leading to his medical retirement in 2013. He had been involved in several explosions which led to hearing loss, ACL replacements and injuries to his back.

Phelps began to experience symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) when he returned home. He had trouble reconnecting with important people in his life and would often suffer from flashbacks to traumas he experienced while overseas in Iraq. He attempted to take his own life several times.

Through these experiences, along with forming a deeper connection to religion, Phelps became inspired to uplift and support veterans who face similar challenges. He founded M.A.S.H. Ministries, a non profit organization based out of Westfield, Ind., in 2013, whose mission is to "restore wholeness in the lives of veterans and first responders."

M.A.S.H. Ministries views PTSD as an "injury that can heal," rather than an "ever-present disorder." The organization has helped many veterans and first responders, including assisting first responders at the 2017 Las Vegas mass shooting.

The organization also holds fundraisers, including a national memorial 5k, a gala and a golf tournament, with all proceeds going towards supporting veterans and first responders.

"(The non profit) has blown up," Phelps said. "I never planned on it becoming a full-time job."

Phelps first heard about the VFW "Sport Clips Help-A-Hero scholarship" through a friend he met within the VFW. With his impressive accomplishments, Phelps was selected for the scholarship multiple times and is currently using the award towards a doctorate in counseling.

"Not a lot of scholarships help with working on a master's or doctorate degree, so it's been a blessing," Phelps said. "I would not have been able to pursue my doctorate without the scholarships."

Sport Clips, the official haircutter of the VFW, began working with the veterans' organization in 2005 to raise funds for a former program called Operation Uplink. Sport Clips became the primary supporter of the "Help-A-Hero Scholarship" in 2013 and has awarded more than 3,350 scholarships totaling almost \$15.3 million.

HELP A HERO BY THE NUMBERS VFW's "Sport Clips Help-a-Hero Scholarship" program has awarded over 3,350 scholarships worth more than \$15 million since 2013. Visit <https://www.vfw.org/Scholarship> for more information.

DISASTER RELIEF

Since the VFW's inception 125 years ago, its members' pursuit to help communities ravaged by natural disasters remains undeterred. VFW members from across the country annually carry out missions to combat the harsh aftermath of floods, wildfires, typhoons or hurricanes that have ravaged communities.

This year was no exception. In July, VFW National Headquarters donated more than \$50,000 to help disaster relief efforts in and around communities impacted by floodwaters in Texas, specifically those along the Guadalupe River, which left about 138 people dead and caused additional destruction to property and infrastructure, from which the county continues to recover.

"We received the request from the VFW Department of Texas commander on July 18, and the very next week we sent out the funds," said VFW National Quartermaster Marc Garduno. "The funds went towards emergency response efforts at local Posts in the areas affected by flooding by providing much-needed gear, equipment, and supplies for first responders to continue rescue and recovery efforts."

VFW also partnered with Grunt Style Foundation, a national nonprofit organization committed to providing life-changing resources and experiences for service members, veterans, and their families, to help deliver more than 100 tons of critical relief food and supplies.

"This was veterans doing what they do best — rallying to the mission and getting the job done," said Marine Corps veteran Tim Jensen, Chairman of the Grunt Style Foundation and Life member of VFW Post 76 in San Antonio. "We didn't wait for permission. We just got to work."

VFW Post 1480 in Kerrville, Texas, one of the areas most impacted by the flash floods, served as the disaster relief hub, a sort of headquarters from which more than 500 volunteers helped distribute and



ABOVE: Members of VFW Post 1480, situated along the Guadalupe River and directly impacted by floodwaters, collect supplies in July to distribute to their reeling community in Kerrville, Texas.



LEFT: The VFW Department of Texas and Grunt Style Foundation distribute 16 pallets of supplies on July 11 to VFW Post 6974 in Burnet, Texas.

accommodate those in desperate need of food, water, clothing, and tools.

VFW Post 12235 in Salado, Texas, also stepped up to collect donations for those hit hardest.

In just a few days, Post 12235 members, with support from the Salado community, collected over \$10,000 worth of food, supplies, and clothing for flood victims in Kerrville, about four hours away.

“This is part of our duties as VFW members,” Post 12235 Commander Minnie Whitzel said. “To take action and assist people in times of need. I hope they were able to utilize everything that was needed.”

Post 12235 members advertised their need for supplies on their Facebook page. With four members splitting shifts on Sunday and Monday, the Post collected water, diapers, non-perishable food, wipes, blankets, pillows, clothing for men, women and children, batteries (all sizes), toilet paper, paper towels, toiletries, trash bags, pet food, disposable plates, bowls and silverware, first aid items and \$2,290 in Home Depot, Walmart, and Visa Cards.

Another VFW Post that sprang to action was 5480 across state lines in Madisonville, Ky.

Separated by more than 980 miles, Post 5480 members held a donation drive throughout the month that culminated with \$25,000 toward the Kerrville Relief Fund, with an additional \$4,000 for its local VFW Post 1480 on July 21.

“The impact of the events motivated us to take decisive action,” said Post 5480 Quartermaster James Werfelman. “Our Post’s donation drive was a testament to the power of community spirit in response to the devastating events in Kerrville.”

Then-VFW National Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt stated, “This response effort is the blueprint for how VFW Posts across the country can respond to future disasters. It’s not just about service — it’s about relevance. Our GWOT veterans want to serve again. This gives them that opportunity.”



Members of VFW Post 1815 in San Angelo, Texas, pose for a photo while volunteering to distribute supplies to families in need during the Texas flash floods in July.

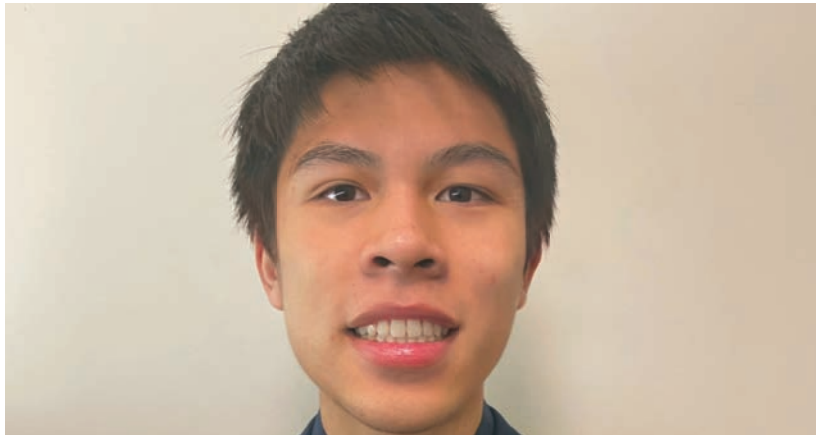


Members of VFW Post 12235 in Salado, Texas, collect donations for flood victims in Kerrville, Texas, in early July. In just a few days, members collected more than \$10,000 in food, supplies and clothing. *Photo courtesy of Minnie Whitzel*



A member of VFW Post 6974 in Burnet, Texas, cleans up mud at her Post during the Texas flash floods in July.

EDUCATING AMERICA'S YOUTH



Tri Vu was named first-place winner of the *Voice of Democracy* contest in March during the Parade of Winners in Washington, D.C. Due to illness, Vu was unable to attend and accepted his honor via video message. *Photo by Bob Knudsen*



Then-VFW Auxiliary President Brenda Bryant (left) and then-VFW Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt (right) present *Patriot's Pen* first-place winner Evelyn Newbigging with her \$5,000 award in Washington, D.C. *Photo by Bob Knudsen*

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

Each year, VFW provides high school students in the United States and certain areas overseas with an opportunity to voice their ideas through a democratic-themed essay.

Through this premiere scholarship program, *Voice of Democracy*, VFW announced in March during the Parade of Winners in Washington, D.C., that Tri Vu was the first-place recipient of the \$35,000 *T.C. Selman Memorial Scholarship*. Unable to attend the event in person, Vu accepted the award via video message.

Sponsored by VFW Post 8214 in Manchester, N.H., Vu was one of nearly 27,000 students from grade nine through 12 who participated in the contest.

Vu's essay on "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?" recognized his parents, who moved their family from Vietnam 12 years ago so that Vu and his brother could have more opportunities. "Their decision was not simply about improving our lives, but also about creating a future compatible with the freedom, justice and opportunity that America stands for," Vu wrote.

The essay winner addressed the first time his father could vote in the U.S., noting that it was a "powerful symbol" of their new life: "This was his way of paying tribute to the nation that had accepted him not just as an immigrant but also as a full-fledged citizen with rights and obligations."

Vu concluded that while America has its share of downfalls, it still upholds our founding fathers' vision: "A nation where everyone has the opportunity to follow their ambitions within a system that protects their rights, regardless of background."

PATRIOT'S PEN

Evelyn Newbigging garnered top honors in VFW's 2024-25 *Patriot's Pen* youth essay contest. Her essay on the theme, "My Voice in America's Democracy," earned Newbigging the \$5,000 *North End Post 144 Paul A. Spera Past Commander-in-Chief Award*.

Then an eighth-grade student, Newbigging was one of nearly 62,000 students in grades sixth through eighth to compete in the contest. She was sponsored by VFW Post 12136 in Indian Land, S.C.

The first-place recipients from each Department in the *Patriot's Pen* contest shared the \$55,500 in awards, distributed accordingly to each based on placement.

To learn more about the *Voice of Democracy* and *Patriot's Pen* youth programs, visit www.vfw.org/YouthScholarships.

SMART/MAHER NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION TEACHER AWARD

This year's *Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award* winners received thunderous applause from thousands of VFW members and guests at the 126th VFW National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, in August.

Introduced by then-VFW Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt, the teachers, representing three categories ranging from elementary to high school, were recognized individually.

The winners included Tim Smiddy for the elementary school category, Christie Wingo for middle school and Nicole Petrosillo for high school.

Smiddy founded the "Patriot's Club" at Staunton Elementary School in Staunton, Ill., nearly 30 years ago. While the club stresses the importance of U.S. history, it also has given students the opportunity to interact with service members. Smiddy was sponsored by VFW Post 1241 in Staunton.

Wingo, a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) instructor at Colorado Springs Christian School in Colorado Springs, Colo., was sponsored by VFW Post 7829 in Monument, Colo. Hailing from a military family, Wingo told convention attendees her grandfather would be proud to know she was at the VFW convention.

An English teacher from West Milford Township High School in West Milford, N.J., Petrosillo grew up with a father who served in the Air Force. Committee leader for War and Remembrance Day at her school, Petrosillo was sponsored by VFW Post 7198 in Hewitt, N.J.

EDUCATION BY THE NUMBERS \$1,458,562:

Amount of awards presented at all levels of VFW during the 2024-25 Voice of Democracy competition. **\$1,006,455:** Amount of awards presented at all levels of VFW during the 2024-

25 Patriot's Pen competition. **61,926:** Number of Patriot's Pen student participants in 2024-25.

27,053: Number of Voice of Democracy student participants in 2024-25. **70:** Number of teachers who have been honored since 1999.



Then-VFW Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt, left, presents Christie Wingo with the *Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award* during the VFW's 126th National Convention in August in Columbus, Ohio. Wingo teaches STEM in Colorado Springs, Colo., where she is sure to incorporate what she calls "grit and resilience" in her lessons. *Photo by Bob Knudsen*



Then-VFW Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt, left, presents Nicole Petrosillo with the *Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award* during the VFW's 126th National Convention in August in Columbus, Ohio. A high school English teacher in West Milford, N.J., Petrosillo said she believes all teachers should strive to teach students the values of patriotism and service to their communities. *Photo by Bob Knudsen*



Then-VFW Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt, left, presents Tim Smiddy with the *Smart/Maher National Citizenship Education Teacher Award* during the VFW's 126th National Convention in August in Columbus, Ohio. An elementary school teacher in Staunton, Ill., Smiddy was recognized for his "Patriot's Club," which has been going strong for 30 years. *Photo by Bob Knudsen*

STILL SERVING

VFW's fourth annual Day of Service marked record-breaking participation. Posts from across the country, plus several international locations, held a total of 2,334 Day of Service events that made meaningful impacts on local communities.

In 2025, VFW's Day of Service saw a usage increase of 163 percent over 2024, generating more than 16.7 million impressions across several social media platforms.

VFW Posts engaged in community events such as:

- Food drives, drives for personal hygiene products and other essentials
- Highway clean ups
- Restoration of memorials, cemeteries or vacant lots
- Health fairs
- Houseless to home support
- Accessibility initiatives
- Fundraisers for students

To see how more Posts participated in the 2025 VFW Day of Service, please visit vfw.org/DayofService



Eight members of VFW Post 10018 in Tacoma, Wash., and seven members of its Auxiliary help refresh Baltimore Park, also in Tacoma, for VFW National Day of Service on May 3, 2025. The members volunteered to spread 40 yards of mulch in the park. *Photo by Tracie Tomsen*



RIGHT: VFW Post 3258 Senior Vice Commander Chuck McNevin, center, and former-Post Commander Elwood Hippel, right, join New Britain Township Supervisor Bridget Kunakorn, left, in installing a new flowerpot next to the Veterans Memorial at the New Britain Township in Chalfont, Pa., on May 3, 2025. Post members originally helped in the installation of the headstone as well. *Photo Courtesy of Post 3258*



FAR RIGHT: VFW Post 12150 Commander Bryan Standish, kneeling, former VFW Department of Connecticut Commander Melvin Hewston, left, and VFW Department of Connecticut Commander Charlie Pickett, right, team up on May 3 in New Haven, Conn., to help clean Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park. The group looks forward to exploring new ways to contribute to VFW Day of Service. *Photo Courtesy of Bryan Standish*

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TAD Enterprises LLC	VFW Auxiliary 4548	VFW Post 4200	Zamla Enterprises LLC
Tag Team LLC	VFW Auxiliary 470	VFW Post 4237	Whitney Zaunserb
Taney Family	VFW Auxiliary 483	VFW Post 4736	Ly Zeis
Taylor Family Foundation	VFW Auxiliary 4953	VFW Post 483	
TBMT Investments	VFW Auxiliary 5118	VFW Post 5036	
Team GP LLC	VFW Auxiliary 5735	VFW Post 5118	
Team MVP LLC	VFW Auxiliary 6187	VFW Post 5129	
Team Uresti LLC	VFW Auxiliary 621	VFW Post 5269	
Terzis Investments Inc.	VFW Auxiliary 6417	VFW Post 5647	
Thomas O. Eller Memorial Fund	VFW Auxiliary 6493	VFW Post 5815	
Thorsen Enterprises Inc.	VFW Auxiliary 6603	VFW Post 5990	
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TKMT LLC	VFW Auxiliary 6912	VFW Post 6395	

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ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,099,351
Investments	256,690,198
Receivables	4,504,070
Inventory	3,586,164
Property and equipment, net	8,227,395
Pension and postretirement asset	6,481,249
Prepaid expenses	3,229,833
Total assets	<u>\$ 292,818,260</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 22,014,341
Life member dues for future distribution — state and posts	88,080,292
Deferred revenue	36,783,670
Total liabilities	<u>146,878,303</u>
Net assets	
Without donor restrictions	138,058,178
With donor restrictions	7,881,779
Total net assets	<u>145,939,957</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 292,818,260</u>

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended August 31, 2025

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions and gifts	\$ 80,997,028
Investment return, net	12,833,626
Membership dues	6,884,608
Supply, Buddy Poppy and other sales	6,918,811
Advertising revenue	2,104,471
Other revenue	3,630,752
Total support and revenue	<u>113,369,296</u>

EXPENSES

Program Services:	
Veterans service activities	28,811,307
Fraternal and member service activities	18,739,549
Community service and public awareness	15,001,154
Total program services	<u>62,552,010</u>
Supporting Services:	
Fundraising activities	37,975,369
Management and general activities	4,275,802
Membership development activities	1,132,338
Total support services	<u>43,383,509</u>
Total expenses	<u>105,935,519</u>
Change in net assets before pension-related changes other than pension service costs	7,433,777
Pension-related changes other than pension service costs	<u>1,053,612</u>
Change in net assets	8,487,389
Net assets, Beginning of period	<u>137,452,568</u>
Net assets, End of period	<u>\$ 145,939,957</u>



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ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,774,055
Investments	20,568,203
Receivables	271,293
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	10,086
Prepaid expenses	14,217
Total assets	<u>\$ 23,637,854</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 318,796
Net assets	
Without donor restrictions	19,525,054
With donor restrictions	3,794,004
Total net assets	<u>23,319,058</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 23,637,854</u>

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets Year Ended August 31, 2025

SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Cash contributions and gifts	\$ 5,509,025
Investment return, net	<u>1,919,043</u>
Total support and revenue	<u>7,428,068</u>

EXPENSES

Program Services:	
Veterans service activities	5,010,513
Community service and public awareness	1,028,744
Supporting Services:	
Fundraising activities	403,409
Management and general	<u>475,286</u>
Total expenses	<u>6,917,952</u>
Change in net assets	510,116
Net assets, Beginning of period	<u>22,808,942</u>
Net assets, End of period	<u>\$ 23,319,058</u>



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