



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

GENERAL ORDERS #5

1 November 2022

2022-2023 Series

TO BE READ AT MEETINGS AND POSTED:

1. Members are reminded that under the subscription dues model, an annual members due expire on the last day of the month of which they paid the previous year. Annual members are encouraged to renew their dues prior to their anniversary month to avoid a lapse in continuous membership. Officers and committee members, whose membership is not in good standing by reason to pay current dues by the end of anniversary month, shall forfeit eligibility to hold any office the remainder of the administrative year.

In addition, every effort should be made to renew the membership of continuous members and sign up new and always recover former members during the year.

2. State Headquarters will be closed on 11 November 2022 for Veterans Day.

3. State Headquarters will be closed on 24 & 25 November 2022 for Thanksgiving.

4. Posts and Districts on a July 1 - June 30 fiscal year should file the proper Federal (990) and State Tax Forms not later than 15 November 2022.

5. **Patriot's Pen** entries due to the District by 15 November 2022. District winners need to be sent to Patriot's Pen Chairperson Bryan Lineberry 1542 Centerbrook Dr., New Haven, IN 46774, bryan3081@aol.com by 15 December 2022.

6. **Voice of Democracy** entries due to the District by 15 November 2022. District winners need to be sent to Voice of Democracy Chairperson Keith Rohloff 100 Brinegar Dr., Springville, IN 47462, keith.rohloff@outlook.com by 15 December 2022.

7. **Teacher of the Year** entries due to the District by 15 November 2022. District winners need to be sent to Teacher of the Year Chairperson Bill Clark 237 E County Line Rd, Greenwood, IN 46143, clarknavyvvet@sbcglobal.net by 15 December 2022.

VFW DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

8. **2022-23 New Recruiting Award - One New Member Pin** - As part of this year's membership incentive, Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland wants to drive home the message that EVERY VETERAN COUNTS. To support this message, every VFW member who recruits a new member will receive a special One New Member recruiting pin to show the world that they are doing their part to help our organization grown in strength and reach our membership goals.

9. **November District Meetings:** Please see attachment.

10. 6 November Daylight Savings Time ends (**set clocks back one hour**).

11. 10 November 247th Birthday U.S. Marine Corps.

12. 11 November Veteran's Day.

13. 21 November Grenada Campaign Ended (1993).

14. 24 November Thanksgiving.

15. Several important documents are attached to these orders. Please review all.

BY ORDER OF:



RICHARD LEIRER
STATE COMMANDER
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW

OFFICIAL:



REBECCA MURPHY
STATE ADJUTANT
DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA VFW



Comrades,

If you missed it, we had a great Fall Conference, other than some cold showers and a few cold rooms. The speaker lineup may have been a little long, but I think we had some great speakers. It's not often that the Governor and a Congresswomen speak back-to-back. Governor Holcomb spoke from the heart and showed how much he appreciates our service and our family's service. Victoria Spartz, originally from Ukraine but now a naturalized citizen and a United States Congresswoman from the Hamilton County area. Victoria spoke very passionately about fighting for freedom and how the United States military has kept us and the world FREE. She really got the crowd fired up and got an amazing round of applause. Chris Judy a veteran and the State representative from around Fort Wayne was our final political speaker. Chris spoke about the Big 4 Legislative priorities and other Veteran legislation in the Indiana General Assembly, Chris is a big support of Veterans and our issues at the State House.

After the first three the other speakers focused on mental health and suicide prevention. And as we all know the suicide rate amount Veterans is three time higher than the general population. VA reporting shows it down to 17 a day from the high of 22 per day, even if you don't agree with their numbers – it doesn't matter – ONE A DAY IS TO MANY.

We must be aware of our fellow Veterans and be willing to help however necessary to prevent all suicide. There are many resources out there to help you or the buddy struggling with mental health or other issues. The new **988 Veterans Crisis Line** is available, just **DIAL 988 then Press 1** or **TEXT 838255**, both are there 24/7/365. Learn to recognize the Signs of Crisis. The end of a personal relationship. The loss of a job. Everybody faces difficult times in life, and people cope with stressful situations in different ways. If you want to know more go to <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/signs-of-crisis/>.

The Fall Conference Banquet or Mixer whatever you call it actually got compliments on the "FOOD", thanks Becky! It was good, even the desert was good especially the carrot cake. A few months ago, Shelley Jacobs had a great idea on how to lower the cost of the meals we have during conferences, "table sponsors". Being a table sponsor doesn't mean that's your table to sit at or that you have paid for banquet tickets. What it does mean is your Post or District or Group(Past Presidents) or Person or whatever is sponsoring that table. Your Post/District/Group/Person will have a large, raised sign on the table with your name and a sheet on the table telling something about you. We only had one table sponsor at this banquet, thanks to Post 1587. But thanks to Shelley and her engaging personality she sold 27 or so \$100 table sponsorships for Spring Banquet, even the 50/50 winner donated her winnings back to be a table sponsor. Spring Banquet will probably have 30 -35 tables so if you want to be a table sponsor don't wait. If you are interested, please contact Becky at VFW HQ and I am sure she will fill you in on all the details. This is a super way to lower the cost of banquet tickets for everyone.

During the conference District 8 was awarded \$250 for having the highest percentage of membership and Post 1114 Evansville won the drawing for the Post with the most membership by percentage. There are many more membership awards available at different times. If you don't have a copy of the 2022-2023 All State Membership Plan, go to **www.vfw.in.org**.

MEMBERSHIP IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY! If each of us sign up just one new member or get one prior member to come back to the VFW, the State would be near 50,000 members at the end of the year. Just think about it – ONE NEW MEMBER!

Richard Leirer
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1 November 2022

To: District Commanders and Department Representatives

Subj: DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2022

District meetings are scheduled as follows: Department Representatives are listed. If assigned Department Representative cannot attend the meeting, please send an alternate member, and update the State Adjutant at 317-377-1795 or at adj@vfwin.org.

District	Date	Time	Place of Meeting	Dept. Rep
One	11/20	*12:00pm	Lowell Post 6841	Adam Bethard
Two	11/6	2:00pm	Monticello Post 2231	Buzz Weberding
Three	11/6	1:00pm	North Liberty Post 1954	Joe Misuraca
Four	11/19	3:00pm	Decatur Post 6248	Richard Leirer
Five	11/19	12:00pm	Huntington Post 2689	Johnny Capps
Six	11/13	11:00am	Greencastle Post 1550	Roger Ferguson
Seven	11/20	10:30am	Vincennes Post 1157	Jerry Blake
Eight	11/20	10:00am	Jasper Post 673	Joe Misuraca
Nine	11/20	1:00pm	Crothersville Post 1083	Richard Leirer
Ten	11/20	1:30pm	Connersville Post 571	Roger Ferguson
Eleven	11/19	10:30am	Indianapolis Post 1587	Roger Ferguson

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*C - Central Time

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TABLE SPONSOR'S SPRING CONFERENCE

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY/PATRIOT'S PEN BANQUET 25 MARCH 2023

1. Post 717
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3. Post 717
4. Post 1111
5. Post 1282
6. Post 2695
7. Post 1587
8. Post 1114
9. Post 1152
10. Post 3790
11. Post 5864
12. Indy Racers Pup Tent 11
13. State Commander Richard Leirer
14. Past Department President's - Jennifer Morris 2019-2020
Anna Mauk 2020-2021
Jill Wilson 2017-2018
Sharron Barger 2015-2016
Linda Misuraca 2021-2022
15. Past State Commander's
16. 1st District and Auxiliary
17. 8th District Commander
18. Spouses of Veteran's
19. Vote For Jill Wilson for VFW Auxiliary National Council
Member Area C
20. Sr Vice Commander Sheila Corcoran
21. Jr Vice Commander Cory Mahan
22. Past District Commander's 11th District
23. Past District Commander's 10th District
24. Auxiliary President Harriet Figg
25. Army Table
26. POW/MIA Table
27. Spouses for New Commander's

I want to thank everyone that participated in this program for the Spring Conference.

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From: christopher shortridge (shortridge_1@yahoo.com)
To: adj@vfw.org
Subject: Ice Fishing Trip Details from Retired Senior Chief Shortridge

Date: Fri, 14 Oct 2022 16:03:52 +0000 (UTC)

Thank you for your time.

I would like a representative from the VFW to attend an event on Jan 6-10 of 2023. Hopefully an article can be written about a group of Vets that get together and enjoy a little fishing.

A lot of us are part of a team known as JESTR (Joint Expeditionary Sigint Tactical Reconnaissance) combined we have thousands of missions outside the wire, with Valor medals and Bronze Stars to show for our exploits. The purpose of the trip is mostly just to get together and enjoy a little down time catching some fish through the ice. On another level it is also a time when Brothers can talk about times that no one else understands.

We are currently being sponsored, but are not sure to what level, so I will hold off on those details until solid. Regardless of sponsorship, the show goes on.

Details of the trip:

Jan 6 we depart Huntington, IN early A.M. enroute to Germfask Upper Peninsula Michigan to a lodge we have rented. I will provide address for folks driving on their own.

Jan 7-9 Three days of ice fishing, not everyone fishes every day, but it is definitely a great time out on the ice.

Jan 10 Out of the lodge by 10 A.M. and enroute back home.

Things to Consider/Costs:

This is a guided trip, so no ice fishing gear except your own personal stuff, i.e. boots, snow suit, long underwear and some food to share. Can't emphasize enough the importance of good gear to stay warm!

The weather up there dictates all. We will do our best to adjust on the fly, but if a snowstorm hits, we will prob get out of dodge while we can.

Fishing licenses can be attained at [Michigan DNR eLicense Home \(mdnr-elicense.com\)](https://www.mdnr-elicense.com) 3 day license starting at 6 A.M. on the 7th will get us a good amount of time fishing.

Michigan DNR eLicense Home

Official site for Michigan DNR licenses, applications,
ORV/snowmobile permits and harvest reporting deer or fish.

Costs will be minimal as hopefully the sponsorship will come through. It is customary to tip the guide and purchase your license and help out with the food costs. We do save some costs by car pooling.

So, thank you for considering this adventure and hope to hear from you soon confirming.

Very Respectfully
Christopher Shortridge
U.S. Navy Senior Chief (Ret)
1-260-355-8086

HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS ACROSS AMERICA



Starting in October 2022, the Honoring Vietnam Veterans Across America team is setting out on a cross-country tour to spread a message of gratitude and healing to our Vietnam War-era veterans.

COMING SOON TO A COMMUNITY NEAR YOU!

**Sunday, November 6
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Indiana War Memorial &
Museum
55 E Michigan St, Indianapolis, IN**

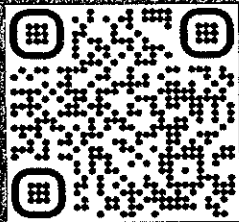


Remembering America's Heroes (RAH) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Oregon. Learn more online at rahusa.us.

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VETERANS DAY

NOV
11TH



TIME
11 AM

PARADE



CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS

Thanks to joint efforts of the Brian Bowman VFW 1431, Byron Cox American Legion 72, DAV Chapter 103, Blue Star Mothers Chapter 3, & Dorothy Q Daughters of American Revolution

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SCAN QR CODE FOR INFO





Marion High School
Junior ROTC
750 W. 26th St.
Marion, IN 46953



September 20, 2022

VFW Department of Indiana
9555 E 59th St,
Indianapolis, IN 46216

Dear Veterans of VFW Department,

The students, teachers, staff and administrators of Marion High School cordially invite all current and former members of the United States Armed Services and their family members to a Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony, November 11th, 2022 at Marion High School. This event, co-sponsored by Marion High School and the Junior ROTC Department is being held to honor and acknowledge the dedication, sacrifice and commitment of American Veterans in their service to our nation.

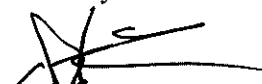
The ceremony, open to the public will be held in the Marion High School gymnasium from 10:45 - 11:30AM.

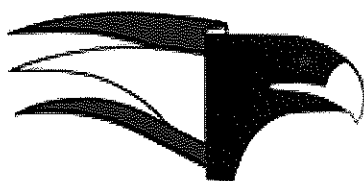
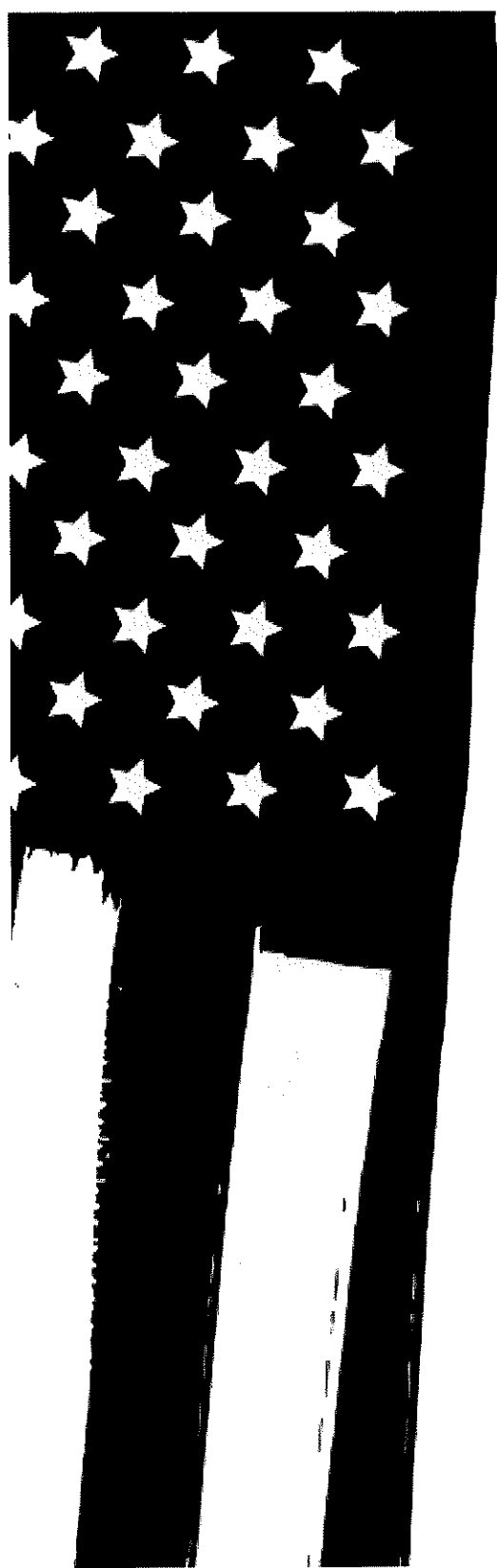
Please share this invitation with any and all veterans. It will be an honor for us to publicly thank them for their service to our country during this Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony.

Marion High school is located at 750 West 26th Street in Marion. Parking for the ceremony is located adjacent to the gym. This event is handicap accessible.

Please contact LTC David Farlow if you have any questions about this event.

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Cadet Second Lieutenant
Publicity Officer


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Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)
Senior Army Instructor
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VETERANS DAY
COUNCIL
of indianapolis, inc.



ANNUAL VETERANS DAY *events*

Breakfast 8 A.M.

Service 11 A.M.

Parade 12 P.M.

Friday, Nov.11, 2022



Breakfast tickets are available at
VETERANSDAYINDY.ORG



INDIANA WAR MEMORIAL: 55 E MICHIGAN
ST, INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46204



VETERANS DAY DINNER

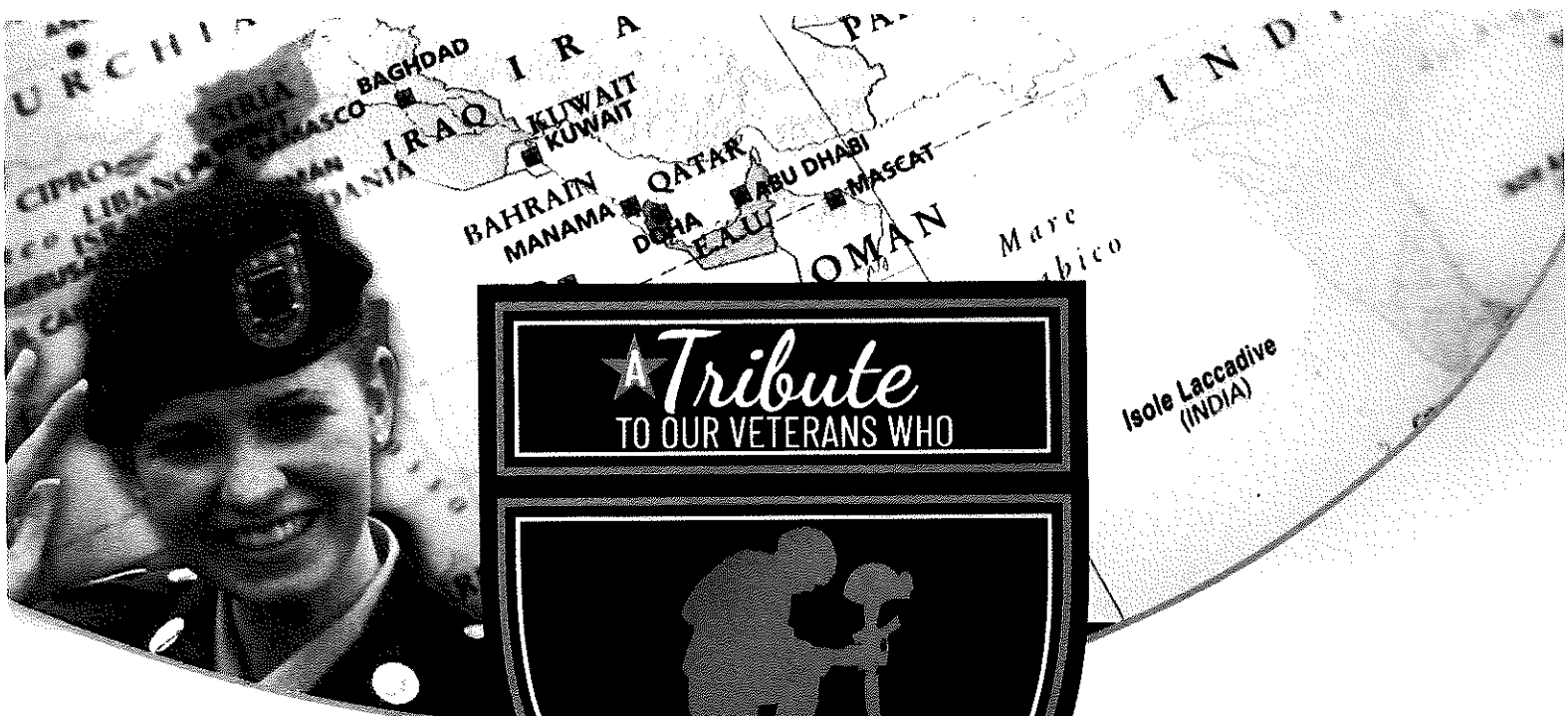
11 NOV 22 5PM – 7PM

VFW POST 1282 205 N. 16TH ST. NEW CASTLE IN

CHICKEN AND NOODLES, MASHED POTATOES, CORN,
ROLL AND SUE'S ASSORTED DESSERTS.

FREE TO ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

AFTER DINNER STAY FOR KARAOKE AND COMRADESHIP.



Honoring Veterans Who Served in
Iraq
★ Operation Iraqi Freedom
★ Operation New Dawn
Afghanistan
★ Operation Enduring Freedom

Gulf War
★ Operation Desert Shield
★ Operation Desert Storm
★ Operation Desert Sabre

Proceeds benefit the Glenn F. Renicker, Chapter #17, Department of Indiana, Hammond



Veterans, supporters, and all who wish to thank our local heroes, please join us

Saturday, November 12, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Hard Rock Casino Northern Indiana
5400 W 29th Avenue, Gary, IN



★ *Special presentation featuring:*
Former POW JESSICA LYNCH, Iraq 2003

Jessica Lynch is a former Private First Class (PFC) in the United States Army and a former Prisoner of War. On March 23, 2003, she was injured and captured by Iraqi forces after her unit, the 507th Maintenance Company, was ambushed in Iraq. Jessica was taken as a Prisoner of War and was held in captivity until she was rescued on April 1, 2003.

★ *Live performance by* **TRIPPIN BILLIES,**
Chicago's Dave Mathews Tribute Band

★ *Dinner included with your ticket*

★ *Cash Bar*

Tickets are \$30 per person.
Available at: MiddleEastTribute2022.eventbrite.com



Must Be 21+ to Attend



Presenting Sponsors:



1ST ANNUAL

FREEDOM

Fall Fest

NOV 19

FOR VETERANS

Food • Cornhole Tournament • Band • Raffles • and more!



**Scan to find
more info!**

Schedule:

12pm-1pm: Arrival of attendees, raffles begin

1pm-5pm: Cornhole and Dart tournaments

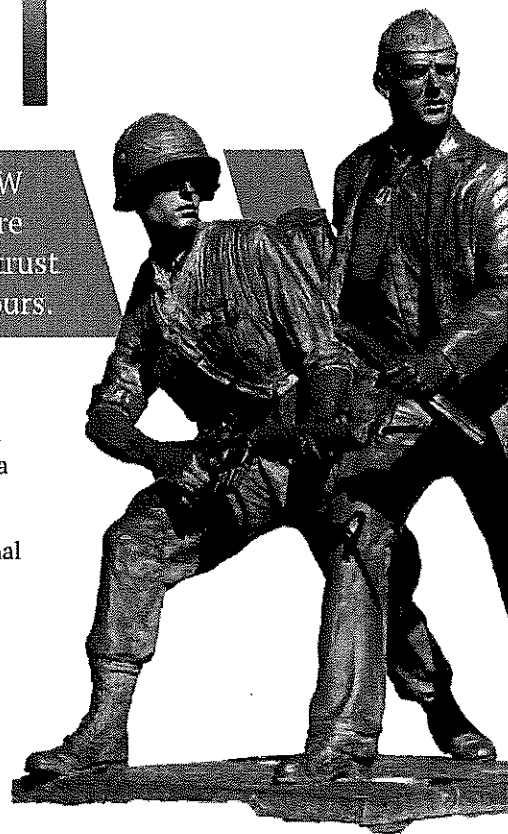
5pm-6pm: Buffet-style meal

7pm-10pm: Exit 99



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 4.4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.



THE VFW'S VITAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Educate separating service members about their well-earned VA benefits through private benefits counseling sessions with a VFW Service Officer.

Provide training to 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.

Deliver morale-boosting "welcome home" celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.

2,000+

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

\$10.65 million

Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 2,372 veterans and service members through VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" since January 2014.

\$10 billion

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits.

66

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

28

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.

\$3.2 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.

\$12.6 million+

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 45% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

3.4 million+

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



The VFW by the numbers

1.5 million

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

5,755

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



1899

Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.



Helping struggling military families

11,216

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through *VFW Unmet Needs* since 2004.

\$5,631,271

Amount of grants provided through *VFW Unmet Needs* covering housing for struggling military families since 2004.

3,869

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs since 2004.



Cutting red tape

100,000

Approximate number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2021.

Nearly 12,000

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2021 resulting in more than \$152 million in disability compensation.

20+

Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.



Improving life in America

5.3 million

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

\$52.2 million

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.



Inspiring patriotism in young people

25,000+

Number of high school students who competed in the 2021–22 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

72,000+

Number of students who competed in the 2021–22 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.

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Johnny Capps for

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National Council
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Resolutions 2019-2020

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2020-2023

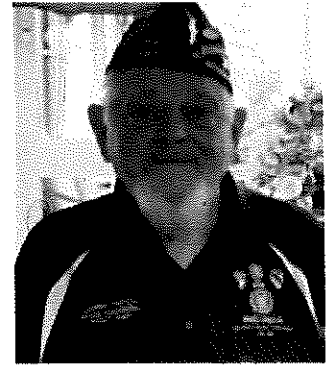
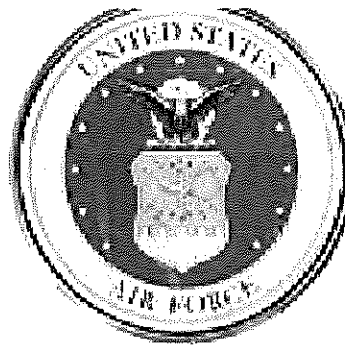
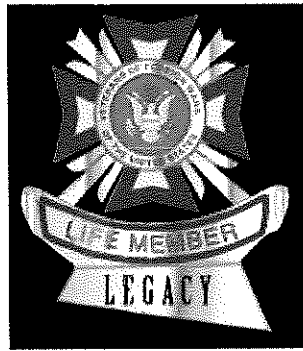


State Commander
2017-2018

All State Post and
District
Commander

Gold Legacy Life
Member

PROVEN, POSITIVE LEADERSHIP



I am seeking your support for the High Office of Indiana Department Chaplain 2023-2024. I am a Gold Legacy Life member from Frank T Strayer VFW Post 1587. I earned my eligibility for the VFW serving as a USAF Security Policeman at Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN from 9/1967 – 9/1968. I retired from the USAF in 1986. I joined the VFW in 1986 and became a life member in 1987. I retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs with 21 years of service in 2007.

Below is a consolidated list of the offices and appointments I have held in our great organization: Prior to transferring my membership to Indiana in 2013, I held the following positions in Alaska: VFW Post 2509: Charter Commander (3 years), Quartermaster (2 years), Service Officer, Trustee, Department Surgeon, Judge Advocate, Jr Vice Commander and Commander (1987-1993) I earned All American AK State Commander (92-93). I was appointed as Department Inspector 94-95. I had multiple appointments to committees at National conventions & Washington conferences. I received an appointment as Vice Chairman for the National VFW Safety committee 93-94. Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent 2, Artic Fox-1992-95.

Since I have been in Indiana, I have held the following offices at VFW Post 1587: Commander, Service Officer (4 years), Chaplain (5 years), Trustee (3 years), Canteen Manager (4 years) Post Community Activities Chairman (8 years); National VFW Outstanding Community Service Post (2) I held the following positions in District 11: District Chaplain 2015-2019; District Community Activities Chairman (5 years); District POW/MIA Chairman (3 years); District VOD/Patriots Pen Chairman VFW Military Order of the Cooties Pup Tent 11, Indy Racers-Seam Squirrel 2020-2023 Indiana Combat Veteran newsletter editor I have received 2 appointments as National Aide de Camp. I have attended all of the VFW National Conventions as a delegate of my post since 2015. I have also attended all Indiana VFW Conferences and Conventions except 1 since 2015.

I have attended 6 Chaplain Workshops at National Conventions. Past National Chaplain Peter Hook put together an outstanding Chaplains Guide which I refer to frequently. I am now an ordained minister. Over the past 5 years I have been called on to perform several funeral services and many Celebrations of Life/Memorial Services. Additionally I have done many grief counseling's. I have the support of my family and my Post in seeking this position. If you have any questions please call or Email me. I am very proud of our organization, and have been active at the Post, District, State and National level. I believe I could be an asset to our organization in the role as your next Department Chaplain.

Yours in LOTCS,
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