



# Monthly Newsletter



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**MONTH: December 2024**

**ISSUE: 6**

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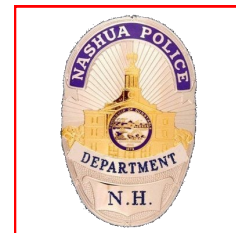
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**Loretta Murray**  
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## POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

Happy December and the last month of 2024! First let me say I hope you all and your families have a safe and healthy holiday season. December 7th, is Pearl Harbor Day and due to the construction near the Main Street Bridge we will be holding the ceremony at a different location this year. The ceremony will take place at the Technology Park Public Boat Launch which is off of Pine Street Extension. In the rear of Technology Park or Crown Uniforms. Any questions please reach out.

As always, if you have any ideas, comments or concerns please let me know.

Yours in comradeship,

Chris DiTullio

Nashua VFW 483 Commander

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# State Commander's Message



## From the Desk of the Department Commander December 2024



Comrades of Post 483,

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is December 7<sup>th</sup>. I have been reflecting on something that I participated and witnessed last month. A very personal laying to rest of a Veteran. That event was beautiful and provided closure for loved ones. It's hard to imagine what the families of Pearl Harbor casualties, that remained buried in their watery grave on the USS Arizona and other vessels, went through. No real sense of closure.

Genesis 23:6 "Hear us, my lord; you are a prince of God among us. Bury your dead in the choicest of our tombs. None of us will withhold from you his tomb to hinder you from burying your dead."

A veteran's funeral is important because it serves as a formal recognition and tribute to their service to the country, providing a dignified way to honor their sacrifices and commitment, while offering comfort and closure to their family and community through a ceremonial display of military honors, like the folding of the flag and playing of Taps, signifying the respect due to those who have served in the armed forces. While this "funeral" was not necessarily a military funeral it had all the elements. It demonstrated that their service is valued and remembered.

A ceremony, no matter how large or small, provides a structured way for the family to grieve and say goodbye, offering a sense of closure and support during a difficult time.



Thank you for all you do for your Post and your community!

Andrew "AJ" Corrow  
Commander, Department of New Hampshire  
United States Army (Retired)  
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## RENEWAL INFORMATION

If you want to renew your membership by sending your dues to the post for processing, you can scan the QR Code below and pay your dues by selecting the membership form on the Zeffy site. Once the funds are transferred to the post account your membership will be renewed. You can also renew online at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) or send your payment to the post by check or pay in person with cash.



## RENEW EARLY





**POST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



**No Article Submitted**



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Greetings from the Chaplain's desk:

Deceased members:

None

Hope this report finds everyone doing well and hopefully recovered from their Thanksgiving feast. Hope all have a safe and enjoyable holiday gathering with family and friends. With the holiday season upon us I would ask that we remember those who are less fortunate and that we keep them in mind and in our hearts and prayers. There are many agencies that support those in need, and I would ask that we remember to support them.

The wife of our Junior Vice Commander, James Cline, is not doing well, and I would ask that you keep her in your thoughts and prayers. On behalf of the Post I have sent her a get-well card, wishing her a speedy recovery.

Remember that the Post is here to support our veterans and their families. Please reach out if we can be of any assistance.

On behalf of the Post, I would like to wish everyone a safe, blessed, and enjoyable Holiday Season.

Yours in Comradeship  
Herbert C.T. Townsend  
Chaplain Post 483

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Herbert "C.T." Townsend

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## DISTRICT 6 & C of A MEETING SCHEDULE

The District 6 meetings are shown in BLUE and scheduled for 1000 unless otherwise noted, dress is blues and grays unless otherwise notified. Auxiliary meetings are the same dates as the VFW .  
C of A Meeting in Brown

17 Aug. 24: Winchester

19 Oct. 24: Franklin

18 Jan 25: TBD

12 Apr. 25: TBD

6-8 Jun 25: State Convention Shelburne

District Meeting in Blue

Sunday, 8 September 2024 , Hudson

Sunday, 27 October 2024, Derry

Sunday, 26 January 2025, Merrimack

Sunday, 27 April 2025, Pelham (Encampment)



# MEMBERSHIP



## CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	R S	City	State	N/R LM	Prior Annual	Retention
6							%	3		NASH UA	NH	0		%

**2024-2025 GOAL 102%**

**RENEW EARLY (IT DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR EXPIRATION DATE)**  
(Just moves it our one year)

### DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

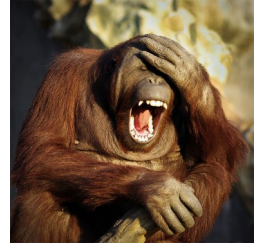
LOCATION	POST #	%
NASHUA	483	85.08%
DERRY	1617	83.52%
HUDSON	5791	95.63%
SALEM	8546	89.57%
MERRIMACK	8641	93.68%
PELHAM	10722	82.40%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	84.21%
HOLLIS	11373	82.61%
<b>TOTALS</b>		87.95%

## MEETING REMINDER

- 23 Jul 24 1900
- 27 Aug 24 1900
- 24 Sep 24 1900
- 22 Oct 24 1900
- 26 Nov 24 1900
- 23 Dec 24 1900
- 28 Jan 25 1900
- 25 Feb 25 1900
- 25 Mar 25 1900
- 22 Apr 25 1900
- 27 May 25 1900
- 24 Jun 25 1900



## FUN PAGE



## JOKE OF THE MONTH

Why is Christmas just like a day at the office? You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

[Will Rogers](#)

## DID YOU KNOW

There are 132 rooms in the US White House.

## MIND TWISTER

Which travels faster? Hot or Cold?



## VETERANS INFORMATION

For information research go to Nashua VFW's website [vfw483.org](http://vfw483.org) and check the links available to obtain veteran information and assistance.

**VA Cares for Veterans in Any Clime or Place:** Natural disasters can happen anywhere at any time, but usually without substantial warning. VA benefits continue in these chaotic conditions, but unorthodox methods may be needed to ensure uninterrupted support. Mobile clinics, special one-time payments, additional months of certain benefits, instant loan approvals for life insurance, and extended grace periods for premiums are some of the tools VA uses to aid veterans in dire circumstances. Additionally, Public Contact Teams deployed to local shelters or Disaster Recovery Centers enable on-site VA assistance to connect veterans with health care and other services including housing case management.

**Military Recruitment Rises Despite Ongoing Challenges:** The Department of Defense (DOD) has reported it successfully recruited 12.5% more personnel in fiscal year 2024 than the previous year, increasing the number of recruits from 200,000 to 225,000. The armed services saw a rise in written contracts and a larger pool of candidates entering the delayed entry program. However, despite these gains recruitment remains challenging due to low interest among youth, a competitive job market, and a decline in eligibility of young adults. Many people who are 17-24 years of age have little to no connection to military service, and the majority would need waivers to serve. To improve awareness and understanding, DOD is launching campaigns on military service value and opportuni-






# CALENDAR



## December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Cootie Pup Tent #1 Meeting 1900	5	6	7 Auxiliary Meeting 1000  Japan attacked Pearl Harbor 1941
8 Japan invades the Philippines Islands 1941  US declares War on Japan	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Post Meeting 1900	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28
29	30 Langdon Place 1330	31 New Years Eve 				

### ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

Hot is faster 'coz you can catch a cold.



# POST NEWS



**IF YOU USE FACEBOOK  
GO TO  
VFW POST 483 Nashua**




Scan this QR Code and pay your dues with your phone. Just select the membership page on the Zeffy site.

Auxiliary Meeting Dates	
5 Jul 24	1300
2 Aug 24	1300
6 Sep 24	1300
4 Oct 24	1300
2 Nov 24	1300
6 Dec 24	1300
4 Jan 25	1000
1 Feb 25	1000
1 Mar 25	1000
5 Apr 25	1000
3 May 25	1000
7 Jun 25	1000

**Our post needs new members. We need members who will participate and support our programs and activities. It's getting harder and harder to staff events, like our Poppy Drives. These are important events for our post. Our members are aging and some cannot do what they used to do. It's everyone's job to recruit. Support your post by recruiting 1 new member each. If we cannot do the VFW Programs we will not exist. We are 104 years old this year. We will be 105 in 2025. We would like to continue another 100 years. This can be done only with your support.**



## POST NEWS



**The Post participated in Veterans Day Ceremonies. We took part in the Monument Ceremonies 11 November, at 0800. We went to City Hall for the WWI and Korean Monuments, then to Railroad Square for the WWII monument, then to Library Hill for the Soldiers and Sailors Civil War Monument and finished at the Ledge Street Vietnam War Monument. We then returned to the Post for coffee and donuts before leaving for the Parade. The Parade kicked off from Holman Stadium at 1111 and proceeded down Amherst Street to Main Street to Lake Street where the parade concluded. Lunch was provided at the Nashua Education Center on Lake Street. A long day ended.**

**Lew Chipola and Bob Anderson attended the Nash Casino Veteran Job Fair at the Courtyard Marriott. It was a very disappointing event. Very few veterans showed up looking for jobs. It was a bad day to hold such an event. With all the veteran activities going on and free lunches and dinners being offered to veterans not many attended.**

**We also held our Veterans Day Poppy Drive on 8-10 November at the Coliseum Ave. Liquor Store and the Market Baskets on Amherst Street at Somerset Plaza and the South Nashua Market Basket on DW Highway. It was a very successful event even though we could not fill all our slots because we did not have enough volunteers. It appears many members do not think its important to raise funds for our Relief Fund to help veterans in need. All we ask is to staff one 3 hour shift at one of the locations. Our next drive will be on the Memorial Day weekend.**





## QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



We will need to come up with some good fundraisers this year. The Charitable Gaming rules have changed. We now have to file the application directly with the Lottery Commission, not the casino. We are not sure we will be approved for 2025. In the event we are not approved we will need to raise funds for the year. We should be doing this in any case.

We have some tickets for the VFW Department of New Hampshire's 30 Guns in 30 Days Raffle. If you want a ticket come to the December meeting or stop by the post on a Tuesday or Thursday between now and the meeting on 17 December for the \$20 ticket. If you win your ticket goes back into the drum and can be selected again. Drawing is 2 January 2025. See page 20 for list of firearms.



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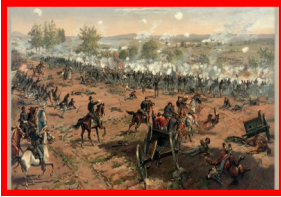
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## BATTLE OF THE MONTH



# Battle of Trenton

The  **Battle of Trenton**  was a small but pivotal  [American Revolutionary War](#)  battle on the morning of December 26, 1776, in  [Trenton, New Jersey](#) . After General  [George Washington's crossing of the Delaware River](#)  north of Trenton the previous night, Washington led the main body of the  [Continental Army](#)  against  [Hessian](#)  auxiliaries garrisoned at Trenton. After a brief battle, almost two-thirds of the Hessian force were captured, with negligible losses to the Americans. The battle significantly boosted the Continental Army's waning morale, and inspired re-enlistments.

The Continental Army had previously  [suffered several defeats](#)  in  [New York](#)  and had been forced to retreat through New Jersey to  [Pennsylvania](#) . Morale in the army was low; to end the year on a positive note, George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army, devised a plan to cross the  [Delaware River](#)  on the night of December 25–26 ( [Christmas](#)  and  [St. Stephen's Day](#) )<sup>[6]</sup> and surround the Hessians' garrison.

Because the river was icy and the weather severe, the crossing proved dangerous. Two detachments were unable to cross the river, leaving Washington with only 2,400 men under his command in the assault, 3,000 fewer than planned. The army marched 9 mi (14.5 km) south to Trenton. The Hessians had lowered their guard, thinking they were safe from the Americans' army, and had no long-distance outposts or patrols. Washington's forces caught them off guard, and after a short but fierce resistance, most of the Hessians surrendered and were captured, with just over a third escaping across  [Assunpink Creek](#) .

Despite the battle's small numbers, the victory inspired  [patriots](#)  and sympathizers of the newly formed  [United States](#) . With the success of the ongoing revolution in doubt a week earlier, the army had seemed on the verge of collapse. The dramatic victory inspired soldiers to believe the war was not a lost cause, serve longer and attracted new recruits to the ranks.<sup>[6]</sup>





# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



11/13/24, 10:59 AM

LA Times, Wed, Nov 13, 2024

## The Washington Post

### LA Times, Wed, Nov 13, 2024

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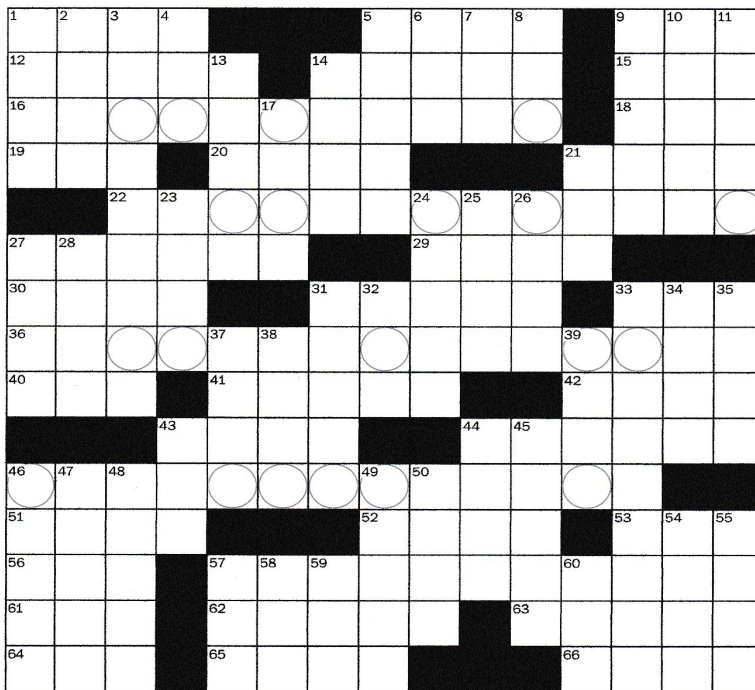
**ACROSS**

- 1 Roti flour
- 5 "Stop that!"
- 9 Papa
- 12 Hatchling
- 14 Made noise while throwing tomatoes, maybe
- 15 Alter \_\_
- 16 Focus of some nongovernmental organizations
- 18 Maker of tools for writing and lighting
- 19 Opposite of WNW
- 20 Splitting target
- 21 Build muscles, with "up"
- 22 The five ways romantic partners connect and communicate, per Gary Chapman
- 27 Pizzeria purchases
- 29 "A simple yes \_\_ will do"
- 30 Bit of help
- 31 Gold unit
- 33 "\_\_ asked?"
- 36 In succession
- 40 Signs off on
- 41 Reluctant (to)
- 42 Bring on board
- 43 Sea swallow
- 44 Thrills
- 46 Musician's calling card
- 51 Plenty
- 52 Idyllic spot

- 53 IRS form expert
- 56 Actress Wasikowska
- 57 Utterly different, and what can be found in four of this puzzle's answers
- 61 \_\_ milk
- 62 Pig Latin rejection
- 63 Transfer, as a houseplant
- 64 Feature of some lower-priced streaming services
- 65 Overly curious
- 66 Org.

**DOWN**

- 1 Heating pad target
- 2 In this manner
- 3 Social media feeds
- 4 Legislation from the Obama Era, initially
- 5 Religious doctrine
- 6 "Aah" counterpart
- 7 Court feature in basketball and tennis
- 8 NFL scores
- 9 Clean up, as code
- 10 Limber
- 11 Prepares to disembark, say
- 13 Scoundrel
- 14 Life sci.
- 17 Numbered hwys.
- 21 Pixar short featuring a dumpling that comes to life



- 23 Twice tetra-
- 24 "Come Away With Me" singer Jones
- 25 Nana
- 26 Golden Rule preposition
- 27 "Git!"
- 28 Clickable text
- 31 Reeves of "The Matrix"
- 32 National Gallery collection
- 33 Waves on rough seas
- 34 "Take this"
- 35 Raw metals
- 37 Pet shampoo target
- 38 Legal wrong
- 39 Comparison word
- 43 Explosive initials
- 44 French summers
- 45 \_\_ eclipse
- 46 Girl Scout Cookie with coconut
- 47 Trojan War epic with a 2023 translation by Emily Wilson
- 48 Animals in some yoga classes
- 49 Swim team event
- 50 Whirlpool
- 54 \_\_ and cons
- 55 Memo abbr.
- 57 Come out on top
- 58 Maker of tools for paring and peeling
- 59 Some ER workers
- 60 Pod unit





# Funnies

Beetle Bailey *by Greg Walker, Brian Walker and Neal Walker*



Archie *by Fernando Ruiz & Craig Boldman*



Blondie *by Dean Young*





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## NH VFW "30 Guns in 30 Days" 2025 Gun List

MANUFACTURER	MODEL	TYPE CAL/GA
RUGER	American Ranch	300 Bolt Action Rifle
Century Arms	VSKA	7.62 Semi Auto Rifle
TRADITIONS	BuckSlayer	.50 Cal Black powder Rifle
KEL-TEC	KS7	12GA Shotgun
ROSSI	R92	44Mag Lever Action Rifle
STOEGER	Condor	12GA O/U Shotgun
MOSSBERG	Persuader	12GA Shotgun
STOEGER	Coach Gun	.410 Shotgun
RUGER	Model LC	45ACP Carbine
RUGER	American	7.62 Semi Auto Rifle
MAVERICK	Model 88	12GA Pump Shotgun
HENRY	HO12GR Big Boy	44MAG Carbine
RUGER	10/22	Semi-Auto Rifle
DIAMONDBACK	DB-15	350 Legend Semi-Auto Rifle
KEL-TEC	SUB2000 Gen 3	9mm Folding Rifle
GLOCK	19 GEN 5	9mm Semi-Auto Pistol
STOEGER	STR-9	9mm Semi-Auto Pistol
RUGER	LCRX 22WMR	Revolver
RUGER	LCP MAX	380 Semi-Auto Pistol
TAURUS	G2C	9mm Semi-Auto Pistol
RUGER	Vaquero	45LC Revolver
RUGER	Mark IV 22/45	22LR Semi-Auto Pistol
CZ USA	P-10C	9mm Semi-Auto Pistol
TAURUS	TX22 MS	22LR Semi-Auto Pistol
KEL-TEC	P15 Metal	9mm Semi-Auto Pistol
HK	USP9 Expert	9mm Semi-Auto Pistol
KEL-TEC	P17	22LR Semi-Auto Pistol
SPRINGFIELD	Emissary	9mm Semi-Auto Pistol
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Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal



Iraq Campaign Medal



Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon



American Defense Service Medal



Korean Defense Service Medal



Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal



Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal



Combat Action Ribbon



American Campaign Medal



Army of Occupation / Navy Occupation Service Medal



Navy Expeditionary Medal



Kosovo Campaign Medal



Air Force Combat Action Medal



Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal



Combat Infantryman Badge



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Combat Action Badge



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DATES OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / YY MM / YY MM / DD / YYYY

MILITARY SERVICE ACTIVE DUTY VETERAN NAT. GUARD/RESERVE BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE MARINES COAST GUARD

QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE:  
 WW II VIETNAM SERVICE AFGHANISTAN (2001 - present) HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY  
 OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE DESERT SHIELD/STORM IRAQ (2003 -2011) Location \_\_\_\_\_  
 KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954) BOSNIA/KOSOVO SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
 KOREA DUTY (1955 - present) GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS

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AGE as of DECEMBER 31*	One-Time Payment	\$45 + 11 Payments of
18-30 Years Old	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40 Years Old	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50 Years Old	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60 Years Old	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70 Years Old	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80 Years Old	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 Years & Over	\$170.00	\$15.45

NEW Post # \_\_\_\_\_ FORMER MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSFER from Post # \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ to Post # \_\_\_\_\_

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QUARTERMASTER \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions:** You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debt entries or affect a charge by any other commercially accepted practice to your account set forth above for the payment of dues reflected on this application. You understand such charges may be made within 2-3 business days of payment due date. For installment payments, charges will be made on or around the 1st or the 15th day of the month. This authorization will remain in full force until VFW has received notification from you of its termination or upon completion of the installment payments. Annual dues are subject to change. By completing this authorization, you acknowledge that you will only receive notice when the payment would differ by more than \$10.00 from the most recent payment. Call VFW Customer Service at 1-800-963-3180 or write to VFW at VFW P.O. Box 119028, Kansas City, MO. 64171 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or to report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, closed accounts or unauthorized transactions. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time ten business days prior to the scheduled payment date. If you are unaware of the charge date for your account, please contact VFW. If a payment is returned by your financial institution (e.g., due to insufficient funds, incorrect account information, closed account, etc.) the VFW will contact you at the address we have on file for you, explaining why the payment could not be processed, and providing alternate payment options. The privilege of making payments under this agreement may be revoked by VFW if any item is not paid upon presentation. You may have additional rights and responsibilities under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

**Life Membership Installment Plan Terms and Conditions:** The VFW Life Membership Installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a Life Membership by making an initial payment of \$45.00 and (11) monthly payments. The member will be issued an Annual membership card at the time of enrollment. The member may elect to receive a monthly statement by mail or may set up a payment profile to make the monthly payment automatically using a credit/debit card or bank account. A payoff amount will be printed on each monthly invoice, allowing the member the option to pay in full. A permanent Life Membership card will be issued upon the completion of payments. The Life Membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the year in which the application is submitted.

**Delinquencies will be handled as follows:** Up to 30 days - continue to bill, 31 to 120 days - delinquency can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward, More than 120 days - member is dropped from the Installment Plan, all monthly payments made to date, are applied to future years annual dues.

**VFW PLEDGE** I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that:

I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto. I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy. I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order. Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had remained a member of same. All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true comrade -- and a citizen of our great republic.

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

The review committee has performed its duties and recommends approval, rejection.

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 Committee Member                      Committee Member                      Committee Member

Applicants Signature & Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

## VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

Recruited/Recommended by:  Recruiter Member ID   
 Auxiliary No.  City  State  Member ID (if already a member)   
 Annual Membership  Life Membership  
 Rejoin Membership Rejoined Previous Member ID No.  Previous Auxiliary   
 Member at Large in Department of   Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

**THESE FIELDS REQUIRED**

Name  Date of Birth   
 Address  Male  Female   
 City  State  ZIP   
 Phone  Email

**POST-AFFILIATED** (\*Must be a member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)  
 Relationship  to Eligible Veteran\*  VFW Membership ID   
 **LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER** Previous Auxiliary   
 **ANNUAL TRANSFER** Previous Auxiliary  Paying  Nonpaying   
 **ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE** (Fill out Life Membership Information below.) Previous Auxiliary

**THESE FIELDS REQUIRED**

**NON-AFFILIATED** (\*Veteran is not a member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)  
 Relationship  to Eligible Veteran\*  VFW Post (if applicable)   
 Name of campaign ribbons or medals:   
 Dates of Service:  to  Location:

**Investigating Committee Signatures**

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 Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws.  Rejected  Accepted Meeting Date  Obligated Date

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY**  Check here if this is a gift.  
 Credit cards may NOT be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.  
 Cash  Check  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  AMEX  
 Life Membership Fee   
 Name on credit card   
 Billing address for card   
 City  State  ZIP   
 Credit Card No.   
 CVV Code  Exp. Date   
 Signature   Date

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY**  
 ACH (Bank withdrawl)  
 Name of Bank   
 Bank Routing No.   
 Account No.   
 Attach voided check HERE.  
 (Required)

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES**  
 Life Membership fees are not refundable.  
 Attained age by 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

**OBLIGATION** In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. I attest that I am a citizen of the United States or a U.S. National, and am at least 18 years of age. I further state that I believe in God. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Signature   (Must be signed by all members.)



