



## *Monthly Newsletter*

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## POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



**Comrades, Here we are entering November. The holiday season is upon us and that is crazy to think. I will ask you to keep those still serving in your minds as they are not home with their loved ones during the holidays. Let's try to recruit new members. It the only thing we need to accomplish All American this year, everything else has been done.**

**A few things in November to keep in mind. Our Buddy Poppy drive is happening Veterans Day Weekend. Please sign up! Also November 11, is Veterans Day and we will be laying wreaths at several monuments and marching in the Parade. This year, lunch will be held at the Adult Learning Center, 4 Lake Street as Elm Street Middle School is closed.**

**As always, if you have any ideas, comments or concerns please let me know. Yours in comradeship, Chris DiTullio Nashua VFW 483 Commander District 6 Senior Vice Commander Cditullio007@yahoo.com – personal commander@vfw483.org – Post email 978-987-8009 (cell)**





## State Commander's Message



### From the Desk of the Department Commander November 2024



Comrades of Post 483,

**Happy November! The month of Thanksgiving. I have been reflecting on that. What are you thankful for? We have so much to be thankful for in the United States. I think many American's take our freedoms for granted. While ours is not a perfect country it is one of the best in the world. We should be thankful for having a roof over our heads and enough food to eat...and as my Dad used to say "Be thankful that no one is shooting at you". This is not the case in many lands around the world. So yes, we have a LOT to be thankful for. How can we show that thankfulness? It is our responsibility to give back to our communities, our state and the nation...and the VFW does this well! Thank you for the part you play in the VFW and your community!**

I mentioned this at the C of A. I have been a part of the Millennium Cohort Study for nearly 25 years. The Millennium Cohort Study is a DoD research project that was created in 2001 in response to growing public concern about the potential health effects of deployments following the Vietnam and Gulf War conflicts. Although the original designers of the Millennium Cohort Study could not foresee the post-2001 military conflicts, the project is perfectly positioned to address health outcomes related to these operations. The overarching goal of the Millennium Cohort Study is to determine how military related experiences affect the long-term health of service members. We hope the findings of our study will help define healthcare policy for future generations of military personnel and guide prevention and treatment programs. With over a quarter of a million service members enrolled since 2001, the Millennium Cohort Study is the largest and longest-running health study in military history and spans multiple generations of warfighters.

<https://www.millenniumcohort.org/>

I bring this up because one of the questions talks about Veteran Service Organizations (VSO). The DoD recognizes how important the VFW is with regards to the health and mental health of Veterans. We should be very proud of that and should use this when talking to Veterans about membership; the importance of belonging to the VFW/VSO.

Please let me know if you have any questions of me.

**Andrew "AJ" Corrow**  
Commander, Department of New Hampshire  
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Veteran Service Organizations (VSO) (Select one)  
☐ None  
☐ American Legion  
☐ Elks Lodge  
☐ F.O.B. (Foreign Born)  
☐ G.I. Forum  
☐ International Order of the Kings Daughters  
☐ International Order of the Sons of the American Revolution  
☐ International Order of the United American Mechanics  
☐ International Order of the United Workmen  
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Other veteran-related groups (e.g., a mix of several men's groups, or a mix of several women's groups)  
☐ None  
☐ Once a week  
☐ Once a month  
☐ Once a year  
☐ More than once a week

## 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



### **November 2024 Greetings from the Nashua Auxiliary 483**

The summer is over and it is time to be thinking of trying get new members in. Nashua is going to change our meeting date from 1st Friday of the month to the first Sat of the month. 10-12. This should make it easier for people to come to our meetings. We hope this will make a difference in our membership. It will give people a chance to visit and learn about us.

The parade will be on November 11. Elm street cafeteria is closed. The lunch after the parade will be at the Adult Learning Center. We will be doing Poppies in Brookline 9th and 10th. Anyone who would like to join us, please call.

On the 8th of November Birch Hill School has a celebration for Veterans Day, starting at 9 o'clock.

**Diane Ordway 603-882-4838**

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Greetings from the Chaplains desk

**Deceased members:**  
**None**

Hope this report finds everyone doing well and enjoying good health. Winter weather is just around the corner so hopefully everyone is taking the proper measures to be ready. We were overjoyed to see members, Chuck Ashworth and Clayton Proffer at our last meeting.

Chuck has been dealing with some medical issues and Clayton is rehabbing from a motorcycle accident. We wish them godspeed in their continued recovery.

With the holidays coming up, remember to keep those less fortunate, in our thoughts and prayers. If you are aware of a veteran or their family, who may be in need of our support, please advise us so that the Post can reach out to them.

Remember to check on our friends and neighbors, especially with the cold weather coming up. Wishing everyone the best of health and remember to stay safe.

Yours in Comradeship  
Herbert CT Townsend  
Chaplain  
Post 483

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

**Chairman:** Herbert "C.T." Townsend  
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Steve Ordway

## 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	Upgraded Life
6	120	1	0	31	152	181	%	6		NASH UA	NH	0	3

**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	83.98%
DERRY	1617	82.42%
HUDSON	5791	91.88%
SALEM	8546	88.70%
MERRIMACK	8641	89.09%
PELHAM	10722	78.40%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	84.21%
HOLLIS	11373	82.61%
<b>TOTALS</b>		85.60%

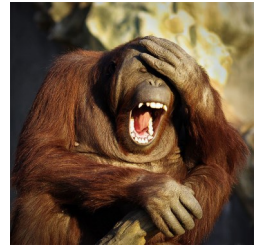
**MEETING  
REMINDER**

23 Jul 24 1900  
 27 Aug 24 1900  
 24 Sep 24 1900  
 22 Oct 24 1900  
 26 Nov 24 1900  
 17 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

**RECRUIT**



## FUN PAGE



## JOKE OF THE MONTH

Wife: "How would you describe me?" Husband: "ABCDEFGHIIJK." Wife: "What does that mean?" Husband: "Adorable, beautiful, cute, delightful, elegant, fashionable, gorgeous, and hot." Wife: "Aw, thank you, but what about IJK?" Husband: "I'm just kidding!"

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Do not mind anything that anyone tells you about anyone else. Judge everyone and everything for yourself.

[Henry James](#)

## DID YOU KNOW

Apples are more effective at waking you up in the morning than coffee

## MIND TWISTER

I come in different shapes and sizes. Parts of me are curved, other parts are straight. You can put me anywhere you like, but there is only one right place for me. What am I?





## VETERANS INFORMATION

**VFW Answers Call for Hurricane Relief:** As Hurricane Helene relief efforts continue in North Carolina and other impacted regions, the VFW is now taking action to provide aid to veterans, service members, and military families in Florida following Hurricane Milton. “My deepest gratitude goes out to all VFW and Auxiliary members, and our supporters for the time, supplies, financial contributions, and forward efforts in assisting those whose lives were suddenly thrust into devastation and despair in the wake of these natural disasters,” said VFW National Commander Al Lipphardt. To support the VFW Disaster Relief Fund, you may [donate online](#) or mail checks payable to the VFW and earmarked “Disaster Relief” to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation Disaster Relief, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.

**DOD Health Care Supplement Pilot Program:** The Department of Defense (DOD) has announced a one-year pilot program for DOD civilian employees serving in Japan to provide no-cost supplemental health support services. This program is expected to begin on Jan. 1, 2025, and will help enhance the patient care of approximately 11,000 civilians. Employees must be enrolled in a participating health plan through the Federal Employees Health Benefits program to be eligible. Open enrollment season runs this year from Nov. 11 through Dec. 9.

**New VA Character of Discharge Regulation:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is implementing a new regulation pertaining to character of discharge determinations that will allow more former service members to qualify for VA benefits regardless of discharge type. Generally, a former service member must have a discharge under honorable conditions. Though VA cannot change the status of a DOD military discharge, it will review less than honorable discharges for benefits eligibility. VA encourages former service members to whom it previously issued a negative character of discharge determination to reapply under the new regulation using a [VA Form 21-0995](#), Decision Review Request: Supplemental Claim. Contact an [accredited service representative](#) for more information.

**VFW at Military Influencers Conference:** VFW National Commander Al Lipphardt shared the VFW’s message of veteran assistance and advocacy at the 2024 Military Influencers Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. This conference gathers industry leaders, transitioning service members, and entrepreneurs connected to the military and veterans’ communities. The VFW announced it will soon be including one of the world’s most popular social media platforms as part of an overall social media strategy. “Look for some great things coming from VFW and TikTok!,” Lipphardt said. “Stay tuned!”



## CALENDAR



# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Auxiliary Meeting 1300  Eastern Conference Burlington, VT	2 Eastern Conference Burlington, VT
3 Eastern Conference Burlington, VT	4 Mayor's Veteran Council 1000 Cancelled	5 Election Day	6	7	8 Poppy Drive  Veterans Coffee Talk 0930  Birch Hill School Veterans Day 0900	9 Poppy Drive
10 Poppy Drive	11 Veterans Day Ceremonies 0800  Veterans Day Parade 1111	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Mayor's Veteran Council 1500	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Langdon Place 1330	26 Post Meeting 1900	27	28 Thanksgiving	29 Black Friday	30

## ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

A jigsaw puzzle piece



## POST NEWS

**BREAKING  
NEWS**



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your dues with your phone.  
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page on the Zeffy site.

### Auxiliary Meeting Dates

5 Jul 24 1300

2 Aug 24 1300

6 Sep 24 1300

4 Oct 24 1300

1 Nov 24 1300

6 Dec 24 1300

3 Jan 25 1300

7 Feb 25 1300

7 Mar 25 1300

4 Apr 25 1300

2 May 25 1300

6 Jun 25 1300

Veterans Day Ceremonies at Monuments around the City will be held at 0800. Coffee and donuts at the post at 0700. The Veterans Day Parade will kick off from Holman Stadium at 1111.

Post Veterans Day Poppy Drive will be on 8-10 November. We will be at the Market Baskets in South Nashua and Somerset Plaza on Friday and Saturday, 8-9 November from 0900-1500 each day. We will also be at the Coliseum Ave. Liquor Store on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 0900-1800. We need volunteers to sign up for the 3 hour slots at for these locations. Poppies are how we fund our Post Relief Account. Without it we would not be able to assist veterans in need. It's your duty as a VFW member to support this program. Sign up sheets are at the post.

## POST NEWS

We need new members! Our numbers are dwindling. It's everyone responsibility to recruit. Help your post if you want it to survive. You can also help it by renewing your membership early. By renewing early all you are doing is extending your expiration date by 1 year. Your expiration date will not change. We ask you to renew early and bring in a new member. Also it is important for you to attend as many meetings as you can. If you cannot attend you can join the meeting virtually on WEBEX. The link is sent out by email prior to the post meeting. If you have not provided the post with an email address and you have one please send it to the post Adjutant at [nashuavfwpost483@gmail.com](mailto:nashuavfwpost483@gmail.com) so you can be added to the email list. You can access the link by left clicking the word "post" in blue underlined. This will take you to the link. Click the link and punch in the ID and password. ID is 126 096 8690 Password is PApJ3jWMj47



## QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



It's that time again for our Veterans Day Poppy Drive. The drive will be held on 8-10 November at the Market Baskets, South Nashua and Somerset Plaza along with the Coliseum Ave. Liquor Store. We are in need of more volunteers to fill the 3-hour slots. The funds raised through the Poppy Drives is what funds our Post Relief Fund. Without it, we would be unable to help veterans in need. We only ask this twice a year. So come out and help. Sign-up sheets are at the Post, stop in Tuesday or Thursday and sign up. If you can't come in, call or email the post and we will write you in a slot. The number is 603-402-2992 or email us at [nashuavfwpost483@gmail.com](mailto:nashuavfwpost483@gmail.com).

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## BATTLE OF THE MONTH



# Naval Battle of Guadalcanal

The **Naval Battle of Guadalcanal**, sometimes referred to as the **Third and Fourth Battles of Savo Island**, the **Battle of the Solomons**, **The Battle of Friday the 13th**, **The Night of the Big Guns**, or, in Japanese sources, the **Third Battle of the Solomon Sea** (第三次ソロモン海戦, *Dai-san-ji Soromon Kaisen*), took place from 12 to 15 November 1942 and was the decisive engagement in a series of [naval battles](#) between [Allied](#) (primarily American) and [Imperial Japanese forces](#) during the months-long [Guadalcanal campaign](#) in the [Solomon Islands](#) during [World War II](#). The action consisted of combined air and sea engagements over four days, most near [Guadalcanal](#) and all related to a Japanese effort to reinforce land forces on the island. The only two [U.S. Navy](#) admirals to be killed in a surface engagement in the war were lost in this battle.

Allied forces landed on Guadalcanal on 7 August 1942 and seized an airfield, later called [Henderson Field](#), that was under construction by the Japanese military. There were several subsequent attempts to recapture the airfield by the [Imperial Japanese Army](#) and [Navy](#) using reinforcements delivered to Guadalcanal by ship, efforts which ultimately failed. In early November 1942, the Japanese organized a transport convoy to take 7,000 infantry troops and their equipment to Guadalcanal to attempt once again to retake the airfield. Several Japanese warship forces were assigned to bombard Henderson Field with the goal of destroying Allied aircraft that posed a threat to the convoy. Learning of the Japanese reinforcement effort, U.S. forces launched aircraft and warship attacks to defend Henderson Field and prevent the Japanese ground troops from reaching Guadalcanal.

In the resulting battle, both sides lost numerous warships in two extremely destructive surface engagements at night. Nevertheless, the U.S. succeeded in turning back attempts by the Japanese to bombard Henderson Field with battleships. Allied aircraft also sank most of the Japanese troop transports and prevented the majority of the Japanese troops and equipment from reaching Guadalcanal. Thus, the battle turned back Japan's last major attempt to dislodge Allied forces from Guadalcanal and nearby [Tulagi](#), resulting in a [strategic victory](#) for the U.S. and its allies and deciding the ultimate outcome of the Guadalcanal campaign in their favor. The Japanese decided on the [evacuation of Guadalcanal](#) the following month, which they completed by early February 1943.

Guadalcanal was the last major naval battle in the Pacific War for the next one-and-a-half years, until the [Battle of the Philippine Sea](#). It was one of the costliest naval battles of the Second World War in terms of lives lost.





# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



10/16/24, 10:35 AM

LA Times, Wed, Oct 16, 2024

## The Washington Post

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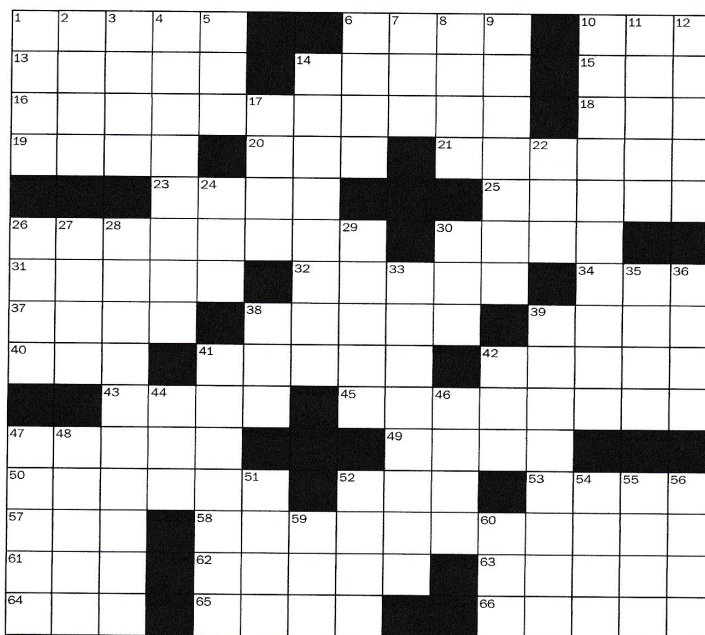
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- 1 Rapid transit vehicles?
- 6 "Dancing Queen" quartet
- 10 Weep loudly
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- 15 Actress Thurman
- 16 Fruit given to Snow White by the Evil Queen
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- 65 Future AG's exam
- 66 Oldest of the Three Musketeers

**DOWN**

- 1 Renéé of "Mean Girls"
- 2 Succulent genus
- 3 Wrap for leftovers
- 4 Open-faced dishes with crispy tortillas
- 5 Hub across the Bay from OAK
- 6 Starters, casually
- 7 Danceable song
- 8 Glowing object on a marquee
- 9 Went back for thirds, maybe
- 10 Nintendo platform game series



- 11 Seamaster watchmaker
- 12 Fringe on some foreheads
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- 28 Stressful time for a procrastinator
- 29 Showing no fear, maybe
- 30 Wing it?
- 33 Boldly brave
- 35 Market with a pickle barrel
- 36 Move merchandise
- 38 Laptop lens
- 39 Drawing board?
- 41 Advantageous
- 42 Sr. officer
- 44 Nickname that drops -jah
- 46 Novelist Leon
- 47 Krispy \_\_\_
- 48 Plant-based
- 51 Many millennia
- 52 Resolve a tense disagreement?
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION



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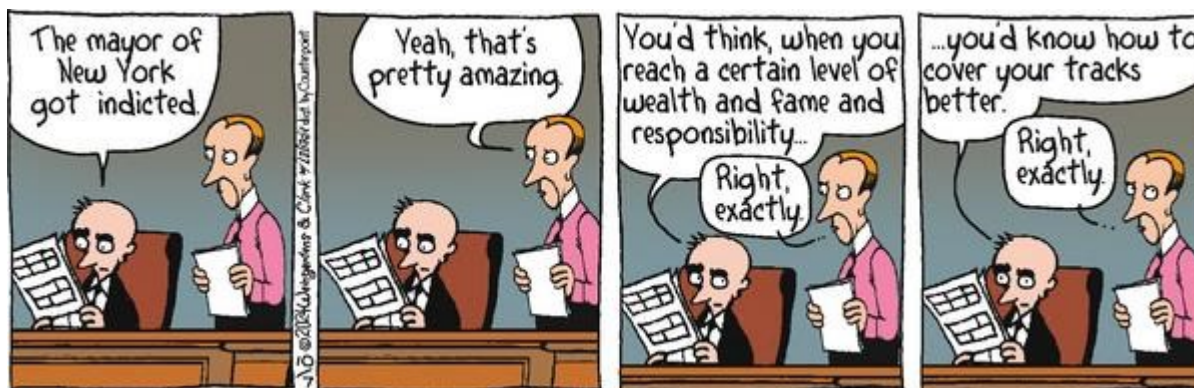
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# Funnies



Barney & Clyde by Gene Weingarten





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# IF YOU'VE EARNED THESE



European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal



Vietnam Service Medal



Southwest Asia Service Medal



Afghanistan Campaign Medal



Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon w/ Gold Border



Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal



Korean Service Medal



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



Combat Medical Badge



Combat Action Badge



SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia

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# VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Initial Last

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

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	

Payment Authorization - You may pay by check or credit card. For payments by check, you will receive a yearly statement by mail. For credit card payments, please complete the following:

## ANNUAL MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on a yearly basis to pay my Annual membership dues.

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## LIFE MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in 11 monthly installment payments after my initial payment of \$45.00.

I authorize the VFW to charge the \$45.00 initial payment and I understand that I will be billed for the remaining 11 monthly installment payments.

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

(Mastercard, Visa, Discover or Amex only)

EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

RECRUITER \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

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

## Life Member Options

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

**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.

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

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

Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 withdrawal)

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.)





# MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



New Cootie

Reinstated Cootie

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cootie No. \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited By: \_\_\_\_\_

Pup Tent Name, Number and Location

Applicant's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Notify in Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank (Highest): \_\_\_\_\_

Enlistment Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Discharge Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Hat Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Present Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues paid to December 31, 20\_\_\_\_ or VFW Life Member # \_\_\_\_\_

VFW Post Name and Number

Located in: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

I certify that I am an active member of the VFW of the U.S.  
and am desirous of becoming a member of the MOC –  
"The Honor Degree of the VFW".

Applicant's Signature

Recommended and Verified (PRINTED) by:

Cootie No: \_\_\_\_\_

Cootie No: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted into Pup Tent on Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Degree accepted Date: \_\_\_\_\_2<sup>nd</sup> Degree accepted Date: \_\_\_\_\_3<sup>rd</sup> Degree received and title of Cootie bestowed  
on this Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### VFW CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Located in \_\_\_\_\_  
Post Name Post No. City, State and Zip

This is to certify that Comrade \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant

Has been a member of the VFW for the preceding six (6) months, and that he has fulfilled one of the  
following qualifications as indicated:

(1) Held the following Office in the Post: \_\_\_\_\_

OR

(2) Served on the following Post Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

Certified to by a majority of the members present at a meeting of this Post held on (Date): \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

Post Adjutant (PRINT)

Post Commander (PRINT)

Post Adjutant (Signature)

Post Commander (Signature)