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POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

Welcome to October! First, I'd like to start by saying we here at the Post are all thinking about Clayton Proffer who was involved in a serious motorcycle crash and is recovering. Speedy recovery!!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony. I received a lot of feedback and was told it was a great ceremony.

We have the Veterans Day parade and our annual Poppy Drive. Please volunteer for the drive it is extremely important to our Post and the Veterans we serve.

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

Yours in comradeship,

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State Commander's Message



From the Desk of the Department Commander October 2024



Comrades of Post 483,

Happy October! Another busy month. September was incredible. I'm getting around the state to as many events as I can. I've been reflecting on some issues we have in our state. Veteran's homelessness is one of those. While more can still be done I feel our state and the VFW are doing what we can to help end Veteran homelessness and connect Veterans to needed services.

Thank you to Madeline and Jorg Dreusicke for all their work with the homeless Veteran population! It was a pleasure to work with them at the VASH picnic and the NH Veteran Stand Down in Manchester. They do the work of an entire Infantry Company! Madeline is the First Sergeant! 😊

The good work we do continues...World Homeless Day is October 10th. It is a day to recognize the needs of people experiencing homelessness and to get the community involved in responding to it. Let's see what we can do in our communities! Thank you for all you do!



Love these guys!



The Dunlin Munchkin Challenge!



The VA is a great partner of the VFW!

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

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 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



Deceased members: None

Greetings from the Chaplain's desk.

Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the current fall weather we are having. We all know it's only a prelude to what is coming.

Get well wishes have been sent out to Post member Clayton Proffer who was involved in a serious motorcycle accident. After initially being treated at Mass General, he is now recovering in the Northeast rehab facility in Nashua. Please keep Clayton in your thoughts and prayers. Get well wishes also would go out to Chuck Ashworth in his continuing recovery from recent medical issues.

The post holds a veterans coffee talk at the Senior Center the second Friday of each month at 09:30. Veterans issues, that you may have concerns about, are discussed along with guest speakers who share information and address questions you may have.

Remember the Post is here to support our veterans and the community. Please reach out if we can be of assistance to anyone.

Wishing everyone the best of health and continuing to stay safe.

Best Regards
Herbert C.T. Townsend
Chaplain Post 483

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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	120	0	0	23	143	181	%	6		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

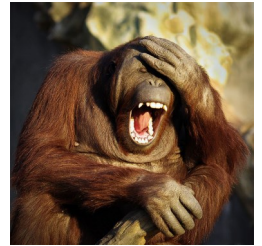
LOCATION	POST #	%	RETENTION
NASHUA	483	79.01%	%
DERRY	1617	79.67%	%
HUDSON	5791	86.25%	%
SALEM	8546	74.78%	%
MERRIMACK	8641	87.93%	%
PELHAM	10722	76.80%	%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	84.21%	%
HOLLIS	11373	80.43%	%
TOTALS		81.29%	%

**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

Late one night a burglar broke into a house and while he was sneaking around he heard a voice say, "Jesús is watching you." He looked around and saw nothing. He kept on creeping and again heard, "Jesús is watching you." In a dark corner, he saw a cage with a parrot inside. The burglar asked the parrot, "Was it you who said Jesús is watching me?" The parrot replied, "Yes." Relieved, the burglar asked, "What is your name?" The parrot said, "Clarence." The burglar said, "That's a stupid name for a parrot. What idiot named you Clarence?" The parrot answered, "The same idiot that named the rottweiler Jesús."

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

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

[Will Rogers](#)

DID YOU KNOW

Coffee is generally roasted between 204 - 218C (400 - 425F) (the longer the beans are roasted the darker the roast)

MIND TWISTER

Find a number less than 100 that is increased by one-fifth of its value when its digits are reversed.

VETERANS INFORMATION

VA Budget Shortfall Action Alert: Recently, VA announced a budget shortfall that may delay the timely delivery of benefits to people nationwide. Veterans, family members, and caregivers have earned VA benefits through service, and we are frustrated to hear certain ones may not be adequately funded through the end of the fiscal year. This is not a problem caused by Congress, but our elected officials in Washington, D.C., have the responsibility to ensure these benefits are paid on time to those who have earned them. Each year VA has been provided with the resources it requested for veterans' care and benefits, and our legislators must ensure that happens this time as well. Congress must pass a supplemental funding bill by Sept. 20 to make sure veterans, survivors, and caregivers receive next months' benefit payments without interruption. Congress must also hold VA accountable to prevent issues like this from happening in the future. However, this accountability can happen AFTER Congress provides supplemental funding, so veterans, survivors, and caregivers do not go without or face financial difficulties due to inadequate government funding.

Congress Congratulates VFW on 125th Anniversary: In a show of support for the 125th anniversary of the VFW, fellow VFW members Reps. Derrick Van Orden and Chris Deluzio, and Marine veteran and House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman Mike Bost have introduced a concurrent resolution recognizing Sept. 29, 2024, as "Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Day." For more than a century, the VFW has advocated on behalf of veterans to ensure they have timely access to their earned benefits, and has served veteran communities here and around the world.

VFW Fall Legislative Conference: The VFW National Legislative Committee members met with senators, representatives, and staffers in Washington, D.C., to discuss the VFW's legislative priorities. Specific focus was on providing health care and benefits for veterans, caregivers, and survivors; ensuring the continuous review of new presumptive conditions related to toxic exposures; exploring alternative treatments for post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health conditions; and continuing to promote legislation to penalize predatory claim companies known as Claim Sharks. The VFW will continue to advocate for these issues to assist service members, veterans, and their families.

MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced three identifications and five burial updates for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II and the Korean War.

Identifications: -- World War II Army Staff Sgt. Fritz O. Gaebler -- World War II Army Private 1st Class Charles R. Reiser -- World War II Army Air Forces Corporal Melvin L. Huff

Updates: -- Korean War Army Sgt. 1st Class Israel Ramos -- Korean War Army Private 1st Class Charles A. Vorel Jr. -- Korean War Army Sgt. Charles E. Beaty -- World War II Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. John A. Tarbert -- World War II Army Private 1st Class Joseph C. MacDonald

Go to the Action Corps, 16 September issue and read more about these postings.

Vfw.org select Advocacy select Grass Roots scroll down right side for this week's Action Corps



CALENDAR

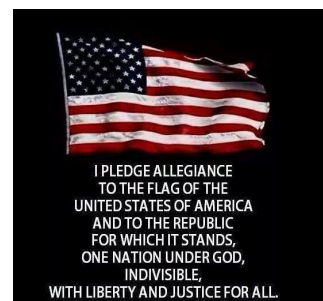


October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Service Officer Training 1900 Post Hours 1000-1400	2 Cootie Meeting 1900 Hudson	3 Post Hours 1000-1400	4 Auxiliary Meeting 1300	5
6	7	8 Post Hours 1000-1400	9	10 Post Hours 1000-1400	11	12
13	14	15 Post Hours 1000-1400	16	17 Post Hours 1000-1400	18	19 C of A Franklin 1000
20	21	22 Post Hours 1000-1400 Post Meeting 1900	23	24 Post Hours 1000-1400	25	26
27 District 6 Meeting Derry 1000	28 Langdon Place 1330	29	30	31 Post Hours 1000-1400 Commander's Call 1900		

ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

45 (1/5 of 45 = 9, 9 + 45 = 54)



POST NEWS

**BREAKING
NEWS**



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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



Commander Ditullio giving Post Report
at the District 6 Meeting in Hudson on
8 September 2024.



Pentagon on 9/11/21

On Wednesday, 11 September 2024, we held the First Annual 9/11 Ceremony at the E. Hollis St., Fire Department. The Ceremony was done with the cooperation of Nashua Fire & Rescue, Nashua Police Department, American Legion and DAV. The ceremony was well received by all in attendance. A wreath was laid at the 9/11 monument at the fire station. See Flyer Section for more photos.

POST NEWS



Commander DiTullio (left) and Trustee Ordway (right) at the PAL VIP Reception at St. Pat's Hall on Thursday, 5 September 2024. The Post donates to PAL every year. We received invitation for two to attend the reception.

Congress has issued a Resolution to recognize 29 September at Veterans of Foreign Wars Day. All members should display their membership in the VFW on 29 September. Even better, bring in a new member.



Comrade Clayton Proffer at Northeastern Rehab saying hello to everyone.



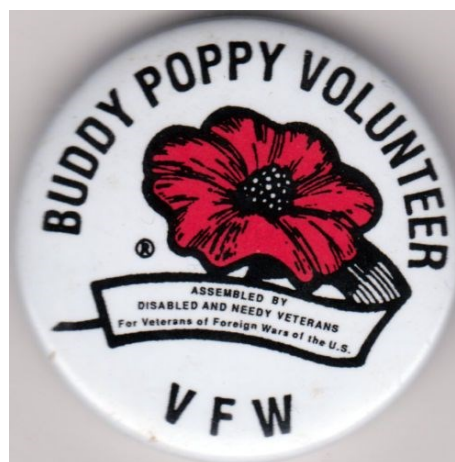
QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



On page 4 of this newsletter you will see a new page. The page has a QR code for you to pay your dues by scanning and selecting the Membership option and pay your dues on Zeffy. It also explains other way to pay your dues. You are encouraged not to wait to the end of your membership month to pay. Please pay early. You can pay any time. It does not matter. It will only extend your membership one year from your current expiration date. By renewing early you help the post by assisting us to make the goals set by National and the Department throughout the year.

Veterans Day Poppy Drive

We have been approved for 8-10 November for our Veterans Day Poppy Drive. We will again be at the Market Baskets located in South Nashua and Somerset Plaza on 8-9 November from 0900-1500. We will also be at the Coliseum Avenue Liquor Store on 8-10 November from 0900-1800. We will need your support to man these locations. Sign up sheets are at the post, so please come out and help us raise funds for our Post Relief Account. This account enables us to help veterans in need of assistance.



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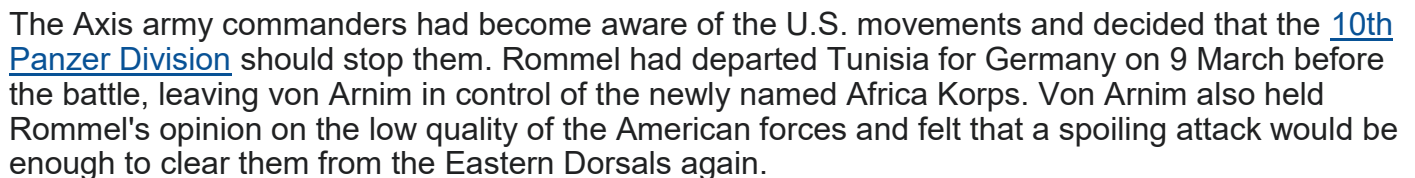
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FRANCHISE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Axis attacks



At 06:00 on 23 March, 50 tanks of Broich's 10th Panzer emerged from the pass into the [El Guet-tar](#) valley at [34°20'12"N 8°56'53"E](#). German motorised units in [halftracks](#) and motorcycle [sidecars](#) broke off from formation and charged the infantry on the top of the hill. The halftracks would move up the hill as far as they could and then the infantry they carried would dismount while covered by fire from [88mms](#). The Germans were maneuvering to hit American artillery anchored on the hill. They quickly overran front-line infantry and artillery positions. Major General [Terry de la Mesa Allen Sr.](#)—commanding the [U.S. 1st Infantry Division](#)—was threatened when two tanks came near his headquarters, but he shrugged off suggestions of moving, "I will like hell pull out, and I'll shoot the first bastard who does."^[8]

Allied attacks

[\[edit\]](#)

On 19 March, the British 8th Army launched their [attack on the Mareth Line](#), at first with little success.

Over the next week, the U.S. forces slowly moved forward to take the rest of the interior plains and set up lines across the entire Eastern Dorsals. The German and Italian defenses and reserves were heavy, and the progress was both slow and costly. On 23 March, the 10th Panzer Division attacked Lieutenant-Colonel Robert H. York's 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, and the German tanks broke through the valley between the 3rd and 1st Battalions of the 1st Division, reaching a position about six miles to the rear of the 1st Battalion.^[9] In the action, the German tanks and self-propelled guns along with German troops riding in carriers and trucks overran the 32nd Field Artillery Battalion and part of the 5th Field Artillery Battalion,^[10] and the [Italian High Command](#) reported that 40 tanks had been destroyed and 170 Allied troops had been captured in "central and southern Tunisia".^[11]

On 26 March, in *Operation Supercharge II*, a British force sent via an outflanking inland route attacked the Tebaga Gap to the north of the Mareth line, and their breakthrough left the Mareth defenses untenable. The Axis forces retreated about 40 miles to a new line set up at Wadi Akarit, north of Gabès at [33°53'3"N 10°5'33"E](#). This made the U.S. position even more valuable, since the road through El Guettar led directly into Gabès.

By 30 March the U.S. forces were in position for an offensive south from El Guettar. In order to start a breakout, the two original Italian strongpoints on Hill 369 [34°14'29"N 9°7'16"E](#) and Hill 772 [34°12'7"N 8°59'36"E](#) had to be taken, one after the other.^[12]

The U.S. plan involved the U.S. [1st](#) and [9th Infantry Divisions](#), and [Combat Command](#) 1/3 of the U.S. 1st Armored Division, collectively known as "[Benson](#) Force". This force attacked Hill 369 on the afternoon of 30 March but ran into mines and anti-tank fire, losing five tanks and a rifle company from the 2nd Battalion of Colonel Edwin H. Randle's 47th Infantry Regiment that was forced to surrender.^[13] The tanks were withdrawn, and the 1st and 9th attacked again the next day at 06:00, gaining some ground and taking several hundred prisoners. However, an Italian counter-attack drove them back from their newly gained positions, and by 12:45 they were back where they started with the loss of nine tanks and two tank destroyers. A further attempt the next day on 1 April also failed, after barely getting started. Private Emil J. Dedonato remembers that Patton drove up to the 47th Regiment's command post, unhappy that the initial attacks had failed:

Patton was in a huffy mood and stormed over to see Colonel Randle in his Jeep. It was obvious he wasn't pleased with the initial results of the night attack. I'll never forget Colonel Randle's instructions as they moved into El Guettar: "Where we're going you won't need a physic!"^[14]

At this point Patton received orders to start the attempt on Hill 772, even though Hill 369 was still under Italian control. The 9th was moved to Hill 772, leaving the 1st on Hill 369. By 3 April, the 1st had finally cleared Hill 369, but the battle on Hill 772 continued. The Italian commander—General Messe—then called in support from the [German 21st Panzer Division](#), further slowing progress. The tempo of the operations slowed, and the lines remained largely static.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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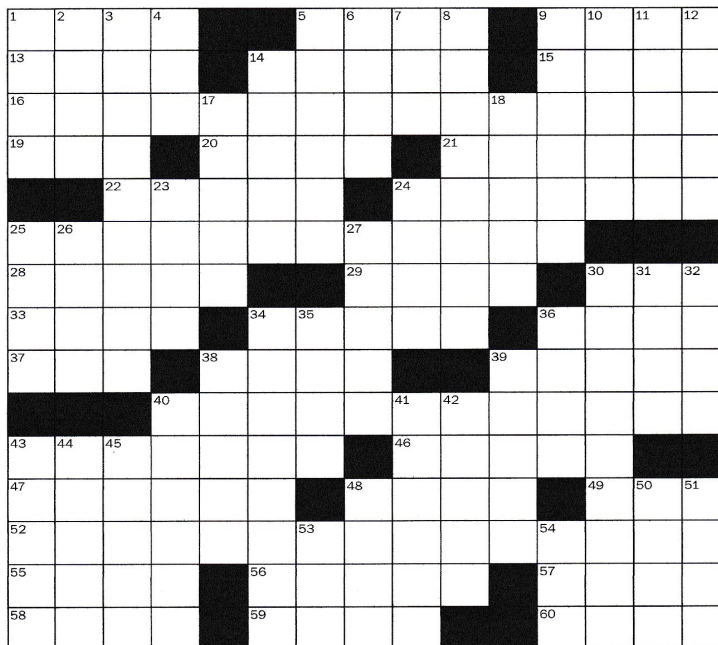
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Funnies

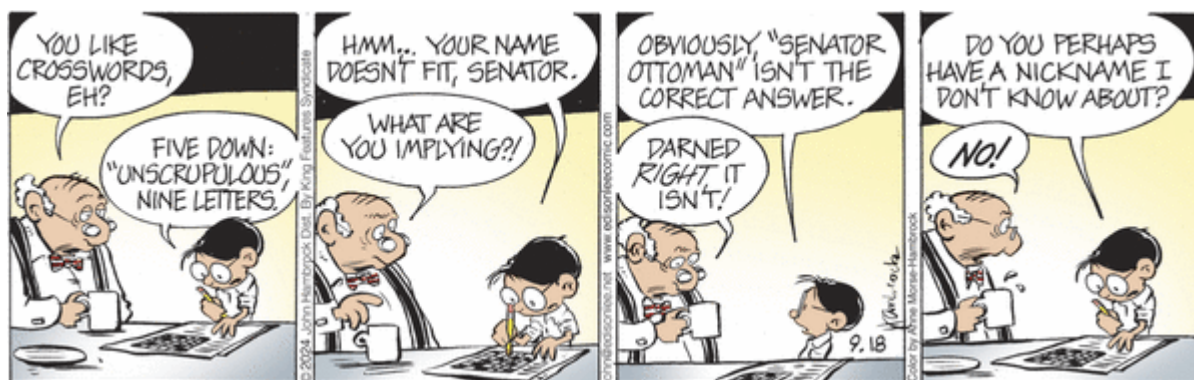
Beetle Bailey by Greg Walker, Brian Walker and Neal Walker



BC by Mastroianni and Hart



Brilliant Mind of Edison Lee by John Hambrock





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2024-2025 Commander Corrow

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Post Activities



Cootie Seam Squirrel Christina Madden presenting check to State Commander Carrow for his special project.



Petagon on 9/11/01 see photos or our 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony below



Mayor Doncess with Commander DiTullio, firefighters in background



Group picture of attendees

9/11 Ceremony Continued



Commander DiTullio giving the address.



Chaplain Townsend giving the Opening Prayer



Mayor Doncess giving his remarks.



Commander DiTullio and Fire Chief Buxton laying the wreath.



Firing detail rendering the rifle salute



Officers of the Police and Fire Departments

TACO TUESDAY

AMERICAN
LEGION
POST 3 NASHUA



4-7 pm
EVERY TUESDAY

**3 TACOS AND
A MARGARITA
\$11.00**




U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration
Manchester Healthcare System

Veterans, it's that time of the year

2024 FLU VACCINE DATES

Manchester VA Medical Center Flu Clinic Dates

Where: 718 Smyth Road, Manchester, NH 03104

- **Drive-thru Clinics** - Open in September
Wednesdays, 8 a.m. to Noon on 09/25, 10/2, 10/09, and 10/16
Building 7, Manchester VAMC
- **Walk-in Clinics** - Thursday, 09/19 from 8 a.m. to Noon
Mountain Entrance, Manchester VAMC
- **Walk-in Clinic** - Thursday, 10/17 from 8 a.m. to Noon
Mountain Entrance, Manchester VAMC
- **Weekend Clinic** - Saturday, 09/21 from 8 a.m. to Noon
Drive-thru, Building 7, Manchester VAMC

Conway, Portsmouth, Somersworth & Tilton Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs)

- **Flu Vaccine Appointment Clinics** -
Friday, 09/20 and Wednesday, 10/30 from Noon to 3 p.m.
- To schedule your designated time slot at whichever CBOC
you prefer, call (603) 624-4366, ext. 3199.

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

THEN YOU BELONG HERE

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PLEASE CONTACT: _____

AT: _____



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www.vfw.org

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

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

1 ☒ 2 ☒ 3 ☒

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: _____

1st Degree accepted Date: _____2nd Degree accepted Date: _____3rd 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)