



Monthly Newsletter

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POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

As we enter May there several things we need to keep in mind. Buddy Poppy drive is the weekend of Memorial Day and sign-ups are in the front room of the Post. Please sign up! This is our number one fundraiser besides the charitable gaming. Loyalty Day is May 3rd at 1000 hours at the Nashua Senior Center. We need volunteers to help set up and clean up before and after the ceremony. This is our big event of the year and would like as many members to attend as possible. We will be honoring several first responders, a teacher and several students as well as our very own Dick Mohrman.

There is the deep-sea fishing trip planned for May 19. Call the Post or email Lew to sign up. \$50 per person. We will also be installing new Officers at the May meeting so please attend.

. If you have any ideas about outings or trips, the Post could participate in, 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 May 2025



Comrades of Post 483,

I have been reflecting on this past year. It has been phenomenal! Thank you to all who attended Francine and my Joint Testimonial. It was an incredible event. Thank you to Jr. Vice Timm Grant for planning and coordinating a first rate event. It is appreciated.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who has supported me in my journey through the chairs culminating as your Department Commander.

It's hard to thank everyone, all the line officers, appointed officers and all the Comrades in both the VFW and the Auxiliary. Every line of effort is important. Paul, Chris, Leon, Denis, Darwin, Timm, Susan, Steve and Jorg; thank you. I appreciate your service and your mentorship of me. I am constantly learning from you all. Thank you to the District Commanders that heard the cats; Floyd, Dennis, Tom, Ike and Greg; thank you. No one can do it alone...especially in a volunteer organization. But because everyone is constantly fired up with the love of our mission; it makes it easy.

God bless you all and I love you. Yes, I do. I love you for your dedication and commitment to your communities, the State of New Hampshire and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Live Free or Die!



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



Greetings from the Chaplain's desk

Deceased members:
None

Hope everyone has a great Easter celebration and enjoys good health. Glad the weather is turning so that we may get out to enjoy the activities that we've missed. Just remember to stay safe.

Continuing to call on our veterans who are having medical challenges.

Past Commander James Brown was released from the hospital after dealing with medical issues. Past Commander Angelo Ruocco is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatment for ongoing medical issues. He is resting at home.

Post member Kenny Coyle is back home after being treated for medical issues.

Remember to keep these veterans and others who may be suffering, in your thoughts and prayers so that they may look forward to better days ahead. Kind words and actions really go a long way in the healing process.

If anyone is aware of a veteran or family member who is in distress, please advise the post so that we may reach out to them. The Post is here to serve our veterans and the community.

Yours in Comradeship
Herbert CT Townsend
Chaplain Post 483

HOUSE COMMITTEE

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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 |
|-----|------|-----|--------|------|-------|------------|---------|-----|--------|------------|-------|--------|
| 6 | 121 | 5 | 0 | 45 | 171 | 181 | 94.48% | 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

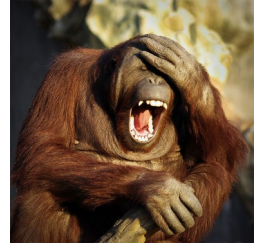
| LOCATION | POST # | % |
|---------------|--------|---------|
| NASHUA | 483 | 94.48% |
| DERRY | 1617 | 97.25% |
| HUDSON | 5791 | 105.00% |
| SALEM | 8546 | 97.39% |
| MERRIMACK | 8641 | 101.72% |
| PELHAM | 10722 | 92.80% |
| HAMPSTEAD | 11254 | 97.37% |
| HOLLIS | 11373 | 95.65% |
| TOTALS | | 98.13% |

**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

When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.

[Franklin D. Roosevelt](#)

DID YOU KNOW

The atomic symbol for iron is Fe (the original name for iron was Ferric)

MIND TWISTER

Your parents have six sons including you and each son has one sister. How many people are in the family?

VETERANS INFORMATION

VFW Joins Domestic Military Toxic Exposures Roundtable: House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Ranking Member Mark Takano (CA-39) convened a roundtable with more than a dozen veteran organizations and advocacy groups to discuss toxic exposures on and around domestic military bases. VFW National Legislative Associate Director Nancy Springer shared insights on military firefighter exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which stem from the use of aqueous film forming foam to extinguish fuel fires. She also stressed the need for Congress to carefully monitor the VA Presumption Decision Process that systematically evaluates presumptive conditions of service connection.

VFW Testimony for House Subcommittee Hearing: VFW National Legislative Associate Director Nancy Springer provided a statement for the record for a House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs hearing on VA's efforts to decrease delays in processing claims. Springer explained that not fully evaluating a claimant's record and requiring unnecessary examinations or medical reviews causes delays. VA highlighted how its improved automated tools and enhanced training programs are accelerating the

House Passes Six Veteran Bills: The House passed six bipartisan bills for veterans and their families. The VFW recently testified in support of [H.R. 1039](#), *Clear Communication for Veterans Claims Act*, that would simplify VA notice letters to make them more understandable to recipients; and [H.R. 1228](#), *Prioritizing Veterans' Survivors Act*, that would move the Office of Survivors Assistance to the Office of the Sec-







VetServe 2025: VA will join in celebrating National Volunteer Week that takes place this year from April 20–26. As part of its VetServe 2025 campaign, VA's National Day of Service on April 23 will focus on strengthening the capacity of volunteers and highlighting their positive impact. Volunteers have made tremendous contributions to our nation's service members, veterans, and their families. This day is an opportunity across all 50 states to make a difference in the lives of those who have served.



CALENDAR



May 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| | | | | 1 May Day | 2 | 3 Auxiliary Meeting 1000 Loyalty Day Ceremony 1000 |
| 4 | 5 WWII Presentation Langdon Place 1400 | 6 | 7 Cooties 1900 | 8 | 9 Veterans Coffee Talk Senior Center 0930 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 Mayor's Veteran Council 1400 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Fishing Trip 0800  | 20 | 21 | 22 BAE Flag Raising 0800 | 23 Poppy Drive Memorial Day Fairgrounds MS 0800  | 24 Poppy Drive  |
| 25 Poppy Drive  | 26 Memorial Day  | 27 Post Meeting 1900 | 28 | 29 | 30 Traditional Memorial Day  | 31 |

ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

Nine. Two parents, six sons, and one daughter.
All of them have one sister (not six sisters).



POST NEWS

BREAKING 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
1 Nov 24 1300
6 Dec 24 1300
4 Jan 25 1000
1 Feb 25 1000
1 Mar 25 1000
5 Apr 25 1000
2 May 25 1200
6 Jun 25 1200

✝
Rest In Peace



ROBERT DONAH

JAN 6, 1941– APR 1, 2025

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 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

Post Fishing Trip, 19 May, out of Hampton Beach. Departure time 0800. Arrive 45 minutes prior to departure. Cost \$50 per person. That is about 50% of the regular cost. The Post will pay the difference. See attached flyer.

NEW POST OFFICER FOR 2025-2026

Commander: Christopher DiTullio
 Sr. Vice: Clayton Proffer
 Jr. Vice: Marc Plante
 Chaplain: Herbert Townsend
 Quartermaster: Lewis Chipola
 Judge Advocate: Lewis Chipola
 Adjutant: Lewis Chipola
 One Year Trustee: Don Vincent
 Two Year Trustee: Steve Ordway
 Three Year Trustee: Kevin McKeating

Loyalty Day Ceremony will be held at the Nashua Senior Center, 70 Temple St., Nashua, at 1000 on 3 May 2025. All members are invited to attend. Members should arrive at 0800 for room setup. The Governor will be attending this year's ceremony to present a special Proclamation. Come out and support our First Responders receiving awards and our Students who won either the Voice of Democracy or Patriot Penn essay contests. The ROTC Student of the Year and Teacher of the Year will be receiving awards.



QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



We are in need of doing a fundraiser. We cannot depend just on the Charitable Gaming. In order for us to do what our mission is we need to fund the operation. In the past we have had little support from the members for our fundraisers. Whatever the fundraiser is, it's the duty of the organizations members to work to support the fundraiser. Normally that means selling tickets for raffles or other events. We cannot depend on a handful of our members to do all the work. It's not too much to ask for the members who physically can support the fundraiser to do so. The same goes for the parades and other Post ceremonies.

I am not sure many of you understand how the State Awards are done. Everything is based on Membership. The State sets dates for goals to be met. If the post does not make the goal, we are not eligible for any membership awards or being All State or All American. That is why we ask our annual members to renew their memberships early. Especially those expiring in April, May or June. By renewing early you help the post meet the goals set. It will not effect your expiration date. It is the same as if you renewed on your expiration date. We get very little support from the members in recruiting. Members are the most important recruiting tool we have. Everyone knows someone who is eligible to join the VFW. Help us grow and reach our goals.

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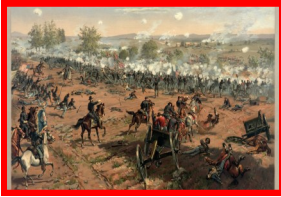
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BATTLE OF THE MONTH



Battle of the Wilderness

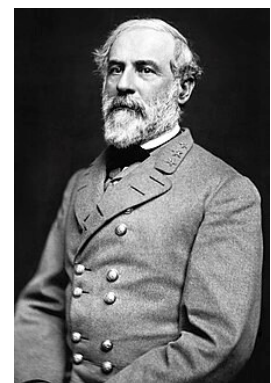
The **Battle of the Wilderness** was fought on May 5–7, 1864, during the [American Civil War](#). It was the first battle of [Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant's](#) 1864 Virginia [Overland Campaign](#) against [General Robert E. Lee](#) and the [Confederate Army of Northern Virginia](#). The fighting occurred in a wooded area near [Locust Grove, Virginia](#), about 20 miles (32 km) west of [Fredericksburg](#). Both armies suffered heavy casualties, nearly 29,000 in total, a harbinger of a [war of attrition](#) by Grant against Lee's army and, eventually, against the Confederate capital, [Richmond, Virginia](#). The battle was [tactically](#) inconclusive, as Grant disengaged and then continued his offensive.

Grant attempted to move quickly through the dense underbrush of the [Wilderness of Spotsylvania](#), but Lee launched two of his [corps](#) on parallel roads to intercept him. On the morning of May 5, the [Union V Corps](#) under [Major General Gouverneur K. Warren](#) attacked the Confederate [Second Corps](#), commanded by [Lieutenant General Richard S. Ewell](#), on the Orange Turnpike. That afternoon the [Third Corps](#), commanded by Lieutenant General [A. P. Hill](#), encountered [Brigadier General George W. Getty's division](#) ([VI Corps](#)) and Major General [Winfield S. Hancock's](#) Union [II Corps](#) on the Orange Plank Road. Fighting, which ended for the evening because of darkness, was fierce but inconclusive as both sides attempted to maneuver in the dense woods.

At dawn on May 6, Hancock attacked along the Plank Road, driving Hill's corps back in confusion, but the [First Corps](#) of Lieutenant General [James Longstreet](#) arrived in time to prevent the collapse of the Confederate right flank. Longstreet followed up with a surprise flanking attack from an unfinished railroad bed that drove Hancock's men back, but the momentum was lost when Longstreet was [wounded by his own men](#). An evening attack by [Brigadier General John B. Gordon](#) against the Union right flank caused consternation at the Union headquarters, but the lines stabilized and fighting ceased. On May 7, Grant disengaged and moved to the southeast, intending to leave the Wilderness to interpose his army between Lee and Richmond, leading to the [Battle of Todd's Tavern](#) and [Battle of Spotsylvania Court House](#).



Ulysses S. Grant



Robert Edward Lee



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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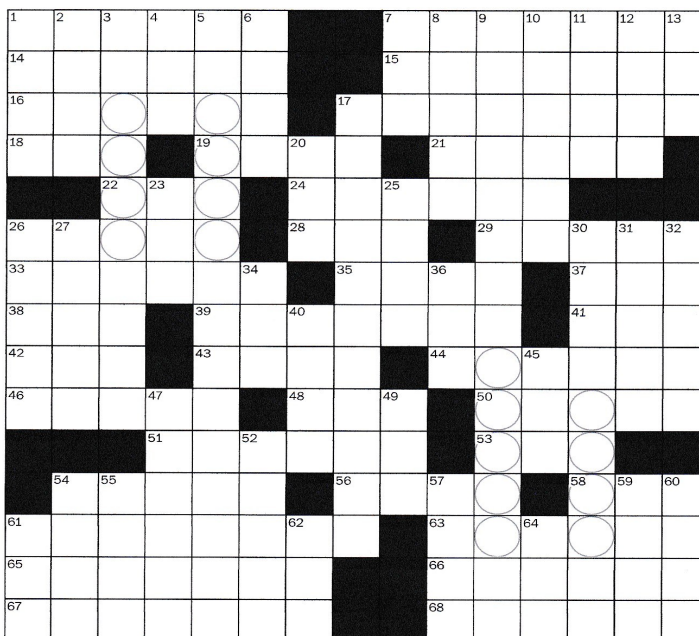
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Funnies

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



Blondie *by Dean Young*





Flyers and posters for your posts events are posted in this section of the newsletter. If you want to advertise your events, please send your flyer or poster via email to the editor to have it posted in this newsletter.

VFW Post 483 Fishing Trip

Date: 19 May 2025

Time: 0800

Location: Al Gauron Deep Sea
Fishing & Whale Watching
1 Ocean Blvd. Hampton Beach,
NH

Cost: \$50 per person



9 Hour Trip

Fish are filleted on the boat.
Bring something to keep fish
cool.

Food is available on the boat
at a nominal cost or bring your
own lunch.



Email

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*Hosted by the
Carroll County
Veterans Coalition*

MILITARY FAMILY FAIR!

JUNE 14, 2025

**SCHOULER PARK,
NORTH CONWAY, NH**

1000 - 1400 HRS

Free & open to the public!

**Join us to have fun and explore services for
military families in NH!**

Any civilian or military
community partner that
would like to have a table at
our event, please register at:



<https://forms.gle/yoP3Z3mIfjSOAig49>

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Free Training



TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

FOR THE MILITARY-CONNECTED INDIVIDUAL

Join us for a **FREE** presentation on trauma-informed care. This presentation is appropriate for all audiences, with a small focus on military culture.

Day: Thursday, May 22, 2025

Time: 1300 - 1500 hrs

**Location: Wright Museum
of World War II**

77 Center Street

Wolfeboro, NH 03894

Presented by:

Peter Costa, LICSW

Director of Training and Education,
The Mental Health Center of
Greater Manchester

Tracie Parker, LICSW

Psychotherapist and Military Liaison,
North End Counseling and
The Mental Health Center of
Greater Manchester

Objectives:

- Describe trauma as described by the DSM5-TR
- Describe the symptoms and biological changes that result from experiencing a traumatic event
- Describe the six SAMHSA elements of a trauma-informed service delivery system
- Identify the challenges unique to military-involved individuals for trauma-informed service delivery
- Describe moral injury as a separate but confounding variable in trauma for military-involved individuals

Register now!



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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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AT: _____



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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

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)