



## Monthly Newsletter

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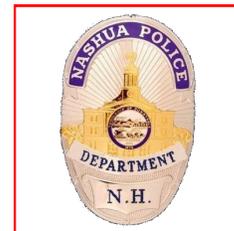
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## POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

Welcome to March! One month close to spring!! Not much to say this month other than we are so close to reaching 100% membership, let's continue pushing through and reach that goal of 101%!!

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

**No Article Submitted**

## 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



**NATIONAL OFFICERS**



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.**



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Greetings from the Chaplain's Desk

Deceased Members:

None

Hope this report finds everyone doing well and coping with the harsh winter weather, we've been having. You can say it's New England, but it's been a tough season all over the country.

Hopefully we all have the inner strength to cope with various issues that are beyond our control that affects us. Everyday life presents challenge us. Our Faith provides us the strength and fortitude to survive life's obstacles. When we keep ourselves strong, we are then able to reach out and help others.

Continue to reach out to our fellow veterans and neighbors for any assistance they may need and advise the Post, so that we may reach out as well. Wishing everyone good health and better weather ahead.

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, 24 August 2025, Hudson VFW Post 5791

Sunday, 19 October 2025, Pelham VFW Post 10722

Sunday, 25 January 2026, Merrimack VFW Post 8641

Sunday, 19 April 2026, Derry Post 1617 (Encampment)



# MEMBERSHIP



## CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

Dst	Life	New	Reinst	Cont	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	R S	City	State	N/R LM
6	123	4	1	35	164	170	96.47%	3		NASH UA	NH	1

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	96.47%
DERRY	1617	84.10%
HUDSON	5791	95.83%
SALEM	8546	81.82%
MERRIMACK	8641	99.42%
PELHAM	10722	86.07%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	97.14%
HOLLIS	11373	93.18%
<b>TOTALS</b>		91.54%

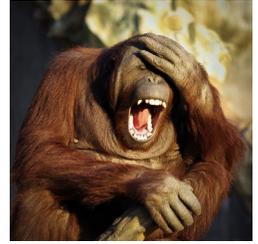
### MEETING REMINDER

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

New membership year—"Let's Recruit"!!!!!!



## FUN PAGE



## JOKE OF THE MONTH

A man walks in the bar and asks the bartender for a whiskey 20 years old. The bartender serves him and he spits it out. This is only 15 years old. I'm not paying for this. Give me a cognac twelve years old or better. He gets served and spits it out. This is only 5 years old. I'm not paying for this. The bartender gives him a drink and says "this one is one the house". The man gets served and spits it out. This taste like piss". The bartender says, "guess how old I a

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.

Sun Tzu

## DID YOU KNOW

The cheetah is the only cat that can't retract it's claws

## MIND TWISTER

What is black when you get it, red when you use it, and white when you are all through with it?

## VETERANS INFORMATION

**VFW Issues Statement Demanding VA Rescind Disability Rule Change:** *The VFW released a statement demanding the VA rescind its recent rule change on how disability ratings will now be determined. Published in the Federal Register without public comment, the rule directs VA claims examiners to consider medication-induced improvements when they rate veterans' disabilities for new claims, claims for increase and routine future exams received from Feb. 17, 2026, forward. "Disabled veterans should never be forced to choose between following their doctor's orders and protecting their earned benefits. This interim rule puts that stability at risk, and it must be withdrawn," said VFW National Commander Carol Whitmore. Additionally, the VFW called on VA to restore the prior evaluation standard pending full regulatory review; and engage Congress and stakeholders in a transparent process that respects judicial precedent and protects veterans' earned benefits.*

**VA Issues, Then Halts Rule Change for Rating Disabilities:** *The VA issued, then halted an interim final rule amending its disability rating policies to clarify that disability evaluations will consider the effects of medication and treatment when determining a veteran's level of impairment. Under [this policy](#), examiners would assess conditions based on how a veteran functions after taking prescribed medication, which could result in lower disability ratings compared to evaluations conducted without considering treatment effects. After an overwhelmingly negative response from the veteran community, VA Secretary Doug Collins announced [on social media](#) that the VA is halting enforcement of the interim final rule, effective immediately. While the VFW still opposes the rule, it accepts Secretary Collins' efforts to alleviate concerns in the statement. The VFW encourages all Action Corps subscribers to submit comments to the Federal Register, calling on the VA to rescind this rule change.*

**VA Ends Fiduciary-Based Reporting:** In a move to protect veterans' Second Amendment rights, VA stopped reporting veterans as "prohibited persons" to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) solely because they participate in VA's Fiduciary Program for benefits management assistance. This practice, which VFW had advocated against multiple times, stripped veterans of their constitutional rights without a judicial or quasi-judicial finding that they posed a danger to themselves or others, contrary to the Gun Control Act and the Second Amendment. In consultation with the FBI, VA also seeks to remove all prior fiduciary-based reports



# CALENDAR



## March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Ohio enters Union 1803  Nebraska enters Union 1867	2	3	4 Cooties Hudson 1900  Vermont enters Union 1781	5 Boston Massacre 1770	6 Alamo fell 1836	7
8	9 Mayor's Veteran Council 1400	10 Auxiliary Meeting 1830 Salvation Army Founded 1880	11	12	13 Coffee Talk 0930	14
15 Ides of March	16 My Lai Massacre 1968	17	18	19 US Attacks Iraq	20 First Day of Spring	21
22	23 Langdon Place 1330  Maine enters Union 1820	24 Post Meeting 1900	25	26 Iwo Jima Secured	27 Florida enters Union 1845	28
29	30	31				

### ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

Charcoal



# POST NEWS



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VFW POST 483 Nashua**



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- Auxiliary Meeting Dates**
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  - 14 Apr 26 1830
  - 12 May 26 1830
  - 9 Jun 26 1830

Post Face Book Members Page is:  
[Facebook.com/groups/347453702130513](https://www.facebook.com/groups/347453702130513)

Post web page is:  
[Vfw483.org](http://Vfw483.org)

Post Face Book Public page is:  
[Facebook.com/vfwpost483](https://www.facebook.com/vfwpost483)

If you are not able to attend a Post meeting you can join us virtually on Webex. We send out the link about a week prior to the meeting date. All you have to do is click the link and insert the ID and password provide in the email. You can join the meeting either on the computer or your cell phone.

## 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



### VETERANS COFFEE TALK

We host the Veterans Coffee Talk on the second Friday of each month at the Nashua Senior Center at 0930. All veterans are invited to attend. We tell our stories ask questions and have a good time. We often have a representative from the VA there to answer any question you may have and provide assistance to you. Come out and join us at the Veterans Coffee Talk.



It's time our members start to accept their responsibilities as VFW members. It's every members job to help recruit new members for our post. You can't leave it to just a couple of members to do all the work. Help us out and recruit some new members who will participate in our activities.

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## BATTLE OF THE MONTH



# Battle of Iwo Jima

The **Battle of Iwo Jima** (硫黄島の戦い, *Iōtō no Tatakai*,<sup>[9][10]</sup> *Iōjima no Tatakai*<sup>[11]</sup>; 19 February – 26 March 1945) was a major battle in which the [United States Marine Corps](#) (USMC) and [United States Navy](#) (USN) landed on and eventually captured the island of [Iwo Jima](#) from the [Imperial Japanese Army](#) (IJA) during [World War II](#). The American invasion, designated **Operation Detachment**, had the goal of capturing the island with its two airfields: [South Field](#) and [Central Field](#).

The Japanese Army positions on the island were heavily fortified, with a dense network of bunkers, hidden artillery positions, and 18 km (11 mi) of tunnels.<sup>[6]</sup> American ground forces were supported by extensive [naval artillery](#), and enjoyed complete [air supremacy](#) provided by US Navy and Marine Corps aviators throughout.<sup>[13]</sup> The five-week battle saw some of the fiercest and bloodiest fighting of the [Pacific War](#).

Unique among Pacific War battles involving amphibious island landings, total American casualties exceeded those of the Japanese, with a ratio of three American casualties for every two Japanese.<sup>[14]</sup> Of the 21,000 Japanese soldiers on Iwo Jima at the beginning of the battle, only 216 were taken prisoner, some only captured because they had been knocked unconscious or otherwise disabled.<sup>[d]</sup> Most Japanese were killed in action, but it has been estimated that as many as 3,000 continued to resist within various cave systems on the island after most major fighting ended, until they eventually succumbed to their injuries or surrendered weeks later.<sup>[4][8]</sup>

The invasion of Iwo Jima was controversial, with retired Chief of Naval Operations [William V. Pratt](#) stating that the island was useless to the Army as a staging base and useless to the Navy as a fleet base.<sup>[15]</sup> The island's airfield did support [P-51 Mustang](#) long-range escort fighters to protect [B-29 Superfortress](#) bombers en route to Japan<sup>[16]</sup>, and also for emergency landings of B-29s, although these were of limited value late in the war.<sup>[17]</sup> The Japanese continued to maintain early-warning radar capabilities on the island of [Rota](#), which was never invaded by American forces.<sup>[18]</sup> Experiences with previous Pacific island battles suggested that the island would be well-defended and that seizing it would result in significant casualties. Lessons learned on Iwo Jima served as guidelines for American forces in the [Battle of Okinawa](#) two months later and the [planned invasion of the Japanese homeland](#).

[Joe Rosenthal's Associated Press](#) photograph of the [raising of the U.S. flag](#) at the summit of the 169 m (554 ft) [Mount Suribachi](#) by six Marines became a famous image of the battle and the American war in the Pacific.<sup>[19]</sup>





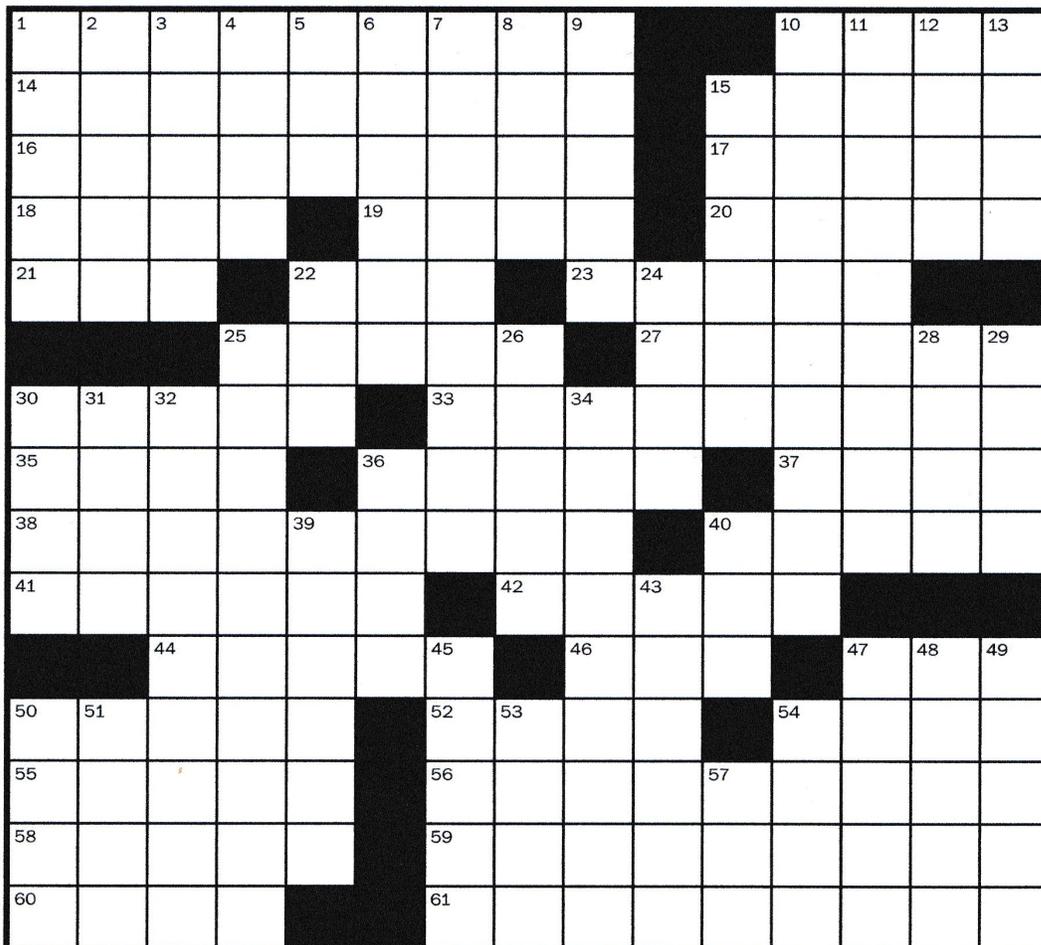
# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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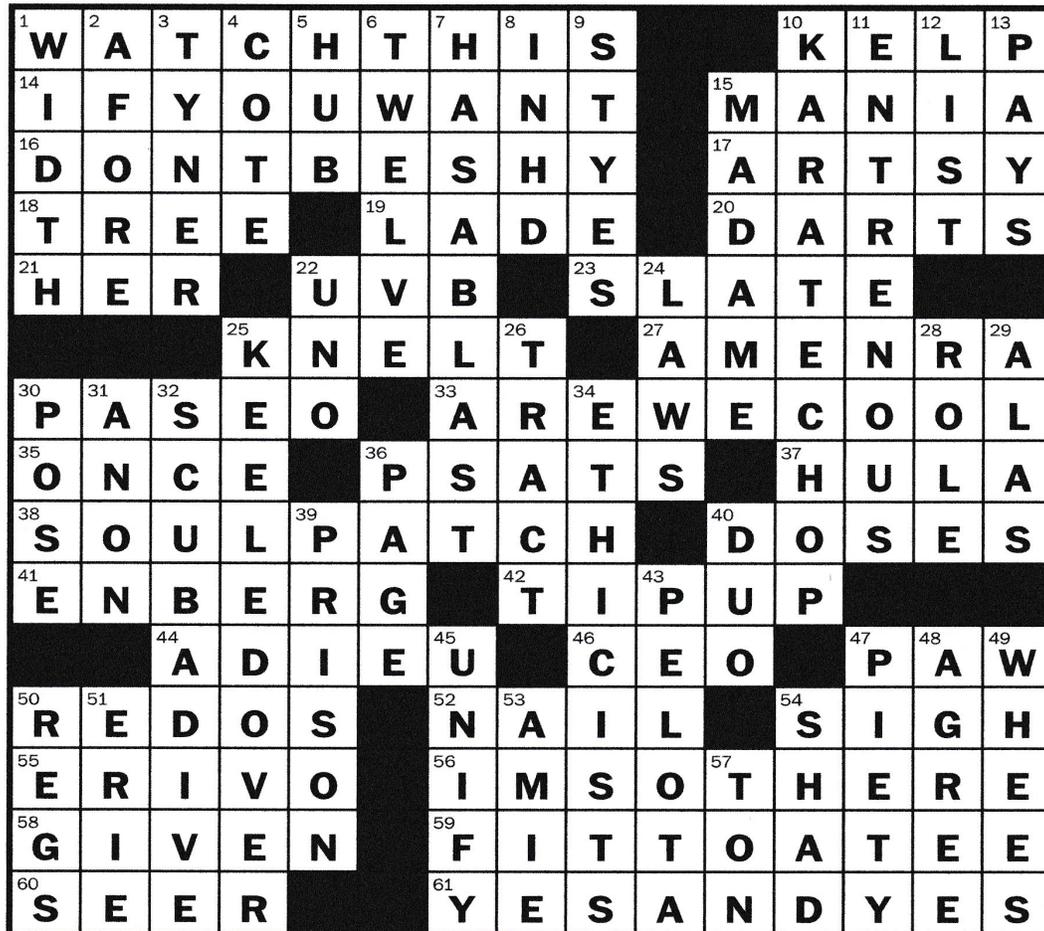


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# Funnies

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



Blondie *by Dean Young*



Peanuts *by Charles M. Schulz*





**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.**



## Free Skiing/Riding Day for Veterans!

The Lakes Region Veterans Coalition and Gunstock Mountain Resort are partnering to offer free skiing/riding for Veterans at Gunstock on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This is offered at no cost to any participating Veterans!



The event includes lift passes, free equipment rental if needed and skiing or snowboarding instruction for veterans who have never skied or ridden before or need a refresher. It also includes a free lunch at the Barrel Bar & Grille at Gunstock.



The event will start with lunch at 11:30AM followed by skiing or riding in groups based on ability level. However, Veterans can arrive as early as 9AM to ski/ride on their own or with other Veterans until lunch.

Again, this event is free for participating Veterans! Spaces are limited and will be given out on a first come, first served basis but priority will go to Veterans who have not participated in this event in the past.

If you are interested in attending, please send an email to [info@lrvcnh.org](mailto:info@lrvcnh.org) no later than Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, particularly if you need equipment, as this will make the process of getting the equipment on March 9<sup>th</sup> much quicker and easier.

## SF-180 REQUEST FOR MILITARY RECORDS

Standard Form 180 (REV. 3/2024) (Page 1)  
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### REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

Requests can be submitted online using eVetRecs at <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>

To ensure the best possible service, please thoroughly review the accompanying instructions before filling out this form. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE BELOW.

#### SECTION I - INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much information as possible.)

1. NAME USED DURING SERVICE (last, first, full middle)	2. SOCIAL SECURITY #	3. DATE OF BIRTH	4. PLACE OF BIRTH
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5. SERVICE, PAST AND PRESENT (For an effective records search, it is important that ALL service be shown below.)

COMPONENT	BRANCH OF SERVICE	DATE ENTERED	DATE RELEASED	OFFICER	ENLISTED	SERVICE #	DOD ID / EDIPI #
						(If unknown, write "unknown")	
a. ACTIVE				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b. RESERVE				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
c. NATIONAL GUARD				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

6. PLEASE LIST LAST DUTY STATION(S)

7. IS THIS PERSON DECEASED?  NO  YES - MUST provide date of death if veteran is deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

8. DID THIS PERSON RETIRE FROM MILITARY SERVICE?  NO  YES

9. HAS THIS PERSON FILED A CLAIM WITH THE VA?  NO  YES - if known, please provide VA Claim/File # \_\_\_\_\_

#### SECTION II - INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED

1. CHECK THE ITEM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING:

- DD Form 214 or equivalent:** Year(s) in which form(s) issued to veteran (Date of Separation): \_\_\_\_\_  
 This form contains information used to verify military service. An UNDELETED DD Form 214 is ordinarily required to determine eligibility for benefits. If you request a DELETED copy, the following items will be blacked out: authority for separation, reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and, for separations after June 30, 1979, character of separation and dates of time lost. Please note - recent veterans may be able to request a DD Form 214 through mailConnect by visiting: <https://www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records>  
 An UNDELETED copy will be sent UNLESS YOU SPECIFY A DELETED COPY by checking this box:  I want a DELETED copy.
- Official Military Personnel File (OMPF):** The OMPF may include duty stations and assignments, training and qualifications, awards and decorations received, disciplinary actions, administrative remarks, enlistment and/or discharge information (including DD Form 214, Report of Separation, or equivalent), and other personnel actions. Detailed information about the veteran's participation in battles and their military engagements is NOT contained in the record.
- Medical Records:** Includes health (outpatient), extended ambulatory, and dental records. If inpatient/hospitalization records are requested, please specify below.  
 I request inpatient/hospitalization records from \_\_\_\_\_ (facility), last treated in \_\_\_\_\_ (year). (NOTE: Fields are required)  
 If available, you may receive copies of inpatient narrative summaries, operative reports, discharge summaries, etc. contained in the record.
- Dental Records:** Please check this box if ONLY dental records are needed from the medical record.
- Other (Please Specify):** \_\_\_\_\_

2. PURPOSE: (Required unless the request is from the veteran, government agencies under routine use, or for information releasable under FOIA. In all cases, it may help to provide the best possible response and ensure a faster reply.)

- Benefits (explain)  Employment  VA Loan Programs  Medical  Genealogy  Correction  Personal  Other (explain)

Explain here: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SECTION III - RETURN ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE

1. REQUESTER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

2. RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN: \_\_\_\_\_

3.  I am the MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER OR VETERAN identified in Section 1, above.  
 I am the DECEASED VETERAN'S NEXT-OF-KIN (MUST submit Proof of Death. See item 2a on instruction sheet.)

- I am the VETERAN'S LEGAL GUARDIAN (MUST submit copy of Court Appointment) or AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (MUST submit copy of Authorization Letter or Power of Attorney)  
 OTHER (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

4. SEND INFORMATION/DOCUMENTS TO:  
 (Please print or type. See item 4 on accompanying instructions.)

5. AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE: I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the information in this Section 3 is true and correct and that I authorize the release of the requested information. (See Items 2a or 3a on the accompanying instructions sheet. Without the Authorization Signature of the veteran, next-of-kin of deceased veteran, veteran's legal guardian, authorized government agent, or other authorized representative, only limited information can be released unless the request is archival. No signature is required if the request is for archival records.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Required - Do not print \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* This form is available at <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html> on the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) website. \*

# IF YOU'VE EARNED THESE



# THEN YOU BELONG HERE

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

**PLEASE CONTACT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 MALE  
FEMALE

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 _____ <small>(Please print)</small>	ID# _____
QUARTERMASTER (Signature) _____	

<i>Life Member Options</i>		
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 debit 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.

_____ Committee Member	_____ Committee Member	_____ Committee Member
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Applicants Signature & Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

## VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

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

**THESE FIELDS REQUIRED**

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

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

**THESE FIELDS REQUIRED**

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

**Investigating Committee Signatures**

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 withdraw)  
 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.)

