



Monthly Newsletter

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POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



Comrades,

Welcome to December. This year flew by and it's hard to believe 2025 will be in the past in a few weeks. As always please continue to recruit new members. I want to thank those who went out and assisted with our Buddy Poppy Drive over Veteran's Day weekend. We would not have been able to raise as much money as we did without your help so **THANK YOU!**

Reminder that Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is December 7th and 0900 hours. The mayor assured as that Bicentennial Park on Main Street just south of the Main Street Bridge should be open and available for the ceremony. If not, the backup plan will be like last year, in the rear of Technology Park.

I hope everyone has a safe, healthy and wonderful Christmas and New Year! Let's bring on 2026!!

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 or send your payment to the post by check or pay in person with cash.



RENEW EARLY



Christmas Thoughts

Jingle
All the
WAY



☐ NAUGHTY
☐ NICE
☒ I CAN
EXPLAIN



HAVE
A Holly
Jolly
Christmas
THIS YEAR!



THE JOY OF
Christmas
IS FAMILY

the
MAGIC OF
Christmas
NEVER ENDS
it's greatest
GIFTS ARE
family & friends

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Greetings from the Chaplain's desk

Deceased Members:

None

Hope this report finds everyone doing well and hopefully recovered from their Thanksgiving feast. Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday gathering with family and friends.

With the holiday season upon us I would ask that we remember those who are less fortunate and that we keep them in mind and in our hearts and prayers.

There are many agencies that support those in need, and I would ask that we remember to contribute where we can as well.

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

On behalf of the Post, I would like to wish everyone a safe, blessed, and enjoyable Holiday Season. Look out for your neighbors and stay safe.

Yours in Comradeship
Herbert CT Townsend
Chaplain Post 483

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman: Herbert "C.T." Townsend

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DISTRICT 6 & C of A MEETING SCHEDULE

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

17 Aug. 24: Winchester

19 Oct. 24: Franklin

18 Jan 25: TBD

12 Apr. 25: TBD

6-8 Jun 25: State Convention Shelburne

District Meeting in Blue

Sunday, 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	3	1	29	156	170	91.76%	3		NASH UA	NH	0

2025-2026 GOAL 101%

RENEW EARLY (IT DOES NOT AFFECT YOUR EXPIRATION DATE)

(Just moves it our one year)

DISTRICT 6 MEMBERSHIP

LOCATION	POST #	%
NASHUA	483	91.76%
DERRY	1617	73.33%
HUDSON	5791	91.67%
SALEM	8546	77.27%
MERRIMACK	8641	92.49%
PELHAM	10722	84.43%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	91.43%
HOLLIS	11373	88.64%
TOTALS		85.74%

Post meetings
are at 1900 on
the 4th Tuesday
of each month.
Schedule is to
the right. ➡

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"!!!!!!



Right click on the picture; then click open hyperlink; click the hyperlink.

Meeting number (access code): 126 096 8690

Meeting password: PApJ3jWMj47 (72753596 from phones)



FUN PAGE

JOKE OF THE MONTH



**How much did
Santa pay for his
sleigh?**

**Nothing. It was on
the house.**



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.

Burton Hills

Your Lingo

DID YOU KNOW

DID YOU KNOW?

If you received all the gifts from the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" you would have 364 presents.



MIND TWISTER

**What is so fragile
that it breaks when
Santa says it?**



VETERANS INFORMATION

VFW Meets with VA Secretary: *VFW National Commander Carol Whitmore and VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci met with VA Secretary Doug Collins during a visit to VA headquarters in Washington, D.C. Many topics were discussed during the meeting, including the government shutdown's impact on VA services, the progress on the VA claims backlog and the recent reporting by The Washington Post on VA benefits. Secretary Collins reassured the VFW that VA will always place veterans first.*

VFW Participates in Veterans Day Events: *VFW National Commander Carol Whitmore, VFW Auxiliary National President Lois Callahan and VFW Washington Office staff took part in Veterans Day ceremonies in and around the Washington, D.C., area at Arlington National Cemetery, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Korean War Memorial. As part of the ceremonies, delegations presented wreaths honoring veterans past and present.*

VFW National Commander Visits Pax River Test Center: *VFW National Commander Carol Whitmore and VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci visited the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division at Patuxent River, Maryland, to learn more about ongoing Navy flight test operations. During the visit, Whitmore toured the Atlantic Test Range Headquarters and experienced an MV-22B Osprey aircraft in the center's advanced flight simulator, gaining insight into the training and evaluation processes that support naval aviation readiness.*

After a record 43-day federal shutdown, the government has reopened and restored funding to critical programs supporting service members, veterans and their families. Military pay and benefits will continue uninterrupted, with separation and permanent changes of station delays now being resolved as personnel offices reopen. VA health care, disability compensation and GI Bill benefits, which were largely protected during the shutdown, are now fully funded for the year, ensuring stability for millions of veterans. Federal civilian spouses of service members will receive back pay as agencies restart operations. Programs vital to military families, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Small Business Administration veteran business loans, are quickly resuming. The coming days will focus on restoring services, clearing backlogs and returning federal support networks to full strength.

VFW Speaks Out on Hemp Ban: *In an open letter to the leaders of the House and Senate, VFW National Commander Carol Whitmore and Adjutant General Dan West urged bipartisan support for responsible, scientifically grounded research into hemp cannabinoid-based alternative treatments for veterans suffering from conditions like post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and chronic pain. The VFW has a resolution supporting research into alternative medical treatments for veterans whose symptoms have gone unresolved by traditional medications, which have left some veterans physically, mentally and emotionally worse off.*












CALENDAR



December 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Cootie Meeting 1900 	4	5	6
7 Pearl Harbor Day 0900 	8	9 Auxiliary Meeting 1830 	10	11	12 Veterans Coffee Talk 0930 	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Post Meeting 1900 	24 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day 	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve 	New Years Day 2026 		



ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

Silence



POST NEWS

**BREAKING
NEWS**



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Auxiliary Meeting Dates

8 Jul 25 1830
12 Aug 25 1830
9 Sep 25 1830
8 Oct 25 1830
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Pearl Harbor Day will be 7 December 2026, at 0900 at the Main Street Bridge. We encourage all members to come out for this ceremony to honor those who gave their lives at Pearl Harbor on the horrific day. Coffee



**View the Post website at
Vfw483.org**

**See pictures of Birch Hill School's
Veterans Day Ceremony on page 20.**

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



Voice of Democracy, Patriot Pen & Teacher Winners

Voice of Democracy: Adele Debowski, Home Schooled

Patriot Pen: Ben Nguyen, Fairgrounds Middle School

Teacher: Kathy Leavitt, Fairgrounds Middle School



QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



For all annual members, check your membership cards for your expiration date. Please renew your membership as early as possible. Do not wait until just before your expiration date. It doesn't matter how early you renew for another year. All it does is extend your current expiration date out one year. It helps the Post meet its membership goals. National sets dates that posts should have a certain percentage of membership. So please renew early.

We are in need of new members. It is the responsibility of all members to recruit. If you know someone who is eligible, talk to them and try to get them to join. If you see someone while you are out in the community that may be a veteran talk to them. See if they are qualified, and if they are try to recruit them. Do not leave recruiting up to one or two individuals. We are all recruiters.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
to all our members and their families*

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BATTLE OF THE MONTH



Battle of the Bulge

The **Battle of the Bulge**, also known as the **Ardennes Offensive** or **Unternehmen Wacht am Rhein**, was the last major German [offensive campaign](#) on the [Western Front](#) during the [Second World War](#), taking place from 16 December 1944 to 25 January 1945.^[18] It was launched through the densely forested [Ardennes](#) region of eastern [Belgium](#) and northern [Luxembourg](#). The offensive was intended to stop Allied use of the Belgian [port of Antwerp](#) and to split the Allied lines, allowing the Germans to [encircle](#) and destroy each of the four Allied armies and force the western Allies to negotiate a [peace treaty](#) in the [Axis powers'](#) favor.

The Germans achieved a total surprise attack on the morning of 16 December 1944, due to a combination of Allied overconfidence based on the favorable defensive terrain and faulty intelligence about Wehrmacht intentions, poor [aerial reconnaissance](#) due to bad weather, and a preoccupation with Allied offensive plans elsewhere. American forces were using this region primarily as a rest area for the U.S. First Army, and the lines were thinly held by fatigued troops and inexperienced replacement units. The Germans also took advantage of heavily overcast weather conditions that grounded the Allies' superior air forces for an extended period. American resistance on the northern shoulder of the offensive, around [Elsenborn Ridge](#), and in the south, around [Bastogne](#), blocked German access to key roads to the northwest and west which they had counted on for success. This congestion and terrain that favored the defenders threw the German advance behind schedule and allowed the Allies to reinforce the thinly placed troops. The farthest west the offensive reached was the village of Foy-Notre-Dame, south east of [Dinant](#), being stopped by the [U.S. 2nd Armored Division](#) on 24 December 1944.^[19] Improved weather conditions from around 24 December permitted air attacks on German forces and [supply lines](#). On 26 December the lead element of [General George S. Patton's](#) U.S. Third Army reached Bastogne from the south ending the siege. Although the offensive was effectively broken by 27 December, when the trapped units of 2nd Panzer Division made two break-out attempts with only partial success, the battle continued for another month before the front line was effectively restored to its position prior to the attack.

The Germans committed over 410,000 men, just over 1,400 tanks and [armored fighting vehicles](#), 2,600 artillery pieces, and over 1,000 combat aircraft.^[20] Between 63,000 and 104,000 of these men were [killed](#), [missing](#), [wounded in action](#), or [captured](#). The battle severely depleted Germany's armored forces, which remained largely unreplaced throughout the remainder of the war. German [Luftwaffe](#) personnel, and later also Luftwaffe aircraft (in the [concluding stages of the engagement](#)) also sustained heavy losses. In the wake of the defeat, many experienced German units were effectively out of men and equipment, and the survivors retreated to the [Siegfried Line](#).

Allied forces eventually came to more than 700,000 men; from these there were from 77,000 to more than 83,000 casualties, including at least 8,600 killed.^[21] The "Bulge" was the largest and bloodiest single battle fought by the United States in World War II.^{[22][23][24]} It was one of the most important battles of the war, as it marked the last major offensive attempted by the Axis powers on the Western front. After this defeat, [Nazi forces](#) could only retreat for the remainder of the war.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

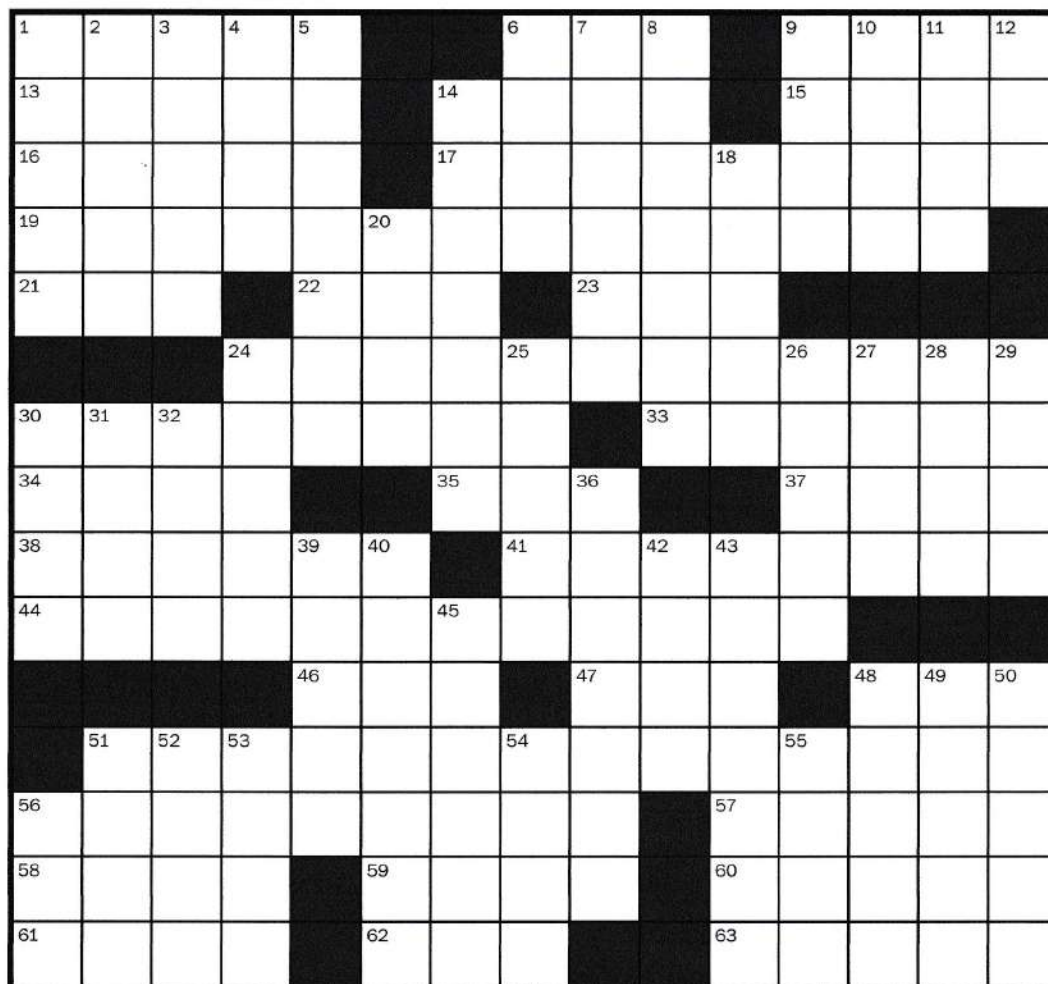


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Funnies

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.

Birch Hill School Veterans Day Ceremony



Children at Birch Hill School Veterans Day Ceremony



Post members Frank Wallend, Dick Mohrmann and Steve Ordway



Other veterans at the ceremony



Students singing for the veterans



Charles Baley, Chris DiTullio & Marc Plante in our tent at Holiday Stroll.



Birch Hill Veterans Day Service Friday, November 7th, 2025

9:00-9:30 a.m. - Refreshments in the Cafeteria
9:30 a.m. - Students will be called down by grade

Welcome - Alisha Hansen-Proulx, Principal
American Legion/VFW - Presentation of Flags
Pledge of Allegiance - Birch Hill Student Council
Introductions - Alisha Hansen-Proulx

Kindergarten and 1st Grade - Sing "11 11 March"
Speaker - Staff Sergeant Jared Bein
4th and 5th Grade - Sing "We are a Grateful Nation"

Staff Sergeant Jared Bein/Students of Birch Hill - Flag Retirement Ceremony

Dick Peterson - Meaning Behind the 13 Folds (Read while folding flag in cafeteria)

Presentation of Flag to a Veteran - Alisha Hansen-Proulx

Bill Mansfield - History of Poppies

2nd and 3rd Grade - Sing "Thankful for the USA"

Mark Lucas - In Flanders Fields Poem

Closing/Thank you - Sarah Caouette

Thank-A-Veteran - Main Hallway (Veterans line up in the Main Hallway before dismissal of students)

Program for the Veterans Day Ceremony at Birch Hill School



Invitation to the veteran organizations

Manchester VA Director Kevin Foster presenting the VA's Centenarian Award to 100-year-old post member Richard "Dick" Mohrmann



VA Manchester Director reading VA Centenarian Award to 100-year-old Dick Mohrmann at November Post meeting.



Presenting the framed copy of the letter to Dick Mohrmann.



Presenting VA Director Doug Collins challenge coin to Dick Mohrmann.



Presenting Manchester's challenge coin to Dick Mohrmann.

VFW DONATES AED TO THE AMERICAN LEGION



VFW Post 483 Commander Chris DiTullio receiving plaque showing VFW Post 483's AED donation to American Legion Post 3 from Legion Commander Sandy Salvagni.



AED donated to the American Legion Post 3 by Nashua VFW Post 483.



PEARL HARBOR DAY



Sunday, December 7, 2025

CEREMONY: 0900

LOCATION: MAIN ST. BRIDGE, NASHUA, NH

**SPONSORED BY: The Veteran Organizations
of Nashua, NH (VFW, American Legion &
DAV)**



Open to the public

DAY THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY!





Children's Christmas Party – American Legion - December 21st, 2025

Child's name _____ gender _____ age _____

Adult Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Association Affiliation _____ Member ID: _____



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

American Legion Post 3

& VFW Post 483

Nashua, NH



Nov. 29th - Dec. 12th, 2025

First year dues paid for all new, qualified American Legion applicants - Legionnaire, Auxiliary & Sons memberships!

First year dues paid for all new, qualified Veterans of Foreign Wars applicants - Post and Auxiliary memberships!

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Veterans Count

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- ◆ Benefits and Resource Connection
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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



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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 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.

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)