



## Monthly Newsletter

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## Happy New Year



New Year's resolution for all members who support our Post. Pledge to recruit one new member for the Post.



## POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



**Comrades, Happy New Year and welcome to 2025! I hope you all have a healthy and wonderful new year. We are in that time of the year where there isn't much going on but I want to put this on your radar, In the beginning of May is our annual Loyalty Day Celebration and I would like as many in attendance as possible. As always, if you have any ideas, comments or concerns please let me know.**

**Yours in comradeship,**

**Chris DiTullio Nashua VFW 483 Commander District 6 Senior Vice Commander  
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## State Commander's Message



### From the Desk of the Department Commander January 2025

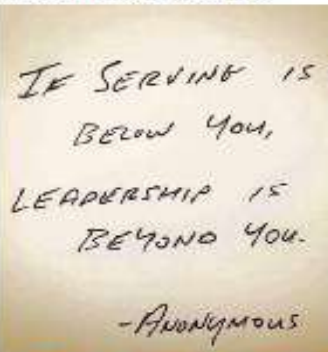


Comrades of Post 483,

Happy New Year! I have been reflecting on 2024. We have an incredible organization. It runs on the love of service and the love of taking care of Veterans and their families. That is why we exist. It would take forever and a day to thank all of you for your contributions to our honorable mission...but here goes!

Thank you for what you do in your communities to support Veterans, their families and other partner organizations. We can't do all we do in New Hampshire without your support. Here are a few photos I have collected at different events across the state. Just know that your contributions are making a difference in people's lives. For that I thank you and salute you! As corny and cliché as it sounds...I truly love you all!

Andrew "AJ" Corrow  
Commander, Department of New Hampshire  
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## RENEWAL INFORMATION

If you want to renew your membership by sending your dues to the post for processing, you can scan the QR Code below and pay your dues by selecting the membership form on the Zeffy site. Once the funds are transferred to the post account your membership will be renewed. You can also renew online at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) or send your payment to the post by check or pay in person with cash.



## RENEW EARLY





## POST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



December 24, 2024  
From the desk of  
Brenda Byrne - Auxiliary President

Dear Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

My apologies for not submitting a newsletter for the last 3 months as I recuperated from surgery.

In an effort to increase member participation at our monthly meetings, we are moving our meetings to Saturdays at 10:00am starting in January. Generally the meetings will be held on the first Saturday each month but due to the holidays, we've voted to hold January's meeting on the second Saturday.....January 11 at 10:00am. We hope to see you there.

If you haven't already paid your dues for 2025, please do so as soon as possible. Dues are \$25.00 per year. Checks should be made out to: Nashua VFW Auxiliary #483 and mailed to:

Nashua VFW Post #483 Auxiliary  
8 East Pearl St.  
Nashua, NH 03060  
Attn: Renee Plante - Treasurer

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of you Happy Holidays. Enjoy the time spent with family and friends. May 2025 bring an abundance of good health and happiness to all of you and your families.

Thank you Auxiliary members for supporting our veterans.

Respectfully,  
Brenda Byrne - President  
bbyrne4747@gmail.com  
603-930-0589



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Greetings from the Chaplain's Desk

Deceased members:

None

Hope this report finds everyone doing well and that you had an enjoyable and festive holiday. Hopefully good health and joy will follow us into the new year.

The holidays have put us into a good frame of mind, so let's continue to foster that good attitude and relationship toward friends, family and neighbors throughout the new year.

Remember that all the good deeds that you do will come back to you tenfold, in blessings and rewards. If you do good, then good will come to you.

I ask that you continue to look out for friends and neighbors, during this winter season. Anyone aware of a veteran who is ill or in need of our support, please advise the Post, so that we may reach out to them. Wishing everyone continued good health and fortune.

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
6	120	2	0	35	157	181	86.74%	3		NASH UA	NH

**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	86.74%
DERRY	1617	85.16%
HUDSON	5791	96.88%
SALEM	8546	92.17%
MERRIMACK	8641	95.98%
PELHAM	10722	82.40%
HAMPSTEAD	11254	86.84%
HOLLIS	11373	84.78%
TOTALS		89.61%

**MEETING  
REMINDER**

**Welcome New Members**

**Dan Courtemanche**

**Charles Braley**

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

So far to date we have only recruited two new members. We need to do much better. We do not seem to get support from our members. You cannot leave the recruiting to one or two members. Everyone must try to recruit.



## FUN PAGE



## JOKE OF THE MONTH

A lawyer runs a stop sign and gets pulled over by a sheriff. He thinks he's smarter being a big shot lawyer from New York and has a better education than an sheriff from West Virginia. The sheriff asks for license and registration. The lawyer asks, "What for?" The sheriff responds, "You didn't come to a complete stop at the stop sign." The lawyer says, "I slowed down and no one was coming." "You still didn't come to a complete stop. License and registration please," say the sheriff impatiently. The lawyer says, "If you can show me the legal difference between slow down and stop, I'll give you my license and registration and you can give me the ticket. If not, you let me go and don't give me the ticket." The sheriff says, "That sounds fair, please exit your vehicle." The lawyer steps out and the sheriff takes out his nightstick and starts beating the lawyer with it. The sheriff says, "Do you want me to stop or just slow down?"

## 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

Hippopotamuses have killed more people in Africa than any other animal

## MIND TWISTER

Joseph and Lena are found dead on the floor with some water around. The windows are open and a strong wind draft is blowing the curtains around. How did they die?





## VETERANS INFORMATION

**VFW Hosts Veterans Justice Commission:** The VFW Washington, D.C., office hosted the Veterans Justice Commission to discuss the work it does to examine the extent and nature of veteran involvement in the criminal justice system, and to develop recommendations for evidence-based policy changes that can enhance safety, health, and judicial fairness. VFW National Legislative Director Pat Murray moderated a panel presentation with former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and Commission Director Jim Seward during which they presented both state and federal policy proposals.

**VFW Meets with Congressional Hispanic Caucus:** VFW Post 7420 Commander Livier “Livy” Lizaro from San Diego addressed the House Congressional Hispanic Caucus during a roundtable focused on the challenges faced by Hispanic veterans and their families. The event brought together experts and stakeholders to discuss the issues affecting Hispanic service members and veterans nationwide. Lizaro highlighted the VFW's support for deported and repatriated veterans who were unable to naturalize during their service and emphasized the need for Congress to pass the [TAP Promotion Act](#), ensuring all transitioning service members have access to accredited representatives for VA claims assistance before discharge.

**VFW Responds to The Economist:** VFW National Legislative Director Pat Murray publicly posted a vehement response to a poorly written and unattributed article titled, “American Veterans Now Receive Absurdly Generous Benefits,” published by *The Economist*. Murray said, “I’d challenge the anonymous cowards at The Economist to illuminate us on which parts of veterans’ healthcare and benefits are inappropriate, illogical, or wildly unreasonable?”

**Reminder for VA Secure Sign In:** VA has issued changes for signing into your VA.gov or My HealtheVet accounts. Currently, there are four ways to sign in to your VA accounts: LOGIN.GOV, ID.ME, My HealtheVet, and DS Logon. Both My HealtheVet and DS Logon will be discontinued for accessing VA accounts. My HealtheVet sign in will be available until Jan. 31, 2025. Veterans, family members, caregivers, and survivors with VA accounts are encouraged to transition how they sign in to access these accounts prior to that date.



## CALENDAR



# January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Years	2	3	4 Auxiliary Meeting 1000
5	6	7	8 Cootie Meeting 1900	9	10 Veterans Coffee Talk 0930	11
12	13 Mayors Veteran Council 1000	14	15	16	17	18 Scholastic Banquet 1400 C of A 1000
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Langdon Place 1330	28 Post Meeting 1900	29	30	31	

## ANSWER TO BRAIN TWISTER

Joseph and Lena were goldfishes. The wind tipped their bowl over, hence killing them!



## 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

3 May 25 1000

7 Jun 25 1000



Post Chaplain C.T. Townsend giving the opening prayer at our Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony.



99 year old WWII veteran Dick Mohrmann tossing the wreath into the Nashua River.

This year's Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony was held at the boat ramp located off Pine Street Extension due to construction at the Main Street Bridge location. The ceremony was held on 7 December, at 0900. Coffee and donuts were available at the post prior to and following the ceremony.

More pictures on following page

## 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

## Pearl Harbor Ceremony 2025



Firing detail firing the salute. Chris Ditullio, Don Vincent, Marc Plante, and Mark Perkins. Bugler Bob Guessferd stands by.



Bugler Bob Guessferd sounds Taps and the firing detail stands at present arms.



## QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER



We have experienced some unplanned expenses. We had to replace our boiler and install a chimney liner. We need to come up with a fundraiser that you will support. Your ideas are needed. Bring them to our meeting.

I wish to thank Marc Plante, Steve Ordway and C.T. Townsend for their assistance in keeping the post organized and repaired. C.T. keeps our frig stocked and takes out trash. He also helps with veterans that need help for shopping for groceries. Steve put up the Christmas Tree in the lounge, does repairs and removes trash. Marc has done several repairs, cleans up after events, has taken the VOD, PP and Teacher program over and other duties.

## RENEW NOW!

Renew your membership now. All you are doing is extending your membership one year from your current expiration date. By renewing your membership early helps the Post meet the membership goal dates set by the National Headquarters and the Department.

We have many members we never see. It would be nice to see you once in a while at a post meeting or other event. We have fun at our meetings and have pizza following the meeting. Meeting do not last more than one hour. Come out and join us, you may learn something you did not know.



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## BATTLE OF THE MONTH



# Battle of Tucapel

Tucapel fort was located on a hill in the coastal mountain range. In December 1553, [Mapuche](#) forces, under the command of the vice [toqui Lautaro](#) attacked and destroyed the fort using the battle tactics learned from the Spanish. [Pedro de Valdivia](#) had left [Concepción](#) with only 50 soldiers and sent a message to Purén fort to send reinforcements. The message, however, was intercepted by Lautaro's men.

Valdivia received no reports from his leading element, and spent the night a half [day's journey](#) from Tucapel. On [Christmas Day](#), December 25, 1553, he left early in the morning for the fort, arriving in its vicinity with silence reigning. He found it completely destroyed. Neither Gómez de Almagro nor Bobadilla was anywhere to be found. He decided to make camp amidst the damp ruins of the fort, but the contingent had hardly begun to make preparations when there were shouts from the surrounding forest. Without advance warning, a mass of Mapuche warriors charged out towards the Spanish enclave.

A veteran soldier, Valdivia had time to form and arm his defensive line and repulsed the first attack. The cavalry charged upon the rearguard of the retreating Mapuche force, but the Indians were prepared for this action and reversed the charge with [lances](#). However, with much valor and resolution the Spaniards managed to drive back the resulting Mapuche surge into the forest. The Spaniards savored their temporary victory.

There was still more to come, however. A second squadron of Mapuches attacked, this time armed with [maces](#) and ropes as well as lances, with which they succeeded in dismounting the unfortunate Spanish [caballeros](#), whom they quickly dragged out of the battlefield once they were on the ground. The Spaniards managed to drive them back, but not without leaving many fallen. Then a third group of Mapuches appeared, this time with Lautaro behind it.

Valdivia, aware of the desperate situation due to the Spanish losses and fatigue, gathered together his available men and threw himself into the bitter fight. Already half of the Spanish forces were casualties and the Indian auxiliaries were steadily being reduced. Valdivia, seeing that the fight was lost, ordered the retreat, but Lautaro himself came around the flank and sealed the Spanish fate. The Indians felled every one of the Spaniards, and only Valdivia and the cleric Pozo, who rode the best horses, were able to escape. However, when crossing the swamps the men became bogged down and the Mapuches eventually captured them.





# CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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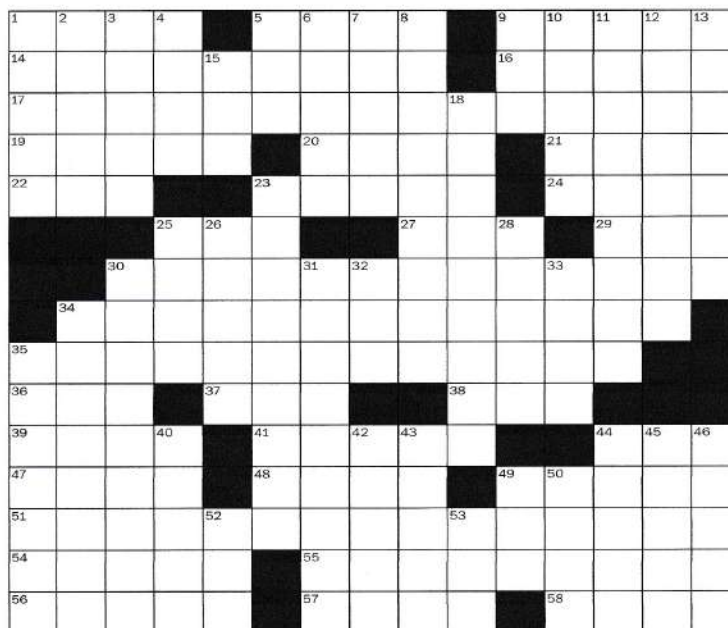
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# Funnies

Beetle Bailey by Greg Walker, Brian Walker and Neal Walker



Blondie by Dean Young



Barney Google And Snuffy Smith by Billy DeBeck







**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.**

# Enrollment and Claims Day

The YMCA of Greater Nashua and the Manchester VAMC are partnering again for an Information Day for Granite State Veterans.

**Nashua YMCA**

**24 Stadium Drive.**

**Friday 4 April 2025**

**7:00AM – 12:00PM.**

All are welcome to attend and speak with subject matter experts on VA Eligibility, eHealth Exchange, Health Promotion, and more. For more information contact Mike Bichrest - VA Outreach Coordinator 603-624-4366 x2830 – [Michael.Bichrest@va.gov](mailto:Michael.Bichrest@va.gov)

**Bring your DD Form 214 discharge document and join us!**



## YMCA of Greater Nashua Manchester VA Medical Center

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# ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP

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### **Nashua Regional Planning Commission**

30 Temple Street, Nashua

Mondays: 10am – 12pm

### **Nashua Presbyterian Church**

1010 West Hollis Street, Nashua

Tuesdays: 3pm – 5pm

### **Rogers Memorial Library**

194 Derry Rd, Hudson

Tuesdays and Fridays: 1pm – 2pm

### **H.E.A.R.T.S Peer Support**

5 Pine Street Ext. #1G, Nashua

Wednesdays: 10:30am – 12:30pm

### **Additional Tech Help**

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Book a time: [nashualibrary.org/techhelp](http://nashualibrary.org/techhelp) or call (603) 589-4611.



United Way  
of Greater Nashua

## **January 2025 Event**

### Council Meetings

Auxiliary will meet at the Concord Post at 6 Court  
VFW will meet at the Heritage Museum in Building "C" at  
1 Minuteman Way, Concord NH

11 am Finance Committee  
1130 Veteran Service Committee  
1200 Council Meeting

### Scholastic Awards Timeline and Instructions

The following is the timeline and times for the Scholastic Banquet. Posts should reach out soon to chat with the winners/winners' families.

Jan 18, 2025, Pembroke Pines Country Club, 45 Whittemore Road, Pembroke

**2 pm** Meet and Greet (Students, Families, Post/District Commanders and Presidents, Dept Line Officers and National Representation.)

**3pm** Banquet (We will march the students in, escorted by Post Cdr and Presidents)

**4pm** Program will start, finishing up with the keynote speaker

NOTES: (This is VFW prizes, does not include the Auxiliary prizes)

1. The Department Voice of Democracy Winners will be presented with the following awards: First place \$1,500.00, Second place \$1,000.00, Third place \$500.00. Fourth and Fifth place will each receive \$200.00.
2. Each District winner will receive a banquet ticket, and some other gifts. **Banquet Tickets deadline is 20 December 2024.**
3. The Department Patriots Pen Winners will be presented with the following awards: First place \$300.00, Second place \$250.00, and Third place \$200.00, Fourth and Fifth place will receive \$150.00 each.
4. Each District winner will receive a banquet ticket and some other gifts. **Banquet Tickets deadline is 20 December 2024.**
5. In all cases, Posts and or Districts will be responsible for Parents, siblings and or other guests' banquet tickets. **Banquet Tickets deadline is 20 December 2024.**
6. Teachers will be rewarded with a check for \$250.00 plus a plaque and banquet tickets for the teacher and their spouse/guest **Banquet Tickets deadline is 20 December 2024.**



NEW HAMPSHIRE VFW SCHOLASTIC BANQUET  
To be held at Pembroke Pines Country Club on 18 January 2024

Banquet Menu

Starter: Mixed green salad and New England Clam Chowder  
Entrée: Pork Loin or New England Baked Stuffed Haddock  
House Rice Pilaf  
Served with Chef's vegetable du jour  
Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake

**Special Note: There will be no alcohol served at this event!**

Saturday Banquet tickets are \$45.00 per person. (Deadline is 20 December after that it is \$50.00 per person for any tickets after December 20 and before January 3, 2025)

Mail checks made out to Dept. of NH VFW to:  
Quartermaster Paul Lloyd, PO Box 955, Concord, NH 03301  
Please include the order slip below with your check or email if using Venmo  
nh-vfw-24

*(please detach here and return with your payment – thank you)*

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Please let us know if there are Special needs.

Any Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of tickets ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Pork Loin dinners: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of New England Baked Stuffed Haddock: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Vegan \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Post number \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_



# 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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PLEASE CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

AT: \_\_\_\_\_



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

[www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)

## NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

# VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

DATES OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / YY MM / YY MM / DD / YYYY

MILITARY SERVICE ACTIVE DUTY VETERAN NAT. GUARD/RESERVE BRANCH OF SERVICE ARMY NAVY AIR FORCE MARINES COAST GUARD

QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE:

WW II	VIETNAM SERVICE	AFGHANISTAN (2001 - present)	HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY
OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE	DESERT SHIELD/STORM	IRAQ (2003 - 2011)	Location _____
KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954)	BOSNIA/KOSOVO	SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA	Dates _____
KOREA DUTY (1955 - present)	GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY	EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS	

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

## ANNUAL MEMBER

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

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

## LIFE MEMBER

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

## LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN

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

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

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

(Mastercard, Visa, Discover or Amex only)

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

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

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

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

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

## Life Member Options

AGE as of DECEMBER 31*	One-Time Payment	\$45 + 11 Payments of
18-30 Years Old	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40 Years Old	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50 Years Old	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60 Years Old	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70 Years Old	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80 Years Old	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 Years & Over	\$170.00	\$15.45

**Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions:** You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### VFW CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

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

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

Name of Applicant

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

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

OR

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

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

Attest:

Post Adjutant (PRINT)

Post Commander (PRINT)

Post Adjutant (Signature)

Post Commander (Signature)