As the nation’s oldest major war veterans’ organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4.5 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.

**YOUR DONATION OF $20 ENSURES THE VFW CAN**

Educate a separating service member about his or her well-earned VA benefits through a private benefits counseling session with a VFW Service Officer.

Provide training to 4 VFW Service Officers on signs of emotional suffering so they can better direct veterans to programs and services.

Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.

Deliver 5 morale-boosting “welcome home” celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.

2,100+
Number of VA-accredited VFW representatives across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

$9 billion+
The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits — which includes $1.6 billion in new benefits paid to veterans in fiscal year 2019.

22
Number of times the VFW has testified before Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

$11.6 million
Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 44% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

48
Number of VFW-SVA Fellows (student veterans) who have traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for veterans’ rights.

2.3 million+
Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events since 2005.

$3 million
Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

$7.2 million
Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 1,606 veterans and service members through VFW’s “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” since January 2014.

Learn more about the VFW’s programs and services at vfw.org.
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The VFW by the numbers

1.6 million+
Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

6,160
Number of VFW Posts worldwide.

Helping struggling military families

10,194
Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through VFW Unmet Needs since 2004.

$5,087,496
Amount of grants provided through VFW Unmet Needs covering housing for struggling military families since 2004.

3,453
Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs since 2004.

Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.

Honoring the fallen

8.7 million
Number of VFW “Buddy”® Poppies distributed by the VFW last year.

$8 million
Amount raised through the VFW “Buddy”® Poppy program for needy veterans.

Helping veterans get justice

108,000+
Number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2019.

15,000+
Number of VA claims filed by the VFW’s Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2019 resulting in more than $136 million in disability compensation.

25
Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.

Improving life in America

9.4 million
Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

$44.1 million
Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.

Inspiring patriotism in young people

40,000+
Number of high school students who competed in the 2018–19 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

111,000+
Number of students who competed in the 2018–19 VFW Patriot’s Pen competition.

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