

# General Orders

OCTOBER 2022



## BIG TEN CONFERENCE

### BIG TEN

The Big Ten Conference will take place in Milwaukee, WI October 14-16, 2022. If you would like to register, please visit

<https://vfwwi.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=112914> for more information.

## FALL COUNCIL

### HOMECOMING

The Department will be hosting the Fall Council / Homecoming October 7-9, 2022 at the Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center. If you would like to attend, please contact Anna at 605-332-7441 or [anna@vfwdeptsd.com](mailto:anna@vfwdeptsd.com) asap.

## INSPECTIONS

### POST & DISTRICTS

All Posts and Districts are asked to help the Inspections by making sure all Post books, records, and minutes are available at the time of Inspection. Please instruct the Post Trustees to comply with Section 218 of the Manual of Procedure "Trustees".



## COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTING

Please report your Community Service through the Department Dashboard. This can be found online at [www.vfwsd.org](http://www.vfwsd.org) > Login > Members Only > Community Service Reporting. Your Members ID = VFW Member Number, and Password = Last Name with the first letter capitalized.

# Americanism

All Posts should be sponsoring vigorous Americanism and Patriotic activities to make strong, direct, and Patriotic impact in our schools or the general public. Patriotic leadership in our communities is important.

Have you considered implementing a program to stop old and tattered US Flags from being flown by informing your community they can leave old Flags at your Post for proper disposal?

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



## VETERANS DAY

VETERANS DAY IS NOVEMBER 11

Have you appointed your Veterans Day Chairperson yet? Have you started organizing your Veterans Day Program yet? Now is the time!

November 11, 2022 is Veterans Day. According to the Manual of Procedure, Sec. 223 - Commemorative Dates, every Post shall see that suitable arrangements are made for the observance of Veterans Day.

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

If you would like to send a submission for the General Orders, please send to Anna at [anna@vfweptsd.com](mailto:anna@vfweptsd.com) no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of every month.

## VOD / PP / TEACHERS AWARDS

PROGRAMS

At this time, all Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher's Awards program material should be in the possession of the Posts and schools.

Contact your local schools and make certain the contest is underway. All entries should be at the Post no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Posts should send the entries to the Districts no later than November 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

**Contact Department VOD / PP / Teachers Award Chair Jerry Seiner at [jerry.seiner@hotmail.com](mailto:jerry.seiner@hotmail.com)**



Law Enforcement, Firefighter, and EMT of the year are due to the Department Headquarters by January 1, 2023. Please contact the Chairmen, Dave Baumiller at [davebaumiller@gmail.com](mailto:davebaumiller@gmail.com)

When sending a voucher to the Department, all receipts need to be attached in order to be for the full amount.



**OFFICIAL:**

*Anna Arnold*

Quartermaster / Adjutant  
Department of South Dakota  
VFW

**BY ORDER OF:**

*Tom Hafner*

Commander  
Department of South Dakota  
VFW

## DEPARTMENT COMMANDER OCTOBER GENERAL ORDERS

Department Fall Council/Homecoming is scheduled for 7 – 9 October in Oacoma. Every Post is encouraged to have a representative in attendance as Quartermaster, VSO, VOD/PP, Community Service, Dashboard, OMS, Membership & Recruiting Events, and FF/LE/EMT training are all scheduled for a block of instruction on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Committee meetings are on Friday afternoon and the Council of Administration will meet on Sunday morning. If you have not registered please do so as-soon-as possible as the above listed is important to all. In addition, Noon and Banquet Meals on Saturday will be ordered for those who register only and will be a ticketed event. All unregistered participants are on their own for meals. The Agenda and Registration Forms are on the Department website. **Districts are reminded to bring their Colors to Oacoma.** Dress for meetings is Business Casual.

Tradition has been that the Auxiliary selects the theme for the Saturday night Banquet. This year Auxiliary President Patti's theme is "Howling for Veterans" so hunting attire will be the uniform of the day for the Banquet.

The Big 10 Conference is scheduled for 14 – 16 October at the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino in Milwaukee. The Department has our delegates registered. Anyone wishing to attend contact Department Headquarters for additional details.

Districts have started their required Annual Post Inspections. All Posts are encouraged to review your last Inspection Report and have the necessary documents available to make this a smooth process. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Several of our Programs that are be addressed in these General Orders should be taking shape in our Posts. Veterans Day Programs are necessary. The veterans in our communities deserve recognition and all others need a reminder of the importance of this day. Your participation in these activities is the only way they will continue to be successful.

As of this writing we as a Department have exceeded our September Membership Goal and are well on the way to reaching our November 30<sup>th</sup> Goal of 92%. We have two Quota Buster Posts, and three Posts that have reached their Quota. Your Recruiting and Retention efforts in September were outstanding. The Department has over twenty New Members and twelve Reinstated Members. Contact all Unpaid Members and encourage them to remain a member. Personal contact is a highly effective method of retaining our members. Maintain the momentum. Membership requires a Team effort and you have stepped up. Thank you all.

If I can be of any assistance, contact me at the email or phone number (leave a message if no answer) listed below.

Tom Hafner  
Commander  
[tbmhafner@santel.net](mailto:tbmhafner@santel.net) // 605-661-2750

A recruiting even in Huron SD paid off-we have 9 new members for District 6. Thanks to Glynis Collier, Tom Hafner, Richard Jacobson and Anna Arnold for helping me get my program off the ground. The Stock Show in Rapid City is next--get ready District 10!

Dave Baumiller

Sr. Vice Commander

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Greetings Fellow Veterans and Heroes!

September has been a fruitful month! District 6 held a five-day Membership Drive at the SD State Fair in Huron and added more Veterans to our ranks! I would like to thank District 6 CDR Richard Jacobsen for his untiring Leadership and Support to District 6 by being present during the entire Membership Drive. I would also like to give special thanks to SVC Dave Baumiller, ADJ/Quartermaster Anna Arnold and CIC Tom Hafner for the assistance with set up, tear down and recruiting efforts!

Ms. Dottie and I also had the privilege and honor to attend the 2022 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Paralyzed Veteran's Pheasant Hunt at the Top Gun Hunting Lodge in Howard, SD! The day was spent driving paralyzed and disabled Veterans around the lodge hunting grounds while they shot pheasants and our dogs retrieved them. This was an amazing and very well coordinated event! Dottie and I were invited back next year for the 2023 Hunt. We will definitely be attending the event.

District CDRs we continue to have a poor response from a large number of posts regarding their submissions of their Membership Plans. This is just a reminder that your District/Post Membership Plans are due NLT 1 Oct 2022 (By 11:59 PM CST). You WILL NOT be considered for White Hat Selection-No Exceptions if your Membership Plans are not received by the SD Adj/Quartermaster by that date and time.

I am hopeful you will meet this challenge.

The new Department Standings were published September 12, 2022 and South Dakota is 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation regarding Membership Statistics! We are doing a great job as a department by improving and maintaining our Membership goals; yet, we can always do better because we are all in this together. Let's see if we can make to the top 5 in the nation by the Legislative Conference in January!

VFW National Headquarters has published two new membership applications on their website. Just go to either of these web pages: [https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/MY\\_VFW/Training-and-Support/Membership/Membership-Application.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20220823T133309Z](https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/MY_VFW/Training-and-Support/Membership/Membership-Application.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20220823T133309Z) for post membership applications &

[https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/MY\\_VFW/Training-and-Support/Membership/Membership-at-Large-Application.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20220427T132305Z](https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/MY_VFW/Training-and-Support/Membership/Membership-at-Large-Application.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20220427T132305Z) for membership at large applications.

I have attached a copy of both of these forms in this month's general orders. You can also print out as many as you like right from the website.

If the links do not work for you in this document, simply sign into the VFW site, click on "Membership, Recruiting & Retention" on the left, then click on "Applications and Forms" and the link for each form will be

there for you to print out as many copies as you would like. If your post does not have internet capability then please call me and I will mail you ten copies of each form.

I will also be reviewing updated Post and District Membership Statistics at Fall Council in Oacoma. If there is anything specific you would like me to present, review or explain further regarding membership at that time, please send your requests to me at my email address or call me at the provided phone number if you do not have email capability. They are both provided in my signature block below.

I am here for you if you need anything or have any questions concerning membership. I am here to serve you. Thank You for Everything You Do for Veterans and their Family Members each day! Let's Do This SD VFW! One Team One Fight!

Very Respectfully,  
Glynis Collier  
Jr. Vice CDR  
DEPT of SD VFW  
[dakpatriot@gmail.com](mailto:dakpatriot@gmail.com)  
Cell #803-466-7031

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From the desk of the State Surgeon,

Greetings everyone! Where has summer gone? Semptember is here, kids are back in school. Drive safely when driving around the schools, be on the lookout of kids walking or riding their bicycles on the way to and from school. The same goes for school buses, pay attention to those flashing red and yellow lights on those buses. KIDS are our future, some, maybe one day be a great military leader!

Until next month,

Robert C Harrington  
Department Of SD VFW  
State Surgeon

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## SD Legislative Committee Member General Order - October 2022

Greeting Comrades - I traveled to the National Legislative Committee meeting in Washington, DC, September 12-15, 2022 to discuss the VFW Legislative Priorities (talking points) and VFW Priority Goals with our State Senator's and Representative. I was extremely pleased at how productive both the meetings with the DC VFW Legislative Staff as well as the meetings on veteran's issues with SD's Senators and House Representative went.

I was able to meet with both SD Senators and our House Representative; SD Senator Thune, SD Senator Rounds and SD Representative Johnson. I also was able to meet and discuss veteran issues with all three Congressional Staff member as well as exchange contact information for future correspondence.



My conversation with all emphasized our VFW Legislative Priorities (talking points) on:

- 1) **Cracking Down on Predatory Claim Companies**  
The VFW urges Congress to: • Pass H.R. 8736, Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding VA Benefits Act, known as the GUARD VA Benefits Act. This legislation would reinstate penalties for charging veterans and survivors unauthorized fees relating to claims for VA benefits.
- 2) **Retirement and Military Personnel**  
The VFW urges Congress to: • Pass H.R. 1282 / S. 344, Major Richard Star Act, either as a standalone bill or via the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, which would enable Chapter 61 veterans who sustained combat related injuries to be entitled to DOD retirement pay and VA disability compensation without offset.
- 3) **Economic Opportunity's Role in Preventing Suicide**

The VFW urges Congress to:

- Direct VA to incorporate veteran benefit usage into its annual suicide prevention report. This would show the correlation between VA benefits and veterans who die by suicide.
- Analyze which benefits have a greater impact on upstream suicide prevention and focus on expanding those benefits to reduce the overall number of veteran suicides.

Our discussions went smooth. All clearly are invested in Veterans issues and concerns. It was surprising to me that not all were aware of these three talking points, so it was nice to be able to discuss and explain each one of them. Our meeting prior to our visits was extremely helpful and important as without it I would not have been able to discuss these priorities in as much detail as they needed.

Senator Thune had also inquired into our VA facility in SF to see how I felt things were going and if improvement were being made. We discussed the changes being made and I thanked him for his continued interest in Veterans issues in SD. I did thank each one of them for their votes on passing the PACT Act.

I did personally hand each Legislator's staff a copy of the VFW Legislative Priorities (talking points) and VFW Priority Goals as well as exchange my business card with their Congressional Staff members.

I was extremely lucky to be able to visit with 2 of the three members in the U.S. Capitol building which allowed me a small tour of a few places inside the U.S. Capitol. I also met a lot of great, helpful, fellow VFW Department Legislative members from several States. The cross-feed of information was invaluable.



I attended the "SFC Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act Congressional Reception," on Wednesday, September 14. It was held on behalf of The Military Officers Association of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and Wounded Warrior Project. I was able to socialize with fellow veterans from many different organization from across the Nation.

### **VFW Celebrates as Landmark PACT Act is Signed into Law - Aug 10, 2022**

**WASHINGTON** – After years of persistent advocacy, National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Tim Borland, families of loved ones affected by toxic exposures and other veteran service organizations, stood together behind President Joseph Biden at the White House as the *SFC Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022*, the landmark bill focused on assisting toxic-exposed veterans, was signed into law, Wednesday morning.



“What an honorable moment in history for veterans!” exclaimed Borland after the event. “The PACT Act becoming law is the largest expansion of veteran benefits since the creation of the VA. My sincerest thanks to the members of Congress, I am so proud of all the hard work VFW staff, our Action Corps and VFW members everywhere did to push Congress to pass this bill and was honored to represent our organization at the White House on this historic day.”

The PACT Act, as it’s commonly known, is named after Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson who passed away in 2020 from conditions related to toxic exposure during his service in the military. The comprehensive bill expands health care for generations of veterans who up until now had the arduous task of proving their conditions or illness a result of service-connected exposure to toxic substances or environments, such as the burn pits many Post-9/11 veterans were exposed to during deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. The bill enacts VA provisions for 23 presumptive conditions for rare respiratory diseases and cancers and creates a framework for the establishment of future presumptions of service connection related to toxic exposure.

“Too many of our brothers and sisters have succumbed to illnesses connected to toxic exposure,” said Borland. “That is why this bill has been the VFW’s #1 priority for the past few years, and we weren’t going to give up until it was passed.”

Passed by the Senate on Aug. 2, the bill was in limbo for almost a month as procedural hurdles, amendment considerations, and shaky support among some Senators caused the bill to stall before it was passed overwhelmingly with a vote count of 86 - 11. For almost a week leading up to the final vote, VFW members, PACT Act advocates and other veterans held a fire watch on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol, holding a constant vigil for six straight days until it was announced the bill passed.

“With one voice, we told Congress ‘every veteran counts’ and they listened,” said Borland. “I encourage every eligible veteran to join the VFW, so we can continue to secure and improve the health and benefits for veterans, service members and their families. The veteran’s voice has strength, and it is even stronger when we are all together.”

The PACT Act is the latest achievement on the long list of legislative victories the VFW has fought for since its inception, part of the legacy of the VFW’s veteran advocacy that continues to carry on into the future.

“After 123 years, the VFW continues to show we are alive and well, and that ‘No One Does More for Veterans,’ because for the VFW ‘EVERY VETERAN COUNTS!’” said Borland.

This “trial run” for March was incredibly helpful and I’m so appreciative of the opportunity to attend the National Legislative Conference in Washington D.C., to meet the D.C. VFW Legislative Team, meet with our Legislators and to be my State’s Representative for Legislative issues. I’m excited to serve in this position and I look forward to future meetings and opportunities on Legislative issues.

## What can you do?

### Support Today’s Veterans and Military

Please contact or visit your congressional representatives and stress that these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 117th Congress. These priority goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. To find your congressional representatives, visit [www.vfw.org/ActionCorps](http://www.vfw.org/ActionCorps).

### Play a Role in the Process

Be engaged and help us ensure that these priority goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW Action Corps Weekly and VFW Action Alerts:

- Visit [vfw.org/JoinActionCorps](https://vfw.org/JoinActionCorps)
- Text "VFW" to 50457
- Scan the QR Code

v/r,

Barbara McKean  
National Legislative Representative - South Dakota

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Greetings Comrades,

This has been a very busy month filing claims related to the PACT Act. If you were in Vietnam or on the DMZ in Korea when Agent Orange was being utilized and you have hypertension please get your claim filed. If you have any presumptive under the PACT Act please file as that is the direction from the VFW National Veteran Services. It is true that under the PACT Act it states the VA does not have to work those claims until January 1, 2023, but I am seeing those claims that are being filed now getting exams requested and getting a good majority of the work completed prior. With the Camp Lejeune Justice Act I can only caution you and recommend that you do not sign a contract with a law firm. The answers from the VA changed twice while I was at the VFW Service Officer training. I look forward to seeing you at the Fall Council of Administration and Training.

Cody Mangold  
Department Service Officer

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## General Orders October 2022

### District 1

District 1 has completed their fall meeting on Sep 25. A great representation of posts was present. Here are the key things I have charged my posts to work on:

- Membership – this is always my #1 item – Get plans in and 2 recruiting events
- District By-laws – how can we make them better – rewrite
- VOD chairman – Luke Reimers Post 4726 Brandon
- Be prepared for upcoming post inspections
- Community Involvement

I encourage all my posts to stay involved and make sure you are taking credit for the activities you are doing.

Rick Vanden Hoek  
District 1 Commander





# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (First, MI, Last) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street) \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. / Lot # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

MALE

FEMALE

DECLINE

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates Of Service (mm / yyyy)

Location of Foreign Service \_\_\_\_\_

Date Of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### MILITARY SERVICE

ACTIVE DUTY

VETERAN

NAT. GUARD/RESERVE

### BRANCH OF SERVICE

ARMY

NAVY

AIR FORCE

MARINES

COAST GUARD

SPACE FORCE

### QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE:

WW II

VIETNAM SERVICE

AFGHANISTAN (2001 - present)

INHERENT RESOLVE (2014 - present)

OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE

DESERT SHIELD/STORM

IRAQ (2003 -2011)

HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY

KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954)

BOSNIA/KOSOVO

SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA

KOREA DUTY (1955 - present)

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY

EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Dates \_\_\_\_\_

**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 (1 Year)

### ANNUAL MEMBER (2 Years)

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

By entering into the 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. Information about scheduling payments can be found by calling the VFW Member Service Center at 1.833.VFW.VETS. Automatic Payment Plan and Installment options require credit/debit card for processing. By signing this application you acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions of the Automatic Payment Plan and Installment options, if selected.

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

(Mastercard, Visa, Discover or Amex only)

EXP. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Life Member Options

AGE as of DECEMBER 31 <sup>st</sup>	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

NEW Post # \_\_\_\_\_

FORMER MEMBER # \_\_\_\_\_

TRANSFER from Post # \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ to Post # \_\_\_\_\_

RECRUITER \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

ID# \_\_\_\_\_

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

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. Contact VFW Member Services at 1.833.VFW.VETS (1.833.839.8387) or write VFW Member Services, 406 W. 34th St., Suite 316, Kansas City, MO 64111 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, explain why the payment could not be processed, and provide 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. 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 of 31-120 days can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward. Member will be dropped from the installment plan after 120 days delinquent and all monthly payments made to date will be 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 veteran of, or am currently serving in, the US Armed Forces, 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; (3) I have received Imminent Danger or 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.

Applicant's Signature & Date \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_

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



# VFW Membership Mail-In Application

**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**

Yes! I want to join the VFW as a member-at-large and continue serving my country, my community and my fellow man.

**PLEASE ENTER YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(optional)

**SERVICE INFORMATION**     Army     Marine Corps     Navy     Air Force     Coast Guard     Space Force

**Eligibility (choose all that apply)**

- WWII                       Afghanistan                       Combat Action Ribbon                       SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia
- Korean War                 Iraq                                       Expeditionary Medal                       Imminent Danger/  
Hostile Fire Pay
- Vietnam                     Korean Service (7/1/49 to present)     Occupation Medal
- Persian Gulf War         Kosovo                                 Inherent Resolve                       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_    Service Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Campaign Ribbon or Medal: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP TYPE (please select one)**

- ONE YEAR (\$45.00)     TWO YEARS (\$90.00)
- Please bill me annually for my membership.
- I would like to enroll in the Automatic Payment Plan.

**AGE as of Dec. 31st**

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE**

**THROUGH AGE 30**  
 31-40  
 41-50  
 51-60  
 61-70  
 71-80  
 81 AND OVER

ONE-TIME PAYMENT	LIFE MEMBERSHIP INSTALLMENT PLAN	
	initial payment	11 payments of
\$425.00	\$45.00	\$38.64
\$410.00	\$45.00	\$37.27
\$375.00	\$45.00	\$34.09
\$335.00	\$45.00	\$30.45
\$290.00	\$45.00	\$26.36
\$225.00	\$45.00	\$20.45
\$170.00	\$45.00	\$15.45

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**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Check/Money Order     Mastercard     VISA     Discover     AMEX

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**VERIFICATION & SIGNATURE**

I attest that by forwarding this application that I have confirmed my eligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to verify my eligibility for membership.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_