

## Become a VFW Member. You've earned it.

#### www.vfw.org 1-888-JOIN-VFW

Veterans have always taken care of their own. When veterans of the Spanish-American War returned home in 1899, there was no medical care or veterans' pension. The wounded, the sick and their struggling families were left to fend for themselves. A visionary band of veterans formed what would later become the VFW. We exist to protect and defend those who have sacrificed for this nation. You've earned that.

Women eligible for the VFW are automatically eligible for the Ladies Auxiliary.

## Become a Ladies Auxiliary Member. Our support matters.

www.ladiesauxvfw.org 1-816-561-8655

Female relatives of those who have served overseas share a strong and unique bond. We all have a loved one who has left their home to fight for freedom on foreign soil. We were at home, waiting and wondering. We supported them then and we continue to support them and all veterans now.

#### **MY LOCAL CONTACT**



# JOIN US

We are the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary, there for our veterans, through deployment and beyond.







# National Military Services

The VFW National Military Services (NMS) Department offers ways to show support and boost morale of our military service members and their families.

#### Military Assistance Program (MAP)

The VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) is designed to encourage the link between the VFW and the Military community.

### Operation Uplink<sup>™</sup>

VFW Operation Uplink is a communication tool that provides free phone time for active duty and hospitalized veterans through virtual PINs and Free Call Days.

#### **Unmet Needs**

VFW Unmet Needs assists Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve service members and their families who are experiencing a financial hardship directly related to military service.



## Charitable Donations & Volunteerism

VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members give millions of hours of volunteer work nationwide.

Collectively, members give more than \$60 million to help veterans, active-duty military and their families, as well as raise millions for cancer research.



## Legislative Action

The VFW maintains an office in Washington, D.C. and has been ranked among the top veterans' lobbying groups on Capitol Hill. They inform members about issues that affect veterans and military families. Members then contact their elected officials on important legislative action.

# Youth Programs & Scholarships

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary offer more than \$3.5 million in scholarships each year.

- Young American Creative Patriotic Art Competition
- Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay Competition
- Patriot's Pen Contest
- Continuing Education Scholarship Contest Junior Girls Scholarship Contest