

As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4.4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.

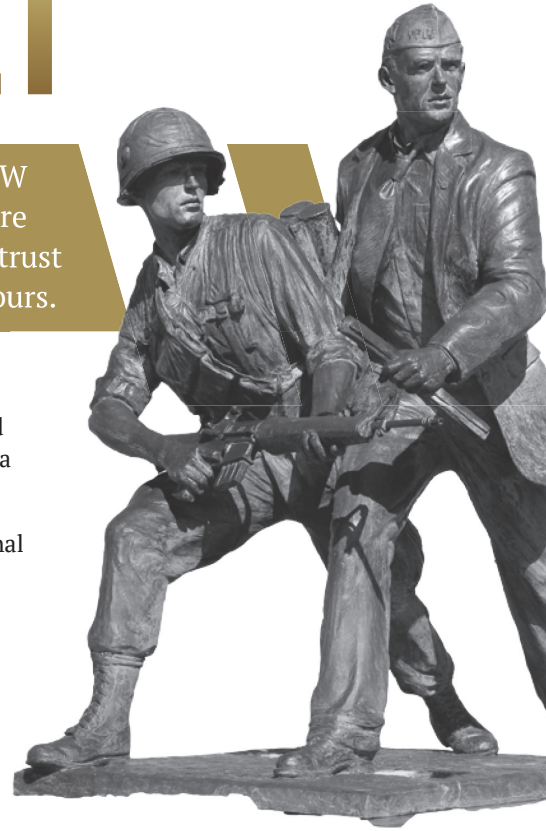
THE VFW'S VITAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Educate separating service members about their well-earned VA benefits through private benefits counseling sessions with a VFW Service Officer.

Provide training to 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 morale-boosting “welcome home” celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.



2,300+

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

\$11.55 million

Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 2,567 veterans and service members through VFW's “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” since January 2014.

\$11.2 billion

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits.

69

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

19

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.

\$2.7 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.

\$12.9 million+

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 45% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

3.4 million+

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



The VFW by the numbers

1.5 million

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

5,771

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



1899

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



Helping struggling military families

11,432

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

\$5,848,090

Amount of grants provided through **VFW Unmet Needs** covering housing for struggling military families since 2004.

4,024

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



Cutting red tape

115,000

Approximate number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2022.

Nearly 13,500

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2022 resulting in more than \$64 million in disability compensation.

20+

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



Improving life in America

3.9 million

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

\$35.9 million

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



Inspiring patriotism in young people

24,500+

Number of high school students who competed in the 2022–23 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

64,300+

Number of students who competed in the 2022–23 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.

