As the nation’s oldest major veterans’ organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.
MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Travel Services
- Financial Services
- Insurance
- End of Life Services
- Retail Discounts
- Medical Services
- Transitioning to civilian life
- Haircuts
- VFW National Home
- Technology & Electronics
EDUCATE 30 separating service members on how to receive their well-earned VA benefits.

PROVIDE 500 minutes of phone time to homesick American troops stationed overseas.

SERVE 5 morale-boosting “welcome home” meals for service members recently back from combat.

HELP cover rent utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.
<p>| 1,800 | <strong>VFW ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES</strong> | across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned. |
| +7.6M | <strong>CONNECTIONS</strong> | between deployed service members and loved ones made possible by the VFW’s “Free Call Days.” |
| +2M | <strong>SERVICE MEMBERS</strong> | and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events since 2005. |
| 27 | <strong>TESTIMONIES BEFORE CONGRESS</strong> | 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. |</p>
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3,888 GRANTS PROVIDED to military families facing financial hardship through VFW Unmet Needs since 2004.

132,162 STUDENTS WHO COMPETED in the 2015-16 Patriot’s Pen competition.

13,279 VA CLAIMS FILED by VFW Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD) offices in 2015.

2,041 MILITARY FAMILIES who received assistance with housing needs since 2004.

66,913 FAVORABLE VA CLAIMS FILED by the VFW’s nationwide force of VA-accredited service officers in 2015.
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### DONATED ANNUALLY TO LOCAL

Community service projects by VFW members.

### RAISED

Through the VFW “Buddy” Poppy program for needy veterans.

### OF GRANTS

Provided through VFW Unmet Needs covering housing for struggling military families since 2004.

**END OF BY THE NUMBERS**
SUPPORT TODAY’S VETERANS & MILITARY

Help us ensure that an adequate VA system will be there for the millions of current and future veterans.

When you visit your congressional representatives, please stress that these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 114th Congress. These goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and our Auxiliaries.

To find out who your congressional representatives are, visit the VFW website at www.vfw.org and click the “VFW in D.C.” Action Corps link.
HEALTH CARE

Modernize VA’s scheduling system to ensure VA’s scheduling process is seamless, veteran centric and not susceptible to data manipulation.

Expand the current caregiver benefits to those who care for severely injured, ill and wounded veterans of all eras.

Strengthen VA and DOD mental health programs.

Expand women’s health care services to all VA medical centers.

Properly fund homeless veterans programs.
BUDGET
Provide sufficient funding for all VA Budget accounts.

ACCOUNTABILITY
Design Performance Measures that capture VA employees’ quality of work not just quantity.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS
Hold VBA accountable for the backlog of all claims and appeals.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE
Protect service members’ and their family members’ on-base quality of life programs.
TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

Conduct discharge reviews for veterans who suffer from PTSD/TBI and who were discharged under Other Than Honorable conditions.

DEFENSE/HOMELAND SECURITY

Fully support U.S. troops and their mission to fight the war on terrorism, as well as to protect our nation’s citizens and interests around the world.
EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Invest in developing small business opportunities for veterans.

Ensure service members receive civilian credentials or academic credit for the professional training they receive during service.

POW/MIA

Achieve the fullest possible accounting of U.S. military personnel missing from all wars.

Ensure Congress fully funds the POW/MIA Accounting mission.
PLAY A ROLE IN THE PROCESS

Ensure that these Priority Goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW’s Action Corps Weekly e-newsletter at www.vfw.org/weekly.

END OF PRIORITY GOALS