NOVEMBER 2026

SANTA FE EXPRESS

VFW POST 846 NEWSLETTER

COMMANDER'S COLUMN *Principles Above Personalities* MARTIN FRIES, Commander

Comrades, on 9th of OCT we had the pleasure of standing Vigil over President Eisenhower grave. Like always Post 846 led the way with 8 members standing vigil. See the attached photos.

Veterans day is Wednesday 11 NOV. We have several events going on.

1. Buddy Poppies at HyVee at 151st contact Mike Martin if you are able to help at 913-271-1832.

2. We will also be at Chicken N Pickle like last year starting at 1100 the address is 5901 W. 135th ST Overland Park, KS. They have been a great supporter of our Post by giving us 10% of the proceeds from the concession stand for the past 3 years on Veterans Day. Please show up to help support this great cause. Point of contact for this event is Martin Fries 913-706-3105.

3. We will also be supporting Gentiva Hospice center at 2PM. This Center has several veterans and they have requested us to do a Veterans Day program for them. Point of Contact is Lane Smith at 913-207-7591 if you can support this is what we do support of Veterans who are getting close to Fiddlers Green.

Gettysburg

Several of our members Lane Smith, Eric Bishop and Martin Fries took a trip to Gettysburg to walk the three (3) Day battle on OCT 17-19. At the December breakfast we will have a Power Point show of what we did and pictures of the Battlefield.

Free Tickets

Union Station has given us tickets to "The Berlin Wall. A World Divided" this is a display about the Berlin Wall normally these tickets for adults are $26 but we got tickets for free for you service to our nation. If you would like to have two tickets one for you and a guest, I will have them at the Post meeting.

Breakfast

Breakfast is Saturday 14 NOV at 9am with guest speaker at 10am please plan to attend.

Steak Night

Steak Night is on Friday 20th of NOV from 6pm to 7:30pm. We need to have a count by meeting who is attending.

Don't forget about Friday Nights the post is open f 5 to 7 dinner is provided for people who show up. Please give use help since it has been the same for the past few months supporting keeping the post open on Friday Night.

This is your newsletter and if you have something you did please take pictures so we can show what you and our post has been doing to support Veterans

Martin Fries, Post Commander

FROM YOUR AUXILIARY **DANA PFLUMM, President**

Two members attended the district 2 auxiliary meeting in Ottawa, KS on Oct 17. Laura and members from Lenexa Aux 7397 went to the VA Domiciliary in Leavenworth on Oct 20 to play bingo. The Auxiliary will do a Buddy Poppy Drive on November 7 at the Pricechopper on 48 and Roe Blvd from 9 to 2.

Come at 4 PM before the November 13 meeting to stuff 50 gift bags for the VA Hospital in Leavenworth. We will write messages on fall leaves for the residents.

If you have auxiliary members in your family, encourage them to attend an auxiliary meeting. We are a small but active group and do as much as we can to support veterans and their families. We need five new or rejoin members this year. Come see what the possibilities are to serve veteran's and our Post.

We plan on making Christmas ornaments at the Christmas party in December to decorate the post home.

Make plans now to attend.

Debbie Winter

President Dana 913-391-0353

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER… Lane Smith

John 4: 14 Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

Continued prayers for our veteran member friend Jim Barkley.

Prayers for Larry Fries recovery from heart surgery.

Continued prayers for Auxiliary member Cheryl Gulley.

Lane Smith

VFW Breakfast

November's breakfast is back on!
Come enjoy good food, good fellowship and a great speaker!
Save the Date!
Breakfast will be held November 14th

November Steak Night

Friday, November 20th
6 to 7:30 pm.
RSVP Required

[RSVP in person, 913-735-3127 or vfwpost846opks@gmail.com NLT the meeting Nov 12]

VFW POST 846 MEETING
2nd Thursday Nov 12 @ 7 pm

Auxiliary Meeting @ 5 pm

An informal dinner @ 6 pm
Feel free to bring a dessert!
Meetings are fun and informative.

You're involvement is the key to success!

November 11 is quickly approaching, and now you should be thinking about raising money for our disadvantaged veterans and scholarship fund. We spend about $10,000 a year on these two programs and this Buddy Poppy money is where we can finance a lot of money for these two causes.

Hy-Vee stores have a free breakfast on that day with a great breakfast starting at 0700 till 1000 hrs. This day is a great day to collect as most veterans are very generous on this day.

- Olathe Hy Vee – 14955 W 151st St.
- Overland Park Hy Vee – 8501 W 95th St & 9050 W 135th St.
- Price Chopper is another good choice. No breakfast to my knowledge.
  - Olathe Price Chopper – 15970 S Mur-Len Rd & 175 N Parker.
  - Overland Park Price Chopper – 7201 W 151st St & 11710 W 135th St & 8686 Antioch Rd

Remember to call about a week ahead and ask permission to accept donations to do the collections for disadvantaged veterans. You do not have to spend all day doing this – surprise yourself and do just a couple hours. Also wear something that identifies you as a veteran yourself. P.S. – check with the Auxiliary as we do not need to compete with them. Good luck and Happy Collecting.

Mike Martin Buddy Poppies Committee Chair





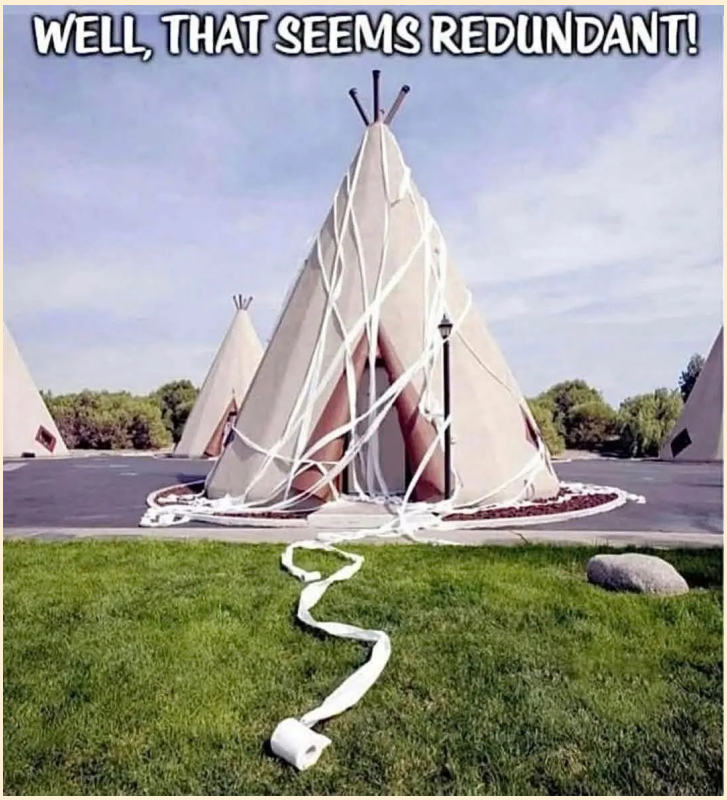


On Oct 9th, several post members stood vigil at the Eisenhower Memorial as part of the annual vigil that the Department of Kansas does every year. Many thanks to those that came out and did their part. We had a great showing from our post!

Chuckle Time









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VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

HELPING ✦ HEROES

Helping Heroes is a statewide annual campaign sponsored by the Department of Kansas Veterans of Foreign Wars to assist Veterans with medical or quality of life needs.

All donations from Helping Heroes will go to Veterans in the VA hospitals in Topeka, Leavenworth and Wichita as well as the Soldiers Homes in Winfield and Ft. Dodge.

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Please donate generously to those Heroes that have sacrificed so much for our country.

★ 2026-2027 GOAL ★

COLLECT SOCKS, UNDERWEAR AND T-SHIRTS



Preferred sizes:
SOCKS
9-12 and up



T-SHIRTS
Large-5X



UNDERWEAR
Large and up

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LAST DAY OF COLLECTION IS 31 DECEMBER 2026
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL VFW POST.

Our Post is participating in the Helping Heroes campaign. See this flyer and coordinating instructions for more details Donations can be dropped off at the post.

HELPING HEROES

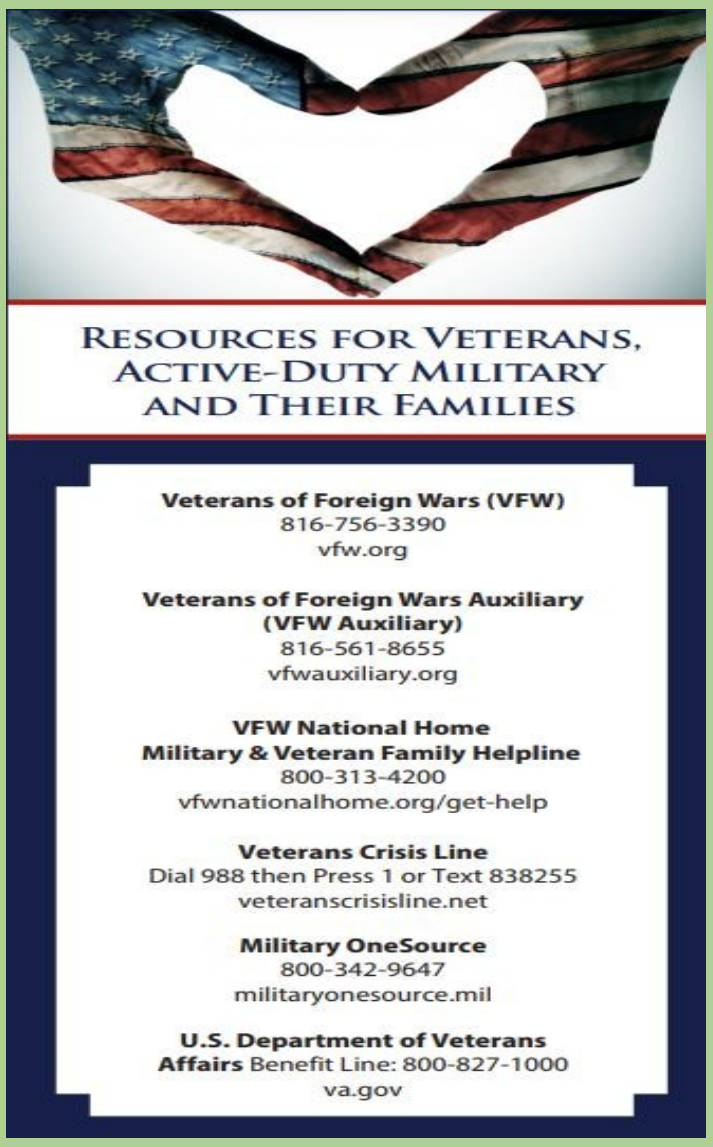
2026-2027 Coordinating Instructions: **Please read carefully**

- Each pair of socks, each t-shirt and each pair of underwear are a "Unit" and there are no color restrictions.
- Donations can be accepted from anyone and will be counted as units collected, HOWEVER only donations purchased by a Post member will be reported on a Post Surgeons report. A donation from an Auxiliary member will be reported through Auxiliary channels and NOT reported on a Post Surgeons report. A donation from a member of the general public will be counted as units collected, but NOT added to a Post Surgeon Report.
- Posts will coordinate with their respective District Surgeons regarding the transfer of items collected.
- District Surgeons will coordinate with me regarding the transfer of items collected.
- I will distribute the collected items to the facilities on my next Hospital Visit.
- Every month, the Post Surgeon will inform the District Surgeon of how many units the Post has collected. In turn, the District Surgeon will report those numbers to me. I will be keeping a monthly tally for each participating Post. I can only tally what the District Surgeon reports to me, meaning that if a Post sends you numbers, please make sure that number gets to me.
- The final day of collection will be 31 December 2026.
- Once I have tallied all the Post collected Units after 31 December 2026, **the Post with the most units collected will receive $100 from me to be awarded at the awards presentation of the State Convention of June 2027.**
- Each Post will be responsible for their own advertising and method(s) of collection. It is suggested that a Post use social media to get the word out as far as possible. If a Post does use social media, please ensure the Post include their own contact information in the advertisement.
- Please don't overlook our women Veterans. (a bra will count as a single unit)
- Please reach out to me with any questions.

Please encourage participation to ALL of your Posts.

I look forward to another great year as your Department Surgeon. Thank you all so much for what you do for Veterans.

RESOURCES





Disable Veteran Tax Exemption

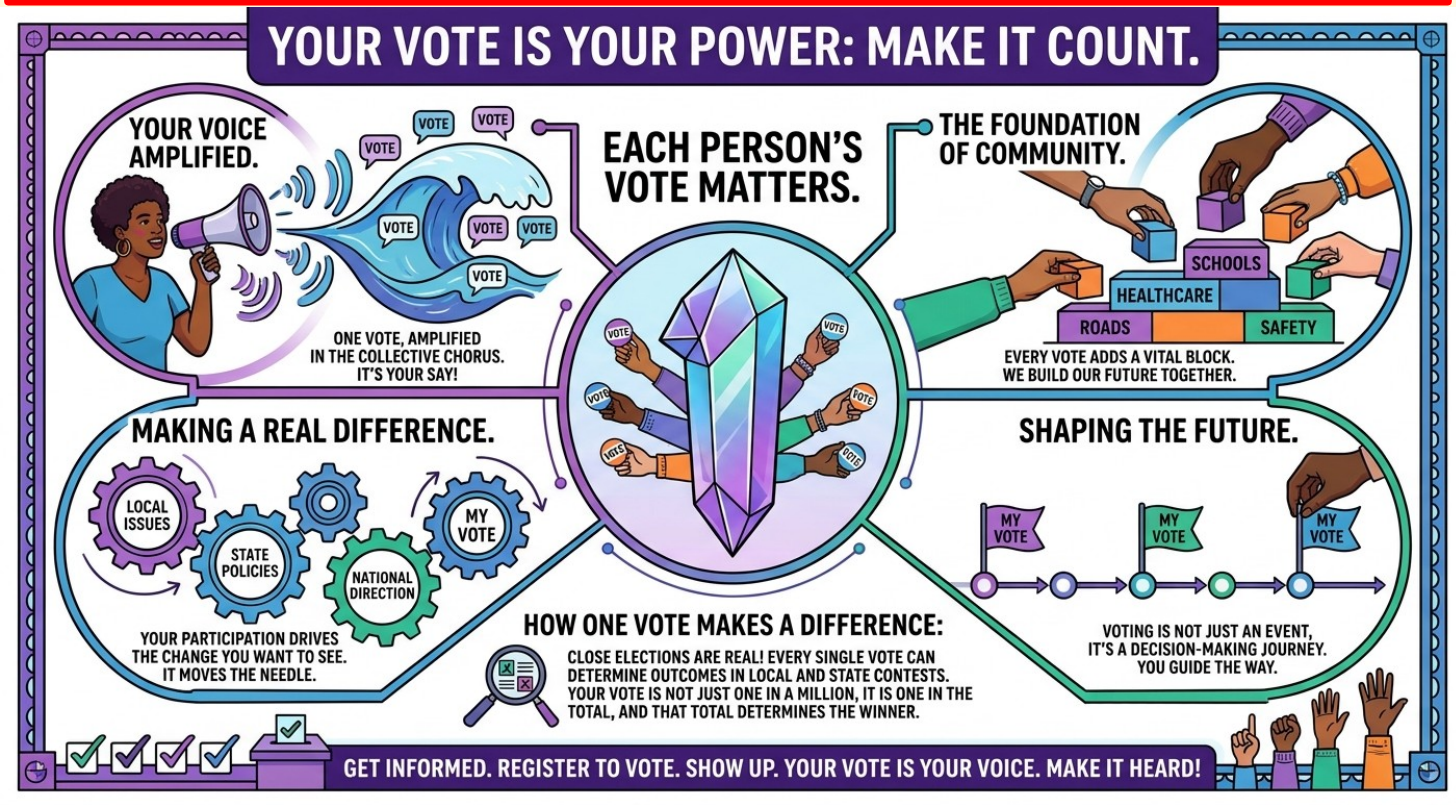
Beginning 1 July 2026, disabled veterans and surviving spouses of eligible veterans may qualify for a sales tax exemption. To learn more, go to www.ksrevenue.gov/vetsalesexempt.html



A New Veterans Resource is now available

Joe Arnold, a member of Post 846, has established a new organization, *US Veteran Charity*, recognized by the IRS as a tax-exempt charitable organization. It is developing a National Database so veterans can locate Veterans organizations that provide support services. More information about the organization and its future projects or to access the database go to **www.usvetcharity.com or connect with them on Facebook.**

Can you use an extra 50K tax-free? Come to the Tuesday evening PTS class and find out how you can get it. Bring your spouse with you as they see you differently than you see yourself. Don't forget November 11th, Veterans Day. Collect some change for a buddy puppy. Have a blessed month and a happy Thanksgiving.
Mike Martin



After you vote, please report your service hours. Download the form from our website.



Chaplain Lane Smith led a private guided tour of the Gettysburg battle field. Commander Martin Fries and QM Eric Bishop attended. Lane proved himself to be very knowledgeable. Thanks Lane!



NOVEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time	2	3 Election Day 18:30 - Benefit Class	4	5	6 17:00 - Post Open	7
8	9	10 Marine Corps Birthday 18:30 - Benefit Class	11 Veterans Day Veterans Day @ United	12 17:00 - Auxilary 18:15 - Cmndr's Dinner 19:00 - Post Meeting	13 17:00 - Post Open	14 09:00 - VFW Breakfast
15	16	17 18:30 - Benefit Class 19:00 - Auxillary Bingo	18	19 newsletter	20 News Letter Input Due 17:00 - Post Open 18:00 - Post 846 Steak	21
22	23	24 18:30 - Benefit Class	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Black Friday 17:00 - Post Open	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN US AT VFW POST 846…
APPLICATION — For questions about eligibility, contact svcmdr@vfwpost846ks.org

VFW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ver. 01/14

NAME (FIRST MIDDLE LAST) _____ EMAIL _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____ HOME OF RECORD _____ PHONE _____ GENDER: (M) (F)

(CITY STATE ZIP) (CITY STATE ZIP) SSN (optional) _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE ☐ ARMY ☐ NAVY ☐ AIR FORCE ☐ MARINES ☐ COAST GUARD

DATES OF SERVICE: _____

QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE

- ☐ WORLD WAR II
- ☐ OCCUPATION SERVICE
- ☐ KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954)
- ☐ KOREA DUTY (1955 - present)
- ☐ VIETNAM SERVICE
- ☐ EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS
- ☐ HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY
- ☐ DESERT SHIELD/STORM
- ☐ BOSNIA/KOSOVO
- ☐ GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY
- ☐ AFGHANISTAN (2001-present)
- ☐ IRAQ (2003-2011)
- ☐ SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA

(location) (date)

☐ NEW Post No. _____ ☐ FORMER MEMBER ID No. _____

☐ TRANSFER From Post No. _____ to Post No. _____
(transfer complies with Sec. 107)

RECRUITER (please print) _____
(name) (member no.)

QUARTERMASTER: _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (choose one)

☐ **ANNUAL MEMBER**
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:

- ☐ 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 for a one-time payment of $_____.

☐ **LIFE MEMBER 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.
- ☐ I authorize the VFW to charge the $45.00 initial payment and I understand that I will be billed for the remaining 11 monthly installment payments.

PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM ARE OBSOLETE.
Please see reverse for terms and conditions of Automatic Payment and Installment Life Plans.

NATIONAL COPY ☐ AMEX ☐ DISCOVER ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD

Exp.Date ___/___ AMOUNT: $_____

SIGNATURE: _____

TEMPORARY RECEIPT
Membership Application - Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

Received from _____ $ _____

Post No: _____ City and State _____

Received By: _____ Date: _____

(circle one) CASH CHECK VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX

The Review Committee has performed its duties and recommends _____ approval _____ rejection. (signatures of Committee members below)

Committee member _____ Committee Member _____ Committee Member _____ Date _____

PLEASE SEPARATE FORMS BEFORE SIGNING

DUES PAID: _____ **ADMISSION FEE PAID:** _____ **DATE:** _____ **Received by:** _____

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 that 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 it is 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.

CERTIFICATION (See Sec. 104 By-Laws)

I attest that I am a citizen or national of the United States; 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; I have received Imminent Dangor or Hostile Fire Pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

$1.38 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

Thank You for your Membership and Support of SANTA FE TRAIL POST 846 VETERANS of FOREIGN WARS Please stay involved AND WE'LL SEE YOU SOON !

Questions? Please call (913) 735-3125

Here is your opportunity to participate in POST 846 as a member of the Auxiliary. If you have questions about the Application or your Eligibility contact the Post.

VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

Please print legibly. An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

Applicant completes sections A, D or E and H,I. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section B,F,G.

A *APPLICATION INFORMATION*

Name ☐ Female ☐ Male

Address Date of Birth / /

City State ZIP Phone ( ) - Email

B

Auxiliary Post No. City State

☐ New Member ☐ Transferring Member ☐ Rejoining Member *(Prior Member ID Number)*

☐ Member at Large in Department of ☐ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters

C

(Transfer only information) ☐ **ANNUAL TRANSFER** ☐ **LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER**

Member ID Previous Auxiliary ☐ Paying ☐ Nonpaying

D

☐ **POST-AFFILIATED** ***(*Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)***

I am the (Relationship) to (Eligible Veteran* Name)

VFW Membership ID VFW Post (Must be same as B)

E

☐ **NON-AFFILIATED** ***(*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)***

I am the (Relationship) to (Eligible Veteran* Name)

Name of campaign ribbons or medals:

Dates of Service: to Foreign Location:

F

Recruited/Recommended by: Recruiter Member ID

Check one: Aux ☐ VFW ☐

G

Investigating Committee Signatures

1 X 2 X 3 X

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. ☐ Rejected ☐ Accepted Meeting Date Obligated Date

H

☐ Annual Membership ☐ Life Membership ☐ Check here if this is a gift *(Membership card will be sent to Treasurer and not member.)*

Payment Method and Amount: Cash ☐ _____ Check ☐ _____ Credit Card ☐ _____ ***

****If paying by credit card, after this application is processed, an email and/or text message will be sent to the contact information provided above for payment. Instructions in the communication for payment must be completed within 30 days or otherwise the application will be voided. If someone other than the applicant above is paying by credit card for the membership, please list your phone number and email address below to receive payment instructions once the membership application has been processed.*

Phone _____ Email _____

I **OBLIGATION** *In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise.I attest that I am at least 16 years of age. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.*

Signature X Date

(Must be signed by all members.)

By filling out this application and providing your contact information, you agree to receive communications from the VFW Auxiliary. The communications may include updates, promotions, and other information related to our services. Communications may be in the form of e-mails, SMS text messages, and/or automated calls. You understand that these communications may be sent using an automated telephone dialer system. Standard message and data rates may apply. You can opt-out at any time by following the instructions provided in the communications. No mobile information will be shared with third parties/affiliates for marketing/promotional purposes.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	$253
21-25	$242
26-30	$230
31-35	$219
36-40	$213
41-45	$201
46-50	$196
51-55	$184
56-60	$173
61-65	$161
66-70	$150
71-75	$132
76-80	$109
81-85	$86
86-90	$69
91 and over	$58

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