



The VFW – Still Leading, Still Advancing, Still Serving

VFW commemorates 126 years of service on VFW Day

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Today, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) proudly commemorates VFW Day, marking 126 years of unwavering service to America’s veterans, service members, their families and communities. Established on Sept. 29, 1899, the VFW has stood as the nation’s most established major war veterans’ service organization, built upon the dedication of veterans who understood the importance of advocacy, camaraderie and support long after leaving the battlefield.

What began with a small group of Spanish-American War and Philippine Insurrection veterans has grown into a powerful network of more than 1.4 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary. Together, they remain steadfast in their mission to foster community, preserve patriotism and ensure every veteran receives the care, benefits and recognition they have earned.

“For 126 years, the VFW has been a voice for veterans and a force for good in communities across America,” said VFW National Commander Carol Whitmore. “From advocating for quality health care and stronger benefits to offering direct support through our programs and services, the VFW continues to live out its founding promise: to honor and serve those who have served.”

Over the decades, the VFW has made historic contributions to veterans’ legislation, including the creation of the Veterans Administration, the GI Bill and expanded VA health care benefits. Today, the organization remains committed to ensuring veterans transition successfully into civilian life, receive timely access to VA care, and are never left behind.

As the VFW celebrates this milestone, Posts and auxiliaries across the country are honoring VFW Day with ceremonies, open houses and community service projects — reminding all Americans of the enduring sacrifice and resilience of those who served in uniform.

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“The VFW is more than just an organization — it’s a family bound together by service, sacrifice and a commitment to one another,” said Whitmore. “On this VFW Day, we celebrate our legacy, but more importantly, we reaffirm our mission to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with every generation of veterans for the next 126 years and beyond.”

For more information about the Veterans of Foreign Wars and how you can get involved, visit [vfw.org](https://www.vfw.org).