



VFW Honors LGBTQ Veterans' Service to Nation

The VFW takes the opportunity to recognize LGBTQ veterans for their service to the nation

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WASHINGTON — June is Pride Month, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) stands with our fellow Americans honoring the invaluable contributions and sacrifices of all who have served our nation, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) veterans.

It is estimated that there are a little more than 1 million LGBTQ veterans in the United States. They are among us, counted with us and are one of the less than 1% of us who serve or have served our great nation. Our veterans, regardless of their background or identity, have stepped forward to protect our country, bravely defending the freedoms we all cherish. Their dedication, courage and selfless commitment are foundational to our nation's strength and security.

The VFW believes that the bond forged in service transcends all differences. Our mission remains steadfast: to foster camaraderie among veterans, to advocate for their earned benefits, and to perpetuate the memory and history of our fallen brothers and sisters-in-arms. We are dedicated to ensuring that every veteran feels valued and has access to the resources and community they deserve.

This June, the VFW encourages all Americans to reflect on the diverse tapestry of service members and veterans who have contributed to our nation's defense. It is through recognizing and valuing the service of all who have served that we truly uphold the ideals of liberty and justice for everyone.

The more than 1.4 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary salute all LGBTQ veterans, past, present, and future, and say “thank you” for your service to our great nation.

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