



VFW Reaffirms Commitment to US Military Following Operation Absolute Resolve

The following is a message from VFW National Commander Carol Whitmore

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WASHINGTON — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) extends its congratulations to the service members who participated in Operation Absolute Resolve. This mission, resulting in the capture of Venezuelan dictator Nicolás Maduro, was executed in just under three hours with no U.S. fatalities. Maduro appeared in an American courtroom earlier this morning, finally facing multiple indictments from American grand juries brought under two presidential administrations on narco-terrorism, and drug and weapons charges. The actions of our military throughout the operation demonstrated exceptional precision, proficiency and unwavering integrity.

In complex and demanding conditions, these men and women upheld the highest traditions of the U.S. Armed Forces. Their discipline and commitment to mission execution reflected the values that generations of veterans have sworn to defend. Exactly 36 years earlier, brave young Americans projected America's might into the same region during Operation Just Cause and brought Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega to justice. This latest operation proved once again the strength, reach and resolve of America's military to bring a reckoning to those who wish us harm — no matter where they may hide.

The VFW wishes a speedy recovery to those wounded service members recovering stateside and remains steadfast in its mission to honor, support and advocate for all who serve in defense of our nation.

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