

'We Have an Amazing Community Here'

With its close proximity to Memphis, Tennessee, VFW Post 7175 in nearby Millington is a popular place for veterans

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This month, VFW magazine continues its "Destination Post Series." The series will feature 125 VFW Posts located in sought-after tourist destinations. Featured VFW Posts are those that make a real difference in the communities in which the Posts are located. This month's article takes VFW magazine readers to the Memphis, Tennessee, area.

Overlooking the "Mighty Mississippi River," Memphis is known as the home of the blues and the birthplace of Rock n' Roll. Names such as Jerry Lee Lewis, B.B. King and of course, Elvis Presley, are synonymous with Memphis. The "Queen of Soul," Aretha Franklin, was born just steps from the famous Stax Recording Studio.

Whether it is a night on Beale Street listening to live music or a trip to the Peabody Hotel to see the Peabody Mallards march from the elevator every morning at 11 a.m. for a daily swim in the fountain, or catching a Redbirds baseball game downtown, there is plenty to see in Memphis, making it a prime destination for tourists.

Just a short drive to the north of Memphis on U.S. Highway 51 is Millington, Tennessee, home of VFW Post 7175. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Mid-South also is in Millington. It serves as the Navy's Human Resources Center of Excellence. Headquartered there are Navy Personnel Command, Navy Recruiting Command, the Navy Manpower Analysis Center, as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Finance Center.

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Post 7175 is a popular place among those serving at NSA Mid-South. Several of the Post's members once served at the Navy base and returned to Millington following retirement and made the VFW part of their lives.

While the Post's members are active in their community, they know how to have a good time while raising funds to benefit the Post's relief efforts. January's Macaroni and Cheese Throwdown and the Post's annual chili competition are two of the events drawing big crowds to support the Post. Members also host a carwash in exchange for donations benefiting the Post.

Live music from local groups such as the Whiskey Saints and Sneaky Pete draw Millington residents who fill the Post's large parking lot. Friday steak nights, Taco Tuesdays and the Post's annual crawfish boil also are popular with the community.