

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT



TESTIMONIAL DINNER  
HONORING

*State Commander, Mario Richards*

And

*State Auxiliary President, Deborah Breault*

SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2022

in

The Grand Ballroom of the Rocky Hill Sheraton Hotel  
100 Capital Blvd - Rocky Hill, Ct.

**\$40.00** PER-PERSON

Menu

Your Choice of \*\* Choice New York Strip W/Steak Butter  
\*\*Seared Sea Bass in Lobster Dill Sauce  
\*\*Chicken Marsala

Accompanied with:

\*\* Mystic Pear Salad w/Spiced Pecans, Grapes, Pear Slices, Crumpled Bleu Cheese and Dressing \*\* Roasted Butternut Squash and Beets \*\* White and Sweet Mashed Potatoes Medley \*\*Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls and Sweet Butter \*\*Coffee - Decaf and Assorted Specialty Teas \*\*Dessert: Apple Crisp w/Ice Cream

Cash Bar Cocktail Hour at 12:00 Noon

Dinner Served at 1:00 pm

**LET'S HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EVERY POST AND AUXILIARY TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT FOR OUR STATE COMMANDER AND PRESIDENT**

PLEASE SEND ME \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS AT \$40.00 EACH.

A CHECK FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ IS ENCLOSED.

POST / AUXILIARY # \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

MY / OUR MEAL SELECTION(S) ARE BEEF \_\_\_\_\_ FISH \_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN \_\_\_\_\_

A GLUTEN FREE MEAL \_\_\_\_\_ A VEGETERIAN LASAGIANA MEAL \_\_\_\_\_

**Cutoff date to order your tickets is Wednesday October 19th**

PLEASE MAIL  
TO: VFW  
P.O. BOX 429  
Rocky Hill, Ct.  
06067

# *Holiday Greetings From us to you*



*Mario Richards  
Commander*



*Kenneth Tracy  
Sr. Vice Cmdr.*



*Stanley Borusiewicz  
Jr. Vice Cmdr.*

*Richare DiFederico  
Chaplain*

*Roberty Bailey  
Judge Advocate*

*Rickey Samuel  
Surgeon*

*Joseph Beal  
Chief of Staff*



*Jack Leblanc  
Inspector*

*Deborah Breault  
President*

*Grace Kelly  
Sr. Vice President*

*Kathrine Fleischauer  
Jr. Vice President*

*Laura Allen  
Chaplain*

*Debra Knickerbocker  
Conductress*

*Sarah Flaherty  
Guard*

*Anne Philippon  
Treasurer*

*Doris Laferriere  
Asst. Secretary*

*Cheryl-Costello\_Pelkey  
Chief of Staff*

*Linda Ciccone  
Service Office Claims Consultant*

*David Greene - Judith Barnes  
National Council Members*

*Ron Rusko  
Adjutant/Quartermaster*

*Sharon Messenger  
Auxiliary Secretary*

*Lee Wilson  
Hdqtrs. Admn. Asst.*

## *Have a great Holiday Season!!*



DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary

EASTERN CONFERENCE BANQUET

Saturday - November 5, 2022

~ MENU ~

\*\* Mixed Baby Lettuces (cucumber, tomatoes, carrots, chili lime ranch)

With Your Entrée Selection of:

- \*\*Cabernet Braised Boneless Beef Short Ribs\*\*  
(Whipped Potatoes and Roasted root Vegetables)
- \*\*Statler Rosemary and Thyme Chicken Breast\*\*  
(Green Bean Medley, Wild Rice, Grain Mustard Sauce)
- \*\*Seared Nova Scotia Salmon\*\*  
(Heirloom Carrots, Wild Rice, Beurre Rouge)

Accompanied with:

- \*\*Dinner Rolls and Butter\*\*
- \*\*Coffee, Regular & Decaf, Hot & Cold Tea, Water\*\*

Dessert:

Flourless Chocolate Torte

Please advise of any Special Dietary Needs as early as possible.

Dinners are priced at \$55.00 each. VFW and Auxiliary Dinner reservations must be made through your respective Department Adjutants.

The Department Adjutant is to provide a list of all attendees with dinner choices and payment in full. Dinner reservations are to be received by October 14, 2022.

LAST CALL

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Remember the Friday night "Bash" is a costume "HOLLER WEEN" Party, so come as your favorite Ghoul or Goblin!!!

Also, on the meals, send the meal request and check to ME and NOT to the Department of New Hampshire.

PLEASE MAIL TO: VFW P.O. BOX 429 Rocky Hill, Ct. 06067

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STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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OVER



**TO: All Members**  
**FROM: Mario Richards State Commander**  
**RE: Council of Administration Meeting**

The Second scheduled Department Council of Administration Meeting of the 2022 - 2023 VFW administrative year, will be held on MONDAY – October 24, 2022 at 7:00pm.

The meeting will be held at the Bennino - Beck VFW Post 2138 Rocky Hill, Connecticut.  
Phone (860) 563-8876

All Post Commanders are invited to attend this meeting **and bring any Post Officer or Member** who may wish to attend. Every VFW Member is welcome.

**The remaining membership awards for the 2021 – 2022 year will be given out at this Council Meeting.**

If any State Officer, District Commander or State Chairman is unable to attend this meeting, please notify the State Adjutant at Department Headquarters at: (860) 616-2363 or [stct@vfw.necoxmail.com](mailto:stct@vfw.necoxmail.com)

**Food will be available prior to the meeting starting at 6:00 pm.**

**Dress is State Commander's Red shirt, casual slacks, (or with 3 button down sport shirt if you do not have a Cmdrs. Shirt) and VFW cap. NO Dungarees or shorts Please.**

Looking forward to seeing you on the 24th of October 2022.

Mario Richards

State Commander

OFFICIAL: For the Commander

*Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz*

Ronald (Rusko) Rusakiewicz State Adjutant/Quartermaster

**NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.**



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## LIFE MEMBER INCENTIVE

As we continue to move closer to our membership goals, there is no better time to stress the importance of Life Membership. To this end, we're offering a cash incentive this month to bring in more Life Members!

During the month of October 2022, for every new Life Member brought into a Department or Post, a \$50 grant will be issued at the end of the month!



For the purposes of this program, the National Headquarters will be issuing a grant of \$50 directly to the Department or Post for each of the following during the month of October:

#### For Posts:

- a new member who pays the Life Membership amount in full
- a lapsed member who rejoins by paying the full Life Membership amount
- an Annual member who converts to Life by paying the full amount
- a member currently on the Life Member Installment Plan who makes their final payment and converts to Life before the end of the month.

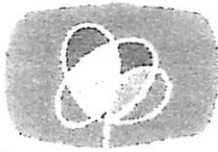
#### For Departments:

Any member recruited or reinstated as a Life Member who pays in full as a member-at-large. A recruiter number must be attached to these transactions in order for Departments to receive the grant for members-at-large.

There is no easier way to retain members than by having them become a member for life. Not only do they experience the benefits of Life membership, but the Post can save time and effort when working towards your retention goals. Talk to your members today about the benefits of becoming a Life Member, and how it helps the VFW's mission. It's time to make that lifetime commitment because...

## ***EVERY VETERAN COUNTS.***

This contest will count the Life Members as listed above from October 1st through close of business October 31st. Transactions posted before close of business will be credited that business day. Payouts will be made by ACH debit using the account on file. For assistance with setting up ACH deposits, please contact our Member Service Center at 1-833-839-8387.



# Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for Children



To: All Posts

Re: VFW National Home for Children Donation **2022-2023**

Thank you to the Posts and Auxiliaries that have supported the VFW National Home for Children. This year the Donor Relations Department has asked that whatever donations that you are able afford if you would consider a portion of your donations be placed in the General Fund, or the Family Support services. This covers all resident expenses such as daycare costs, counseling, tutoring, recreation, 4-H, etc..

To make a donation, **Please follow the instructions below**

1. Send check to: VFW National Home for Children  
3573 South Waverly Rd.  
Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827
2. **Write on your check memo to what fund, or funds you would like your money directed.**

Yours in comradeship.

*William D'Appollonio*

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State Chairman

Sending me this optional Info. allows me to verify the financial statement sent to me by the National Home.

Please complete this section and mail, or E-Mail the information to:

William D'Appollonio, 236 Bass Rd. Windham, Ct. 06280

E-Mail: [scotlandhwy@gmail.com](mailto:scotlandhwy@gmail.com)

Post \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ has donated:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the

General Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Family Support Services \_\_\_\_\_

Connecticut House \_\_\_\_\_

HONOR, SUPPORT, & GOOD FUN



★ ★ ★ VFW 12150 & LEGION 210 PRESENT ★ ★ ★

# TOUCH A VETERAN NIGHT

5-9 P.M. FRIDAY, OCT. 28, 2022 @ TRINITY BAR, NEW HAVEN, CT

Pre-Veterans Day, Charity Party, for Everybody



[TouchAVet.eventbrite.com](https://www.touchavet.eventbrite.com)



**\$20 TICKET INCLUDES:**

- Door Cover Charges Waived
  - Exclusive Drink Specials
  - 6 p.m. Happy Hour Hors D'Oeuvres
  - 7 p.m. Mattatuck Drum Band
  - 8 p.m. Raffles & Silent Auction Called
  - 100s of Participants
  - 3 FREE Raffle Tickets to any Wristband Holder Wearing Military-Grade Silkies
  - 3 FREE Raffle Tickets to any Wristband Holder in Halloween Costume
  - A fun time supporting veteran groups
- ⚠ ATTENTION: Only Touch with Consent!

**Connecticut as of Saturday, October 1, 2022**

City	Post	Dst	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	Need
<b>Division 3</b>	<b>356 to 749 Members</b>						
OAKVILLE	7330	5	383	475	80.63%	3	92
<b>Division 3</b>	<b>246 to 355 Members</b>						
STRATFORD	9460	1	265	310	85.48%	4	45
JEWETT CITY	10004	4	207	249	83.13%	4	42
NEW BRITAIN	511	3	249	340	73.23%	4	91
<b>Division 5</b>	<b>185 to 245 Members</b>						
DANBURY	149	1	198	219	90.41%	5	21
NAUGATUCK	1946	2	177	202	87.62%	5	25
DEVON	7788	2	158	213	74.17%	5	55
WALLINGFORD	591	2	136	192	70.83%	5	56
NEW MILFORD	1672	5	131	192	68.22%	5	61
<b>Division 6</b>	<b>143 to 184 Members</b>						
MANCHESTER	2046	3	140	149	93.95%	6	9
WILLIMANTIC	1724	4	159	175	90.85%	6	16
WINDSOR LOCKS	6123	3	129	144	89.58%	6	15
WESTPORT	399	1	129	147	87.75%	6	18
EAST HAMPTON	5095	6	147	169	86.98%	6	22
MYSTIC	3263	4	130	152	85.52%	6	22
MONTVILLE	10060	4	136	160	85.00%	6	24
NORWICH	594	4	139	173	80.34%	6	34
PAWCATUCK	1265	4	131	177	74.01%	6	46
PRESTON	9452	4	134	182	73.62%	6	48
PUTNAM	1523	4	119	170	70.00%	6	51
WATERBURY	201	2	112	165	67.87%	6	53
CANAAN	6851	5	118	175	67.42%	6	57
<b>Division 7</b>	<b>112 to 142 Members</b>						
WOLCOTT	1979	2	109	125	87.20%	7	16
YALESVILLE	9965	2	94	118	79.66%	7	24
ROCKY HILL	2138	3	97	122	79.50%	7	25
PLAINFIELD	5446	4	112	142	78.87%	7	30
PLAINVILLE	574	3	86	117	73.50%	7	31
OLD SAYBROOK	10153	6	88	127	69.29%	7	39
<b>Division 8</b>	<b>88 to 111 Members</b>						
NOROTON HEIGHTS	6933	1	97	105	92.38%	8	8
WINSTED	296	5	87	99	87.87%	8	12
WATERTOWN	5157	5	83	98	84.69%	8	15
MIDDLETOWN	583	6	76	90	84.44%	8	14
NEWTOWN	308	1	93	111	83.78%	8	18
AVON	3272	3	76	91	83.51%	8	15
NEW LONDON	189	4	82	104	78.84%	8	22
BERLIN	10732	3	75	100	75.00%	8	25
BROOKFIELD	10201	1	67	94	71.27%	8	27
<b>Division 9</b>	<b>68 to 87 Members</b>						
CANTERBURY	10688	4	75	76	98.68%	9	1
PROSPECT	8075	2	70	74	94.59%	9	4
NIANTIC	5849	4	72	80	90.00%	9	8
NEW HAVEN	12150	2	62	72	86.11%	9	10
EAST HARTFORD	2083	3	66	78	84.61%	9	12
SIMSBURY	1926	3	61	77	79.22%	9	16
GUILFORD	7666	2	55	70	78.57%	9	15
WATERFORD	6573	4	57	75	76.00%	9	18
ELLINGTON	10689	3	51	70	72.85%	9	19
BRANFORD	12106	2	45	68	66.17%	9	23
TRUMBULL	10059	1	47	74	63.51%	9	27

**Connecticut as of Saturday, October 1, 2022**

State	Post	Dst	Total	Prior Year	Percent	Div	Need
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1114</b>	<b>1349</b>	<b>82.57%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>235</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>1295</b>	<b>1646</b>	<b>78.67%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>351</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>1258</b>	<b>1572</b>	<b>80.02%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>314</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>1808</b>	<b>2234</b>	<b>80.93%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>426</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>1088</b>	<b>77.29%</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>247</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>79.42%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>1173</b>	<b>1470</b>	<b>79.79%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>297</b>
<b>State Totals</b>			<b>7956</b>	<b>9947</b>	<b>79.98%</b>		<b>1991</b>

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<b>Division 10</b>	<b>51 to 67 Members</b>						
OLD LYME	1467	4	64	67	95.52%	10	3
NEW CANAAN	653	1	46	54	85.18%	10	8
MADISON	2096	2	47	58	81.03%	10	11
WINDSOR	4740	3	45	56	80.35%	10	11
EAST KILLINGLY	4908	4	45	56	80.35%	10	11
NORWALK	603	1	47	60	78.33%	10	13
SUFFIELD	9544	3	45	59	76.27%	10	14
CLINTON	9918	6	40	54	74.07%	10	14
LEDYARD	4608	4	40	58	68.96%	10	18
<b>Division 11 (Upper)</b>	<b>10 to 50 Members (31 to 50)</b>						
ANSONIA	597	2	40	40	100.00%	11	0
SALEM	2774	4	34	36	94.44%	11	2
HARTFORD	254	3	32	35	91.42%	11	3
WEST HAVEN	9422	2	28	31	90.32%	11	3
SOUTHBURY	1607	2	38	45	84.44%	11	7
WATERBURY	7790	2	38	48	79.16%	11	10
EAST HADDAM	3336	6	30	38	78.94%	11	8
HAMDEN	10321	2	39	50	78.00%	11	11
STAMFORD	9617	1	34	44	77.27%	11	10
STAFFORD SPRINGS	9990	3	30	39	76.92%	11	9
HEBRON	8776	3	33	44	75.00%	11	11
SEYMOUR	12084	2	25	36	69.44%	11	11
TAFTVILLE	2212	4	22	32	68.75%	11	10
PORTLAND	6121	6	26	39	66.66%	11	13
THOMPSON	10088	4	31	47	65.95%	11	16
CHESHIRE	10052	2	22	39	56.41%	11	17
FAIRFIELD	9427	1	17	31	54.83%	11	14
<b>Division 11 (Lower)</b>	<b>10 to 50 Members (10 to 30)</b>						
WEST WILLINGTON	938	3	26	26	100.00%	11	0
THOMASTON	572	5	26	26	100.00%	11	0
DURHAM	10169	6	10	11	90.90%	11	1
ESSEX	6726	6	26	30	86.66%	11	4
COLCHESTER	6990	4	19	23	82.60%	11	4
COS COB	10112	1	20	25	80.00%	11	5
HIGGANUM	10690	6	24	30	80.00%	11	6
RIDGEFIELD	3052	1	15	20	75.00%	11	5
SHELTON	10466	1	18	25	72.00%	11	7
BRIDGEPORT	10273	1	21	30	70.00%	11	9
COVENTRY	10589	3	17	25	68.00%	11	8
LAKEVILLE	9243	5	13	23	56.52%	11	10
<b>District Totals</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>1173</b>	<b>1470</b>	<b>79.79%</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>297</b>
<b>State Totals</b>			<b>7956</b>	<b>9947</b>	<b>79.98%</b>		<b>1991</b>

**District Commander: District 1: John Kennedy**

**Division Commander: 3. Post 7330 Michael Minervino**

**Division Commander: 4. Post 9460 Steve Evangelista**

**Division Commander: 5. Post 149 Juan Rivas**

**Division Commander: 6. Post 2046 Arthur Thompson**

**Division Commander: 7. Post 1979 Thomas Griffin**

**Division Commander: 8. Post 6933 Brian O'malley**

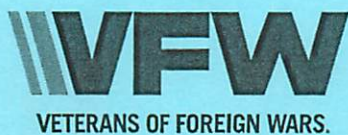
**Division Commander: 9. Post 10688 Bill D'Appollonio**

**Division Commander: 10. Post 1467 Richard Mason**

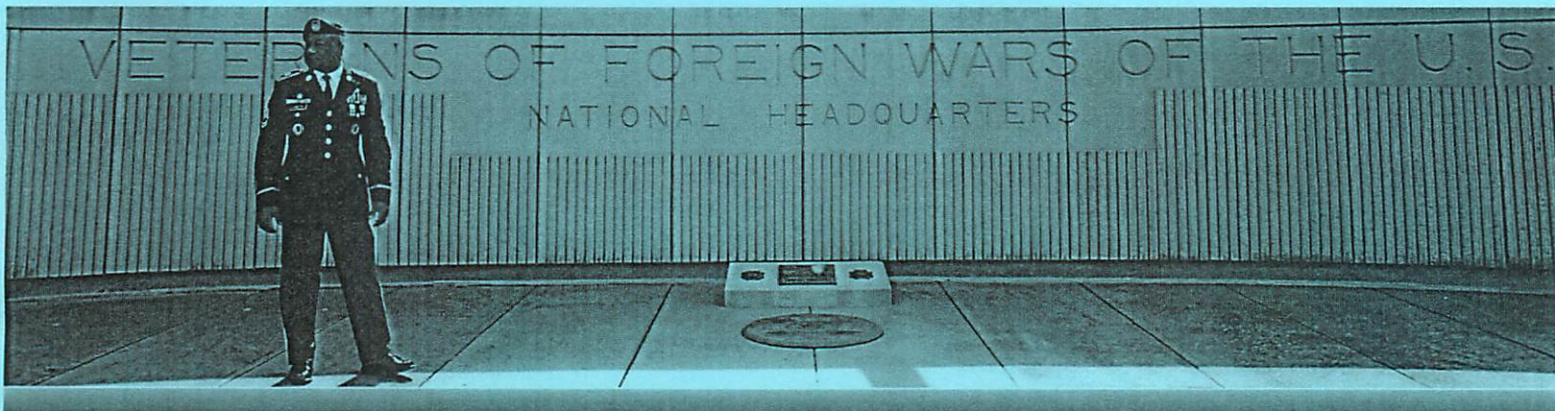
**Division Commander (U): 11. Post 597 John Bittman**

**Division Commander (L): 11. Post 938 Edward DAgata**





# MORE FACTS ABOUT THE VFW



## The VFW by the numbers

### 1.5 million

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

### 5,755

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



### 1899

Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.



## Helping struggling military families

### 11,216

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through *VFW Unmet Needs* since 2004.

### \$5,631,271

Amount of grants provided through *VFW Unmet Needs* covering housing for struggling military families since 2004.

### 3,869

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs since 2004.



## Cutting red tape

### 100,000

Approximate number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2021.

### Nearly 12,000

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2021 resulting in more than \$152 million in disability compensation.

### 20+

Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.



## Improving life in America

### 5.3 million

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

### \$52.2 million

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.



## Inspiring patriotism in young people

### 25,000+

Number of high school students who competed in the 2021–22 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

### 72,000+

Number of students who competed in the 2021–22 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.

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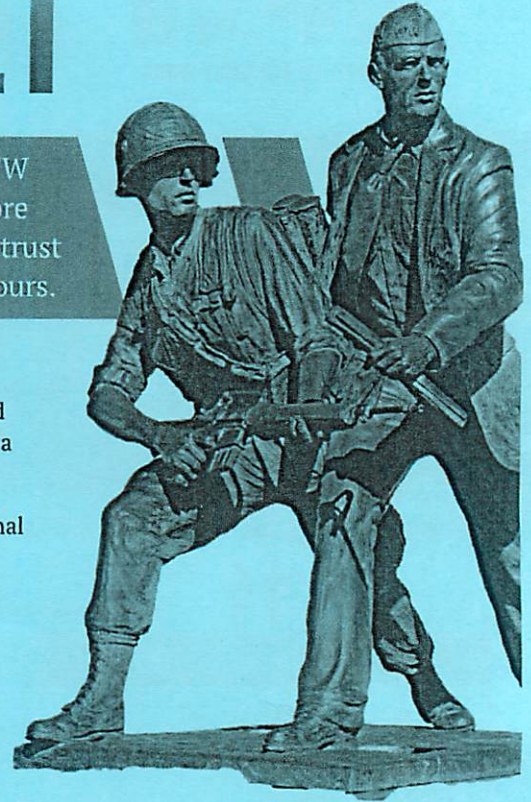
@vfwfans

@vfwhq



# FACT SHEET

As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4.4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.



## THE VFW'S VITAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

**Educate** separating service members about their well-earned VA benefits through private benefits counseling sessions with a VFW Service Officer.

**Provide** training to VFW Service Officers on signs of emotional suffering so they can better direct veterans to programs and services.

**Help** cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.

**Deliver** morale-boosting "welcome home" celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.

### 2,000+

Number of VA-accredited VFW representatives across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

### \$10.65 million

Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 2,372 veterans and service members through VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" since January 2014.

### \$10 billion

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits.

### 66

Number of VFW-SVA Fellows (student veterans) who have traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for veterans' rights.

### 28

Number of times the VFW has testified before Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

### \$3.2 million

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

### \$12.6 million+

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 45% of the funds covered basic housing needs.

### 3.4 million+

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events since 2005.

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Learn more about the VFW's programs and services at [vfw.org](http://vfw.org).