

## VFW Diverse Endeavors

VFW honors veterans through memorial fundraising efforts, sponsorship of special events for disabled vets, and by recognizing volunteer service. Donations also help victims of natural disasters and less-fortunate children.

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### Special Events

#### • **Honoring Disabled Vets**

VFW sponsors special trips for Purple Heart recipients. Past events include “Return to Vietnam” and other events.

#### • **“Run for the Wall”**

VFW support the annual “Run for the Wall,” a cross country motorcycle ride to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. The VFW sponsors refueling for all participating riders during a scheduled stop near the VFW National Headquarters.

#### • **Disabled Veterans Hunt**

VFW annually pays for an all-expense paid trip for disabled war veterans to go to South Dakota for a VFW Pheasant Hunt.

#### • **Purple Heart Antelope Hunt**

VFW magazine annually sponsors an all-expenses-paid antelope hunt in Broadus, Mont., for significantly wounded Purple Heart recipients.

### Memorials

In fulfilling its pledge to remember the nation’s war dead, VFW promotes national memorials for veterans of all wars. Additionally, thousands of memorials have been constructed across the nation through local VFW Posts.

#### • **National WWI Memorials**

VFW gave a \$350,000 grant to help expand the Liberty Memorial Museum in Kansas City, Mo., which houses the nation's most comprehensive collection of World War I historical materials. In 2017, VFW was proud to sponsor the World War I Centennial Commemorative Ceremony at the National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Mo. VFW donated \$100,000 to preserving the history of the Great War. VFW donated \$300,000 to the U.S. World War I Centennial Commission for the creation of the World War I Memorial, in Washington, D.C.

#### • **National WWII Memorial**

VFW reached its five-year fundraising goal of \$6 million for the memorial’s construction in only two years. The donation ranks as the largest from any veterans group, and second overall.

#### • **Korean War Memorial**

Members donated \$600,000 toward the construction of the Korean War Memorial. The donation ranks among the highest.

#### • **Vietnam Veterans Memorial**

VFW contributed over \$300,000 toward building “The Wall”— all 58,000 Americans who died as a result of the Vietnam War are listed. VFW was the first major organization to contribute.

#### • **Women in Military Service to America Memorial**

VFW contributed \$70,000 toward construction costs.

#### • **Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial**

VFW contributed \$100,000 toward construction costs.

#### • **Vietnam Veterans Education Center**

VFW contributed over \$648,000 toward the construction of the Education Center.

#### • **National Museum of the United States Army**

VFW contributed \$500,000 toward the construction of the Veterans Hall in the museum.

#### • **National Desert Storm Memorial**

VFW has donated \$300,000 toward its \$500,000 pledge for the construction of the National Desert Storm Memorial.

### Awards

Outstanding police officers, firefighters, EMTs and other first responders are recognized annually by VFW for their work in the community.

### National Home for Children

Founded in 1925, children, youth and families of veterans, active-duty military, and members of the VFW and its Auxiliary who have nowhere to turn find a safe haven on this 629-acre VFW campus in Eaton Rapids, Mich. The privately funded facility is a living memorial to VFW and to all veterans.

### Disaster Relief

Since 1964, VFW National Headquarters has provided more than \$3 million in relief grants to states and areas in the Pacific, to assist veterans, service members and families impacted by natural disasters, such as wildfires, earthquakes, tornadoes and flooding.