

# VFW National HQ/Kansas City Chiefs Announce Partnership

## Patriotic events to host 'Salute to military families'

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Two home-town and national icons, the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters and the Kansas City Chiefs, have joined forces to highlight and honor the service and sacrifice of the millions of military members who have, or are fighting, to preserve our freedoms and liberties at home and abroad.

The Kansas City Chiefs and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation's "Salute to Military Families" patriotic program is expected to unite thousands of Kansas City residents in publicly displaying their support of America's men and women in uniform during a host of events at Arrowhead Stadium and select military bases and VA medical facilities. The partnership was launched during the Chiefs' 'Draft Day' on April 22 at Arrowhead Stadium.

"We're thankful to the Kansas City Chiefs' organization for its interest and concern for our nation's service members, veterans and their families. Moreover, we're especially appreciative of the incredible enthusiasm they have for showing our troops and their families that patriotic Kansas Citians care about them and are not going to forget about them," said VFW national commander Thomas J. Tradewell Sr., a combat-wounded Vietnam veteran from Sussex, Wi.

Headquartered at the corner of 34th and Broadway in Kansas City, Mo since 1930, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is a nonprofit veterans' service organization composed of combat veterans and those who currently serve on active duty or in the Guard and Reserves. Founded in 1899 and chartered by Congress in 1936, the VFW is the nation's largest organization of war veterans and is one of its oldest veterans' organizations. With 2.1 million members located in 7,500 VFW Posts worldwide, the VFW and its Auxiliaries are dedicated to "honor the dead by helping the living" through veterans service, legislative initiatives, youth scholarships, Buddy Poppy and national military service programs. Annually, the VFW and its Auxiliaries contribute more than 13 million hours of community service to the nation.

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The VFW Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and official charity of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The mission of the VFW Foundation is to support non-political programs that secure, manage and distribute resources to improve the lives of veterans, military service personnel, their families and communities.

To learn more about the “Return the Favor” campaign [click here](#).