

## Learn How to Support VFW Programs by Donating Your Vehicle

The VFW Foundation's vehicle donation program allows a hassle-free way of helping fund VFW's services and programs by donating any vehicle, such as a car, truck, motorcycle, trailer or boat.

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VFW Foundation Manager Richard Freiburghouse said 80 percent of the vehicle's value, after expenses, goes toward the VFW Foundation, VFW's official 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization.

"These vehicles can be used as a tax-deductible contribution to support VFW programs and services," Freiburghouse said.

It's simple – call 1-844-839-4438 (1-844-VFW-GIFT) or visit <u>vfw.careasy.org</u> to schedule a free and convenient pick up. Every vehicle, running or not, is considered. Donors also will receive a tax receipt for the donation.

As of November, Freiburghouse said, some 40 VFW members have donated vehicles to the program. One of those members is Kenneth Aponte, a member of the VFW Department of Texas. He said it was a "straight-forward" process.

"It was very smooth from start to finish," said Aponte, an Army veteran who served as a satellite systems technician from 1986 to 1991.

Aponte, who served in Panama from 1990 to 1991 with the 1109th Signal Brigade during Operation Just Cause, said he found out about the program through a web search for ways to support veteran programs.

"I'm always looking for ways to help veterans in any way I can – through donations or volunteer activity," Aponte said.

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Aponte also said the donated 2002 Jeep Liberty was valued at a "comparable price" to what he could have sold it for.

"One of my worries was not getting the right price for it," Aponte said. "They knew the value of the vehicle, and it made an impact because of that."

For more information, go to: vfw.careasy.org.