

# VFW Stands for Equality, Condemns Vandalism of WWII Memorial

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**WASHINGTON** – In the wake of the nationwide protests centered around the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) stands in solidarity for equality, however, condemns the vandalism of the World War II Memorial and other memorials near the National Mall.

“Equality is the cornerstone of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and must be in our great nation,” said VFW National Commander William “Doc” Schmitz. “Bigotry and unequal treatment has zero place in this world.”

Unfortunately, the “sacred” World War II Memorial was vandalized May 31 during protests in Washington.

“The VFW believes in peaceful, organized demonstrations. That is the right of every American,” said Schmitz. “However, we are extremely saddened and angered to find that our sacred World War II Memorial was defaced. The veterans who fought for the very freedom to demonstrate deserve better and we condemn those who determined the memorial was worth vandalizing.”

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