

# USA Today Highlights VFW Foundation

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — VFW Foundation is highlighted in today's *USA Today* "Sharing in the USA" special section.

Approximately 70 charities were chosen nationally and selected based on fundraising and administrative efficiency. The VFW Foundation is one of two charities listed in the Missouri section. The foundation's mission is to manage and distribute resources to support veterans, active-duty personnel, the National Guard and Reserves, their families and communities.

Here is what *USA Today* wrote:

*"The Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation helps military personnel and their families by providing free phone cards, financial assistance and claims assistance for veterans, foundation director Dan Shea says. The foundation has provided 9 million phone cards to troops in Afghanistan and Iraq and \$2.2 million to nearly 1,600 families for unmet needs, including groceries, rent and home repair."*

Charity watchdog groups like the Independent Charities of America gave the VFW Foundation a "Best of America" rating, an honor given to only 1,500 of some 50,000 groups. Charity Navigator provided the foundation with three stars and a four-star efficiency rating, the highest rating possible. The foundation also achieved full inclusion in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #10511), due to low operating costs.

To learn more about the VFW Foundation, visit the website at [www.vfwfoundation.org](http://www.vfwfoundation.org).

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