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GRERGORY HARRELL, COMMANDER 2025 – 2026

WHAT POST OR DISTRICT WILL BE FIRST AT 101% IN MEMBERSHIP

2024-2025 All-Americans

Matt Nute (8:42 AM 7/7/2025)

Comrades,

It is my pleasure, on behalf of Commander-in-Chief Al Lipphardt and Adjutant General Dan West to announce this year's All-American Posts, Districts, and Departments.

Posts shown in green/bold are the Top 5 in their Division, and will be receiving a five-night hotel stay and will be awarded on stage at the National Convention.

Posts shown in grey/italics are the Top 15 in their Division and will be awarded on stage at the National Convention.

Districts shown in green/bold are the Top 2 in their Division, and will be receiving a five-night hotel stay and will be awarded on stage at the National Convention.

Districts shown in grey/italics are the Top 10 in their Division and will be awarded on stage at the National Convention.

All Departments that have met the All-American criteria will be will be receiving a five-night hotel stay and will be awarded on stage at the National Convention.

Those commanders being awarded on stage at the National Convention will receive their All-American cap when they check in at the Membership booth during the Convention. All other All-American Commanders, as well as Post and District Quartermasters, Post Adjutants, and Post members may purchase their All-American cap by contacting the Member Service Center beginning August 1, 2025.

Post Home Citations, All-American streamers, and All-American banners for all who have received this award will be sent to your Department Headquarters after the National Convention to be distributed by the Department.

Department Quartermasters: Please see us at the Membership Booth after the All-American awards have been given out on Monday, August 11th to pick up any unclaimed awards packets for those from your Department who were unable to attend.

As per the Commander-in-Chief's directive, any Post or District that is found to be in arrears prior to the beginning of the National Convention may have their All-American status rescinded. Please ensure that any arrearages are resolved before the start of the National Convention.

On behalf of the VFW Membership Department, we want to acknowledge and congratulate each of these Posts, Districts, and Departments who have earned this prestigious designation, proving that NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

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3 Attachments • Scanned by Gmail

All-American Departments 2024-2025

Dept	%	Commander
Montana	107.52%	Lonnie Johnson
Kentucky	106.72%	Bruce M. Ashley
Alabama	106.21%	Eric M. Dudash
Pacific Areas	105.07%	Michael D. Lutman
Oklahoma	104.56%	Dan M. Fuller
Louisiana	104.26%	Debbie R. McElhannon
Idaho	103.94%	Joseph D. Riener
Massachusetts	103.57%	Jody Freitas
Maryland	103.38%	Joseph A. Cicchillo
Georgia	103.37%	Joseph Couch
Texas	103.37%	Robert Martinez, Jr.
Florida	103.21%	Glenn M. Wright
Utah	103.15%	James C. Sheppard
North Carolina	102.91%	Anna M. Cummings
West Virginia	102.79%	Richard E. Ogden
New Hampshire	102.66%	Andrew J. Corrow
California	102.65%	Deborah K. Johnson
Hawaii	102.62%	Benedict L. Fuata
Connecticut	102.61%	Stanley W. Borusiewicz, Jr.
Nevada	102.59%	Jerome D. Washington
Michigan	102.53%	Kimberly A. Napoleon
Maine	102.25%	Anthony R. Kimble
New Jersey	102.21%	Luddie H. Austin
Virginia	102.19%	Mitchell L. Rubenstein
Minnesota	102.18%	David J. Staehlin
Nebraska	102.17%	Kenneth R. Yount
Wisconsin	102.17%	Ronald Ramos, Jr.
Arizona	102.15%	James B. McCormick
Ohio	102.13%	Kari E. Pfeifer
South Dakota	102.09%	Glynis J. Collier
New Mexico	102.06%	Brian S. Ravak

Dept	District	Percentage	Division
Alabama	8	109.72	5
Alabama	1	107.26	4
Alabama	7	107.21	5
Alabama	2	106.6	5
Alabama	3	105.37	5
Alabama	5	104.35	5
Alabama	6	104.28	6
Arizona	4	106.12	3
Arizona	3	106.93	4
Arizona	5	104.05	3
Arizona	2	103.44	5
Arizona	1	102.83	5
Arizona	8	102.34	4
Arizona	7	102.07	3
Arkansas	13	107.79	4
Arkansas	1	106.89	5
Arkansas	5	105.13	4
Arkansas	2	103.42	6
Arkansas	9	102.78	6
California	6	109.65	. 5
California	15	108.02	5
California	3	104.34	2
California	1	103.17	1
California	8	106.23	5
California	4	104.42	4
California	9	104.02	4
California	10	103.94	4
California	12	102.69	4
California	16	102.52	4
California	5	102.24	4
Colorado	5	108.45	4
Colorado	12	110.22	6
Colorado	4	106.09	6
Colorado	6	104.29	6
Colorado	7	102.12	6
Connecticut	4	106.44	4
Connecticut	2	106.21	4
Connecticut	3	105.93	4
Connecticut	1	105.13	5
Connecticut	6	104.51	6
Delaware	3	102.05	6
Florida	22	107.27	4
Florida	21	105.33	2

Department	POST	Percentage	Name	Division
Alabama	5184	200	Kelley-Dickinson Post	11
Alabama	5658	130.55	Kichler-Pippen Post	4
Alabama	7320	119.48	J. L. Thomas Post	6
Alabama	3073	119.16	Wiregrass Post	4
Alabama	4388	112.5	Red Level Post	6
Alabama	6837	112.1	Jimmy Harris Post	3
Alabama	12185	112.03	Lance Corporal Rivers Memorial Post	7
Alabama	1349		Tri-County Memorial Post	4
Alabama	5850		Eufaula Memorial Post	6
Alabama	5355	109.3	Frank Coxwell Jr. Post	11
Alabama	2702		Gentry-Isom Post	3
Alabama	6683		John Wiley Brock Post	4
Alabama	3128		De Kalb County Post	4
Alabama	2214		Howard F. Paddock Post	4
Alabama	6226		Arab Post	7
Alabama	5162		Joyce M. Helson Post	5
Alabama	668		Kelly Ingram Post	4
Alabama	4765		Lakin Garth Post	5
Alabama	5035		Harper-Mc Clellan Post	6
Alabama	1762		Bailey Rogers Post	10
Alabama	4545		Harris-Mosley-Tressville Post	11
Alabama	4572		Smith-Leonard Post	6
Alabama	6073		Fallen Comrades Post	5
Alaska	3629		Golden Heart Post	3
Alaska	9365		Susitna Post	
Alaska	10450		Bison Post	11 3
Alaska	10029		Weldon M. Rucker Post	1
Alaska	9785		Eagle River Post	11
Arizona	12222		Oro Valley Post	3
Arizona	3513 40		Stanley A. Crews Post Pat Tillman Memorial Post	7
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	9400		Joseph Monfort Post	2
Arizona Arizona	549		Tucson Post	1
Arizona	9972		James R. "Bob" Currieo Post	1
Arizona	285	The second second	Nicky D. Bacon Post	7
Arizona	10015		Colonel Lowell H. Smith Post	10
Arizona	720		Maricopa Post	3
Arizona	10227		Mingus Mountain Post	3
Arizona	12098		Buckeye Post	8
Arizona	6310		Robert Diaz Lopez Post	3
Arizona	1760		Dode Morris Post	4
Arizona	12210		USMC Sgt. Michael A. Marzano Memorial Post	11
Arizona	10254		James "Greg" Beeson Post	7
Arizona	1796		Black Canyon City Post	7
Arizona	1677		Casa Grande Post	3

All-American Posts 2024-2025

Department POST Percentage Name	
Arizona 7507 103.31 Fountain Hills Post	6
Arizona 836 103.28 James Murphy Post	6
Arizona 9401 103.19 Victor H. Meliza Post	3
Arizona 2135 103.09 Julius W. Brown Post	4
Arizona 4903 102.63 Catalina Post	4
Arizona 7061 102.44 Eddie May Post	6
Arizona 5990 102.42 Avra Valley-Marana Post	4
Arkansas 12233 188.89 Jeremiah James Story Post	11
Arkansas 4548 106.4 Micheal W. Ray Post	16
Arkansas 4501 122.97 Harry B. Stokes Post	9
Arkansas 2935 119.12 Butch Davis Denny Dutcher Memorial Post	9
Arkansas 2952 112.64 Raymond A. Alstott Post	3
Arkansas 9777 115.15 Salem Post	10
Arkansas 4562 114.6 Denver "Bull" Randleman Post	7
Arkansas 2256 113.75 Raymond Mc Gill Post	6
Arkansas 9095 111.8 W. Carl Reed Post	4
Arkansas 2278 111.44 Jack E. Smoot/Ralph G. King Post	4
Arkansas 2330 108.5 Alpha Autry Post	4
Arkansas 7769 107.29 Fred A. Harrell Post	3
Arkansas 1341 106.19 Hoevel-Barnett Post	5
Arkansas 4556 104.84 Promberger-Traw Post	10
Arkansas 1674 104.19 Levi Douthit Post	5
Arkansas 5225 103.6 Marion-West Memphis Post	4
Arkansas 4451 103.6 Frank C. Bainum Post	8
Arkansas 1316 103.55 George L. Douglas Post	7
California 10965 251.85 Paso Robles Post	10
California 10218 119.77 Greater El Monte Post	9
California 1956 116.77 Menifee Post	6
California 1555 116.67 Chico Post	4
California 9148 113.56 La Mirada Post	4
California 9896 112.12 Richard Corbett Brown Post	10
California 6604 111.02 Folsom Post	3
California 2082 110.93 Michael A. Monsoor Post	4
California 7265 110.53 Livermore Valley Post	7
California 5948 109.47 Tehachapi Mountain Post	5
California 7168 109.38 Edward Kuhlman Post	11
California 8063 109.3 Lamorinda Post	9
California 2814 108.96 Atascadero Post	4
California 5057 108.81 Lt. Bill Young Post	6
California 11387 108.59 Thomas G. Gravelle Sr. Post	5
California 3758 108.11 High Sierras Post	11
California 7263 107.69 Tres Pueblos Post	6
California 8737 107.56 Col. Joseph "Chuck" Rodriguez Post	- 6
California 6309 107.48 John A. Berri Post	5 3
California 3788 107.41 Arnold Betcher Post	6
California 4103 106.98 South San Francisco Post	0



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VFW Depatment of Arizona NASCAR Xfinity Series Championship



November 1, 2025
NASCAR Xfinity Series Championship











TICKETS STARTING AT

\$33

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF FAST-PACED FUN!







SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2024

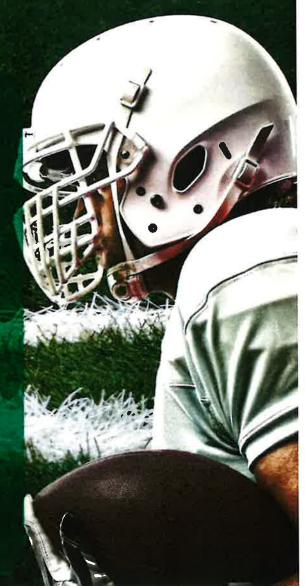






SCAN ME

Join fellow VFW veterans at the game for Cardinals Salute to Service Day. The Cardinals will donate a portion of the ticket price to the **Arizona VFW Youth** Scholarship Program





In celebration of 125 years of VFW service we're honoring our veterans and those who support them with a very special opportunity.

VFW 125 Salute to Service / NVS Sweepstakes

Scan the QR code and enter to win



For bonus entry use keyword: SERVICE If you were a VFW Member prior to

06.20.25 and are chosen as the winner, the PRIZE WLL BE DOUBLED to \$2000

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Whitmore's Warriors Class of 2025-2026 Project



LET'S DO MORE STOCK THE STORE



NATIONAL HOME



Whitmore / Callihan 2025 / 2026

Store Equipment (Refrigerators, freezers, etc and Food)
Consists of purchasing equipment for the retail section including coolers and freezers for fresh and frozen food, and beverages, dry goods and other sundries that are deemed most useful to residents. This fundraiser will also purchase an honor system point of sale program that allows residents to enter the store with a swipe card, pick out items and pay for them with a credit or debit card both during and after business hours.



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FACT SHEET

As the nation's oldest major war veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4.4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.

THE VFW'S VITAL **SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

Educate separating service members about their well-earned VA benefits through private benefits counseling sessions with a VFW Accredited Service Officer.

Advocate for America's veterans and their families on Capitol Hill, ensuring promises made to veterans are promises kept.

Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war.

Deliver morale-boosting "welcome home" celebrations for service members who have returned from combat.



Number of VFW Accredited Service Officers across America and abroad, helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events.

The total annual amount the VFW helped veterans recoup in VA disability compensation and pension benefits in fiscal year 2024.

Amount of academic scholarships awarded to 337 veterans and service members.

Number of times the VFW testified to Congress in fiscal year 2024. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

150,352

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. 26% of the funds covered basic housing needs in fiscal year 2024.



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Updated December 2024

All figures are based on fiscal year 2024 totals unless otherwise stated.



MORE FACTS ABOUT THE VFW

About the VFW

We trace our roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves. In their misery, some of these veterans banded together and formed organizations that would eventually band together and become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Our Mission: To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Our Vision: Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.



The VFW by the numbers

1.4 million+

Number of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members.

5,500+

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.



Year the VFW started to fight for veterans, service members and their families.



Helping struggling military families

48

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through *VFW Unmet Needs*.

\$39,737

Amount of grants provided through **VFW Unmet Needs** covering housing for struggling military families.

24

Number of military families who received assistance with housing needs.



Cutting red tape

146,000

Approximate number of veterans the VFW assisted in submitting new VA claims in fiscal year 2024.

14,000

Number of VA claims filed by the VFW's Pre-Discharge offices in fiscal year 2024 resulting in more than \$110 million in disability compensation.

20 +

Number of VFW Pre-Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C., area.



Inspiring patriotism in young people

26,431

Number of high school students who competed in the 2023–24 VFW Voice of Democracy competition.

68,439

Number of students who competed in the 2023–24 VFW Patriot's Pen competition.



Improving life in America

5.9 million

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

\$50.8 million

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.

The VFW Relies on Donations

The VFW is a 501(c), and programs are made possible through membership dues and tax-deductible donations from goodhearted Americans.

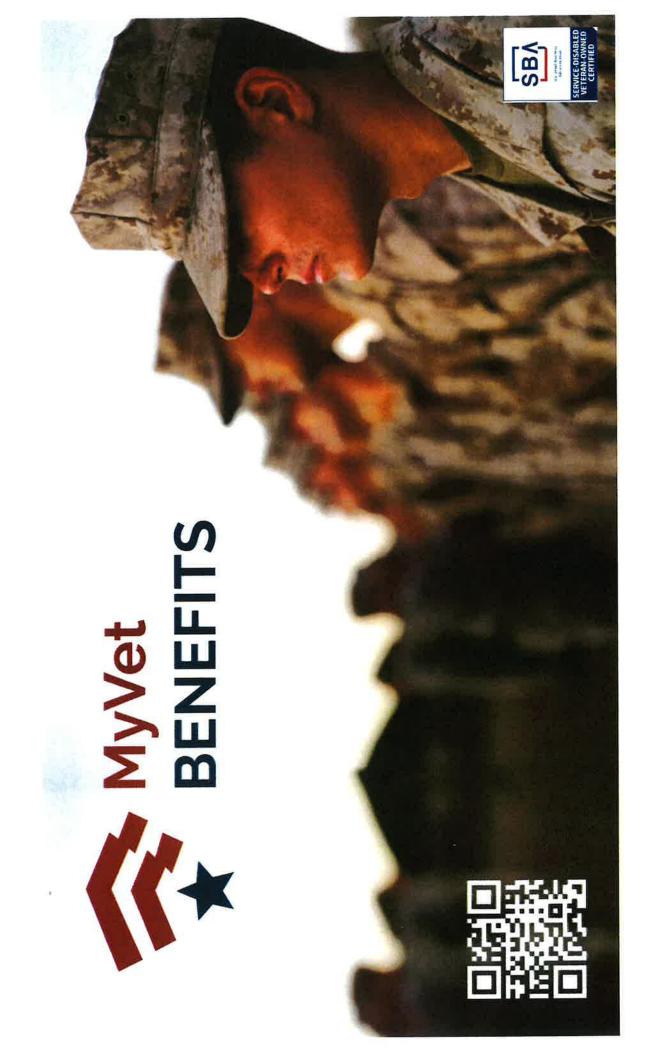
Cost of VFW Program Services: \$58.9 Million

5% Membership dues
94% Charitable contributions,
gifts and other revenue

Source: VFW 2024 Annual Report

Updated December 2024







OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE 1000 DEFENSE PENTAGON WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-1000

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MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding

The Secretary of Defense has signed the now jointly-signed Memorandum of

Understanding between the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs – Strengthening Our

Partnership in Service to Those Who Serve. Attached is a copy for your information/action.

Kelly Bulliner Ross Executive Secretary

Attachment: As stated

cc:

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Strengthening Our Partnership in Service to Those Who Serve

As we approach Memorial Day, a time when our Nation solemnly honors the brave men and women who gave their lives in service, we are reminded of the enduring duty we hold to all who wear or have worn the uniform.

The Departments of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) are united by more than law. We are bound by an enduring commitment to the well-being of Service members, Veterans, their families, and caregivers. Though our core missions differ, our collective purpose is deeply intertwined: supporting those who sacrifice for our Nation.

The relationship between our Departments continues to strengthen as we recognize that our roles are intertwined, starting early in a Service member's journey. From the first time a recruit dons the uniform, they begin a lifelong journey connected to both Departments—through educational benefits, life insurance, home loans, and health care. Our partnership begins early and must remain strong throughout.

In the spirit of collaboration, we are reaffirming our joint commitment to a strengthened partnership between the DoD and VA, with a focus on delivering quality health care and the seamless delivery of benefits and services. Together, we will:

Optimize Shared Use of Health Care Resources, Facilities, and Workforce

DoD and VA, together, manage the two largest health care systems in the Nation serving overlapping populations. Ensuring we provide patient-centered health care that delivers excellent quality, access, satisfaction, and value is a priority of both Departments. By jointly planning and sharing infrastructure and expertise, we will improve care, enhance readiness, and deliver better value for the American people. This collaboration allows for greater flexibility, maximizes taxpayer investment, and ensures that both Departments remain prepared to meet the evolving health care needs of today's Service members and tomorrow's Veterans.

Enable Enrollment into VA for Uninterrupted Health Care

Each year, approximately 200,000 Service members transition to civilian life, a period often marked by uncertainty and stress for them and their families. To ensure no Veteran falls through the cracks, DoD and VA are working to provide Service members the option to elect to enroll in VA health care prior to separation. This approach ensures continuous access to care, reduces administrative burdens, and supports long-term health and well-being during a critical life transition.

Provide Comprehensive and Continuous Mental Health Treatment

Mental health care must be a continuous thread throughout a Service member's journey. DoD and VA are committed to identifying transitioning Service Members, who may be at higher risk for mental health challenges, and ensuring they are not only referred to care, but warmly handed off to providers at VA. Service members may see this as communication between care teams or pre-scheduled appointments. Providing continuity of care is more than just policy; it will help save lives.

This is only the beginning. From a unified electronic health record and a joint Separation Health Assessment to strengthened suicide prevention initiatives, our Departments will continue breaking down barriers to better serve those who serve. This commitment and our enhanced collaboration will set a new standard of excellence in how we support Service members, Veterans, their families, and caregivers. We pledge to advance this partnership with urgency, unity, and unwavering respect for all who defend our freedom.

God Bless America, our Warriors, and t	those who have fallen.
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There are over 2,000 Veterans awaiting a kidney transplant in the United States.

The average walt for a kidney from a deceased donor is 5 years long. Veterans are dying while waiting for a kidney.

- Living kidney donors would enable Veterans to bypass this long wait.
- Living Kidney Donation is safe for those who are medically cleared.
- Living Kidney donors live normal lives with one kidney and can save a Veteran's life with their other!

We know many will "Step Up" as donors if they can directly help a Veteran in need. Through DOVE - they now can!

Message from DOVE Founder



haryn Kreitzer, DOVE founder and living klaney donor, with donor advocates and veterans raising awarness!

"I am dedicated to giving back to those who served our country. Finding and matching living kidney donors with Veterans will save Veterans' lives as well as help the overall transplant community by elevating awareness about organ donation, getting people off the long wait list, and contributing to transplant chains. Together, as communities, we can and will make a huge difference."



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INCREASING ACCESS TO LIVING KIDNEY
DONOR TRANSPLANTATION FOR VETERANS



Amanda Houton, kidney donor, piotured with her recipient Dovid Hordoway, Ret. Amy Lieutenant Colonel, who served "I donated in honor of my brother, a Veteran, who loved his country. This experience changed my life for the better." - Amanda

"Amanda saved my life. She is my angel and now will always be a part of my family." -David



LIVING KIDNEY DONATION FOR VETERANS

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Through both individual and community outreach campaigns, DOVE will Find, Educate and Match prospective donors to Veterans who are active "status 1" on the national (UNOS)wait list.

Many DOVE donors are anonymous. However, directed donors, such as friends and family members, are also entitled to the full support and resources provided by DOVE.

DOVE encourages all donors to consider participation in kidney paired exchanges in order to expand the donor pool. This also enables the Veteran to find an optimal match. There are several national paired exchange programs. Transplant centers will determine if paired exchange is an option and discuss with eligible donors.

Who Can Be a Living Kidney Donor?

Research confirms that donating a kidney does not have an adverse effect on future health of the donor in any way.

All donors undergo extensive testing by a specialized, interdisciplinary Donor Transplant Team to ensure that donors can safely recover from elective surgery and live a normal life with their remaining kidney.

There are some conditions that can screen out a donor's candidacy through an initial health screening:

- Obesity (BMI >35)
- Under 18 or over 70 *(some centers do not have age limit)
- Medical problems such as diabetes, uncontrolled high blood pressure, cancer, kidney and heart disease
- Psychological problems such as unstable mental illness, active substance abuse

All testing and medical care is covered by the Veteran's transplant center. Costs related to travel, lost wages, childcare can be covered by DOVE or other available transplant funds such as The National Living Donor Assistance Center (NLDAC).

To learn more about kidney donation: Info@dovetransplant.org or call 551-449-8319.

For Veteran Recipients

Many Veterans—who have already sacrificed so much for others—would be the first to offer to donate but are unwilling to ask in return.

Many transplant centers utilize "Donor Champion" programs and guide family and friends on how to run donor outreach campaigns.

DOVE is taking this successful concept a step further by serving as a Veteran's donor champion and also helping to screen, educate and guide the donors throughout the process.

This level of support keeps donors engaged and more likely to complete evaluation and undergo donation.

"I am proud to be the first DOVE donor and hope to inspire others to follow."

Jon Taylor (Combat Vet/Medic), donated his kidney at St. David's Medical Center in Austin, Texas. This helped set up a chain of transplants that ultimately led to fellow Veteran, Chief Bennie, pictured at far right with his wife, receiving his kidney transplant at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

Pictured below, Lindsay Gutierrez, an altruístic kidney donor, who first learned about DOVE in a Military Times advertisement.



If you are a Veteran and would like to register with DOVE, <u>you must</u>

- Be cleared and actively listed at a transplant center * We can work with any US Transplant Center
- Be able to confirm your service history (DD214)



I am writing on behalf of Donor Outreach For Veterans Corporation, a 5013c Combined Federal Campaign Charity - #84662. The Charity was founded in 2020, by its CEO, Sharyn Kreitzer, a kidney donor herself. DOVE math prospective altruistic donors to veterans across the country, and have already preserved the lives of many veterans thru their living donations program, to include me.

I am LTC David E. Hardaway, US Army (Ret). After serving for 23 years, I suffered from kidney failure and underwent a kidney transplant on 21 February 2023, with the help of DOVE, only 8 months after my initial contact with Sharyn. I am now an Advocate for DOVE and, "Encouraging people and organizations to give so Veterans can live." Giving by becoming an organ donor for one of the thousands of veterans currently on the transplant list, giving by helping us do outreach and spread the word about DOVE and giving, if someone is so inclined, by making a tax deductible donation to help defray logistics, administrative and transportation costs so DOVE can continue to "Served those who Served." I would be happy to talk more about DOVE – dhard78030@aol.com. Also learn more at Info@dovetransplant.org.

I will conclude with my personal testimony on the impact DOVE and my donor has made in my life, using two sentences below as illustrations:

FIRST SENTENCE – David went to the store. Notice that there is a period behind the word store indicating that this is the end of the sentence. That is it, that is all, there is no more, the sentence does not go on.

SECOND SENTENCE – David went to the store, but he returned home. Notice that in this sentence that there is a comma behind the word store indicating that there is more the story, that is not the end, the story goes on.

SO, THANKS TO DOVE, MY LIFE AND THE LIVES OF MANY VETERANS HAVE BEEN PRESERVED – THIS IS NOT THE END - "OUR STORY GOES ON."

Thank you in advance!!!



Traditional Buddy Poppy Order Form

Cost for the Traditional Buddy Poppy has increased significantly.

Department of Arizona does not receive a commission
on the new prices from National.

# Needed	Cost	Shipping	Total
500	\$125.00	\$15.95	\$140.95
1000	\$250.00	\$29.95	\$279.95
1500	\$375.00	\$34.95	\$409.95
2000	\$500.00	\$39.95	\$539.95
2500	\$625.00	\$69.95	\$694.95
3000	\$750.00	\$69.95	\$819.95

For quantities higher than 3000, cost is \$125 per 500, plus \$69.95 (max) for shipping.

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The monies received from the VFW plate will be used exclusively to fund the State Service Officer Program.

Monies received from the Auxiliary plate are dedicated to the fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational support to veterans and military members and their families and our communities.

For Questions about the Licences Plates please call your local DMV office.

Get your Arizona VFW and the VFW Auxiliary License Plates Today!!





DON'T FEED THE SHARKS



DontFeedTheSharks.org

What we think a "Claim Shark" is:

- A Claim Shark is an individual or company that charges hefty fees to "assist" or "consult" veterans with filing their VA benefit claims this practice is illegal!
- Claim Sharks are not VA accredited, meaning they aren't required to adhere to the well-established professional and ethical standards of VA accreditation, so their advice can often be misleading or even fraudulent.
- Like a "Loan Shark," once you're in, you can't get out, and may be subject to new and hidden fees whenever you get a new rating, no matter who does the work.

Some of their predatory practices are:

- Promising or guaranteeing an increased disability rating or percentage increase.
- Advertising expedited VA claims decisions.
- Requesting login credentials to access a veteran's personal information through secure VA websites like eBenefits or VA.gov.
- Using confusing tactics or ambiguous language to mislead claimants or coerce them into signing a contract.
- Telling veterans to forego VA exams and offering health consultations within their own network of doctors.

Who we think the Claim Sharks are:

- Trajector Medical
- ➤ Veteran Benefits Guide
- > Veterans Guardian
- > VA Claims Insider
- **▶** Telemedica
- ➤ Patriot Angels

- Veteran Care Services
- REE Medical
- > VA Claims Academy
- > Vet Assist
- ➤ Just4Veterans
- Veterans Disability Help

Veterans can protect themselves by:

- Always working with VA accredited representatives.
- Attending all exams ordered by VA.
- Not signing contracts.
- Not agreeing to fees or payments from future benefits.
- Not agreeing to pay for medical consultations or opinions.
- Not providing access to Protected Health Information or Personal Identifiable Information.

Who is NOT a Claim Shark?

- VA accredited veterans service organization representatives, like the VFW
- VA accredited claims agents
- VA accredited attorneys
- Attorneys assisting with Camp LeJeune lawsuits who do not charge excessive fees





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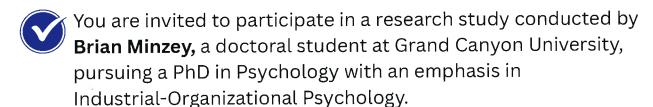
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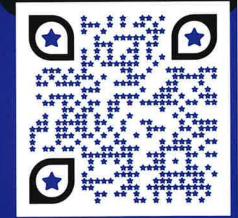


Participation involves a one-on-one interview lasting approximately 60–90 minutes in person or via Zoom.



Participants will not receive financial compensation but are greatly appreciated for their contribution to the veteran community and academic research.

Scan to Register



- Researcher: Brian Minzey, Doctor Student, Grand Canyon Universit
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VFW POST 2364 PINETOP-LAKESIDE will conduct a

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> Pinetop-Lakeside Town Hall 325 W. White Mountain Blvd. Lakeside, AZ 85929





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Veterans Memorial Park

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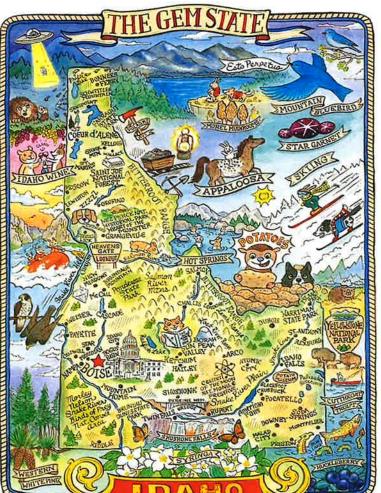
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PAYMENT INFORMATION NOVEMBER 7-9, 2025

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- 1. Scan the QR Code with your phone Or
- 2. Open Venmo on your phone
- Tap Pay/Request at the bottom of the screen
- 4. Search IDVFW
 - a. Under Businesses selects @IDVFW
- 5. Enter the total from above and add a memo note "2025 Western Conference"
- 6. Tap Pay, follow the prompts to get a confirmation screen

Note: Print a copy of this form for your records.









HOTEL INFORMATION

NOVEMBER 7-9, 2025

CONFERENCE HOTEL: "VFW Western Conference"

Single Room Rate: \$167.00 (does not include local & city taxes-approx. 13%)

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- Signature Breakfast Buffet
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TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION NOVEMBER 7-9, 2025

Preferred Airport: Boise Idaho (BOI)

website: www.iflyboise.com

Five (5) miles from the airport to the Riverside Hotel (approx. 10 minutes driving time) To arrange a ride from the airport to the hotel, **call Riverside Hotel Shuttle at 208-343-1871**. Pickup at the **green curb**.

Other Ground Transportation:

Most ground transportation services for Boise Airport are located on the lower-level roadway outside of the baggage claim area, except for Rideshare services. On the lower level, cross to the median and look for the color-coded curbs. Curbside Valet Parking: Upper curb, east end Rideshare (Lyft & Uber): Upper curb, east end

Taxis: Black curb

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Paid Shuttles: Blue curb Buses: Purple curb

Rideshare - Lyft and Uber

Rideshare operators, Lyft and Uber, have a designated pick-up and drop-off locations at the Boise Airport.

Pick-up Location - Upper Curb, East End

Passengers who have requested rides through an app should follow rideshare wayfinding signage to the second-floor rotunda exit door and follow the curb to the right to meet their driver at one of the shelters labeled "Rideshare Pick-Up Area."

Drop-Off Location - Upper Curb

Passengers arriving at the airport via a rideshare service will be dropped off at their specified airline location on the upper curb.

Helpful Tips

- Wait to request your ride until after you've claimed your luggage at baggage claim or have arrived at the pick-up location.
- Rideshare drivers are not allowed to solicit customers, and payment is made in the mobile app.
- Rides may only be requested through the mobile apps.
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NOVEMBER 7TH to NOVEMBER 9TH 2025 RIVERSIDE HOTEL BOISE, IDAHO

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Conference Notes ------Tours Available -- See Travel Desk During Registration

Friday, November 7 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Conference Registration

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM Free Time - Excursions 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Joint Opening Ceremony

5:30 AM - 9:30 PM Dinner on your own, possible event at local Post.

Hospitality Room Open

Saturday, November 8 8 AM - 12 NOON Conference Registration

9AM - 12 NOON VFW Business Session

Auxiliary Business Session

12:00 -1:30 PM Luncheon

1:30 PM - 5 PM VFW Business Session

Auxiliary Business Session

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM No Host Cocktails --- Banquet Room

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Conference Banquet

Hospitality Room {after banquet concludes}

Sunday, November 9th Travel Home HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME

Respectfully, Tom Black VFW Western Conference, Convention Chairman



AFW & AUXILIARY WESTERN CONFERENCE



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Local Things to Do

Military/Museums:

Warhawk Air Museum https://warhawkairmuseum.org/

Gowen Field Military History Museum https://museum.mil.idaho.gov/

Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame, 404 S 8th Street, Boise (208-343-7224)

Boise State University https://www.boisestate.edu/

Idaho State Museum https://history.idaho.gov/museum/

Basque Museum & Cultural Center https://basquemuseum.eus/

Boise Art Museum https://boiseartmuseum.org/

Museum of Mining & Geology https://www.idahomuseum.org/

Discovery Center of Idaho https://dcidaho.org/

Boise Visitors Guide:

https://visitboise.com/visitor-guide/#pdfflip-PDFF/1/

Arts Culture & Parks: https://downtownboise.org/events/arts-culture-parks

Sports https://downtownboise.org/events/sports

Map of Downtown Boise https://downtownboise.org/explore/map-of-downtown-boiseBoise

Bike Friendly https://downtownboise.org/explore/transportation-parking/boise-bike-town

Top Golf https://topgolf.com/us/boise/

Shopping https://www.boisetownesquare.com/en/

https://www.thevillageatmeridian.com/

The Peregrine Fund's World Center For Birds of Prey https://peregrinefund.org/plan-your-visit

Wahooz Family Fun Zone https://www.wahoozfunzone.com/

Skyzone Trampoline Park https://www.skyzone.com/Nampa iD

Zoo Boise https://www.cityofboise.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/facilities/zoo-boise/

Visit Boise:

https://visitboise.com/play/

Garden City Guide:

https://visitgardencity.com/things-to-do/arts-makers/

https://visitgardencity.com/things-to-do/craft-beverages/

Visitors Map: https://149854433.v2.pressablecdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/GC-Map-

2024-8.5x14-01.png