

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

ATTAINED AGE

Through 30	\$425.00
31-40	410.00
41-50	375.00
51-60	335.00
61-70	290.00
71-80	225.00
81 and over	170.00

Any applicant whose 31st, 41st, 51st, 61st, 71st or 81st birthday will occur after the date of application and on or before December 31st of the current calendar year, shall pay only the fee that would be required on his or her next birthday.

An installment plan is also available. Talk to your Post Quartermaster or Recruiter.

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Admission Fee paid \$ _____ Dues paid \$ _____
 Date _____ LM Fee Paid \$ _____
 (See Sec. 104 By-Laws)
 The Investigating Committee has performed its duties and recommends _____ approval _____ rejection.
 (Signatures of Committee Below)
 _____ Committee Member
 _____ Committee Member
 _____ Committee Member
 Applicant Approved _____ Date _____
 Obligated _____ Date _____



The annual dues of each member includes a year's subscription to the VFW Magazine, official publication of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Each applicant, upon acceptance, will be so notified and furnished with an official dues receipt showing membership for the year for which dues or Life Membership fees have been paid.

In the presence of Almighty God, I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto. I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy. I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order. Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had remained a member of same. All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true citizen -- and a citizen of our great republic.

Signed _____ Applicant
 I have investigated the character and campaign medal service of the applicant and hereby endorse him/her as eligible and worthy of membership in the VFW.

Signed _____ Member of Post No. _____
 Date _____

Cuba	24 Oct. 1962 - 1 June 1963
Congo	23-27 Nov. 1964
Dominican Republic	28 Apr. 1965 - 21 Sept. 1966
Korea	01 Oct. 1966 - 30 June 1974
Cambodia	29 Mar. 1973 - 15 Aug. 1973
Thailand	29 Mar. 1973 - 15 Aug. 1973
<i>(only those in direct support of Cambodia)</i>	
Operation Eagle Pull - Cambodia	11-13 Apr. 1975
<i>(includes evacuation)</i>	
Operation Frequent Wind - Vietnam	29-30 Apr. 1975
<i>(includes evacuation)</i>	
Mayaguez Operation	15 May 1975
El Salvador	1 Jan. 1981 - 1 Feb. 1982
Lebanon	1 June 1983 - 1 Dec. 1987
Operation Urgent Fury - Grenada	23 Oct. 1983 - 21 Nov. 1983
Eldorado Canyon - Libyan	12-17 Apr. 1986
Operation Earnest Will - Persian Gulf	24 July 1987 - 02 Aug. 1990
<i>(only those participating in, or in direct support)</i>	
Operation Just Cause - Panama	20 Dec. 1989 - 31 Jan. 1990
<i>(USS Wreeland & other SVS-designated aircraft mbrs. Outside the Conus in direct support)</i>	
United Shield - Somalia	5 Dec. 1992 - 31 Mar. 1995
Operation Restore Hope - Somalia	5 Dec. 1992 - 31 Mar. 1995
Operation Uphold Democracy - Haiti	16 Sept. 1994 - 31 Mar. 1995
Operation Joint Endeavor - Bosnia	20 Nov. 1995 - 19 Dec. 1996
Croatia, the Adriatic Sea & airspace	
Operation Vigilant Sentinel - Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait & Persian Gulf	1 Dec. 1995 - 15 Feb. 1997
Operation Southern Watch - Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman Gulf of Oman W of 62 E Long., Yemen, Egypt & Jordan	1 Dec. 1995 - To Be Determined
Operation Maritime Intercept - Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Red Sea Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman W of 62 E Long, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt & Jordan.	01 Dec. 1995 - To Be Determined
Operation Joint Guard - Bosnia, Croatia, Adriatic Sea & Airspace	20 Dec. 1996 - 20 June 1998
Operation Northern Watch - Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf W of 56 E Lon., and inside AB, Turkey <i>(only pers. TDY to ONW)</i>	1 Jan. 1997 - To Be Determined
Operation Joint Forge - Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Adriatic Sea and Airspace	21 June 1998 - 31 Dec. 2000
Operation Desert Thunder - Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea Support	11 Nov. 1998 - 22 Dec. 1998
Operation Desert Fox - Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, USN Red Sea Support	16 Dec. 1998 - 22 Dec. 1998

Blood Pressure and Diabetes checks plus distribution of literature. Civic Improvement involves such environmental projects as litter pickups, beautification and planting of trees, flowers and shrubs.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Embracing a National Defense program that fully meets America's security at home and abroad, the VFW also recognizes that the military is a professional calling. As such, the VFW remains completely committed to fair and just treatment for those who serve.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Your membership entitles you to *VFW Insurance Programs* (including \$2500 Personal Accident Protection, Group Term, Cash Value, Life, Medicare Supplemental)

- *Discount Merchandise Buying Program* (Major Appliances, Household Items) *VFW Travel Services* (Discounted Airfares, Cruises, Vacation Packages), *Discount Eyewear Program, and others.* (It is suggested that you contact a local Post Quartermaster for more details on ALL Member Benefit Programs.)

Southwest Asia Service Medal	Operation Desert Shield/ Operation Desert Storm, (Combat areas of operation only)	2 Aug. 1990 - 30 Nov. 1995
	Personnel assigned to support units serving in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Jordan	17 Jan. 1991 - 11 Apr. 1991
Kosovo Campaign Medal	(Operation allied Force-Air Campaign Kosovo Defense Campaign-Ground Action)	Mar. 24, 1999-Jun.10, 1999 Jun.10, 1999 - Open
Combat Infantry Badge & Combat Medical Badge	Army	6 Dec. 1941 - Open
Combat Action Ribbon	Navy, Marine Coast Guard	1 Mar. 1951 - Open
SSBN Nuclear Deterrent Patrol Breast insignia	Navy	Jan. 21, 1961 - Open
Korean Service Defense Medal Korea Duty**	(Service on the Korean Peninsula or in its territorial waters for thirty (30) consecutive or sixty (60) non-consecutive days.)	July 26, 1954 - Open
	**Periods not covered by a campaign medal	30 Jun 1949-26 Jun 1950
	** Periods not covered by a campaign medal	28 Jul 1954-30 Sept 1966
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal		01 July 1974 - Open
Afghanistan Campaign Medal		Sept. 11, 2001 - Open
Iraq Campaign Medal		Sept. 11, 2001 - Open
Air Force Expeditionary Service with GOLD BORDER		April, 2004 - Open
Hostile Duty & Imminent Danger Pay		

For more information about the Veterans of Foreign Wars...Contact:

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651-291-1757 (Office) 651-291-2753 (FAX)

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MEMBERSHIP

Because the VFW is respected as a vital and growing organization with the courage and commitment to speak the truth and represent the interests of all Veterans, Congress knows that the VFW strength can rally members to the cause.

The VFW has always met the challenge in the fight for Veterans' Entitlements, National Security and Member Benefits.

Using its 1.9 million member strength, the VFW protects your rights as a Veteran and fights off the efforts of those who constantly undermine veterans' entitlements.

HELP TO OBTAIN BENEFITS

These specialized personnel, through their skill in the highly technical field of service work, can be a big help to you when it is necessary to gather evidence to help support your claim for specific entitlements. Among the entitlements you may have earned are Service Connected Compensation or Non-Service Connected Pension, Hospitalization and Medical Treatment, Home Loans, Vocational Rehabilitation - Education and Training. You can contact our VFW Claims Service Office in Minnesota by calling 612-970-5669.

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE

The VFW State and National Legislative Staff works behind the scenes for you on Capitol Hill to accomplish the organization's objectives. This is important to you because the close companionship of Veterans, who have interests or concerns in common with each other, acts as a powerful influence on your behalf. You are apprised of veterans related legislation through the Gopher Overseas'r, the VFW Magazine, and correspondence with members.

BUDDY POPPY PROMOTION

The annual distribution of VFW 'Buddy Poppy' Poppies has been held continuously since 1922. The sale of an artificial poppy to the public as a means of raising funds to aid the Disabled Veteran, was inspired by the poem "In Flanders Fields" and is conducted by the VFW annually around Memorial Day.

AID TO HOSPITALS, THE ELDERLY & THE HOMELESS

VFW members spend countless hours and dollars in visiting hospitals and the elderly, as well as the less fortunate and those suffering from personal tragedy or illness.

SAFETY, HEALTH & CIVIC PRIDE

Among the Safety projects are Drive to Survive, Lite-A-Bike and Home Security, while Health Projects include

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Campaign Medal	Military Service	Period During Which Issued
Expeditionary	Navy/Marine Corps	12 Feb. 1874 - Open
China Service	Navy	7 July 1938 - 7 Sept. 1939 2 Sept. 1945 - 1 Apr. 1957
American Defense	Army-Navy	8 Sept. 1939 - 7 Dec. 1941 <i>(with Foreign clasp)</i>
American Campaign	Army-Navy	7 Dec. 1941 - 2 Mar. 1946 <i>(30 consecutive days or 60 days non-consecutive duty outside continental limits of the United States)</i>
Asiatic-Pacific	Army-Navy	7 Dec. 1941 - 2 Mar. 1946
European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign	Army-Navy	7 Dec. 1941 - 8 Nov. 1945
Army of Occupation	Italy <i>(30 consecutive days)</i> Germany <i>(except West Berlin)</i>	9 May 1945 - 15 Sept. 1947 9 May 1945 - 5 May 1955
	Korea	3 Sept. 1945 - 29 June 1948
	Japan	3 Sept. 1945 - 27 Apr. 1962
	Austria	9 May 1945 - 27 July 1955
	Germany <i>(West Berlin)</i>	9 May 1945 - 2 Oct. 1990
Navy Occupation	Italy	8 May 1945 - 15 Dec. 1947
	Trieste	05 May 1945 - 26 Oct. 1954
	Germany <i>(except West Berlin)</i>	8 May 1945 - 5 May 1955
	Austria	8 May 1945 - 26 Oct. 1955
	Asiatic Pacific	2 Sept. 1945 - 27 Apr. 1952
Korean Service	Army, Navy, Air Force	27 June 1950 - 27 July 1954
Navy & Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal		
	Cuban Military Operation	3 Jan. 1961 - 23 Oct. 1962
	Thailand Military Operation	16 May 1962 - 10 Aug. 1962
	Iranian, Yemen & Indian Ocean Operation	8 Dec. 1978 - 6 June 1979 21 Nov. 1979 - 20 Oct. 1981
	Lebanon	20 Aug. 1982 - 31 May 1993
	Libyan Expedition	20 Jan. 1986 - 27 June 1986
	Persian Gulf	0 Feb. 1987 - 23 July 1987
	Panama - <i>(pre and post invasion)</i>	01 Apr. 1988 - 19 Dec. 1989 1 Feb. 1990 - 13 June 1990
	Operation Sharp Edge - Liberia	5 Aug. 1990 - 21 Feb. 1991
	Operation Distant Runner - Rwanda <i>(11th Marine Expeditionary Unit USS Peleliu)</i>	07-18 Apr. 1994
Vietnam Service Medal		4 July 1965 - 28 Mar. 1973
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal <i>(30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty)</i>		
	Lebanon	1 July 1958 - 1 Nov. 1958
	Taiwan Straits	23 Aug. 1958 - 1 Jan. 1959
	Quemoy & Matsu Island	23 Aug. 1958 - 1 June 1963
	Vietnam	01 July 1958 - 03 July 1965
	Congo	14 July 1960 - 1 Sept. 1962
	Laos	19 Apr. 1961 - 7 Oct. 1962
	Berlin	14 Aug. 1961 - 1 June 1963

(NATIONAL COPY - SUBMIT WITH TRANSMITTAL FORM)

I want to pay my membership fee by credit card.

MASTERCARD VISA DISCOVER AMEX

CARD NO.

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Exp. Date ____/____/____ \$ _____

Signature: _____

Branch of Service
 Air Force Army
 Marines Navy
 Coast Guard

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES Membership Application

Current Status:
 Active Duty
 Reserve
 National Guard

Name (Type or Print)

Present Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Street and No.

SSN _____

City _____

E-Mail _____

Foreign Service: _____

Date _____

to _____

Where _____

Name of Campaign Ribbon(s) or Medal(s) _____

Home town/Permanent address: _____

Street and No.

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Transfer (Please attach MCR form)

Post No. _____

New

Reinstated

Annual

Life

Old Post No. _____

ID# _____

Life 12 month payment plan

Life 24 month payment plan

I certify the above applicant meets eligibility requirements outlined in sec. 101 of the VFW Manual of Procedure.

Recruiter Card No. _____

Recruiter Signature: _____

Recruiter (Please Print) _____

Date _____