

ATTAINED AGE	LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES
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, 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.

The Review Committee has performed its duties and recommends approval _____ rejection. (Signatures of Committee Below)

Admission Fee paid \$ _____ Dues paid \$ _____
 Date _____ 20 _____ LM Fee Paid \$ _____

Committee Member _____
 Applicant Approved _____ Date _____
 Obligated _____ Date _____

Committee Member _____
 Committee Member _____

PLEASE SEPARATE FORMS BEFORE SIGNING

VFW PLEDGE

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 comrade -- and a citizen of our great republic.



CERTIFICATION (See Sec. 104 By-Laws)
 I attest that I am a citizen of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

Date _____
 Signature _____

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

Southwest Asia Service Medal	Operation Desert Shield/ Operation Desert Storm <i>(Combat areas of operation only)</i>	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 11, 1999 - Open
Combat Infantry Badge & Combat Medical Badge	Army	6 Dec. 1941 - Open
Combat Action Ribbon	Navy, Marine Coast Guard	1 Mar. 1961 - Open
SSBN Nuclear Deterrent Patrol Breast Insignia	Navy	Jan.21, 1961 - Open
Korean Service Defense Medal Korea Duty** <i>(Service on the Korean Peninsula or in its territorial waters for thirty (30) consecutive or sixty (60) non-consecutive days.)</i> **Periods not covered by a campaign medal ** Periods not covered by a campaign medal		July 28, 1954 - Open 30 Jun 1949-26 Jun 1950 28 Jul 1954-30 Sept 1966 01 July 1974 - Open
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal		Sept. 11, 2001 - 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		

This information is to be used for guideline purposes only. The separation document or DD 214 MUST reflect campaign medal service to establish eligibility. Service in Korea without the issuance of a campaign medal can be established with additional, support documentation. Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay can be established with pay records.

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E-mail: vfwmnooffice@gmail.com
 Web Page: www.mn.gov/vfw

If you need help with your benefits as a Veteran you can contact the Claims office at

(O) 612-970-5669
 (F) 612-970-5404



Department of Minnesota



“No One Does More For Veterans”

Name _____ First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ (Suffix - Sr., Jr., etc.) _____ email _____ Gender (M) (F) _____

Address _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone _____ SSN (Optional) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Military Service Army Air Force Coast Guard Current Status: Veteran National Guard/Reserve Navy Marines Active Duty

Qualifying Service Pre-World War II World War II Post-WWII Occupation 1945 - 55 (Europe, Korea, Japan) Korean Service 1950 - 54 Desert Shield/Storm 1990 - 1995 Afghanistan 2001 - Post-WWII Occupation 1945 - 90 (Berlin) Korea Defense Service 1955 - Bosnia/Kosovo 1995 - Iraq 2003 - Post-WWII Occupation 1945 - 90 (Berlin) Vietnam 1958 - 75 Global War on Terrorism - EXPEDITIONARY 2001 - Expeditionary Operations 1958 -

Qualified Recipient Of: Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire Pay* (Where) _____ SSBN Nuclear Deterrent Patrol* _____

*Period Covered: _____ (Required for applicants with no other reported qualifying service).

New Post No. _____ Reinstated ID# _____ Annual Life Life 12 Mo Installment

Transfer From Post No. _____ To Post No. _____ Recruit Card No. _____ Recruit Card No. _____ Recruit Card No. _____

Recruiter (Please Print) _____ Signature _____ Transfer completes with Sec. 107 _____ Date _____ 05/10

(NATIONAL COPY - SUBMIT WITH TRANSMITTAL FORM)

I want to pay my membership fee by credit card.

MASTERCARD VISA DISCOVER AMEX

CARD NO. _____

Exp. Date _____ / _____ \$ _____

Signature: _____

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Campaign Medal	Military Service	Period During Which Issued
Expeditionary	Navy/Marine Corps	12 Feb. 1874 -Open
China Service	Navy	7 July 1939 -7 Sept. 1939 2 Sept. 1945 -1 Apr. 1957
American Defense	Army-Navy	8 Sept. 1939 - 7 Dec. 1941 (with Foreign clasp)
American Campaign	Army-Navy (30 consecutive days or 60 days non-consecutive duty outside continental limits of the United States)	7 Dec. 1941 - 2 Mar. 1946
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 (30 consecutive days) Germany (except West Berlin)	9 May 1945 - 15 Sept. 1947 9 May 1945 - 5 May 1955
	Korea	3 Sept. 1945- 29 June 1949
	Japan	3 Sept. 1945 - 27 Apr. 1952
	Austria	9 May 1945 - 27 July 1955
	Germany (West Berlin)	9 May 1945 - 2 Oct. 1990
Navy Occupation	Italy	8 May 1945 - 15 Dec. 1947
	Trieste	08 May 1945 - 26 Oct. 1954
	Germany (except West Berlin)	8 May 1945 - 5 May 1955
	Austria	8 May 1945 - 25 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 - (pre and post invasion)	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 (11th Marine Expeditionary Unit USS Peleliu)	07-18 Apr. 1994
Vietnam Service Medal		4 July 1965 - 28 Mar. 1973
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty)		
	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

Purpose of the Veterans of Foreign Wars

The purpose is fraternal, patriotic, historical and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever.

What Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars do in your community.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES, VOICE OF DEMOCRACY & YOUTH ESSAY

The VFW sponsors a wide range of youth sports and is a major sponsor of Boy Scout Troops. Annually, over 200,000 students compete in the Voice of Democracy Program and Youth Essay Program for Local, District, State and National scholarships.

PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES

Distribution of American Flags to schools and churches, observances of patriotic holidays, parades, and the presentation of patriotic materials to schools are just a few ways in which the VFW promotes patriotism.

AID TO SCHOOLS & CHURCHES

Annually, the VFW Posts provide schools and churches with teaching aids and materials that will assist in molding our nation's youth into outstanding citizens. Posts also assist with fundraisers, donations, and the sponsorship of various competitions and activities with the school.

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.

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 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.

SAFETY, HEALTH & CIVIC PRIDE

Among the Safety projects are Drive to Survive and Home Security, while Health Projects include 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.)