



## OUR GOALS

The members of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary VFW seek to support our nation's veterans by serving active-duty military personnel and their families. We also look to better our communities through volunteerism and patriotic education.

## NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICES

VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members provide direct support to our deployed service personnel, U.S. veterans and their families. The Military Assistance Program (MAP) supports local Posts in sponsoring military units through care packages, hosting events and providing support to family members of deployed soldiers. Unmet Needs and Emergency Financial Assistance programs provide grants to families of deployed or recently returned service members who require immediate monetary help. MAP also offers Operation Uplink, which connects service members and hospitalized veterans to their loved ones by providing free, pre-paid phone cards. This last year alone, Operation Uplink sent out 365,600 cards valued at more than \$2 million.

## VOLUNTEERING IN HOSPITALS & VA MEDICAL CENTERS

Members volunteer more than 2.3 million hours each year in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout the country. VFW Service Officers assist veterans and current military personnel with benefits and compensation questions or to acquire well-deserved military awards.

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS & SUPPORT OF RESEARCH

Each year, the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary donate hundreds of thousands of dollars to those in need and to other non-profit organizations. Since 1987, the Ladies Auxiliary has consistently raised around \$3 million to support cancer research and to aid members stricken with the illness. Postdoctoral research fellowships and research grants are awarded annually across the country.

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Recently ranked among the most influential lobbies and the top veterans' lobby on Capitol Hill, the VFW maintains an office in Washington, D.C., to monitor legislative issues of interest and keep members informed about the VA budget, future health care, POW/MIA accountability and legislation regarding national security and veterans' entitlements. VFW and Ladies Auxiliary members telephone, send letters and e-mail elected officials, encouraging support of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary positions on important legislation.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Members reach out in their communities in hundreds of ways, either as a Post and Auxiliary or with other non-profit organizations to make our country the best it can be. They hold true to the motto, "Honor the dead by helping the living." Volunteerism touches every people group in our country, and members try to provide services and materials to better the lives of their fellow citizens.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary are proud to offer several scholarship contests and award opportunities for students. Led by the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest, the Voice of Democracy Audio/Essay Contest and the Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Contest, members reach out to students to provide many ways to earn money for college or other education. Members also look for ways to involve students in volunteer programs, as well as support the students' projects or groups.



## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES\*

(subject to change\*)

Attained Age	Fee
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
Annual Fee (All Ages)	\$35.00

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.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

AGE as of DECEMBER 31 of Year of Application MEMBERSHIP FEE

Through 20	\$220.00	56 – 60	\$150.00
21 – 25	210.00	61 – 65	140.00
26 – 30	200.00	66 – 70	130.00
31 – 35	190.00	71 – 75	115.00
36 – 40	185.00	76 – 80	95.00
41 – 45	175.00	81 – 85	75.00
46 – 50	170.00	86 – 90	60.00
51 – 55	160.00	91 and over	50.00

The Life Membership fees are based on the applicant's age as of December 31st of the year of application, regardless of the applicant's birth date.

### CERTIFICATION

Admission Fee paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dues paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ LM Fee paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(See Sec. 104 of the By-Laws)

The Investigating Committee has performed its duties and recommends \_\_\_\_\_ approval \_\_\_\_\_ rejection  
Signatures of Committee Below

\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Member

Applicant elected MM / DD / YY /  
Obligated MM / DD / YY /

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.

Admission Fee paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dues paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ LM Fee paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Per section 105 of the Bylaws, the investigating committee shall investigate the eligible veteran's proof of honorable service, unless he/she is a member of the VFW Post to which the applicant is applying for membership. They shall recommend election or rejection based on eligibility.)

The Investigating Committee recommends

\_\_\_\_\_ election \_\_\_\_\_ rejection  
Signatures of Committee Below

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Committee Member

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Committee Member

Applicant elected MM / DD / YY /  
Obligated MM / DD / YY /

The annual dues of each member includes a year's subscription to the *Ladies Auxiliary VFW Magazine*. 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.

### OBLIGATION

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 Veterans of Foreign Wars 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Member of Post No. \_\_\_\_\_



In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member; I do so promise.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_

Member, Aux. or Post No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_