



WHO WE ARE

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Foundation is the official 501(c)(3) charity of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, America's largest and oldest combat veterans organization. Our mission is to support programs and services that secure, manage and distribute resources to improve the lives of veterans, military service personnel, their families and the communities where they live.

WHAT WE DO

With a professional staff of eight and a distinguished, eight-member volunteer Board of Directors, the VFW Foundation fundraises approximately \$5-\$7 million per year from a variety of sources, including:

- Grants from private foundations, corporate sponsorships and cause marketing agreements
- Employee matching gifts and giving campaigns (Combined Federal Campaign, United Way)
- Non-cash donations of cars, RVs, boats, real estate, etc.
- Individual contributions including major gifts, estates and bequests

We are especially proud of our low administrative costs. The VFW Foundation is reviewed annually by various nonprofit watchdog groups such as Charity Navigator, GuideStar and the Better Business Bureau; we have received the "Best in America" rating from the Independent Charities of America.

WHO WE HELP

The VFW Foundation seeks to make veterans, military service personnel and their families feel appreciated for their service to our country. After all, these individuals have often personally sacrificed much for America. So too, we conduct a variety of fundraising activities that allow donors to direct their support to VFW national programs and services such as:

Unmet Needs: Monetary grants to military families in financial hardship to help with mortgage, rent, utilities, vehicle repair and food/basic aid. Since 2004, the VFW has donated over \$12 million.

National Veterans Service: VFW program assists veterans (without cost) to submit new VA benefit claims. In fiscal year 2020, more than 110,000 veterans were counseled resulting in an over \$1.4 billion in awarded benefits.

Veteran Educational Scholarships: Since January 2014, the VFW has awarded more than 2,054 veterans and service members with \$9.2 million through the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship."

Military Appreciation Events: Since 2006, the VFW has hosted 2.3 million+ service members and their family members at Military Assistance Program (MAP) events designed to boost their morale.

Voice of Democracy & Patriots Pen: Patriotic essay competitions that award \$2.9 million annually to middle and high school students.

The VFW Foundation also provides grants and fundraising advice and training for VFW Posts and Departments at the local and state level: <https://vfw.org/foundation/training-and-support-resources>

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