



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

2025-2026 COMPETITION

**PATRIOT'S PEN AND
VOICE OF
DEMOCRACY**

Post 4676



"VFW made it possible
for me to go to college."
- Rachel 2020 Prize Winner

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 31, 2025

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be lawful U.S. permanent residents or have applied for permanent residence (for which the application has not been denied) and intend to become a U.S. citizen at the earliest opportunity.

PATRIOT'S PEN

- Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students enrolled by the Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 300 – 400-word essay
- This year's theme is, "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"
- National Prize is currently \$5,000



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VOICE OF DEMOCRACY

- Open to students in grades 9-12 enrolled by Oct. 31st deadline
- Submit a 3–5-minute audio and written essay
This year's theme is, "How are you showing patriotism and support for our country?"
- National Prize is currently \$35,000

<https://scholarsapp.com>

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VFW Post 4676

Sep/Oct 2025

Newsletter

Congratulations Again!

2024-2025 All-American Post 4676 Baseball Caps

Place your order. Limited Supply. \$20.00
Solid or Mesh Back
Email: cmdr4676@gmail.com to get yours.



Website: <https://vfwpost4676.com/>

Calendar: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/embed?src=cmdr4676@gmail.com&ctz=America/Chicago>

Facebook (private): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1513705682228151>

*Encourage our future young leaders to submit their story of how they are showing patriotism and support for our country. A great opportunity for them to learn, experience and grow to be the best they can be.
October 31, 2025 Deadline...

Commander: More and more we are tasked with objectives to meet. These objectives and goals are necessary to achieve our mission. Most objections arise from dislike, inability, or resistance to change. If you have concerns about the changes or other ideas being discussed, you can share your perspective at the monthly meeting and present your case to the voting members. If objectives or goals cannot be achieved independently, we will proactively seek support to ensure completion. The most significant and challenging factor is resistance to change. This refers to the reluctance or opposition toward new circumstances, processes, or methods, frequently motivated by uncertainty about the future, a perceived loss of control, or disruption to established routines. **Change is a fundamental and unavoidable aspect of life, occurring naturally and constantly in every aspect of existence, from personal growth to global events. While change itself cannot be controlled, individuals have the choice of how to respond to it. Adapting to change, accepting it, and using it as an opportunity for growth, rather than resisting it, is generally considered a more effective and positive approach to navigating life's inevitable shifts. (Google Search).* We will adjust to organizational decisions and strive to implement them positively and effectively. Continue to ask yourself “why?” and actively search for the answer. You may be surprised as to why you said what you said, did what you did, or thought what you thought. Thank you for supporting our mission to serve veterans, their family and the community. As always, Ask Me.

Melvin “Mel” Yamamoto

House Chairman: Hello Comrades, I want to start by saying how Proud I am to be a member of and serve the Veterans of Post 4676. It’s a great place to visit, spend time with Veterans and their families, and have a cold beverage. However, there’s always room for improvement. I touched on some of these things in the last newsletter, but I feel the need to expand upon them in this edition. Items of interest are as follows.

Member Responsibilities: (Not all inclusive)

- You MUST sign in all guests that you invite to the Post.
- Members MUST behave in an appropriate manner.
- Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests.
- Don’t put the Bartenders, Management, Commander, or Post in a bad position by not fulfilling your responsibilities as a VFW Member at our Post.

Drama: (Not all inclusive)

- Our Canteen/Post is a DRAMA FREE ZONE!
- There’s no place for it at our Post.
- Spreading Gossip – Not tolerated!
- Have the Courage to speak up and STOP IT!

VFW Core Mission: The VFW's core mission is to foster camaraderie among veterans of overseas conflicts, serve veterans, the military, and communities, and advocate for all veterans.

Please read that again and really think about its meaning. It says nothing about the Canteen being why we’re here.

I’ll close by stressing my opening comment. I am really proud to be a member of this post, and I hope you take as much pride in it as I do. Let’s tighten up where needed and continue to build on the greatness we’ve achieved. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Paul Yingst

Military Order of Cooties: Cootie Courier... Congratulations to all the members of Pup Tent 55. We made All-Star for the 24-25 year. Program participation, membership goals and reporting achieved that result. On that note dues are now payable for unpaid annual members. Dues are now \$25.00. As a reminder: Cootie breakfast and Scratch are held on the last Saturday of the month. Keep up the good work!



September/October 2025 VFW Auxiliary Chaplain’s Corner

1 Peter 4:10: God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

September and October are filled with opportunities to celebrate, recognize, remember, and assist our veterans and their families. Special dates include Patriot Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Gold Star Mother’s and Family’s Day, and of course Columbus Day.

As we observe these holidays and all that they represent we honor the value of life, those we loved and lost, our country’s resilience, and the strength of the American spirit. Let us remember that America was not built on fear, but on courage. This is an excellent time to give thanks for all the blessings and freedoms we have in this land.

This is also the beginning of our new auxiliary programs and requirements year. While some programs are added, modified, and/or deleted, our organizational objectives remain the same. Our leadership and membership strive to preserve our post home with an environment that belongs to all veterans, a place of refuge and comfort. A place that provides social opportunities and recreation that foster both emotional and physical benefits. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to reach these goals.

Helping veterans and their families is an important part of being a good Christian. The Bible teaches us to serve those around us with love and kindness. Serving others not only benefits them, but it also brings us closer to God and builds our faith. Let’s use our talents for the benefit of our post and auxiliary, not for personal glory or gain. May we hold in special prayer each member of our Armed Forces, our veterans, their family members, and the families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice that our country may remain strong, united, and without defeat. Please pray for all members who are ill and struggling with life’s afflictions; pray for their caregivers and medical teams, first responders, and pray for the families of our departed members.

Chrystal Coble

Committees in Progress: Interested in volunteering to help our mission, post, veterans, family members and the community? Contact cmdr4676@gmail.com.

1. Scholarship. 2. Membership. 3. Post Activities and Events. 4. Community Service. 5. Public Relations (Website, Facebook, etc.). 6. POW/MIA. 7. Donations. 8. Fundraising. 9. Buddy Poppy. 10. House. 11. Historian. 12. VPR

Medicare, VA, and Tricare for Life Briefing: 17 September 2025 at 5:30pm. *Before general membership meeting. All are invited. POC: Michael Mills, Service Officer. Email: svcofficer4676@gmail.com.

Notice: Post email vfwpost4676@att.net is not operational. Post is in the process of obtaining a new email. We apologize for this interruption as it came without warning or notification. Phone calls and text messages were sent to all vendors, businesses, and other veteran organizations to minimize disruptions of canteen and post operations. In the interim, we will be using cmdr4676@gmail.com.

Universal City Veterans Parade Participation: Saturday, 8 Nov. 2026. *Looking for volunteers to plan, coordinate and execute VFW Post 4676’s participation in the parade. 55th Annual Veterans Day Parade. Contact commander at cmdr4676@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

Automatic External Defibrillator (AED): An AED was purchased for the post. Thank you to Auxiliary and VFW members.

Reminder: Post Gift Cards: VFW Post 4676 now offers gift cards available for purchase, which may be used exclusively for canteen transactions. Contact canteen for more information.