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POST HONOR GUARD REMEMBERS OUR FALLEN ON MEMORIAL DAY

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VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

OUR MISSION

TO FOSTER CAMARADERIE AMONG UNITED STATES VETERANS OF OVERSEAS CONFLICTS. TO SERVE OUR VETERANS, THE MILITARY AND OUR COMMUNITIES. TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF ALL VETERANS.

OUR VISION

ENSURE THAT VETERANS ARE RESPECTED FOR THEIR SERVICE, ALWAYS RECEIVE THEIR EARNED ENTITLEMENTS, AND ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THE SACRIFICES THEY AND THEIR LOVED ONES HAVE MADE ON BEHALF OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY.

The VFW is a dynamic United States combat veterans organization that serves, advocates and fosters camaraderie for ALL veterans, service members, their families and our community. The VFW harnesses its recognized authority, experience and resources to deliver comprehensive financial, educational, health and well-being programs and services at every stage of the veteran's military and civilian life.

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PUBLICATION AWARDS

- 1st Place 2019 Wisconsin VFW Publications Contest
- 1st Place 2019 National VFW Publications Contest
- 1st Place 2018 Wisconsin VFW Publications Contest
- 3rd Place 2018 National VFW Publications Contest
- 1st Place 2017 Wisconsin VFW Publications Contest
- 2nd Place 2017 National VFW Publications Contest

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2018-2019	2012-2013
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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Every month our Post has a monthly membership meeting. This meeting is for **YOU**, our members, to find out the latest and greatest of what your officers are doing, volunteer opportunities, voice your concern about veterans issues, vote on new projects and ideas, and to tell us what you want out of your membership and the VFW. Share your ideas on how to improve your Post and get the most out of your membership. It is also a great opportunity to connect with friends and meet other veterans with similar goals.

When: 3rd Tuesday of every month

Time: 6 PM - Social Hour 7 PM - Meeting starts

Location: New Richmond Civic Center - 156 East 1st St, New Richmond, WI 54017
(located in the downstairs of the Civic Center)



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 10818

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SUBMISSIONS

Submissions for the VFW Veterans Voice may be submitted by email to: admin@vfwpost10818.org no later than the 25th of the month. If pictures are included, please provide names of all in the photo.

CONTACT THE COMMANDER

You can contact me by email at: commander@vfwpost10818.org or by cell phone at: 715-928-3606. If calling during the day, you may have to leave a voicemail as I do not have my phone while working. You can also text. I will try to answer as soon as I can after work.

VFW OBJECTIVES

To ensure national security through maximum military strength.

To speed the rehabilitation of the nation's disabled and needy veterans.

To assist the widows and orphans and the dependent disabled and needy veterans.

To promote Americanism through education in patriotism and constructive service to the communities in which we live.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Whenever you move or have a change of address, please drop us a line at 715.246.0226 or shoot us an email at admin@vfwpost10818.org. Every time we get a Post magazine returned by the U.S. Postal Service because NO change of address was filed, the Post gets charged for the return postage. If you would prefer to receive your magazine by e-mail, let us know and we can get you on our e-mail distribution list. Please help us - we don't want to waste money.





**COMMANDER
RON RAMOS**

Greeting comrades. As our VFW year comes to a close, I can't help but look back at all the great things the members of this post has done in the last few years.

Our membership has grown to over 400 members. We've put in more and more hours of community service than any other time in the history of our Post. We're becoming more and more community oriented and continuing to stick to the ethos of the VFW.

One of the things I'm most proud of as my time as Commander has been our increase in youth

scholarship participants and the outstanding support of our members to ensure our winners are properly awarded. While we have hit a few bumps in the road with these programs, we have achieved 100% participation in all three competitions (Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year). These programs hold a special place in my heart as one of our missions is to support our youth as they are our future. To see the level of writing skills in these entries are a testament to the wonderful teachers throughout our county and to the parents of these students who are instilling a sense of patriotism for our country. I look forward to watching its growth in the coming years.

I'd like to give a round of applause to **ALL** of our members who have put in countless hours of volunteer time within our community. For the 11th year in a row, our Post will be awarded with the National Outstanding Community Service Award. This award is only awarded to two VFW Posts in the state of Wisconsin. I firmly believe that we are one of the examples to follow when it comes to community service and this award proves just that. Great job everyone!

Membership is slowly creeping to 100%. We have until the end of June to make it and we shall. We are only about 14 members away from reaching 100% in membership for the third year in a row. I will be going on another calling spree to get renewals in so if you're still due for the year, expect a call from me. **WE WILL MAKE IT!** We've done a fantastic job of recruiting this year. A total of 21 new members have joined our ranks and we're happy to have them on board. 21 members is 60% of all new members in the entirety of District 9. We should all be proud of that great accomplishment.

Last month we held our elections and I'm very proud of the team that will be leading us in the 2020-2021 year. Congratulations to all of the incoming officers. They will officially take the reins after June 13th when new State Commander Jason Johns is installed into office. Your officers for the 2020-2021 year are:

Commander: Greg Veldhouse

Sr Vice Cdr: Jeff Rusinko

Jr Vice Cdr: Brian Haglund

Quartermaster: Mitch Cline

Chaplain: Mel Zehm

Trustee 3-year: Dave Sharrets

Judge Advocate: Dave Green

Congrats comrades and I look forward to working with you all to accomplish your goals for the year.

Just as an update on the status of the Post opening, in-person meetings, etc., the incoming officers are monitoring the situation within the County and State and are following recommended guidelines from the CDC. At this point in time, we will remain closed and have virtual meetings until the officers feel it is safe enough to go back to normal. Please keep in mind that our demographic has a large percentage of "at-risk" individuals and we'd like to mitigate the spread to these members as much as possible. Please be on the look out for any change that may come out.

I'd like to thank our members for electing me as Commander for the last two years and allowing me to lead our Post into a new future. We had some bumps in the road along the way but we've also had **MANY, MANY** successes. We've welcomed technology into our Post and I can proudly say we are operating in our current century. I'm very proud of the work you all have done from serving food at Fun Fest, to recruiting, to earning All-American, and improving the lives of our veterans and service members. One of my favorite memories has been supporting our adopted units: 652nd En Co and Bravo Company, New Richmond. Being there for those troops is our obligation and I couldn't be more proud of the work we've done to support them and their families.

My officers for the past two years have put up with a lot and I'm definitely not the easiest to work with. Like most Marines, I'm pretty stubborn but I appreciate all the patience my officers had with working with me on ideas I've wanted to implement or try. Thank you to my Quartermaster Mitch Cline. He's been my right hand guy for two years and I couldn't ask for a better Quartermaster, friend, mentor, and "dad". From traveling to conventions, the National Home for Children, and running events, you've been there to support me every step of the way. **THANK YOU!**

I'm glad to say the Post will be in some very capable hands and I look forward to the great things this prestigious Post of ours will do in the coming year. Thank you everyone for working with me and allowing me to serve you. It's been a fantastic ride and you should all be proud of the work you've done. I will continue to serve the Post and will be serving as District 9 Jr Vice Commander in the upcoming year.

Happy Fathers Day to all of the dad's out there!

**HOME OF
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**2019-2020 NATIONAL OUTSTANDING
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

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for Veterans and
Service members.

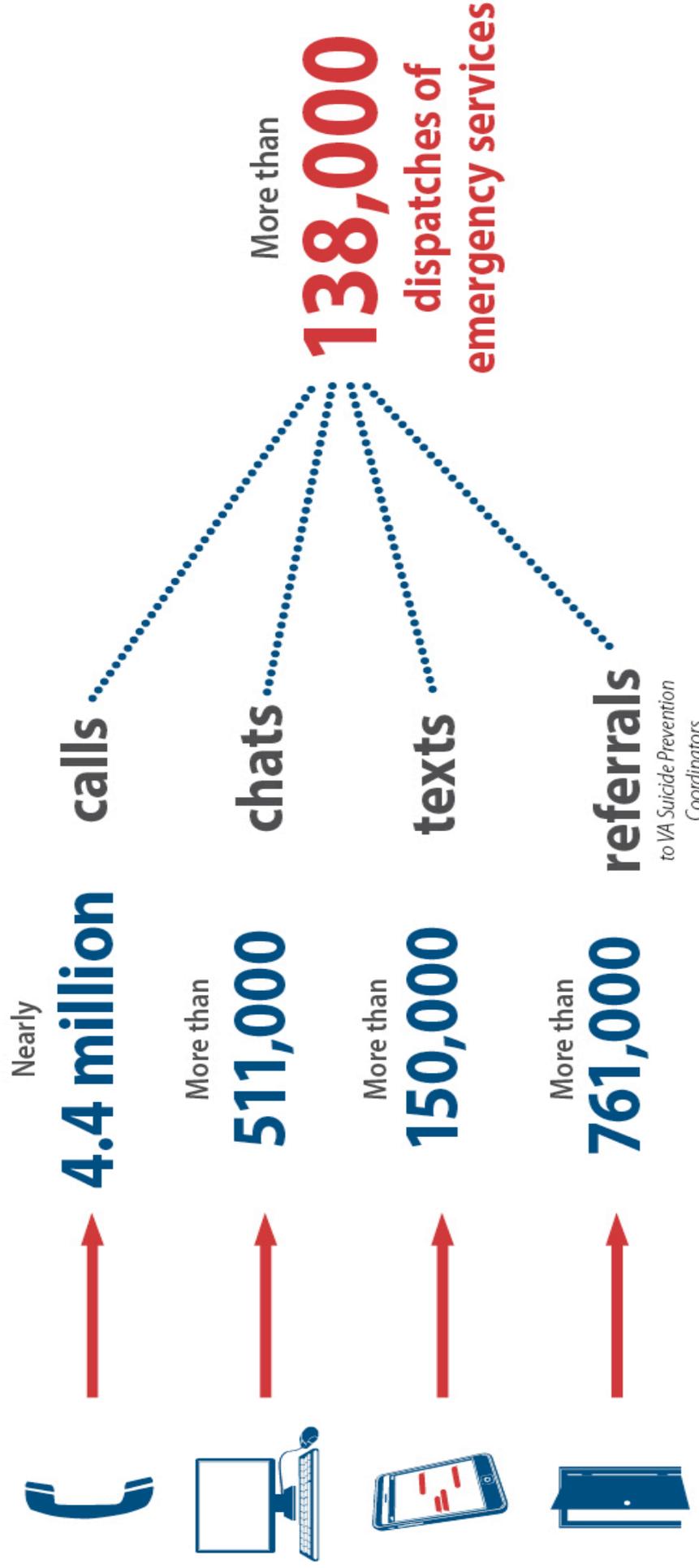
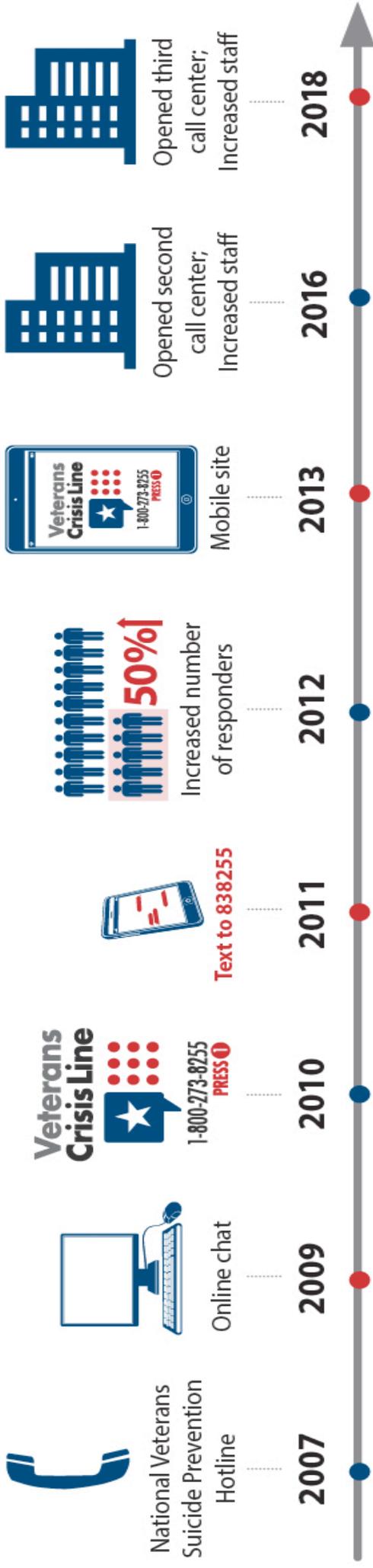


VeteransCrisisLine.net/BeThere



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Confidential crisis chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net



to VA Suicide Prevention Coordinators

Safe firearm storage matters...

because no one can unfire a firearm.

For someone in crisis, a locked firearm can mean the difference between a tragic outcome and a life saved. Though many Veterans are well-versed in firearm safety, all Veterans and their families should understand how to properly handle and store firearms in the home.



Firearm injuries were the **second-leading cause** of injury-related deaths nationwide in **2015**.

– CDC Report, 2017



A **2014** study showed that **firearms** could be found in roughly **31% of households** nationwide.

– General Social Survey, 2014



Research shows there is a **70% lower risk** of unintentional firearm-related injury and death **among youths** when guns are **stored safely**.

– Journal of the American Medical Association, 2015

Take these simple steps to keep your family safe:

- Make sure firearms cannot be accessed by children and unauthorized adults by keeping guns locked and unloaded when not in use.
- Store ammunition separately from firearms and out of reach of children and unauthorized adults.
- Regularly reassess steps to ensure safe storage and use of firearms, especially during periods of increased stress or emotional crisis.
- Request a gunlock from your local VA Suicide Prevention Coordinator. Find your local SPC at VeteransCrisisLine.net/ResourceLocator.

Learn more about how you and your family can be there for a Veteran or Service member in crisis:

bethereforveterans.com

#BeThere



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Veteran Employment Bill Introduced:

Congressional leaders introduced the VFW-supported bipartisan, bicameral bill to help curb veteran unemployment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Reps. Phil Roe, M.D. (R-TN), and Mike Levin (D-CA), along with their colleagues Sens. Jerry Moran (R-KS), and Jon Tester (D-MT) introduced the Veterans Economic Recovery Act of 2020, which would provide much needed support for veterans who recently lost their jobs due to the pandemic. This proposal would offer eligible veterans one year of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to be used at approved high demand programs to get them back into the workforce as quickly as possible. The VFW applauds our congressional leaders for swiftly introducing this legislation to help curb unemployment among veterans.

New DOD Web Tool Launched for Families with Special Needs:

The DOD Office of Special Needs, and Military OneSource launched a new digital tool to guide families in The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP). Using this tool, EFMP & Me, families can learn about support services to prepare for a move or deployment, respond to changes in education or medical needs, and adjust to new life situations. Support is available from EFMP on installations and through the Military OneSource network, which provides 24/7 support to service members and families anywhere in the world. You can contact Military OneSource at 800.342.9647

National Guard COVID-19 Pandemic Deployment Extended:

The Trump administration is extending the federal deployment of over 40,000 National Guard troops aiding COVID-19 pandemic relief efforts, reversing plans for an earlier cutoff following bipartisan backlash and pressure from top defense officials. The federal government will now keep funding Guard troops through mid-August. The administration was previously planning to terminate the deployment on June 24 — one day before thousands of Guard members would have qualified for key retirement and education benefits.

Red Cross Partner Amazon Giving \$5 Gift Cards for Blood Donation:

The American Red Cross partner Amazon, is providing \$5 Amazon gift cards for anyone who donates blood, platelets, or AB Elite plasma from June 1 – 30, 2020. The Red Cross strongly urges healthy, eligible individuals who are feeling well to give blood or platelets to help maintain a sufficient blood supply for those battling COVID-19, other infections, and trauma victims. Please make an appointment to donate blood now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor app, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, or calling 1.800.RED.CROSS (1.800.733.2767).

VA Resumes In-Person C&P Examinations in Some Locations:

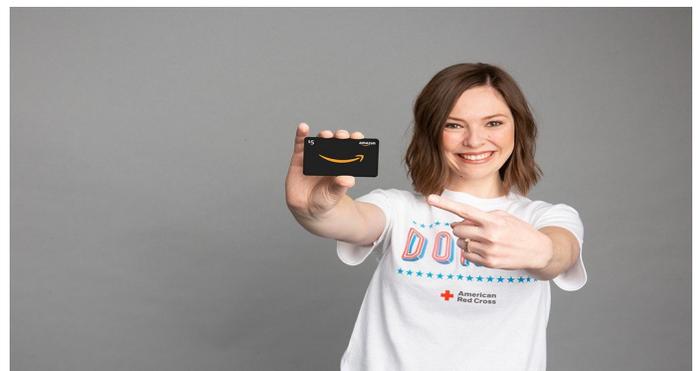
VA has announced that it will resume in-person compensation and pension (C&P) examinations at 20 locations across the U.S. VA will continue to conduct telehealth examinations at locations where in-person exams have not yet resumed. If you live in one of the locations where in-person appointments have resumed, but you are unable to make your appointment or do not feel comfortable with an in-person C&P exam, please contact your service officer to reschedule.

Men's Health Month Begins:

June is Men's Health Month, which raises awareness about health care for men. The focus is on encouraging boys, men, and their families to implement healthy living decisions, such as exercising and eating healthy. This month, the Military Health System will highlight the importance of recognizing preventable health problems, early detection, and treatment of diseases among men and boys in the DOD community. Proper sleep, physical activity, regular medical check-ups, and nutrition are key components of preventive health and day-to-day wellness.

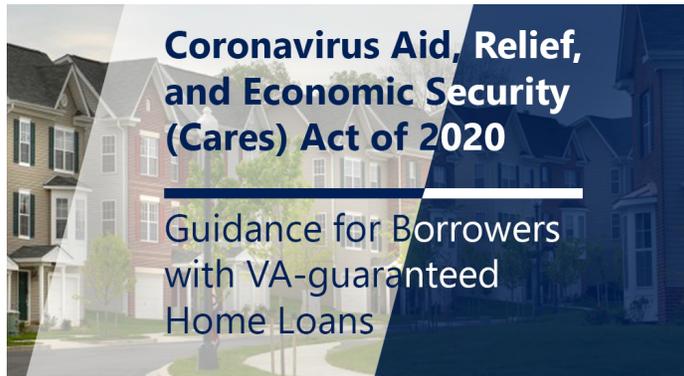
VA Expands Digital Capabilities of Veterans Legacy Memorial:

The VA National Cemetery Administration has enhanced and expanded capabilities on the Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM) website to allow for family, friends, and visitors to leave "tributes" or comments on a veteran's memorial page. The VLM website is the nation's first digital platform dedicated entirely to the preservation of the memory of the 3.7 million veterans interred in VA national cemeteries. "Online memorialization becomes more prominent these days, allowing people to remotely honor the service and sacrifice of our Veterans," said VA Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Randy Reeves. "The increased capabilities of VLM are in place at a critical time to ensure "No Veteran Ever Dies" by telling their stories to a larger audience through an enhanced digital platform. In addition, VLM allows people to express their appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated service of our Nation's heroes."



CARES Act Extends VA Home Loan Pre-Foreclosure Options:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act, was signed into law to help Americans economically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic avoid home foreclosure. VA's Loan Guaranty Service is focused on ensuring veterans and their families facing temporary or more long-term difficulty paying their monthly mortgage understand their options. If you experience financial hardship caused directly or indirectly by COVID-19, you should immediately contact your loan servicer and explore options to avoid foreclosure on your VA home loan.



Legislation Introduced to Expand Survivors' Benefits:

Rep. TJ Cox (D-CA) introduced VFW-supported H.R. 6933, the Caring for Survivors Act of 2020. This important legislation would increase Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) payments to an amount equal to 55 percent of the permanent and total disability monthly compensation rate, and would make survivors eligible for DIC after a veteran has consistently held a permanent and total disability rating for five years. This idea was put forth in the Independent Budget Report, co-authored by the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, and Paralyzed Veterans of America. The VFW thanks Rep. Cox and all cosponsors for their efforts to expand survivors' benefits.

VFW Adds Comment to VA's Proposed Rule:

The VFW added comment to the Federal Regulation for the Proposed Rule for the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Improvements and Amendments under the VA MISSION Act of 2018. The expanded population that can take advantage of the caregiver program needs to receive services now, not later. The most significant concern regarding the proposed rule is the disregard for service-connected illness and condensing the three-tier to a two-tier schedule. The VA MISSION Act of 2018 outlines a timeframe that envisioned VA starting the expansion in the summer 2019. Family members of WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War veterans should not have to wait any longer to access training, respite care, and the support services that the program offers.

VFW Pays Its Respects to the Fallen During Memorial Day:

In recognition of Memorial Day, the VFW honors the legacy of the men and women who served in our nation's military and made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom. While many Americans signal Memorial Day as the start of the summer, the less than one percent who have donned the uniform, and military families worldwide, understand the true meaning and significance of this sacred day.



"Comrades, many of you have walked the hallowed grounds of our national veterans' cemeteries solemnly laying eyes on the headstones of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen who honorably served and placed the freedom of their nation before their very own safety," said VFW National Commander William "Doc" Schmitz. "We have lost hundreds of thousands of men and women since the founding of our nation in 1775, and unfortunately, as the global fight on terror continues today, we will lose more protectors of freedom." This Memorial Day will be different considering the physical distancing and stay-at-home orders issued across the nation because of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. While many Americans will be unable to physically visit loved ones or traditionally gather to memorialize their sacrifice, the VFW encourages the nation to make this Memorial Day as significant as any other in our nation's history. "On this Memorial Day, like all others before, I'm asking all Americans to spend this day solely on reflecting and remembering the service men and women we have lost over the course of history," said Schmitz. "Today, and every day, we honor and salute every man and woman -- and the remarkable families of these heroes -- who gave their lives for our nation. Hence, Memorial Day will forever be a day that means everything to the VFW because our warriors decided we meant everything to them."

3D Mammograms Will Be Covered by TRICARE:

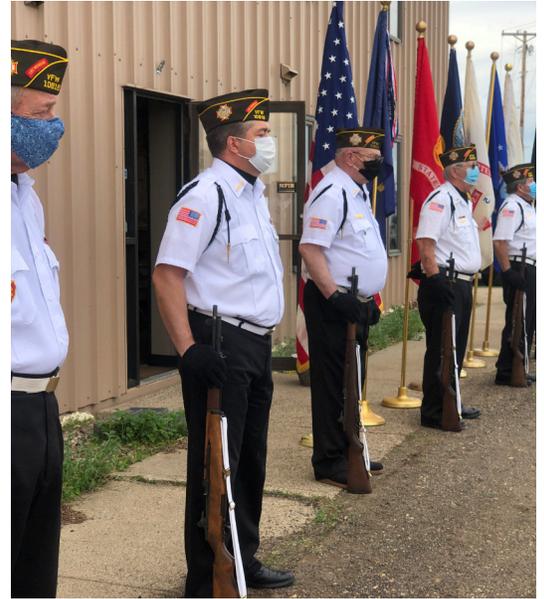
TRICARE is expanding its breast cancer screening coverage. Starting May 29, 2020, TRICARE will cover Digital Breast Tomosynthesis — known as 3D mammography or DBT — under its provisional coverage program. "We are extremely happy to see TRICARE step up and ensure our women veterans have access to the best preventative breast cancer screening measures," said VFW National Commander William "Doc" Schmitz. "Breast cancer remains very challenging to conquer but this is a major victory for our women veterans in hopes of one day defeating this deadly disease." All women over the age of 40 are eligible for coverage. Annual coverage will also be available to women 30 and older who are deemed a high risk for developing breast cancer. TRICARE users are eligible for a reimbursement if they received a 3D mammogram between Jan. 1, 2020, and May 29, 2020.

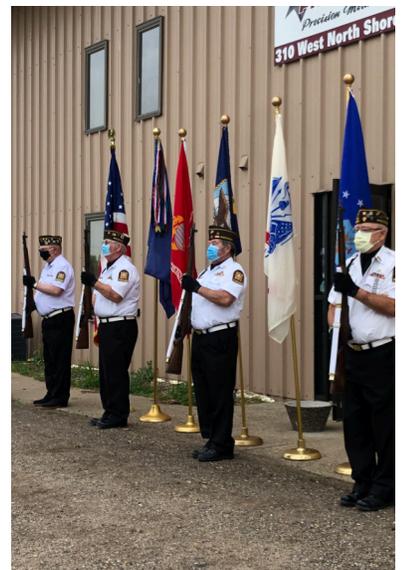


FOR MORE INFORMATION about specific legislation or VA benefits, contact VFW's Washington Office at vfw@vfw.org. A member of VFW's National Veterans Service staff will respond as soon as possible.

VFW Post 10818 Remembers the Fallen

Members of the VFW Honor Guard payed respects to their fallen comrades on Memorial Day. While a big program was not held, the Honor Guard still rendered appropriate services to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Commander Ron Ramos gave a small speech about Memorial Day and Color Sgt. Todd Smrz, reminded everyone to remember why we celebrate Memorial Day to speak the names of those we lost so that they may never be forgotten. Thank you to our Honor Guard who came out to continue our tradition.





STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

**Wash your hands often
with soap and water for
at least 20 seconds.**



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STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



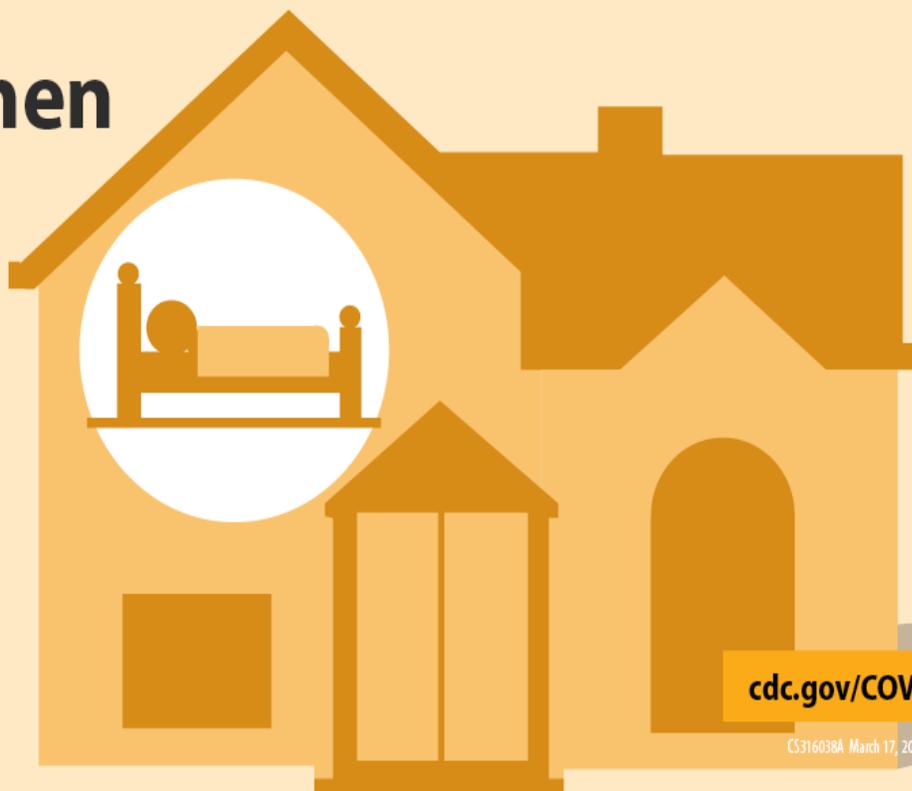
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STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

**Stay home when
you are sick,
except to get
medical care.**



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STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

**Clean and disinfect
frequently touched
objects and surfaces.**



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STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



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STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- ✦ **June 4 - Drill Team:** Drill Practice at 6:30PM. This will be for those in the Color Guard and Honor Guard.
- ✦ **June 5 -6 - Park Art Fair:** **CANCELLED**
- ✦ **June 6 - June Bug Days Parade:** **CANCELLED**
- ✦ **June 10 - 13 - Wisconsin VFW State Convention:** **CANCELLED**
- ✦ **June 11 - Finance Committee:** Finance meeting starts at 6PM. The management meeting will begin shortly after the closing of the finance meeting. The management meeting will **only** consist of the Post Officers unless invited by an Officer. The meeting will be held via Zoom app. The meeting ID is: 652 747 6036 The password to enter the meeting is: 138678
- ✦ **July 15 - 19 - St. Croix County Fair:** **CANCELLED**
- ✦ **June 16 - Post & Auxiliary Meeting:** Social hour begins at 6:00PM. Post meeting promptly begins at 7:00PM. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom app. The meeting ID is: 652 747 6036 The password to enter the meeting is: 138678
- ✦ **July 2 - Drill Team:** Drill Practice at 6:30PM. This will be for those in the Color Guard and Honor Guard.
- ✦ **July 9 - 12 - New Richmond Fun Fest -** **CANCELLED**
- ✦ **July 12 - Fun Fest Parade -** **CANCELLED**
- ✦ **July 16 - Finance Committee:** Finance meeting starts at 6PM. The management meeting will begin shortly after the closing of the finance meeting. The management meeting will **only** consist of the Post Officers unless invited by an Officer.
- ✦ **July 18 - 22 - National VFW Convention:** **CANCELLED**
- ✦ **July 21 - Post & Auxiliary Meeting:** Social hour begins at 6:00PM. Auxiliary meeting starts at 6:30PM. Post meeting promptly begins at 7:00PM. Every month at our Post Meeting, we have a drawing for some very neat prizes. **Post meetings will take place in the downstairs of the New Richmond Civic Center, 156 East First Street (across from the Fire Department).**
- ✦ **August 6 - Drill Team:** Drill Practice at 6:30PM. This will be for those in the Color Guard and Honor Guard.
- ✦ **August 4 - National Night Out:** 7PM at the New Richmond Police Station, more info to follow
- ✦ **August 13 - Finance Committee:** Finance meeting starts at 6PM. The management meeting will begin shortly after the closing of the finance meeting. The management meeting will **only** consist of the Post Officers unless invited by an Officer.
- ✦ **August 15 - VFW King Day**
- ✦ **August 18 - Post & Auxiliary Meeting:** Social hour begins at 6:00PM. Auxiliary meeting starts at 6:30PM. Post meeting promptly begins at 7:00PM. Every month at our Post Meeting, we have a drawing for some very neat prizes. **Post meetings will take place in the downstairs of the New Richmond Civic Center, 156 East First Street (across from the Fire Department).**
- ✦ **September 3 - Drill Team:** Drill Practice at 6:30PM. This will be for those in the Color Guard and Honor Guard.
- ✦ **September 10 - Finance Committee:** Finance meeting starts at 6PM. The management meeting will begin shortly after the closing of the finance meeting. The management meeting will **only** consist of the Post Officers unless invited by an Officer.
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- ✦ **September 29 - National VFW 121st Birthday**
- ✦ **October 1 - Drill Team:** Drill Practice at 6:30PM. This will be for those in the Color Guard and Honor Guard.
- ✦ **October 10 - VFW Meat Raffle:** Meat Raffle held at Cedar Creek Inn. Starts at 6:30PM. Chairperson: Mitch Cline 651-492-9634
- ✦ **October 15 - Finance Committee:** Finance meeting starts at 6PM. The management meeting will begin shortly after the closing of the finance meeting. The management meeting will **only** consist of the Post Officers unless invited by an Officer.
- ✦ **October 20 - Post & Auxiliary Meeting:** Social hour begins at 6:00PM. Auxiliary meeting starts at 6:30PM. Post meeting promptly begins at 7:00PM. Every month at our Post Meeting, we have a drawing for some very neat prizes. **Post meetings will take place in the downstairs of the New Richmond Civic Center, 156 East First Street (across from the Fire Department).**
- ✦ **October 23 - 25 - Trip to the National Home for Children:** Wisconsin will be heading to the Annual Meeting at the National Home for Children as well as assisting with their Annual Halloween Party.
- ✦ **October 30 - VFW Post 10818 31st Birthday**
- ✦ **October 31 - PP/VOD/ToY Deadline:** All entries for Patriots Pen, Teacher of the Year, and Voice of Democracy are due by midnight.
- ✦ **November 5 - Drill Team:** Drill Practice at 6:30PM. This will be for those in the Color Guard and Honor Guard.
- ✦ **November 12 - Finance Committee:** Finance meeting starts at 6PM. The management meeting will begin shortly after the closing of the finance meeting. The management meeting will **only** consist of the Post Officers unless invited by an Officer.
- ✦ **November 13 - VFW Meat Raffle:** Meat Raffle held at Cedar Creek Inn. Starts at 6:30PM. Chairperson: Mitch Cline 651-492-9634
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