

CHECKPOINT



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Greetings, Checkpoint readers! Enjoy this installment of Checkpoint.

Please take this opportunity to see what other Posts around the world are doing to better their communities. Be sure to share the valuable information you get here with your fellow VFW members. If you know someone who is not receiving Checkpoint, encourage them to

email magazine@vfw.org and get signed up. Most importantly, be sure to let us know what your VFW Post is doing in your community. Email jdyhouse@vfw.org your suggestion, and you just might see it in Checkpoint.



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NEW MEXICO POST WELCOMES VERMONT TROOPS

VFW Post 11999 in Cloudcroft, N.M., led the community's Fourth of July parade. During that time, they welcomed troops from Vermont who were training in Ft. Bliss. Post members heard of two Vermont soldiers who were recently married. [They helped make the soldiers' honeymoon a memorable experience by providing them an opportunity to relax and enjoy the Sacramento Mountains before their upcoming deployments.](#)





KENTUCKY POST HOSTS GOLF TOURNAMENT

VFW Post 6181 in Ashland City, Tenn., celebrated America's 250th birthday in July by hosting a golf tournament at nearby Fort Campbell, Kentucky. The tournament hosted more than 50 participants and raised \$2,500 for programs for veterans at the Post. [Organizers say the event was successful they are planning for a second one next year.](#)



ALL-AMERICAN PRODUCTS AT VFW STORE

From pins and nametags, the VFW Store has a wide array of All-American merchandise to celebrate Post's highest achievement. Custom orders such as personalized All-American polos also are available. [Contact the VFW Store for a free, no-obligation quote.](#)



MARINE CORPS VET DEVELOPS ENGAGEMENT APP

VFW member Alex Kruger-Dobrota created an app for VFW members to get involved with their Posts, engage legislatively and build new bonds. Called "Badger: Operation Gamify," the app was introduced at the 2026 VFW National Convention in Reno, Nevada. [One mission was for users to find and meet a member of each of the 52 VFW Departments.](#)



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AIR FORCE VETERAN PURSUES DOCTORAL DEGREE TO FURTHER HELP VETS

A recipient of VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship," Ivonne Jones has worked with the VA for 15 years. [Thanks to the scholarship, she plans to earn her doctorate so she can help improve training programs so that VA services can be easier to navigate for veterans.](#)



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