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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

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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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Army veteran Kali Jones is pursuing a doctorate degree in occupational therapy at The Ohio State University. She plans to help veterans departing from service. Discharging vets often experience feelings of anxiety and isolation, and Jones's education is putting her on the path to work with her fellow veterans in regaining independence and confidence.





CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF SERVICE

December marks the 80th anniversary of VFW Post 8872 in the village of Port Sanilac, Mich. This Post is known as staple in the community, hosting blood drives and organizing parades among many things. https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/latest-releases/archives/2026/10/we-have-a-lot-to-be-proud-of



FLORIDA VFW POST PARTNERS WITH VETERAN PRO WRESTLING

VFW Post 10209 in Spring Hill, Fla., partnered with Veteran Pro Wrestling (VPW) for Vetoberfest. The event for veterans and their families included a classic car show, food trucks and vendors as well as a VPW wrestling match. The wrestling organization's mission is to work with the VFW for "therapeutic performances."



SOW POPPIES NOW

Fall is the time to sow poppy seeds for spring and summer blooms. VFW's "Flower of Remembrance" grows best in full sun, with 12-inch to 30-inch blooms expected from April to June. The VFW Store sells seed packets so order yours today.

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VFW AUXILIARY FORMS AT ILLINOIS POST

At VFW Post 11019 in South Beloit, Ill., an Auxiliary is coming soon. More applications than were necessary to apply for a charter were submitted earlier this month. Post leaders have said this represents an important milestone for the Post as its members continue to support veterans, military families and the surrounding community.



VETERANS PARK IN MASSACHUSETTS IS GETTING REVITALIZED

Members of VFW Post 1093 in Ipswich, Mass., have etched the names of 1,247 veterans into a pathway at the Veterans Memorial Park. The project began in late 2025 to etch the names of every veteran dating back to the Revolutionary War to preserve their memories. The Post raised more than $150,000 in community contributions towards the project.

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