



The Veterans' Voice

Kelley-Oliveira-Stanton VFW POST 12173

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Serving all veterans from Rt 72 to the Mullica River

Commanders Message

By Matt Roth

As we begin a new administrative year and my term as Post Commander, I am proud to announce that for the 3rd year in a row our Post has earned both our National organization's All American, and our Department's All State honors. These awards are only given to the top 1% of the 6,000 + VFW Posts worldwide and we should all be proud of the leadership of Past Commander Nye and the hard work of our membership. Despite the hardships of COVID lockdowns we continued to serve, represent, and advocate for veterans, troops, and families. Our post held the first ever homeless veteran stand down in Ocean County and assisted veterans and their families into permanent housing. As the stress of the lockdowns affected our brothers and sisters, we instituted twice monthly mental health sessions and doubled down on our suicide prevention efforts. We lent a hand up to veterans in need keeping food on their table and a roof over their head. Our Post Service Officer has assisted thousands of veterans and recovered millions in benefits and healthcare for veterans. I could go on, but our Post lives the motto that

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS THAN THE VFW.

I look forward to serving this year alongside of you all to improve the lives and well-being of the veterans in Southern Ocean County and I am confident we will earn All American for our 4th year in a row.

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Find out if you're eligible.



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Post Officers

2021 - 2022

Commander	Roth	Matthew
Quartermaster	Hagemann	Kenneth
Adjutant	Hagemann	Kenneth
Senior Vice		
Commander	Mcintyre	Patrick
Junior Vice		
Commander	Muzyka	Louis
Service Officer	Hansen	Joshua
Chaplain	Salisbury III	Burton
Judge Advocate	Wright Jr	Robert
Surgeon	Chrystal	Edward
1 Year Trustee	Seeley	Robert
2 Year Trustee	Russo	James
3 Year Trustee	Ortiz	Jose

Contact:

Adj/Quartermaster 732 998-7167 or adjutant@njvfw.com

Service Officer 973-830-6539 or Joshua.hansen4@va.gov

Post meetings 1st Wednesday of each month 7PM

Showing our pride in America can be done on more than just Loyalty Day or the 4th of July ... we can demonstrate our loyalty throughout the year by helping our country be the best that it can be.



Honor Our Fallen by Helping the Living

The Post started the Memorial Day weekend by helping the living and sponsored the first homeless veteran stand down in Ocean County. Throughout the year we will continue to assist homeless veterans by donating new clothing and personal care items to homeless veteran transitional facilities along with hosting our annual barbeque at Veterans Haven North.

Our mental health and suicide prevention program is second to none, and the Governor's veteran suicide prevention initiative is using our Post as an example of a successful program.

When the veterans' nursing homes and Veteran medical facilities open back up for visitors, please join us as we resume our holiday parties and bingo games for the residents.

Our Post Veteran Service Officer will be available at the Post in person or ZOOM at the Post on the first Wednesday of each month from 2 to 6 PM (always available by phone or email) to assist veterans in obtaining VA healthcare, educational or disability compensation benefits. This service is available to all veterans and VFW membership is not required.

Join us in our mission to serve veterans. We do not have a bar, what we have is an opportunity to continue to serve, comradery with other veterans, and a source of pride.

Atlantic City Regional Stand Down—Mobile

Serving Homeless and At Risk Veterans



Tuckerton



Friday, May 28, 2021
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



VFW Post 12173
30 Gifford Rd.
Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087



Catholic Charities
Diocese of Camden



Donations Accepted & Appreciated
Available to: ACRSD and mobile

ACRSD
P.O. Box 1071
Atlantic City, NJ 08404

Services Include				
VA Medical	Mental Health	Benefits	Claims	Housings
Employment	Men's & Women's Clothing			
Lunch	Products	Other Services		

Questions or Comments: Please Contact
Bob Looby (908) 894-0746 Ken Hagemann (609) 393-1929

They came from all walks of life and regions of the country. But they all had one thing in common — love of and loyalty to country. This bond cemented ties between them in times of trials, allowing a diverse lot of Americans to achieve monumental ends.



Veteran Stand Down

Stand Downs are typically one- to three-day events during which Veteran Service Organizations, government agencies, and volunteers provide food, clothing, and health screenings to homeless and at-risk Veterans. In addition, Veterans also receive referrals for health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment, mental health counseling and other essential services.

The hand up --not a handout -- philosophy of Stand Down is carried out through the work of hundreds of volunteers.

The concept of Stand Down, as related specifically to the homeless veteran crisis, was the brainchild of two Vietnam Veterans, Robert Van Keuren and Dr. Jon Nachison, with the support of Vietnam Veterans of San Diego. The first Stand Down was held in San Diego during the summer of 1988.

Stand Downs are re-created to follow a regimented, military-style program, which is familiar and comforting to the veteran, while others create an atmosphere of empowerment to the extent of electing officers among the homeless veterans. All it really takes for a community to organize a Stand Down is a group of dedicated volunteers committed

New Jersey has traditionally held three Stand Downs a year in Newark, Cherry Hill, and Atlantic City, where hundreds of homeless veterans were bussed in and provided services.

Due to COVID restrictions the large Stand Downs were

cancelled and veteran advocates under the leadership on Bob Looby started conducting smaller and outdoor "Mobile Stand Downs". This concept has been successful bringing the services to the communities where veterans live.

We thank Bob and his team for choosing Ocean County and our Post as it's next stop and we look forward to serving our veterans.

Our Stand Down was open to homeless / at risk veterans, their families/significant others, and any veteran needing a hand up or services.

1. Ocean County has the largest veteran population in New Jersey with 35,360 veterans
2. The veteran resident population percentage for the Tuckerton-Little Egg Harbor area stands at 12.4 %.
3. On any given night, 551 of New Jersey's veterans are homeless.
4. The Veterans Transitional Housing Program (Veterans Haven North & South) are New Jersey State-operated facilities for homeless veterans. Eligible veterans must agree to a long term program focusing on psychological, social and vocational rehabilitation.
5. Veterans who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness are strongly encouraged to contact the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at (877) 4AID-VET (877-424-3838) for assistance.
6. Local veterans and their families who need a hand up should contact our Post for assistance.
7. Call us to volunteer at 609 393-1929

Events

VFW MEETING 1ST WED OF EVERY MONTH

DINNER @ 6PM -MEETING @ 7PM -IN PERSON & ZOOM

MENTAL & PHYSICAL WELLNESS

CONDUCTED BY H-hour LLC – MONTHLY SPEAKERS ON RESILIENCE-
COPING WITH STRESS-OVERCOMING CHALLENGES-BUILDING
RELATIONSHIPS-NUTRITION-AND MORE

2nd 4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH *RESUMES IN SEPT*

DINNER @ 6PM – SESSIONS @ 7PM – IN PERSON AND ZOOM

SIGN UP IN THE "PROGRAM" TAB VFW12173.ORG

FREE & OPEN TO ALL VETERANS & THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS OVER 18

Veteran Suicide Prevention and Resources Event

JULY 13TH 11 AM TO 12:30 PM

NORTHFIELD VA CLINIC

VET HAVEN SOUTH CLOTHING DROP OFF

JULY 19TH 11 AM MEET AT THE POST FOR DRIVE TO WINSLOW

****NEW CLOTHING ONLY**** FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

POST DINNER

SATURDAY JULY 24TH 4:00 TO 6:00 @ THE POST HOME

ALL MEMBERS & FAMILY WELCOME ****FREE****

PLEASE REGISTER AT VFW12173.ORG

PATRIOT DAY CEREMONY / SEPTEMBER 11TH

8:46 AM AT THE POST HOME

POW/MIA DAY CEREMONY

SEPTEMBER 18TH 7PM AT THE POST HOME

SCHOOL CHILDREN COAT DRIVE

SEPTEMBER DATE TO TBA ****NEW COATS ONLY****

DECOY SHOW

SAT/SUN SEPTEMBER 25 & 26

FOOD VENDOR – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

VET HAVEN NORTH ANNUAL HOMELESS VET BARBEQUE

OCTOBER 11TH ****TENTATIVE****





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Customer Name
Street Address
City, ST ZIP Code

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. Your membership gives us strength in Trenton and Washington when we advocate for benefits and rights for veterans, troops, and families.

The politicians did not just give our troops decent pay, quality of life, or decent training and equipment, the VFW fought for it. From the GI Bill to and improved Veterans Administration, the VFW was on the forefront in fighting to get that legislation passed. We need a large and solid membership to continue to fight for you, and to ensure a strong organization long into the future for our children and grandchildren who will also serve.

Early dues incentive: Any annual member who pays their \$ 30.00 dues (regardless of when it is due) between today and September 1 will be placed in a drawing for a free Life Membership. The odds are winning are pretty good as we only have 109 annual members. The drawing will be held at the September meeting. You can pay your dues online at vfw.org, mail a check to VFW 12173 PO Box 485 Little Egg Harbor NJ 08087, at a meeting, or contact the Quartermaster.

Recruiting incentive: For each new member recruited you will you be placed in a drawing for: Annual Members - a Life Membership / Life Members - an upgrade to Bronze Legacy. Each new member will earn a chance in the drawing. Last year we recruited 22 new members so your chances at winning (especially if you have multiple entries) are high. Please use the enclosed form and return it with payment to the Quartermaster by email adjutant@njvfw.com , VFW 12173 PO Box 485 Little Egg Harbor NJ 08087, or a meeting. New member applications are available on our website vfw12173.org

1/2 price Life Membership Program: Annually the Department appropriates \$ 50,000.00 to the half price Life Membership Program to give back to the membership the funds collected from the sale of closed posts. This is a first come, first serve program which is scheduled to start July 30th. It is a popular program and runs out of funds within 2 weeks. If you are interested, please get this form back to the Quartermaster ASAP with payment.

Attained age as of DECEMBER 31st:

	Half price	Full
Through 30	\$ 212.50	\$ 425.00
31-40	\$ 205.00	\$ 410.00
41-50	\$ 187.50	\$ 375.00
51-60	\$ 167.50	\$ 335.00
61-70	\$ 145.00	\$ 290.00
71-80	\$ 112.50	\$ 225.00
81 & over	\$ 85.00	\$ 170.00



Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12173

PO Box 485 Little Egg Harbor NJ 08087

Half price Life Membership form

Name: _____

Member # _____

Attained age as of 12/31 _____

Amount submitted _____

**Return this form to the Q/M with payment or pay by credit card on
vfw12173.org in the membership tab**



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Today's Date _____

Name (First, MI, Last) _____

EMAIL _____

Address (Street) _____

Apt. / Lot # _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

MALE

FEMALE

DECLINE

to _____
Dates Of Service (mm / yyyy)

Location of Foreign Service _____

Date Of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Phone _____

MILITARY SERVICE

ACTIVE DUTY

VETERAN

NAT. GUARD/RESERVE

BRANCH OF SERVICE

ARMY

NAVY

AIR FORCE

MARINES

COAST GUARD

QUALIFYING FOREIGN SERVICE:

WW II

VIETNAM SERVICE

AFGHANISTAN (2001 - present)

INHERENT RESOLVE (2014 - present)

OCCUPATIONAL SERVICE

DESERT SHIELD/STORM

IRAQ (2003 -2011)

HOSTILE FIRE/IMMINENT DANGER PAY

KOREAN SERVICE (1950-1954)

BOSNIA/KOSOVO

SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA

Location _____

KOREA DUTY (1955 - present)

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY

EXPEDITIONARY OPERATIONS

Dates _____

Payment Authorization - You may pay by check or credit card. For payments by check, you will receive a yearly statement by mail. For credit card payments, please complete the following:

ANNUAL MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ on a yearly basis to pay my Annual membership dues.

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

LIFE MEMBER

I authorize the VFW to charge my account a one-time payment of \$ _____

LIFE MEMBER INSTALLMENT PLAN

By entering into the Installment Plan, I authorize the VFW to automatically charge my account \$ _____ to be paid in 11 monthly installment payments after my initial payment of \$45.00. Information about scheduling payments can be found by calling the VFW Member Service Center at 1.833.VFW.VETS. Automatic Payment Plan and Installment options require credit/debit card for processing. By signing this application you acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions of the Automatic Payment Plan and Installment options, if selected.

Credit Card # _____

(Mastercard, Visa, Discover or Amex only)

EXP. DATE _____

AMOUNT \$ _____

Signature: _____

NEW Post # _____

FORMER MEMBER # _____

TRANSFER from Post # _____

State _____

to Post # _____

RECRUITER _____

(Please print)

ID# _____

QUARTERMASTER (Signature) _____

Life Member Options

AGE as of DECEMBER 31 st	One-Time Payment	\$45 + 11 Payments of
18-30 Years Old	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40 Years Old	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50 Years Old	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60 Years Old	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70 Years Old	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80 Years Old	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 Years & Over	\$170.00	\$15.45

Automatic Payment Plan Terms and Conditions: You authorize the VFW to initiate electronic debit entries or affect a charge by any other commercially accepted practice to your account set forth above for the payment of dues reflected on this application. You understand such charges may be made within 2-3 business days of payment due date. For installment payments, charges will be made on or around the 1st or the 15th day of the month. This authorization will remain in full force until VFW has received notification from you of its termination or upon completion of the installment payments. Annual dues are subject to change. By completing this authorization, you acknowledge that you will only receive notice when the payment would differ by more than \$10.00 from the most recent payment. Contact VFW Member Services at 1.833.VFW.VETS (1.833.839.8387) or write VFW Member Services, 406 W. 34th St., Suite 316, Kansas City, MO 64111 to inquire about or cancel a payment, or to report problems such as bank closures, lost or stolen account numbers, closed accounts, or unauthorized transactions. Cancellation requests must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Central Time ten business days prior to the scheduled payment date. If you are unaware of the charge date for your account, please contact VFW. If a payment is returned by your financial institution (e.g., due to insufficient funds, incorrect account information, closed account, etc.) the VFW will contact you at the address we have on file, explain why the payment could not be processed, and provide alternate payment options. The privilege of making payments under this agreement may be revoked by VFW if any item is not paid upon presentation. You may have additional rights and responsibilities under the Electronic Funds Transfer Act.

Life Membership Installment Plan Terms and Conditions: The VFW life membership installment plan allows any VFW member/applicant to purchase a life membership by making an initial payment of \$45.00 and (11) monthly payments. The member will be issued an annual membership card at the time of enrollment. A permanent life membership card will be issued upon the completion of payments. The life membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on December 31 of the year in which the application is submitted. Delinquencies of 31-120 days can be corrected through make up payment(s) or plan end date pushed forward. Member will be dropped from the installment plan after 120 days delinquent and all monthly payments made to date will be applied to future years annual dues.

VFW PLEDGE I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that:

I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto. I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy. I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order. Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had remained a member of same. All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true comrade -- and a citizen of our great republic.

I ATTEST that I am a citizen or national of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire pay. I further give authority to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.

The review committee has performed its duties and recommends approval, rejection.

Applicant's Signature & Date _____

\$1.98 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscription.

Committee Member _____

Committee Member _____

Committee Member _____

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