

CHECKPOINT



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NAVY VET IS STILL SERVING IN DELAWARE

In Ocean View, Del., VFW member John Bartley is a docent at an ecology preserve. Due to his commitment to public service and education. [Bartley was recognized by VFW's Still Serving Initiative this month.](#)



THOUSANDS OF POUNDS OF GOODS DELIVERED IN COLORADO

VFW Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Cory Geisler participated in the 15th annual Ron Davies Memorial VFW Air Lift in Centennial, Colo., on Dec. 14, hosted by VFW Post 9644. [The goal of the air lift is to give back to those in need, especially in rural communities across Colorado.](#)



EXCHANGE

WHERE HEROES SHOP

All honorably discharged Veterans and Department of War civilians with CAC can shop tax free at ShopMyExchange.com. In addition, the Department of War expanded in-store military exchange and commissary shopping privileges as well as MWR resale facility use to all Veterans with service-connected disabilities.

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PAYING IT FORWARD AT THE VFW

At VFW Post 12209 on Ft. Hood, Texas, Post Adjutant Juanita Myers is living out the VFW mission every day. [In November, Myers and her fellow Post members helped collect thousands of pounds of food to distribute to active-duty service members and veterans facing food insecurity.](#)



OFFICIAL VFW BASEBALL CAP AVAILABLE FOR ORDER

The VFW Store now has the official VFW baseball cap for Post, District and Department levels for sale. [Coming next month is a pre-sale for kilts in the official VFW tartan.](#)



HELP A HERO RECIPIENT HOPES TO BRING PEACE TO VETS

A VFW Life Member of VFW Post 3168 in Richland, Mo., Patrick Wadleigh is pursuing a Master of Divinity. He hopes to become an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. [Wadleigh uses his faith to walk alongside service members, veterans and their families as they navigate the challenges of military life and transitioning to civilian life.](#)



VFW SERVICE IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

At VFW Post 5564 in McCleary, Wash., Iraq War vet Holly Pierce and her family were welcomed with open arms. [Today, Pierce is quartermaster, her sister is senior vice, her husband is junior vice and her mom is the Post Auxiliary president.](#)



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