

# CHECKPOINT



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Post 2976 in Claremore, Okla., partnered with a car dealership to further assist area veterans. [Suburban Chevrolet made a donation to the Post so that it could help the veterans who need it most.](#)





## VFW MEMORIAL TEAM CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

Since 1966, the Southwest Ohio VFW Memorial Team has rendered military honors. Last year alone, the team conducted 206 services. [A celebration is scheduled in April to recognize the team's service.](#)

## VFW PUBLICATIONS CONTEST NOW OPEN

Now is the time to submit your entries for the 2026 VFW Publications Contest. The contest is the perfect way to showcase your Post, District or Department publication. [Be sure to check out what you need to know here.](#)



## SHOW YOUR VFW PRIDE WITH OFFICIAL TARTAN PATTERN

Happening NOW ... pre-order your VFW tartan-patterned merchandise for delivery in June. A minimum fabric usage must be achieved in order to move forward with sales. [The VFW tartan is registered with the National Records of Scotland.](#)



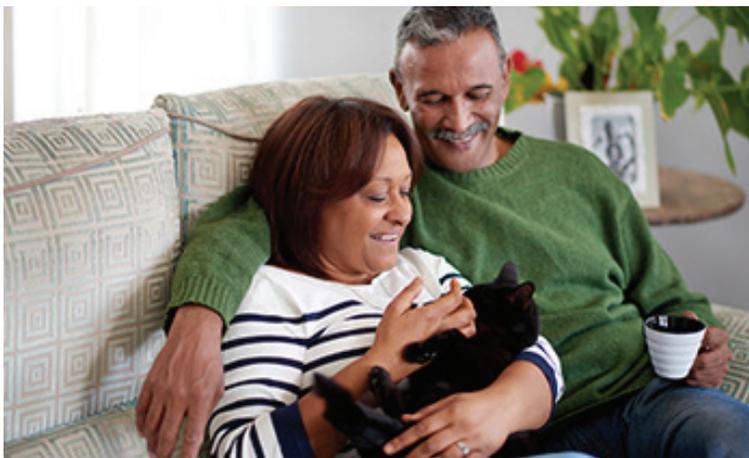
## VFW SERVICE OFFICER HELPS VIETNAM VET

VFW Department of Hawaii Service Officer assisted a Vietnam War vet in receiving full VA benefits. The vet, Jerry Miki, had never filed a VA disability claim because he did not want to take anything away from others he thought needed the help. [With stage IV prostate cancer attributed to his Agent Orange exposure, Miki was encouraged to seek help.](#)



## WE WANT TO SEE YOUR PHOTOS

If you are planning to attend VFW's Washington Conference, VFW magazine wants to see your photos. In an effort to illustrate the conference from the member's perspective, we are asking that you submit your best photos by March 10. [The selected photos will appear in the May/June issue of the magazine.](#)



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