

# CHECKPOINT



## VFW Checkpoint – June 2024

Greetings, Checkpoint readers and happy Summer! Enjoy this installment of your Checkpoint newsletter.

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](mailto:magazine@vfw.org) and get signed up.

In this issue, you will read about a Post in Michigan that continues its long tradition of VFW Buddy Poppy distribution. This year, Post members had a little help from a youngster. This year marks 125 years since the VFW formed. Much is planned to commemorate the momentous occasion. VFW's Day of Service was a hit as more than 500 VFW Posts participated in community service activities. Check out the highlights here. Read these stories and more in your Checkpoint newsletter.

Be sure to let us know what your VFW Post is doing in your community. Include great photos showing your members in action. We are always looking to promote the great efforts of the VFW. Email [jdyhouse@vfw.org](mailto:jdyhouse@vfw.org) your suggestion, and you just might see it in an upcoming issue of Checkpoint.



### Honoring Departed Vets with Buddy Poppies

VFW Post 2532 in Pawpaw, Mich., conducted its annual Buddy Poppy drive in May. Helping to distribute 1,200 Poppies was the Post commander's 5-year-old grandson. [People were more generous than usual.](#)



### VFW Day of Service is Success

More than 500 VFW Posts participated in this year's VFW Day of Service. [Posts in all 50 states as well as those in Europe, Cuba, the Philippines, Japan and Thailand participated.](#)

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## VFW Store Offers Travel Products

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## VFW Celebrates 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

For 125 years, the VFW has made veterans and their families a top priority. To commemorate this powerful legacy, VFW has multiple opportunities to celebrate in the coming months. [Stay up to date on what's happening by visiting \[vfw125.org\]\(http://vfw125.org\).](#)

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### 'Addicted to the Cause'

Devega CBD is working with VFW to offer veterans an alternative to prescription opioids. The company has display cases in VFW Posts. [A percentage of sales goes to VFW Posts in Texas, the VFW Department of Texas and also the Texas Foundation.](#)



### Arkansas VFW Post Honors Community Members

In Harrison, Ark, VFW Post 10417 recognized several individuals during its annual celebration banquet in April. The Post's Patriot Pen award winners were saluted in addition to the Patriotic Art contest winning entrants. [Post 10417 is active in the community, including May's Buddy Poppy season.](#)

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