



# VFW Day: Celebrate the Legacy

## The following is a message from VFW National Commander Al Lipphardt

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**WASHINGTON** — This Sunday, Sept. 29, we proudly celebrate VFW Day, marking the 125th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). This extraordinary milestone is not only a testament to our rich history but also a reflection of the unwavering dedication of veterans across our nation and around the world.

Since our founding in 1899, the VFW has been a beacon of hope and assistance for millions of veterans and their families. We have fought for the rights, recognition and benefits that they earned and deserve. Our organization stands united in its mission of advocacy, service, camaraderie and honoring those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

As we look back on [125 years of service](#), we also look forward to the future. The challenges facing veterans today are ever evolving, and it is our duty to adapt and continue to be fierce advocates for those who came before us and those coming after us. Together, we will ensure that every veteran receives the care and support they need, and that their sacrifices are never forgotten.

On this special day, I call upon the more than 1.4 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary to reflect on our shared achievements and renew our commitment to one another. Our strength lies in our unity and, together, we can continue to make significant impacts in the lives of veterans and their families. May the spirit of the VFW — our devotion to one another and to the communities we serve — remain unbreakable.

Thank you for your service, your comradeship, and your support to our great organization. Here's to the next 125 years of making a difference, honoring our heroes who have answered the call to defend our nation and ensuring that their voices are heard.

Let us all celebrate the legacy.

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