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National VFW Day is observed annually on September 29th, honoring the men and women devoted to this valuable organization and those members who have served our nation.

Members of the VFW today hold a long-standing history of volunteerism in their communities. Not only have they served their country, but they continue to serve their fellow veterans, families, and communities by sponsoring scholarships, career fairs, mental wellness campaigns, and so many more excellent services.

VFW membership since its inception has been instrumental in the establishment of the Veterans Administration, the creation of the national cemetery system and passage of the GI Bill. Through the VFW, veterans honor veterans and serve their communities. On National VFW Day, take a moment to recognize all the VFW does in your community.

## HOW TO OBSERVE

Honor the VFW members and veterans in your community. Let them know that you appreciate the sacrifices they have made for all of us. We truly are the land of the free because of the brave. **Use #NationalVFWDay to post on social media.**

## HISTORY

The [VFW](#) was established on September 29, 1899, by a group of veterans from the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection. It has since grown to be the

nation's largest group of combat veterans. They continue "to honor the dead by helping the living." The VFW promote patriotism, good will and youth scholarships. They also provide military assistance and community service programs, promote youth activities and volunteer many hours in their local communities.

The Dexter VFW will have a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 29th. Meal precedes at 6:00 p.m.

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