

# MORE FACTS ABOUT THE VFW



## THE VFW BY THE NUMBERS

**Nearly 1.9 million**

Number of VFW, Ladies Auxiliary VFW and Men's Auxiliary members.

**6,890**

Number of VFW Posts worldwide.

**100%**

Percentage increase in the number of women VFW members since 2010.



## HELPING VETERANS GET JUSTICE

**84,000**

Number of favorable VA claims filed by the VFW's nationwide force of 1,517 VA-accredited service officers in 2014.

**14,666**

Number of VA claims filed by VFW Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD) offices in 2014.

**16**

Number of Benefits Delivery at Discharge offices across the nation, including the military district of Washington, D.C. area



## HELPING STRUGGLING MILITARY FAMILIES

**3,669**

Number of grants provided to military families facing financial hardship through *VFW Unmet Needs* since 2004.

**\$2,426,102**

Amount of grants provided through *VFW Unmet Needs* covering housing for struggling military families since 2004.

**1,906**

Number of military families who have received assistance with housing needs since 2004.



## IMPROVING LIFE IN AMERICA

**7.9 million**

Number of volunteer hours contributed by VFW members annually.

**\$45.8 million**

Amount donated annually to local community service projects by VFW members.

The VFW has fought for veterans and their families since 1899.



"The VFW grant came when we needed it most. We were almost on the streets. When my family was at its lowest

—when I was struggling to survive—my military family was there for us."

*Military spouse Stephanie Garrison on the financial assistance she received from the VFW. Her family was left in financial peril after her husband Robert's routine gallbladder surgery went wrong.*



## HONORING THE FALLEN

**9 million**

Number of VFW "Buddy" Poppies<sup>®</sup> distributed by the VFW last year.

**\$11.7 million**

Amount raised through the VFW "Buddy" Poppy<sup>®</sup> program for needy veterans.



## INSPIRING PATRIOTISM IN YOUNG PEOPLE

**40,622**

Number of high school students who competed in the 2013-14 Voice of Democracy competition.

**115,343**

Number of students who competed in the 2013-14 Patriot's Pen competition.