

As the nation's oldest major veterans' organization, The VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.

80%

Over the last decade, **approximately 80% of support received from VFW members and patriotic Americans** was applied directly to veterans service, community service, legislative advocacy and military service programs worldwide.

1,517

Number of VFW-accredited representatives across the country helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

\$5.9 billion

The amount in VA benefits the VFW network helped more than 209,000 veterans recover in the last two years.

\$5.1 million

Value of financial assistance awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. Nearly half of the funds covered basic housing needs.

\$500,000+

Amount of scholarships awarded to more than 130 veterans and service members through the VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" program in 2014.

1,870,214

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events since 2005.

\$3 million

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

21

Number of times the VFW has testified before Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

7.5+ million

Number of connections between deployed service members and loved ones made possible by the VFW's "Free Call Days."

Learn more about the VFW's programs and services at www.vfw.org.

A DONATION OF

\$20

ENSURES THE VFW CAN

- ★ Educate **30** separating service members on how to receive their well-earned VA benefits
- ★ Provide **500** minutes of phone time to homesick American troops stationed in the Middle East
- ★ Serve **5** morale-boosting "welcome home" meals for service members recently back from combat
- ★ Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war



"Having one less worry has allowed me to focus on my husband—making sure he gets the care

and support he needs."
Military spouse Michele Hyde, whose husband Jason struggles with PTSD. The Hydys received financial assistance from the VFW to help cover past-due bills.