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VFW Checkpoint – September 2024

Greetings, Checkpoint readers! 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 and get signed up.

In this issue, you will read about how VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" assisted a soldier serving with the Army National Guard. She is pursuing a degree in nursing, which will set her on the path for a graduate degree in mental health. In Texas, a VFW Post started a weekly farmer's market. It is free for vendors, but donations to the Post are encouraged. Held every Saturday, it draws a plethora of visitors to the Post. Soldiers serving in the Horn of Africa are playing baseball thanks to a VFW Post in Erie, Pa. The Post sent care packages full of snacks and sports equipment, which were specifically requested by the soldiers. Looking for the latest VFW merchandise? The VFW Store catalog is now available. Read these stories and more in your September 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 your suggestion, and you just might see it in an upcoming issue of Checkpoint.

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Scholarship Changes Lives

An Army National Guard soldier got an educational boost from VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship." [She is working towards becoming a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, a career where she can help service members and first responders with much-needed mental health care.](#)



Post Supports Deployed Troops

Soldiers deployed to the Horn of Africa received care packages compliments of VFW Post [470](#) in Erie, Pa. [Sports equipment and a variety of snacks were among the most requested items.](#)

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Texas VFW Post Establishes Farmer's Market

In Lufkin, Texas, VFW Post 1836 started a farmer's market at its Post. [Open each Saturday, it has become a place for the community to gather and support local vendors.](#)



VFW Scholarship Deadlines Fast Approaching

The Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen youth essay competition deadlines are nearing. [If your Post has not already publicized these competitions in area schools, now is the time to do it.](#)



Centenarian Celebrated

WWII veteran Peter Bandy celebrated turning 100 years old with his fellow VFW members from Post 6633 in Darby, Pa. [Bandy served with the 359th Bomb Squadron in Europe.](#)

Did you know there are more than 110,000 veterans living with Parkinson's disease (PD) in the U.S.?

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