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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

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For the 2025 VFW Day of Service, Post 12150 in New Haven, Conn., cleaned a veterans park. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park is located along the Long Island Sound. [Members spent the day picking up trash and debris along the shoreline.](#)



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POST COMMANDER SHOWS OFF HIS PITCHING SKILLS

In Woodbridge, Va., the commander of VFW Post 7916 had the honor of throwing out the ceremonial first pitch launching the 2025 spring season of the Woodbridge Little League. The Post has sponsored the league for more than 10 years. [Many of the baseball players hail from military families.](#)



MURAL PAINTED ON ILLINOIS VFW POST

Facing historic Route 66 in Dwight, Ill., VFW Post 2608 now has a mural on the side of the building attracting visitors. Honoring all branches of service, the mural was painted by a local artist. [The Post commander said the mural has drawn in people who may not have otherwise stopped by the VFW.](#)

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PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS HUNT SOUTH DAKOTA PHEASANTS

VFW Post 8530 in Gettysburg, S.D., hosted the ninth annual Decorated Purple Heart Pheasant Hunt. Hunters were selected from a drawing for the all-expenses-paid, five-day hunt. VFW Senior Commander-in-Chief Carol Whitmore attended and called the hunt “a tremendous program.” [Here is a look at the hunters.](#)



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HONORING VETERANS IN HOSPICE CARE

In Elberta, Ala., members of VFW Post 5658 partnered to provide recognition to special veterans. More than 50 veterans in hospice care at Battleship Alabama Park in nearby Mobile. [Each of the vets were presented with military service coins.](#)



FLY YOUR FLAG THIS SUMMER

With Flag Day and Independence Day just around the corner, it is time to check your outdoor U.S. flag. The VFW Store has a large selection of U.S. flags for purchase. [If you have a worn and tattered flag, ensure it is properly disposed.](#)



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