

CHECKPOINT



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Greetings, Checkpoint readers! Enjoy this installment of Checkpoint.

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. Most importantly, be sure to let us know what your VFW Post is doing in your community. Email jdyhouse@vfw.org your suggestion, and you just might see it in Checkpoint.

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The VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" continues to support veterans continuing their education. Air Force vet Kareem Pore is one such vet. He is working on a degree in aeronautical science at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. [When finished, Pore plans to fly the friendly skies as a commercial airline pilot.](#)



VFW MEMBERS ESCORT WWII VETS TO NETHERLANDS

Three WWII veterans had the opportunity to visit the battlefields on which they once served. Accompanying them were members of VFW Post 6712 in Revere, Mass. [The vets also visited with students and shared stories of their time during the war while stationed in the Netherlands.](#)



VFW MEMBER GRADUATES COLLEGE AT 81

Vietnam veteran Ron Cabral, a member of VFW Post 2045 in Swansea, Mass., earned his Associates in Arts from Bristol Community College. [His endeavor was supported by a partnership between Bristol's Student Veterans of America chapter and VFW Post 2045.](#)



TIPS FOR GETTING THE BEST PHOTOS

Checkpoint and VFW magazine wants to publish the good works of Posts. Those looking to get published should provide the best photography possible to increase the chances of seeing their work in print. [Here are some pointers for taking quality, print-worthy photos.](#)



A BREAKDOWN OF THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN AND VA BENEFITS

While the partial government shutdown is affecting millions, VA benefits delivery should not be interrupted. The VA has assured that benefits such as compensation, pension, education and housing benefits will continue. Most importantly, VFW Accredited Service Officers should have the ability to still assist veterans from any reliable Internet connection. [Learn more here.](#)



SALUTE TO SERVICE

The Exchange is honoring active-duty service members, retirees and disabled Veterans with special in-store giveaways in November.

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SHOP VFW STORE FOR HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING

The VFW Store offers a multitude of merchandise to assist in your seasonal gift giving. Included is the 125th anniversary commemorative ornament, a fine keepsake. Some 125th anniversary products have been reduced while supplies last. [Check it out here.](#)



MEDICARE COVERAGE MAY FILL COVERAGE GAPS

Medicare Advantage plans often complement VA benefits to help close gaps in health care coverage. [Learn more.](#)