

# CHECKPOINT



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## MORE THAN 1,500 VETERANS GRAVES IDENTIFIED BY VFW

In New Hampshire, VFW Post 1617 in Derry, has worked to identify veterans' graves in Forest Hill Cemetery. Members have documented nearly 1,000 volunteer hours in their endeavor. [One member said it feels good to know the graves are no longer "lost to time."](#)





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## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT TO PURSUE MEDICAL SCHOOL

As both of his parents are cancer survivors, Army vet Daniel Carr knew he wanted to work in the medical field. With the assistance of VFW’s “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship,” Carr is on a pre-med track at California State University. [He looks forward to the day he can work as an oncologist and help patients just as his parents were helped.](#)



## VFW STORE TO BE CASH-LESS AT CONVENTION

For those attending VFW’s 2026 National Convention in Reno, Nev., please note that all sales will be cashless at the VFW Store booth. This change will ensure a quicker process with shorter lines. [Among the items on sale at convention is America 250 merchandise.](#)



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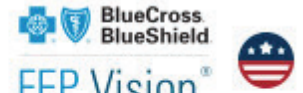


## MINNESOTA VFW POST HONORS VIETNAM VETS

In Brainerd, Minn., VFW Post 1647 hosted its Fifth Annual Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration. More than 100 people came to the event, which included refreshments. [Organizers said this event is important as Vietnam vets did not receive a proper welcome home when returning from war.](#)



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## **BUILDING BEDS FOR CHILDREN**

Veteran Andrew Jilcott volunteers with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to continue his lifelong commitment to service. He helps build beds for children who do not have one. [Jilcott said the whole process is rewarding and that delivering the beds to kids is “nothing short of amazing.”](#)



## **PHILIPPINES VFW RAISES FLAG ON CORREGIDOR**

A 48-star U.S. flag was raised at Fortress Corregidor to commemorate the 81st anniversary of the 503rd Parachute Regimental Combat Team recapturing Corregidor during WWII. [Members of VFW Post 11447 plan to make it an annual tradition of visiting on the anniversary.](#)



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