

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:jdyhouse@vfw.org) your suggestion, and you just might see it in Checkpoint.

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## STILL SERVING IN ARIZONA

A VFW Life Member worked to get Afghan interpreters to safety in the U.S. [Steven Michaels served in Afghanistan in 2010 and said helping these men was the “right thing to do.”](#)



## POST TO HOST TRAVELING WALL

VFW Post 6418 in St. Albans, W. Va., is making plans to sponsor the “Moving Wall” in June. A replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., the moving Wall is an opportunity for those unable to visit the nation’s capital to pay tribute to Vietnam veterans. [This is just one of many events the Post plans for its community.](#)

A banner advertisement for "WHERE HEROES SHOP". It features two soldiers in camouflage uniforms walking away. The text reads "WHERE HEROES SHOP" on the left, "VETERANS SHOP TAX-FREE FOR LIFE!" in the center, and "EXCHANGE" with a logo on the right. A red arrow on the far right points to the text "LEARN MORE HERE".



## CEMETERY CLEAN UP HONORS VETERANS

Members of VFW Post 7589 in Manassas, Va., restore local cemetery. The Rose Hill Cemetery is home to many graves of Black veterans that had fallen into a state of disrepair. [The graves have been cleaned and are now included when local Scouts place U.S. flags on Memorial Day.](#)



## WORLD WAR II VET CELEBRATES 108TH BIRTHDAY

Bernard Long, a member of VFW Post 609 in Alexandria, Va., celebrated a big birthday on New Year’s Eve. VFW Post 609 Commander Jerry Krueger spearheaded a birthday card campaign. [The centenarian received more than 150 cards in the mail.](#)



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## ILLINOIS VFW POST EXPERIENCES MEMBERSHIP SURGE

New leadership at VFW Post 11019 in South Beloit, Ill., has caused a significant boost in membership.

[Commander Tom Dummer said he has found it vital to take every member's voice into account when making decisions.](#)



## WOOBIE HOODIES AVAILABLE AT VFW STORE

The VFW woobie hoodie is now available at the VFW Store. It includes sleeve patch pockets for small items and a lined hood with drawcord for adjustment. [When you buy from the VFW Store, you are helping veterans.](#)



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