

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



Michigan

Mission

To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Who We Are

The VFW Department of Michigan hosts more than **35,000** members, and is supported by over **24,000** Auxiliary Members, who are all family members of Michigan's veterans. Our organizations provide programs and advocacy support for all veterans, family members, and communities. We were trained to never leave a service member behind, and this value has stayed with us long after our service ended.

What We Do

Community Involvement

Michigan's VFW runs a children's camp near Newaygo, Michigan every summer for 7-12 year olds. We sponsor Scout Troops, and run an annual local. state and national level literary and oratorical scholarship program for 9-12 graders. Our members distributes flags to schools in our communities in observance of holidays to promote hometown patriotism. We also host programs to recognize our teachers and first responders, who serve our communities every day, and we provide a variety of volunteer opportunities across the state.

Buddy Poppies = Emergency Relief Funds

The VFW Buddy Poppy is a tradition held since 1922. VFW Posts distribute poppies around Memorial Day, to raise funds for emergency financial relief for veterans and their family members in need. These funds also support state and national veteran rehabilitation and service programs. The poppy is a flower which memorializes our past brothers in sisters who have sacrificed their lives for our nation.

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Disability Claim Advocacy

VFW Service Officers assists and advocates for veterans in accessing disability benefits, while also educating veterans and their family members about the resources they earned during their service to this Nation.



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Legislative

Action

Our legislative efforts are aimed

at supporting veterans who

overseas, are struggling with

mental health needs, and every

issue facing veterans and their

represents Michigan's veteran

Legislature and in Congress to

benefits for America's veterans.

community in the Michigan

improve quality of life and

were exposed to toxins

families today. The VFW