

## CORRESPONDENCE FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENTS

The VFW National Headquarters is pleased to inform you of the recently developed VFW Training and Support section on [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

The VFW Training and Support section has been designed to streamline your experience in your quest for the valuable training tools and resources you need to help lead the VFW into the future. In this new section you'll find VFW-produced materials ranging from membership recruiting and Post meeting training videos to chairman guides, brochures, fact sheets, applications and promotional material.

Access to the page is gained by logging into the website and selecting the "VFW Training and Support" link in the left column of the My VFW page.

We encourage each of you to explore the VFW Training and Support section to see all of the tools and resources that are available to you!

You may soon notice that some links currently available on the My VFW page will no longer be displayed. To access the material previously available via these links, please proceed to the VFW Training and Support section.

Please note, the VFW Training and Support section remains a work in progress. Some materials may still reside in the document repository or are in the process of being updated. We appreciate your patience as we continuously work to provide you with the training tools and resources you need, all in one place. If you have any questions, please contact the communications department at [communications@vfw.org](mailto:communications@vfw.org).

Thank you, VFW Communications Team

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Post Leaders: Did you know you can boost your Post members' Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit with Post AD&D coverage? This very affordable coverage is paid for by the Post to supplement the personal accident coverage that's provided with VFW membership. It provides an additional \$1,050 benefit for each of your Post members in good standing. It's easy to find out how much this coverage plan would be for your Post. Call (800) 829-8390 or visit <http://www.vfwinsurance.com/post-accidental-death-insurance.html>.

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The VFW is proud to announce that Defense Mobile, our newest member benefit, is now available! As a leader in the VFW, you'll likely be asked about this service as more people become aware of it. Visit [www.defensemobil.com](http://www.defensemobil.com) to learn more about how Defense Mobile is connecting and improving the lives of veterans.

**THE DEFENSE MOBILE OFFER:** All VFW members will receive a 10% discount on monthly mobile phone service FOR LIFE when they switch to Defense Mobile.

**HOW IT WORKS:**

1. Visit [www.defensemobil.com/VFW](http://www.defensemobil.com/VFW).
2. Purchase a new phone or SIM card and a Defense Mobile service plan.
3. Remember to enter promo code: VFWLDR in the shopping cart before you proceed to checkout to receive a 10% discount on your monthly service bill for life!
4. Once you receive your phone or SIM card in the mail, follow the included instructions to activate service.

If you have any questions, please call Defense Mobile's 100% veteran-staffed Member Care Team at 844-815-9223.

**Quartermasters:** Please contact Chris Norton at [chris.norton@defensemobile.com](mailto:chris.norton@defensemobile.com) to find out more about fund raising opportunities for your Post or Department through Defense Mobile's referral program!

Thank you, VFW Communications

**Choice Card Survey:** The VFW has commissioned a second survey to poll members on their experiences accessing the Veterans Choice Program. Thank you to those who have taken the second survey. Your participation has allowed the VFW to continue to keep its finger on the pulse of this important program and evaluate progress as the Veterans Choice Program enters its fifth month. If you took our first survey, but have not taken the second survey, which went live on February 6, 2015, please help us track any changes in your experiences. If you are taking this survey for the first time, your input is critical to holding VA accountable for delivering timely non-VA care options to veterans.

Take the survey here: <https://www.research.net/s/VFWChoiceSurvey2>. To learn more about the Veterans Choice Program or to share your stories with us, please visit: <http://www.vfw.org/VAWatch/>.

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As we have done in years past, the VFW and Tractor Supply Company (TSC) are partnering again this year in honor of our nation's heroes. TSC is the largest farm and ranch store chain in the United States. VFW Posts and their Auxiliaries are encouraged to host events at TSC stores throughout the country on May 23, 2015, to honor veterans, showcase VFW patriotism and get the community involved. This year we are calling the event "Salute Our Troops". These events may vary at each location, ranging from Buddy Poppy distribution, recruiting opportunities, hosting a Memorial Day event, BBQ's and any other fun activity.

Today's communication is merely asking for your assistance in maximizing participation for this year's event. There will be additional information provided early next week that will provide more specific details concerning how VFW Posts and Auxiliaries can register to participate. This is an excellent opportunity for Posts and Auxiliaries to form a great relationship with their community and more importantly with a company that shares our same values and affinity with our nation's veterans.

If you have any questions about this year's "Salute Our Troops" event please contact me at [\(816\) 968-1116](tel:8169681116) or via email at [kjones@vfw.org](mailto:kjones@vfw.org)

Thank you for your continued support of our VFW program and activities.

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