



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.

VFW POST 10125

**JULY 2025
NEWSLETTER**

Rancho Cordova

*Meetings occur
at 1800 the
3rd Tuesday
of every month*

*10124 Coloma Road
(Moose Lodge)*

**VFW Post 10125
2025-2026**

Elected Officers

Commander: Chris Darbyshire
Sr Vice Commander: Candace Ellisor
Jr. Vice Commander: Kevin Cameron
Quartermaster: Mike Ruth
3rd Year Trustee: Jesse Alvarez
2nd Year Trustee: Kevin Houchin
1st Year Trustee: Lillian Clarke

Appointed Positions:

Adjutant: Rita Houchin
Service Officer: Shanon Strickler
Judge Advocate: Matthew T. Gillen
Surgeon: Robert (Dana) Johnson
Officer of the Day: TBD at meetings

The administrative year effectively began at the conclusion of the Department Convention and our newly elected officers have now officially taken their respective posts till the next Department Convention.

Our leadership team is essential for ensuring that our Post operates effectively and maintains our mission of serving Veterans and also the local community. The best way to get to better know our Post and the members is to participate in volunteer and social events. Comrades, please keep showing up and help us fulfill our VFW motto:
"No One Does More for Veterans"

Announcements



**CA State Fair Military,
Veteran & First Responder
Appreciation Day**
Wednesday, July 23rd

**Rancho Cordova Friday
Night Concerts**
Every Friday in August
7:00 PM
Village Green Park
3141 Bridgeway Drive

**Camp Plymouth FALL
Military Vehicle Show &
Swap Meet**
September 10 · 8am -
September 13 · 5pm
Amador County Fairgrounds
& 49er RV Village

**Rancho Cordova 9/11
Remembrance**
Thursday September 11
Rancho Cordova City Hall

Sacramento Stand Down
30 Sep & 1 Oct 0800-1500
2 Oct 0800-1200
BT Collins Army Reserve Ctr
Volunteer: 916-389-8917 (Tue)
sacramentostanddown.org

District 17 Golf Tournament
September 2025
Cherry Island Golf Course

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#StillServing

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From VFW.org

VFW Launches 79th Annual Youth Scholarship Contests

2025-2026 Theme

“How Are You Showing Patriotism And Support For Our Country?”

The VFW's Voice of Democracy (VOD) and Patriot's Pen essay contests encourage young people to explore American history, values, and their own perspectives on democracy and patriotism. The VOD contest is for high school students (grades 9-12), while Patriot's Pen is for middle school students (grades 6-8). Both contests offer scholarships and prizes, with the VOD competition awarding up to \$35,000 nationally.

For our **VFW students** there are also programs and scholarships available. Visit vfw.org/assistance/student-veterans-support to apply.

VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship"

\$5000.00 per semester/per family
Apply Jan 1 - Apr 30 & Aug 1 - Nov 15

VFW's Student Veteran Support Grant

Applicants are VFW members and funds are utilized to support Veteran enrolled students. Funds must be utilized for outreach events designed to assist & support Veterans.

VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship

Although the 2025 application period has closed this is something to learn about and prepare for if interested. Chosen Fellows will along with other activities, travel to Washington DC to attend the VFW National Washington Conference. During this event, they will have opportunities to engage with members of Congress and possibly engage with the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees.



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Great service opportunity in our own backyard:

Join **Troopathon** (formerly, Move America Forward) at their Operation Center for hands-on volunteering experiences. Gather your friends, family, or colleagues and schedule a group volunteering session. Whether it's for a major holiday or any day of the week, we an extra pair of hands helps to get packages to the troops.

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Ways & Means

The "Ways & Means" function within the VFW is all about ensuring the Post has the necessary funds to operate effectively and fulfill its mission of service to veterans and the community.

Becoming the committee chair for Ways & Means for VFW Post 10125 is a vital leadership opportunity that directly supports the Post's ability to serve veterans and the community. Encouraging participation requires a combination of motivation, support, and clear communication.

Great addition to a resume!



Women Pilots in the Iran Mission

Recent strikes against Iranian military and nuclear facilities marked a historic moment for women in military aviation, with both the United States and Israel including female pilots and navigators in their operations.

U.S. Air Force: B-2 Bomber Mission

- At least one woman served as a pilot on the U.S. Air Force B-2 Spirit stealth bomber during the mission targeting Iran's nuclear facilities in June 2025.
- This was the longest B-2 mission since 2001 and the first combat use of the 30,000-pound Massive Ordnance Penetrator bomb.
- Women were also part of the submarine crews that launched cruise missiles at Iranian sites, a notable achievement given the historically male-dominated nature of these roles.
- The identities of these women have not been publicly released for security reasons, but their participation was confirmed by U.S. officials and widely reported in the media

Significance

- These missions represent a major step forward for gender integration in military aviation, especially in high-risk, high-profile operations.
- The inclusion of women in such critical combat roles demonstrates ongoing progress in breaking down barriers within the armed forces and serves as inspiration for future generations.

These women's air and sea accomplishments are more than personal victories; their actions demonstrate to aspiring young women everywhere that they too can pursue new opportunities and break barriers.

- <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2025/06/24/female-troops-played-key-roles-b-2-submarine-strikes-irans-nuclear-facilities.html>

What can CalVet do for me?

- Housing - Home Loans, State Veteran Homes
- Education - GI Bill Support & college fee waivers for dependents
- Employment - Veterans' preference, job search support
- Healthcare - VA enrollment, mental health, referrals
- Disability & Pension - Claims assistance & advocacy
- Tax & Fee Exemptions - Property tax, vehicle registration, license plates
- Recreation - Free/discounted state park, hunting and fishing access
- Burial - State cemetery burial, federal benefit guidance
- Local Support - CVSOs for personalized help & referrals

Chaplain's Corner

VFW Independence Day Prayer:

As our Nation unites again to celebrate the gift of liberty, we give thanks for all those patriots and defenders of our Nation's ideals who have sacrificed so much for the sake of others.

Give to us a renewed dedication to the preservation of the finest principles of freedom and justice which have shaped our Nation's destiny and help us to call to mind the part that Your revealed truth has had in bringing this all about.

To You we give all honor and praise.

Amen.



Tech Talk

Essential Keyboard Shortcuts Everyone Should Know: These wil dramatically speed up daily computer tasks, whether on Windows or Mac

Basic Editing and Navigation

Action	Windows	Mac
Copy	Ctrl + C	Cmd + C
Cut	Ctrl + X	Cmd + X
Paste	Ctrl + V	Cmd + V
Undo	Ctrl + Z	Cmd + Z
Redo	Ctrl + Y	Cmd + Shift + Z
Select All	Ctrl + A	Cmd + A
Find	Ctrl + F	Cmd + F

File and Window Management

Action	Windows	Mac
Save	Ctrl + S	Cmd + S
Open	Ctrl + O	Cmd + O
New Document/Window	Ctrl + N	Cmd + N
Close Window/Tab	Ctrl + W	Cmd + W
Quit App	Alt + F4	Cmd + Q
Rename File	F2	Return
Print	Ctrl + P	Cmd + P

Browser Shortcuts



Action	Windows	Mac
New Tab	Ctrl + T	Cmd + T
Reopen Closed Tab	Ctrl + Shift + T	Cmd + Shift + T
Jump to Address Bar	Ctrl + L	Cmd + L



Community News

VFW Sages



11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Rancho Cordova Luncheon

07/18/2025 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

LOCATION:RANCHO CORDOVA CITY HALL
2729 PROSPECT PARK DRIVE

\$20 FOR MEMBERS AND \$30 FOR NON-MEMBERS AND WALK-INS.

JULY 18: SHAWN HARRISON - FOUNDER & CO-DIRECTOR, SOIL BORN FARMS

Military Space-A Flights: The Wildest Way to Fly for Free

There are 16 different aircraft that are eligible for Space-A flights. The most common are the C-5 Galaxy, C-17 Globemaster, C-40 Clipper, C-130 Hercules, KC-10 Extender, and the KC-135 Stratotanker. travelawaits.com

AMC Travel webpage: <https://www.amc.af.mil/AMC-Travel-Site/AMC-Space-Available-Travel-Page/>

For all kinds of advice, there is a Space A Travel Facebook Group.



Military Space Available Travel Information
Public group · 356.2K members

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