

### History of VFW's

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States traces its roots back to 1899. That year, Veterans of the Spanish-American War (1998) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service.

In Columbus, Ohio, they founded the American Veterans of Foreign Service. In Denver Colo., they organized the Colorado Society, Army of the Philippines.

In 1901, Philippine Veterans in Altoona and Pittsburgh Penn., started the Philippine War Veterans. The following year, Philadelphia, Penn., became the home of the American Veterans of the Philippine and China Wars. In 1905, these three groups merged with the American Veterans of Foreign Service.

In 1913, the American Veterans of Foreign service was amalgamated with the Colorado Society, Army of the Philippines and became the Army of the Philippine-Cuba and Puerto Rico, then changed their name to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

### NATIONAL VFW MEMBER BENEFITS

NO COST ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND  
DISMEMBERMENT PROTECTION  
INSURANCE  
VEHICLE INS  
LONG TERM CARE INS  
BURIAL BENEFITS  
TERM INS  
MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT PLANS  
HEART ATTACK/CANCER/STROKE INS

### NON-INSURANCE PROGRAMS

VETERANS ROCC  
BENEVETS HEALTHCARE SAVINGS  
LIVING BENEFITS  
VFW PURCHASE POWER-GOLD  
FUNERAL/CREMATION PROGRAM  
VFW MASTER CARD  
DISCOUNTS ON  
CAR RENTAL,HOTEL,MOTEL AND  
RESORT CONDOMINIUMS  
VFW CREDIT UNION  
SUPPLY CATALOG  
VFW TRAVEL SERVICES  
VFW FOUNDATION  
MBNA DEPOSIT PROGRAMS  
INTERNET SERVICE



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## History of Post 10624

In 1981 (3) men got together. These three men were: 1981-82 Department Commander Lee Finley, his Chief of Staff Dewie Carpenter, and immediate Past Post Commander Glenn L. Jeffers. The topic was a new VFW Post. Glenn came up with 3 possibilities in District One. First on the list was Mt. Pleasant, second was Ladson, and third was Awendaw. Glenn immediately went to work forming a VFW in Mt. Pleasant. He went looking for eligible veterans. Finally everything started falling in place. An organizational meeting was set for July 18, 1981. This meeting was to bring all perspective members together to finalize the necessary paper work to apply for a Charter Kit. The meeting was a success. On Sunday, July 26, 1981, State Council Meeting was held in Columbia. Applications for a Charter, date of proposed institution, what the Post would be named, along with all other necessary paperwork was turned over to Department Commander Finley. The Mt. Pleasant was well under way. On Saturday, August 1, 1981 Glenn L. Jeffers passed away. The day of his funeral, the Charter Kit was delivered. With the sudden passing of Glenn L. Jeffers, the soon to be members of Mt. Pleasant VFW Post got together. It was decided to name the Post in Memory of Glenn L. Jeffers. The Post was instituted on August 27, 1981.

## Veteran and Community

### Service Programs

#### National Level

VFW National Home for children  
Provided 50% matching funds for local posts for the September 11th World Trade Center and Pentagon victims families  
Full college scholarship programs for children of veterans  
Voice of Democracy  
Youth Essay  
Buddy Poppy  
Safety  
Youth Activities

#### Local Level

Decorate Veterans grave on Memorial Day and Veterans Day  
Annual Dinner for USS Yorktown  
December 7th Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony at the USS Yorktown  
Presently paying annual membership dues for active duty and reserve military post members deployed in the Afghanistan Theater  
Flag distribution to local schools (600 flags annually)

Annual Cancer Aid and Research Fund Drive

Veterans and Christmas Day Parade Float

Worn and torn flag disposal service

Sponsored Youth Baseball and Basketball Teams

Freedom Essay contest

Youth scholarship programs for grades 6-9

Voice of Democracy contest for grades 10-12

Veterans Hospital and Nursing Home Visitation Programs

Financial support for Military Honor Guard at Veterans Funerals

Annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food drive for low income families of Mt. Pleasant

Jr. ROTC Service Awards Program

Golf Tournament to benefit the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC

Buddy Poppy fund raiser for Disabled Veterans

Operation Uplink provide prepaid phone cards for deployed military personnel here and abroad

Annual Fishing Tournament