

V.F.W. NEWS

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Greetings Comrades,

Best wishes for a fabulous summer for everyone. I would first like to introduce myself. My name is Venus Hilgart and I will be serving as Post Commander for the upcoming year. I have been married to my husband Bill for 33 years and we reside in Woodruff, WI. We have 3 children, one will be married in October and we are expecting our first grandchild in December. I am a retired nurse who worked in the operating room for 43 years and served in the WIARNG for 22 years, where I served in the Persian Gulf war.

My sincerest congratulations to Post Commander Steve Eisenhauer for obtaining All-State and All-American. Well done Steve!!!

My goals for the upcoming year are as follows:

- Facilitate Post meetings both in person and via zoom in an effort to promote video conferencing.
- Continue to strengthen our bond with the 115th Fighter Wing through collaboration of projects and availability of volunteers to assist unit with Family Day and any other opportunities.
- Continue to strengthen our relationship with City of Fitchburg, working closely with them for Fitchburg night out and Walk 4 Warriors.
- Enhance communication within the post through open dialogue.

My vision for this year is to promote a spirit of camaraderie with a spirit of mutual trust and loyalty. The mission of the VFW never ends. We all need to stay engaged, mentor someone new and share knowledge with one another. I look forward to working with all members this upcoming year. Thank you to those serving as officers, both elected and appointed. A huge thank you for your continued efforts to promote our post. Let's work together and make this a fabulous year for Post 1318!!!

I am honored for this opportunity to serve this year, thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

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Commander Venus Hilgart

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

- 6th – Post Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 7th - Auxiliary Meeting – 7:30 pm
- 11th – Rolling Thunder – 10:00 am
- 14th – Walk 4 Warriors – 6:00 pm
- 28th – Events Committee – 6:00 pm
- House Committee – 6:30 pm

AUGUST

- 3rd – Post Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 4th – Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 8th – Rolling Thunder – 10:00 am
- 11th – Walk 4 Warriors – 6:00 pm
- 12th – Fitchburg Night Out – 5:00 pm
- 25th – Events Committee – 6:00 pm
- House Committee – 6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1st - Auxiliary Meeting – 6:30 pm
- 8th - Walk 4 Warriors – 6:00 pm
- 12th - Rolling Thunder – 10:00 am
- 115th Family Day – 1:00 pm
- 14th – Post Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 19th – WALK 4 WARRIORS – 8:00 am
- 22nd - Events Committee – 6:00 pm
- House Committee – 6:30 pm
- 26th – Meat Raffle – 3:00 pm
- 27th – Pancake Breakfast – 9:00 am

- Thursday Night Trivia 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- Friday Fish Fry (all day) and Karaoke 6:30 – 10:30 pm
- Sunday fun with Wacko at 3:00 - 5:00 pm

POST OFFICERS

Commander -----Venus Hilgart
 Sr. Vice Commander-----Rose Doucette
 Jr. Vice Commander -----John Barghusen
 Quartermaster-----Gundel Metz
 Adjutant -----Steve Eisenhauer
 Judge Advocate -----Bob Evans
 Chaplain -----Sharon Warsaw
 Surgeon -----Rose Doucette
 Trustee, 3yr -----William Austin
 Trustee, 2yr -----Andy Lochner
 Trustee, 1yr -----Tim Hilsenhoff
 Officer of the Day-----Ray Trent
 Service Officer-----Steve Eisenhauer
 Guard -----Ray Trent
 Citizenship Education-----Bob Evens
 Community Service----- Bob Evans
 Legislative Officer ----- Steve Eisenhauer
 Newsletter Editor-----Gundel Metz
 Web Administrator-----Andy Mansfield
 Voice of Democracy/PP-----John Barghusen
 Historian----- William Muether

House Committee -----Members: Bob Evans,
 Venus Hilgart, Ray Trent, Sharon Warsaw, Rose
 Doucette, Gundel Metz, Vance Hunt, Joseph Hines,
 Justin East and Permanent Guest - Auxiliary
 Representative
 House Committee and Events Committee meet on
 the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President -----Rose Doucette
 Sr. Vice -----Michael Rowland
 Jr. Vice -----Ray Rung
 Treasurer -----Melissa Crary
 Conductor-----Gundel Metz
 Secretary -----Amy Homer
 Trustee, 1 yr----- Michael Rowland
 Trustee, 2 yr-----Ray Rung
 Trustee, 3 yr-----Daniel Burkhardt
 Chaplain-----Ellen Evans
 Guard-----Irmgard Metz
 Historian-----Rose Doucette

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EVENTS

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 SEPTEMBER 30th. IF YOU HAVE A
 STORY, AN IDEA, A WEBSITE TO
 SHARE, PLEASE SEND THE
 INFORMATION IN AN EMAIL OR
 THROUGH THE POST OFFICE TO
 THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

CANTEEN

CANTEEN HOURS

Monday – Closed
 Tuesday: 11 am to 8 pm
 Wednesday: 11 am to 8 pm
 Thursday: 11 am to 11 pm
 Friday: 11 am to 11 pm
 Saturday: 11 am to 11 pm
 Sunday: 11 am to 8 pm

Canteen Information:

Food Specials:

Taco Tuesday
 Burger Wednesday
 Trivia Thursday
 Friday Fish fry

Happy Hour Specials:

Tequila Tuesday
 Top Shelf Whiskey Wednesday
 Thirsty Thursday
 The Boyle Fridays

Trivia every Thursday at 7:00 pm and
 Karaoke every Friday at 7:00 pm

Plus, we have the weekly draw on Fridays.

WACKO – Every Sunday 3:00-5:00 pm

Stop on by and meet our staff: Kate,
 Erica, Alison, Nichole, Maddy, Michael,
 Anna Marie, Flip, Vance, Lee and others.

Saturday evenings we may have a band, singer or paint night.

As always call the Post if you want to know what is going on that day.

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POST MEETINGS:

First Monday of each month @ 6 p.m.

AUXILIARY MEETINGS:

First Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.

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**If you want information for the
 on-line Post meetings, please
 contact the Post Quartermaster
 at vfw1318qm@gmail.com. All
 Post meetings are hybrid, some
 members at the Post and the
 others via internet.**

MEMORIAM FOR KARL KLEEMANN

In April of this year, we lost one of our members from the greatest generation, World War II. Karl Kleemann still attended meetings about six times a year. Karl was born in 1923 and passed away in April 2026 at the age of 102 years old. This July Karl would have turned 103 years old.

Karl served during World War II with Battery B, 485th AAA (AW) Battalion in the Philippines and on Okinawa. He was inducted into the Army in January 1943 and discharged January 1946. Karl said he served three years and eight days. There is more I could write about Karl's time in service, but I want to write about his time in the VFW.

VFW Post 1318 is 101 years old and Karl was a member for 78 years. Can you imagine belonging to an organization for 78 years? I have been a member of VFW Post 1318 since 1997. Since that time Karl has always been present as the Post Guard. I don't know when he started as the Guard, but I am thinking that he was our Guard for quite a few decades. Yes, in the last five years or so, Karl was not at every meeting, but he came when we would pick him up and then take him back home. We have kept him on our roster as our Guard. Karl and his late wife, MaryAnne, volunteered at the VA Hospital in Madison for 26 years. Every Thursday Karl was pushing patients around until he was in his 90's. Once he was in his 90's he went down to one day a month until COVID hit and he was not allowed to volunteer. After COVID he was never able to go back as a volunteer.

Karl was part of the Post Honor Guard. During my time he and George Flatmann (WW II) would show up for every Memorial Day and Veterans Day services to post the colors. Karl would carry the US Flag and George would carry the Post colors. On Memorial Day, they did three ceremonies at Forest Hill Cemetery and then went to the Capitol to participate in that ceremony as well. They did this until around 2010 or so. Plus, Karl and MaryAnne would always participate in the Rose Ceremony at the Capitol. The Rose ceremony honors those who had passed away. Karl will be missed by all who knew him.

Rest in peace my friend, we have the watch.





AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Rose Doucette

Hello Auxiliary Brothers and Sisters,

A big thank you for re-electing me as your 1318 Auxiliary president. I am looking forward to the projects we will do this year. My plan is to continue to work with Post 1318, Fitchburg and our Veteran community with support services and advocacy at both local and national levels. We will work to support National VFWA goals. Which include support to veterans and their families, promoting patriotism, education and community service through projects and programs.

Our projects have grown in the past year and I plan to work for continued growth. We have become more involved in the Fitchburg community. We will be at the Fitchburg "Nite-out" August 12. I invite you to join me. This is a community picnic hosted at the Mckee Park by the Fitchburg police department. Auxiliary members will help to serve a community meal with hamburgers provided and prepared by Post members. Other equipment and displays include a UW med flight helicopter, a National Guard Blackhawk helicopter, food vendors, a petting farm and a kid's bike rodeo.

We will support the Walk 4 Warriors in September. The 5K, 10K and 18K run/walk is to promote awareness of injured soldiers in the fight against Veteran suicide. We lose 17 veterans every day to suicide. Veterans face a 58% higher suicide risk. It is the second leading cause of death in Veterans under the age of 45. For the walk Auxiliary members will provide a rest and hydration station for the participants. It will take place mostly on the Capital City Bike Trail in Fitchburg. Please see the web site for more details.

September 12th is the 115th family day. The VFW and Auxiliary of 1318 is one of the organizations who support soldiers of this unit having a fun day at their unit. We will help serve lunch to them and their families.

'Happy 100th Birthday!' WI VFWA was founded on July 30th 1925. July 30 is also an important day for me. The 100th anniversary of our auxiliary is in January 2027. Let's celebrate our accomplishments. Last month our state convention was held in Rothschild. We celebrated 100 years, promoted patriotism, encouraged membership, awarded youth activity scholarships and discussed support of legislative issues. The joint President and Commanders project to support Veterans with mental health issues had a goal of raising \$100,000. At the banquet they announced they had raised \$124,000 for this cause. Congratulations to President Kim McWilliams and Commander Ty Letto. Great results will occur when we work together.

Welcome to our new Department of WI President Charlene Cobb. She is a dual member and Gulf War Veteran. She is from Auxiliary 1621 in Janesville. Her motto is "Unwavering support Uncommon Heroes". Have a wonderful summer. Keep healthy. Avoid mosquitoes and sunburn. Our next meeting will be the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Rose Doucette

115TH FIGHTER WING UPDATE

COMMAND CHIEF MARIA L. CHEW

It is an honor to introduce myself as the new Command Chief of the 115th Fighter Wing. I assumed this role in May 2026 after serving in a variety of leadership positions across both the Wisconsin Army National Guard and Wisconsin Air National Guard. My military career began in 1999, and over the past 27 years I have had the privilege of serving alongside outstanding Soldiers and Airmen across our state. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the men and women of the 115th Fighter Wing and to continue strengthening the partnership we share with Wisconsin's veterans and the members of VFW Post 1318.

This summer has been a busy and productive season focused on readiness, training, and preparing for the challenges of tomorrow.

In June, the 115th Fighter Wing conducted Operation Iron Orchid at Volk Field Air National Guard Base. The exercise was the Wing's largest combat readiness exercise in more than two decades and involved over 500 Airmen. Designed to prepare our Airmen for operations against a near-peer adversary, the exercise tested our ability to deploy, survive, and operate in a contested environment while responding to simulated drone, missile, and chemical attacks. Airmen trained under the Air Force's Agile Combat Employment concept, practicing how to disperse aircraft and personnel across multiple operating locations while continuing to generate combat capability. Most importantly, the exercise provided valuable lessons learned that will help us continue refining our warfighting skills and improving our readiness for future missions.

Earlier in June, many of our Airmen also participated in Sentry North 2026, one of the National Guard's premier readiness exercises hosted at Volk Field and Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center in Michigan. The exercise brought together more than 20 National Guard units, over 25 aircraft, and more than 1,600 service members from across the country. Sentry North focused on counter-air operations against advanced threats and incorporated lessons learned from current operations around the world. The exercise reinforced the National Guard's role as an operational force prepared to respond and succeed from the very first day of a conflict.

As our nation celebrated its 250th Independence Day, the 115th Fighter Wing was honored to participate in 19 flyovers across Wisconsin communities. These flyovers provided an opportunity to recognize the patriotism, service, and sacrifice that have shaped our nation for two and a half centuries. We were humbled by the enthusiastic support shown by communities across the state. Our Public Affairs team is also working on a special project that highlights Wisconsin communities and their connection to military service. I encourage you to follow the 115th Fighter Wing on social media for future updates.

We are also looking forward to welcoming home several of our deployed Airmen in the coming months. Their service and sacrifice, along with the support of their families, enable us to fulfill our mission around the globe. We remain incredibly proud of the work they are doing and look forward to bringing them home safely.

Looking ahead, September will provide another opportunity to celebrate the people behind the mission during our annual Family Day. Military readiness is not built by Airmen alone. It is strengthened by spouses, children, parents, employers, veterans, and community members who support those who serve. Family Day gives us a chance to recognize and thank those who stand beside our Airmen every day.

On behalf of the men and women of the 115th Fighter Wing, thank you to the members of VFW Post 1318 for your continued support, encouragement, and commitment to veterans and service members. Your legacy of service continues to inspire the next generation of Airmen, and we are grateful for the strong bond between the 115th Fighter Wing and Wisconsin's veteran community.

WALK 4 WARRIORS

BY JAMIE HERRMANN

Walk 4 Warriors – Every Step Saves Lives

The countdown is on! We are excited to announce that **Walk 4 Warriors** is just around the corner, and we hope you'll join us on **Saturday, September 19, 2026**, at VFW Post 1318 for a day dedicated to supporting our local Veterans.

Whether you're looking for a casual walk or a more challenging ruck, there's something for everyone! Participants can choose from **5K, 10K, or 18K** walk or ruck options, including an optional **18-pound Honor Challenge** for those looking to push themselves.

The event will also feature **raffles**, live music by **Beaches and Cream**, food and beverages, and a great opportunity to come together as a community for an important cause.

Most importantly, **100% of the proceeds** will benefit three outstanding local organizations that provide direct support to Veterans **at no cost to the Veterans they serve**:

- Custom Canines Service Dog Academy
- Wisconsin Women Veterans Rivers of Recovery
- Country Haven Farm Veterans Retreat

We are also proud to recognize our **Title Sponsor**, Rolling Thunder Wisconsin Chapter 5, for their generous **\$5,000 donation** in support of this mission.

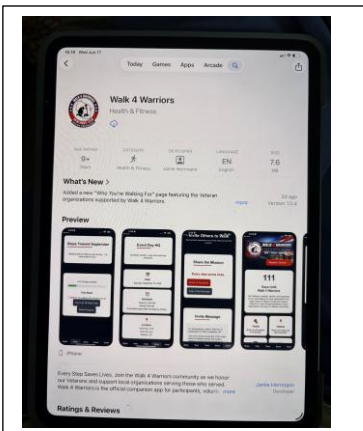
We're excited to announce that the official **Walk 4 Warriors** app is now available for **iPhone** users in the App Store! Android users can expect the app to be available on Google Play within the next couple of weeks. The free app helps participants stay connected with the event, train for their walk or ruck, and access important event information.

Please consider registering for a walk or ruck, or simply join us to support these three incredible organizations that are making a difference in the lives of local Veterans.

Registration is available through the Walk 4 Warriors app or online at w4wvfw1318.redpodium.com/walk-4-warriors.

Businesses and individuals interested in sponsoring this event are encouraged to contact us at walkforwarriors1318@gmail.com.

Together, we can make a difference—because **Every Step Saves Lives**.



EVENTS

JAMIE HERRMANN

As we wrapped up the second quarter of 2026, The Post continued to strengthen its role as a gathering place for Veterans, members, and our community. Spring brought a variety of creative classes, entertainment, recurring weekly events, and the beginning of preparations for one of our largest Veteran-focused initiatives.

Throughout April, May, and June, we enjoyed Paint Nites, Cake Decorating, Hat Burning, Drag Bingo, Puzzle Challenges, Meat Raffles, Pancake Breakfasts, and our weekly favorites of Trivia, Karaoke, and WACKO. These events continued to provide opportunities for fellowship while supporting the mission of our Post.

The second quarter also marked the official launch of **Walk 4 Warriors**, our new community fundraising event dedicated to raising awareness of Veteran suicide and supporting Wisconsin organizations that serve Veterans. Throughout the quarter, volunteers worked to build partnerships, recruit participants, and prepare for what promises to be a meaningful day of community and service on September 19.

The third quarter continues our tradition of offering a welcoming mix of weekly favorites, creative classes, live entertainment, and community events, highlighted by the inaugural **Walk 4 Warriors**.

Our weekly favorites—**Trivia every Thursday, Karaoke every Friday, and WACKO every Sunday**—continue to provide regular opportunities for members and guests to gather throughout the summer. Whether you're looking for a fun night out, a chance to learn something new, or an opportunity to support Veterans and our community, there's something for everyone at **The "V."**

JULY HIGHLIGHTS

- July 3–5 | Independence Day Holiday Closure
- July 11 | Live Music featuring Donny & Trish (6–9 PM)
- July 14 | Cake Decorating Class (6–9 PM)
- July 18 | Paint Nite (6–9 PM)

July kicks off the summer with entertainment, creative classes, and our regular weekly events while observing the Independence Day holiday.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

- August 15 | Paint Nite (6–9 PM)
- August 18 | Epoxy Workshop (6:00 PM)

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Join us for a fun, informative, and hands-on workshop where you'll create your own **epoxy river charcuterie board, lazy Susan, clock, key holder shelf, coasters, or mini pair**. Whether you're trying epoxy for the first time or looking to create another unique piece, this workshop offers something for everyone. **Advance registration is required.** Visit the **VFW Post 1318 Facebook page** for registration information and event details.

August continues our tradition of offering creative experiences while maintaining the consistent weekly programming of Trivia, Karaoke, and WACKO.

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- **September 19 | Walk 4 Warriors**
- September 19 | Beaches & Cream Entertainment (12–3 PM)
- September 19 | Paint Nite (6–9 PM)
- September 26 | Monthly Meat Raffle (3–5 PM)
- September 27 | Monthly Pancake Breakfast (9 AM – Noon)

September promises to be a meaningful month as our community comes together to support Veterans while enjoying great entertainment, fundraising events, and opportunities for fellowship at **The "V."**

There is always something happening at **The "V."** Whether you're joining us for Trivia, Karaoke, WACKO, Paint Nite, one of our creative workshops, or our signature **Walk 4 Warriors** event, we appreciate everyone who supports VFW Post 1318.

We encourage everyone to:

- Follow us on Facebook: **VFW Post 1318**
- Visit our website for upcoming events and announcements.
- Help spread the word about **Walk 4 Warriors** by inviting your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to participate on **September 19**.

Thank you to our members, volunteers, Auxiliary, and community partners who continue to make VFW Post 1318 a welcoming place where Veterans and our community come together. We look forward to another successful quarter filled with fellowship, service, and support.

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WISCONSIN CHAPTER 5

BY WILLIAM MUETHER

Rolling Thunder Activities This Quarter:

Two of our chapter members rode to Lansing, Michigan on Memorial Day weekend to participate in the 2026 Ride for Freedom hosted by the Michigan Rolling Thunder Chapters.

A permit is in-place for a ceremony at the State Capitol for National POW/MIA Recognition Day on September 18th, in partnership with Rolling Thunder Wisconsin, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Wisconsin, and the UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project (UW MIA RIP). Event planning continues with state representatives.

Chapter members will once again host a booth at “Pistons and Props” on Friday, August 28 from 4-8:30 pm (Veterans Night), and Saturday and Sunday, August 29 and 30 from 9-4 pm at Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport in Janesville. Admission and parking are free for veterans on Friday evening. Proceeds are dedicated to inspiring our youth through STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics) and aviation programs and supporting our local veterans.

The 2026 Thunder Run drawing is scheduled for September 18th at Whiskey Row Saloon in Avoca. The chapter is working hard to make the event as successful as last year and proceeds this year will benefit Walk 4 Warriors, the UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project, Custom Canines and veteran housing.

The annual Rolling Thunder National Conference in DC is scheduled from October 30-31 and several of our chapter officers will be in attendance.

Please contact the chapter at rtmadison5@gmail.com if you would like to join us or participate in future events, or if you have questions about Rolling Thunder®, Inc. You do not need to be a veteran or own a motorcycle. All we require is an earnest desire to help raise POW/MIA awareness and assist our local veterans in need.



L: Mark Herrmann's homecoming.
R: Denny Behr's homecoming.
Both on the same Badger Honor Flight





2026 Post Patriot Pens Winners



L: 2026 Post VOD Winner
R: Memorial Day: Kyong Clauson, John Barghusen, and Bill Austin at LT Cranfield's Grave



L: Post and Community members placing flags on Veterans Graves in Forest Hill for Memorial Day.
R: Bill Muether, John Barghusen, Kyong Clauson, & Bill Austin



LEGISLATIVE

JASON JOHNS (PSC). VFW NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE CHAIR

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliary of Post 1318!

I was asked if I would like to provide a federal legislative update for your newsletter and I was happy to oblige. I'll get right to it: The biggest threat to veterans in decades has been introduced as H.R. 9237/S. 4744 the "*Take Care of America's Veterans Act*." Known as the "TCAVA", at first glance this omnibus package being pushed by the House & Senate Veterans Affairs Committees, looks to be a good deal. It consists of 60 bills, many of which the VFW has been fighting for such as the Major Richard Star Act, the VA Access Act, and the Love Lives On Act. However, they buried a poison pill within it. To "PayFor" the expansion of veterans and survivors programs, they have proposed cutting future VA benefits for sleep apnea and tinnitus to the tune of \$57 Billion over the next 10 years. This would be the greatest cut to veterans benefits since the Great Depression. And although it does not retroactively affect those veterans who already have their VA rating for these conditions, it does impact current veterans who file in the future, including those currently serving and those who have yet to enlist. The VFW will not agree to benefits being provided now if it means it comes on the backs of future veterans who get the invoice. It's not what we do.

You can help us out more by contacting your House Representative and our two U.S. Senators, and by educating our membership and other veterans as to why defeating the TCAVA is vitally important. If you are not yet signed up for the VFW's Action Corps, do so today at www.votervoice.net/VFW/Register.

Here is a summary of the VFW's talking points to help you in educating others:

- While the VFW supports many of the bill's underlying goals, we cannot support financing those priorities by reducing earned benefits for future disabled veterans.
- Disability compensation is not a government spending program to be trimmed when convenient. It is earned compensation for injuries and illnesses incurred through military service. The Veterans Affairs Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD) exists to reflect medical evidence and functional impairment, not to generate savings for unrelated legislative priorities. Yet, Section 108 of the bill would codify proposed rating changes for tinnitus and sleep apnea specifically to offset the cost of other provisions of the bill,
- Changes to the VASRD have historically been made through a transparent regulatory system that requires medical review, public notice, and stakeholder input. Congress itself established this framework in 1958 to ensure disability ratings remain evidence-based and insulated from political pressures. Legislating individual disability ratings bypasses that process and creates a dangerous precedent for future Congresses to target other service-connected conditions whenever budget offsets are needed.
- The VFW is also concerned that projected reductions in Title 38 disability compensation are being used to finance provisions like the *Major Richard Star Act* to address separate Title 10 military retirement obligations. We continue to support enactment of a clean and complete *Major Richard Star Act* that delivers full concurrent receipt to combat injured retirees without reducing earned benefits for future veterans.

MEMBERS CORNER



Left: Auxiliary President, Rose Doucette attending State Convention.
Right: Ray Trent and Gundel Metz at Memorial Day Ceremony at the Capitol



Left: Past State Commander Ty Letto, Steve Eisenhauer, Gundel Metz, & VFW Quartermaster General Marc Garduno-All State Award
Right: 115th Fighter Wing New Command Chief, Maria Chew.



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