



## **VFW 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE POST COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

The Commander-in-Chief extends an official invitation to all VFW Posts and their communities to participate in the VFW 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Post Community Program.

To qualify as a VFW 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Post Community you must:

- Organize a VFW 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (minimum of three members);
- Plan four or more community engagement events/activities from 07/01/24 – 06/30/25;
- Submit a completed application.

Upon acceptance of your application, your Post will receive a certificate from the Commander-in-Chief designating your Post as an Official 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Post Community. To assist your Post's efforts as a VFW 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Post Community Program, log in to *VFW.org* and select *VFW125th Anniversary Resources* from the *MyVFW* page.

Upon completion of your community engagement events/activities, submit the After-Action form and your Post will receive recognition items.

*Note: This is not intended to replace the Community Service Post of the Year or any other established program. However, Posts can use events created for this to include with other programs.*

### **INVOLVE YOUR POST COMMUNITY**

You can be the catalyst to get your community involved in commemorating the contributions of all veterans and their family members to our country during the VFW 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. In addition, it is hoped you will encourage your community to study the history of this era to help ensure a safer and better tomorrow. The 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the VFW events will occur during the entire 2025 year.

Bring your community together! Encourage local business, civic, religious, education, youth, local National Guard, reserve or active-duty military units to participate in the VFW 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Post Community Program. Be the first to apply to become a Commemorative Post Community and make others aware of your efforts. Let your local media (radio, TV, newspaper, social media) know what you are doing to make sure that our members and others who have served our country get the recognition they deserve.



## **EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS/ACTIVITIES**

- Day of Service enrollment and participation;
- Support of Auxiliary Operation Bottom Cover;
- Host special 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Community Event on the VFW Birthday – September 29<sup>th</sup>
- Request a proclamation from your mayor or elected leader recognizing 2025 as the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Commemorative Year;
- Rededicate a monument, street, park, etc. and name it VFW Way or Veterans Way;
- Use a 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme for a community event such as a dance or open house;
- Encourage outreach programs to bring VFW and Auxiliary members into schools to share their military/homefront and community service experiences with students.

**FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT MARK HERRON,  
(816) 968-6102 OR MHERRON@VFW.ORG**



**APPLICATION  
VFW 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
POST COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

To qualify as a Post Community, complete and submit this application to the address below.

Post Number

Post Mailing Address

Committee Chairperson

Title

Mailing Address

Cell Phone

Work Phone

**CERTIFICATION**

Our Post desires to participate in the VFW 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Post Community Program.

Our committee will endeavor to plan and carry out four (4) or more events during the anniversary year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.

On approval of the application to become a Post Community, we will use the official VFW 125th Anniversary commemorative logo and flag, without modification, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- a. For non-profit purposes in support of appropriate commemorative events and printed materials (newsletters or promotion literature, handbills, posters for your events).
- b. We will have no rights to sell, license, manufacture, distribute, use the logo for fundraising purposes or otherwise reproduce the flag or logo for purposes other than those enumerated above.

**SIGNED:**

**POST COMMANDER**

**COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**Email form to Mark Herron, [MHerron@vfw.org](mailto:MHerron@vfw.org) or mail to VFW National Headquarters, Program Department, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.**



**AFTER ACTION FORM**  
**VFW 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY POST COMMUNITY**  
**PROGRAM** *Return by August 30, 2025 to MHerron@vfw.org*

**The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee of Post \_\_\_\_\_, Department of \_\_\_\_\_ completed the following community events. (minimum four)**

Event Date            Event Title/Description

**Members of the 125th Anniversary Post Community Program Committee (minimum three)**

NAME

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NAME

**SIGNED:**

**POST COMMANDER**

**COMMITTEE CHAIR**