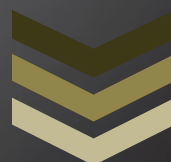


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# Quartermaster Guide - Introduction





# Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



## A Message to Post Adjutants and Post Quartermasters

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is respected and effective because it is a grassroots organization, built from the bottom up by members demonstrating every day their commitment to their fellow veterans, community and country. The cornerstone and foundation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are the Post. That is where the energy and impetus for our state and national efforts are generated and where so much of the real work is done. Without the effort by the officers and members at Posts around our great country and the world, little would be accomplished.


The members of your Post have selected you for a very important role in maintaining the continuing effectiveness of the grassroots efforts in your community. You now have the responsibility, and also the opportunity, to reward them for the trust they have placed in you. If you perform your duties well, the members of your Post, as well as the entire community, will benefit.

You have been tasked with advancing the interests of the Post and the purpose of this Manual is to help you understand and perform your important duties in fulfillment of this mandate. It will hopefully be a blueprint you can use to operate efficiently and effectively.

Please always remember that the offices of the Post Adjutant and Post Quartermaster are the most critical in the Post and you will have the personal satisfaction of knowing you have contributed to the success of your Post, Department and the National Organization as the result of your care and attention to detail.

And, certainly, if you have an idea that you think will be better than our present methods, let us hear about it! You do the work. If changes can be made without harm to accepted practices, we want to know about them.

  
John Hamilton  
Adjutant General

  
Robert Greene  
Quartermaster General

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# The Post Quartermaster

The Post Quartermaster is the chief financial officer of the Post. The Quartermaster is the custodian of all Post property and the officer responsible for safeguarding Post funds and property. The Quartermaster is accountable to the Post, Department and the National Organization for all of the monies, securities, vouchers and property of the Post. The Quartermaster is the only one authorized under the By-Laws, to receive, handle, and account for funds of the Post. As Quartermaster, you may authorize a person to disburse funds on your behalf; however, they must be bonded. There are no exceptions to this rule!

No committee, holding company, canteen manager, group or individual in the Post or in any way connected with the Post's activities, can take this authority and responsibility from the Post Quartermaster. All funds, monies or property accumulated under the name of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the Post, regardless of the nature of the activity which accumulates them, are the property of the Post and are subject only to disposition by Post action. No Post member can mandate the expenditure of funds or disposition of Post Property unless properly authorized by the Post and executed by the Quartermaster or the Quartermaster' authorized person.

## **Qualifications of a Post Quartermaster**

A major factor in the success or failure of a post is the ability and efficiency of the Quartermaster.

The National By-Laws are more explicit on the duties of the Post Quartermaster than those for any other office. The Quartermaster is the custodian of the money and property of the Post, the guardian of its finances and the keeper of the financial records. The Quartermaster also plays an important role in collecting and processing dues.

The Quartermaster is meant to be, and must be, more than a bookkeeper, although maintaining adequate financial records is very important. The Quartermaster generally knows more about the Post than any other individual and **MUST BE** dependable, honest and capable.

In Post meetings, the Chaplain prays that we may “live lives of stainless integrity.” This petition applies to all Post Officers, but especially the Post Quartermaster. You must keep an accurate account of your stewardship. You must be everything the finest VFW character should be and with it all . . . be the hardest worker in the Post.

## **Duties of the Post Quartermaster**

The duties of the Quartermaster are set forth in Section 218 (a) (5) of the Manual of Procedure.

Among the duties of a Post Quartermaster, the Quartermaster shall:

- a) Qualify and secure a bond in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which he may be accountable in accordance with Section 703.
- b) Collect all monies due the Post, giving receipt therefore, and have charge of the funds, securities and other property of the Post, all of which shall be placed in his care. He shall be the accountable officer of the Post and the Treasurer of all committees handling funds.
- c) Disburse funds as properly authorized by the Post using accepted banking practices. Unless otherwise provided for in Post By-Laws, all disbursements of Post funds shall bear the signature of the Quartermaster or other person(s) authorized by the Quartermaster. Such other authorized person(s) shall be bonded with an indemnity company as surety in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which he may be accountable in accordance with Section 703.
- d) Receive annual membership dues (admission fees if applicable) and life membership fees and forward the Department and National dues and life membership fees immediately to National Headquarters as prescribed in Section 104.

- e) Provide the Post Trustees with all records, files and statements required or necessary for the preparation of the Post Trustees Quarterly Report of Audit.
- f) Maintain a dues reserve fund as prescribed in Section 717 of the By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.
- g) Maintain a relief fund as prescribed in Section 704 of the By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.
- h) Reconcile and verify all transactions listed on all bank statements to assure the accuracy of post records. The books and records of the Quartermaster shall be maintained in a legible and uniform format. Record keeping by electronic means may be used, provided a back-up is maintained. Books and records shall be available for inspection by authorized officers and Post members at all reasonable times. Unless specifically authorized by the Post to remove such books and records from its facilities, they will be kept at the Post facilities.
- i) Provide access and transfer to his successor in office or anyone designated by higher authority, without delay, all books, records, papers, monies, securities and other property of the Post in his possession or under his control.
- j) Comply with, and perform all duties required of him by the laws and usages of this organization, applicable By-Laws and order's from lawful authority and perform such other duties as are incident to such office.
- k) Report on transactions concerning receipts and expenditures, for any given period, at a regular or special meeting of the Post.
- l) File appropriate forms as required by Federal, State and Local Statutes or regulations.

## **Control of Clubroom Funds**

Any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or in behalf of a Post, County Council, District or Department shall be at all times under the direct control of such Post, County Council, District or Department and all funds derived there from shall be at all times under the direct control of such Post, County Council, District or Department.

All money, property or assets of any kind or nature, as well as all books and records, owned, held or used by any activity, clubroom, holding company or unit sponsored, conducted or operated by, for or in behalf of a Post, County Council, District or Department shall be the property of such Post, County Council, District or Department and must be placed in the care and custody of the respective Quartermaster. Such money, property, assets, books and records shall be subject to the same rules and under the same procedure as any other Post, County Council, District or Department money, property, assets, books and records.

Title to all real property of unincorporated Posts, County Councils and Districts shall be taken in the name of the regularly elected trustees of said units, and their successors in office, to be held, used and enjoyed in trust for its members. When the laws of the respective states shall require the delivery of a bill of sale to establish ownership of property, such bills of sale shall also be made to the trustees of said units, and their successors in office, in trust for the members thereof.

In addition to other legal requirements under existing local laws or Department By-Laws, no Post, County Council, District, or any holding company or corporation subordinate thereto, shall purchase, sell or otherwise transfer title or any interest in any real estate unless written notice of such proposal has first been given to each member of said unit ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting at which the proposal is to be considered, and then only by two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval of those members present and voting at such regular or special meeting. In addition, at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting, notice shall be provided to the Department Commander who shall review any



sale, purchase, transfer or encumbrance to determine whether such transaction serves the purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States as prescribed in the Congressional Charter. Failure to comply with these provisions shall nullify said transaction.

When properly approved by the members of the Post, the Commander and Quartermaster shall be authorized to sign such legal documents required to sell or purchase real property.

## **Insurance**

Any Post owning and/or operating, directly or by reason of a holding company or other entity substantially controlled by the Post or its members, a canteen, clubroom or other facility available to members or guests must maintain general liability insurance, including, if necessary or appropriate, liquor liability insurance. Such insurance must be of a type and amount sufficient to protect the Post and must name, as additional insureds, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Department in which such Post is located.

## **Taking Over as Quartermaster**

Before a new Post Quartermaster takes up the duties, the previous Quartermaster must be given a “clean slate” by the Post Trustees or auditors. Never, under any circumstances, accept the responsibility for Post funds before this is done. You want to avoid picking up a headache from someone else. Remember, you are bonded, and, once you take over officially, you will be the person “in the middle” if the deck has not been cleared beforehand.

Before you undertake any business as the new Post Quartermaster, check with the bank in which Post funds are deposited to satisfy yourself the funds are correct and in order. Be sure that proper signature cards are on file with the bank with specimen signatures of all persons authorized to make and endorse checks on behalf of the Post. When new officers are elected the new signatures must be provided to the bank.

You should deposit money and draw checks for disbursements for authorized Post expenses. A Quartermaster should make deposits at regular intervals, rather than letting checks and money accumulate. Get them in the bank as soon as possible. In making deposits it is a better practice to put what you have received into the bank in the same physical form in which you received it. Coins and bills should be deposited as such and checks and negotiable paper must be deposited in the same manner. By putting your receipts in the bank in the same form in which they appear in your ledger, the deposit slips can be easily checked against your ledger for verification and errors can be more easily located. No checks or other negotiable paper received by the Post Quartermaster should be endorsed to a third party or cashed. They should be deposited to the Post account. No bills should be paid in cash. All disbursements should be by check only. This assures an adequate, accurate record.

## **Clear & Accessible Records**

Financial record keeping should include complete and clear documentation of all financial transactions. It cannot be reiterated enough the importance of being prudent in the financial record keeping of your post, as it can determine the survival or failure of the post. Every financial transaction must be documented, so it can be easily traced in the event of an audit or inquiry.

## **Authority to Disburse**

A Quartermaster may NOT disburse the funds of the Post without receiving proper authority from that Post by action on the floor at a regular or special meeting and the approval of the Post Commander. The Uniform System of Records and Accounts provides for a voucher which must be used. This simply means an approved paper voucher/order must be made for presentation to the Post for consideration of payment. Bills are presented to the Post for action before they are paid, except where circumstances do not permit a prior presentation. The bills must be clearly explained and in detail so every Post member will know the situation when called upon to vote. When the Post votes approval, the Post Adjutant prepares the voucher/order, has it properly signed by the person

so designated and presents it to the Post Quartermaster for payment. Unless this is done, the Quartermaster is without authority to pay. When approved by the Post and properly signed by the Post Commander, it is the authority for the Post Quartermaster to disburse funds in the amount designated on that voucher/order.

The returned check properly endorsed is proof the money has been paid. In this manner, the Quartermaster has authority to pay and also proof that payment has been made. Vouchers/Orders must be carefully and permanently filed, and cashed checks accounted for properly, audited and filed for future reference, with correct notations in your books. This is what is known as a clear record and, as a good Quartermaster, you should never operate any other way.

## **Vouchers/Orders**

The initial voucher/order must be self-explanatory and show clearly to whom the money is to be paid, how much is to be paid and for what, set forth in detail. It must also carry the correct signatures as required by the By-Laws and the Post. If the payment is reimbursement for expenditures already made, the voucher/order must be supported by the receipted bills made in detail. If it is for a bill being presented for payment, the itemized bill must accompany the voucher/order and remain a part of that voucher/order in the permanent file.

Always keep this in mind. You can never have too much proof for the proper receipt and disbursement of funds, because doubt can attach to any person, despite a record of probity and honesty. A Quartermaster may, with or without cause, be called upon at any time to account for stewardship. Never honor a voucher marked "miscellaneous expense." If such expense cannot be detailed and itemized for Post approval, you are not required to make that disbursement.

## **Financial Report**

The Post Quartermaster makes a report to the Post on its finances at each meeting. This report is taken directly from the records. It is made out on Financial Statement Form (Form #4208) and it must be accurate and current.

## **Action on the Quartermaster's Report**

All financial transactions and the final action of the Post must be recorded in the minutes by the Post Adjutant. The Post Quartermaster should insist action be taken by the Post to accept (or accept, subject to change or audit) the Quartermaster's report, and should see to it that it is recorded in the minutes. This is important because it is the Post's official record showing the Quartermaster has brought the report before the Post. Keep in mind, Comrade Quartermaster, you are bonded and should a discrepancy appear which needs action by the bonding company, the records will be called for to see if the Post has exercised due care and diligence in protecting the bonding company from improper practices and fund handling.

Suggested motions:

- 1) If the Quartermaster records have been audited by the Post Trustees: "Comrade Commander, I move to accept the Quartermaster's report as presented."
- 2) The Quartermaster records have not been audited by the Post Trustees: "Comrade Commander, I move to accept the Quartermaster's report subject to audit."

## **Bonds**

All Posts are required by the By-Laws (Section 703) to have each officer accountable for funds or property bonded in a sum at least equal to the amount of the liquid assets for which, so far as can be anticipated, the Quartermaster may be accountable. Failure to comply with this provision of the By-Laws is a dangerous practice because the Post will be without the protection a bond affords. A bond is like fire insurance, you hope you never need it but, if you do and do not have it, you could have serious financial problems.

Many Departments have arrangements with a bonding company. If you are unsure of the status of bonding for your Post or whether state arrangements have been made, please contact your Department Headquarters for advice and information.

Most insurers issue what are called schedule bonds, meaning the office is bonded, not the individual. Of course, the individual must be legally holding office to be covered, but the bond does not change nor is it invalidated by a change of Quartermaster during the bond period.

Bonds do not cover money lost through burglary, careless handling, losing it, mysterious disappearance or mismanagement.

The bond does not take the place of insurance in any way. It pays only for loss due to fraud or dishonest acts of the person bonded.

All bonding companies require reasonable care on the part of the insured. Regular audits and controls on the individual are presumed to be part of the agreement. Experience reveals that defalcation occurs when the trustees do not conduct regular audits and do not take the precaution of obtaining an occasional monthly statement direct from the bank or fail to verify the books against the records. The Post Quartermaster should not prepare the quarterly audit for the trustees because it could result in a contested claim on the grounds that the audits were not conducted by the trustees. To protect the Post, the trustees must play an active part in the auditing procedure.

A bond is one of those things that isn't reviewed until there is trouble, and then it can be too late. Be sure the bond is large enough to provide full protection. Learn the limits and conditions of bond coverage, so that there won't be any surprises.

## ***RECORD RETENTION GUIDE***

The following list has been compiled in response to requests from Posts that have asked how long to retain certain files and records. Please keep in mind that this list does not have the effect of law, and a judicious amount of common sense should be used when applying it to your Post.

<b><u>Record Name</u></b>	<b><u>Retention Period</u></b>
Accounts payable invoices	7 years
Accounts payable ledger	7 years
Accounts receivable ledger	7 years
Annual financial reports	Permanent
Annuity & deferred payment plans	Continuing record
Audit reports, annual	10 years
Audit reports, periodic	2 years
Audit Work Papers	5 years
Balance sheets	5 years
Bank deposit slips	5 years
Bank statements	5 years
Bills of Lading	2 years
Bonds - Fidelity	3 years after termination
Bonds - Surety	3 years after termination
Budgets	5 years
By-Laws	Until superseded
Cancelled checks	7 years
Cash receipt records	7 years
Certified Annual Financial Statements	Permanent
Community Activity Reports	3 years
Contracts	7 years after termination
Correspondence, executive	10 years
Correspondence, general	3 years
Depreciation schedules	Permanent
Election of Officer Reports	5 years
Employee records	4 years after termination
Employee contracts	7 years after termination
Employee withholding records	7 years
Employee accident reports	30 years after settlement
Employee insurance records	11 years after termination
Employee termination	7 years
Entertainment, gift & gratuity records	3 years
Expense vouchers	7 years

<b><u>Record Name</u></b>	<b><u>Retention Period</u></b>
Fidelity bonds	3 years after termination
Financial reports, periodic	2 years
Financial reports, annual	Permanent
Freight bills	3 years
Freight claims	2 years
Garnishments	7 years after termination
General ledger	Permanent
Income statements, annual	Permanent
Income statements, periodic	2 years
Incorporation Papers	Permanent
Inspection Reports	3 years
Insurance records, general	4 years after Policy expiration
Inventory records	Permanent
Labor Cost Records	3 years
Lease Records	3 years after termination
Membership Applications	Permanent ( <i>see note 1</i> )
Membership Rosters	5 years
Minutes of Post Meetings	5 years ( <i>see note 2</i> )
Payroll register	7 years
Periodic Financial Reports	2 years
Petty Cash Records	3 years
Postal records	1 year after end of fiscal year
Property records	Permanent
Quartermaster reports	5 years ( <i>see note 3</i> )
Shipping & Receiving documents	2 years
Tax records	Permanent

Note 1: Membership applications should be retained as a permanent record to aid in establishing length of membership, original eligibility, and other items of historical value.

Note 2: In some instances, it may be advisable to retain the minutes of Post meetings when those minutes contain policy decisions. Normally, however, those policy decisions would have been incorporated into the Post By-Laws, and the minutes would only be of minor historical significance.

Note 3: Monthly Quartermaster reports usually prove to be "dead files" once the quarterly and annual audit reports are completed. However, it is recommended that they be retained for a period of five years, should a detailed reconstruction of the Post's financial situation be required by an auditor or IRS.

Obviously, the foregoing list is not all-encompassing, nor is it intended to be. A good rule of thumb in determining what files and records to keep is that if the file or record has no financial or historical significance, then it is probably time to dispose of it.

# **Statement of Policy**

## **Operation, Management & Control of Clubs and/or Canteens**

The operation, management and control of clubs and/or canteens were not envisioned in the purposes of our organization as described above both in our Congressional Charter, National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual. The first and foremost consideration of Posts shall be to the objects of the VFW listed above. VFW clubs and/or canteens should be of secondary interest and concern and compatible with our stated purposes.

Some State Departments have adopted or recommended Rules and Regulations or Management Guides for the operation of Post sponsored clubs and/or canteens in compliance with state and local regulations and the applicable provisions of Sections 708 and 709 of the National By-Laws, which address incorporation and control of units. Also, many Posts have incorporated those Rules and Regulations or Guides in their By-Laws or adopted Rules and Regulations for the operation, management and control of their canteens and/or clubs in accordance with them.

Differing laws at the state and local levels preclude the promulgation of universally accepted rules and regulations. The operation, management and control of any club or canteen, or any other facility operated by a Post, is wholly within the authority of the Post. It is the Post's responsibility to see that its club, canteen or other facility is operated in a way that benefits its members and does not harm the reputation of the Post and those members.



In adopting rules and regulations for the operation, management and control of clubs and/or canteens, Posts must adhere to the following PROVISIONS of the National By-Laws:

ANY ACTIVITY, CLUBROOM, HOLDING COMPANY OR UNIT SPONSORED, CONDUCTED OR OPERATED BY, FOR OR IN BEHALF OF A POST, INCORPORATED SEPARATELY FROM THE POST OR UNINCORPORATED, SHALL BE AT ALL TIMES UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE POST AND ALL FUNDS DERIVED THEREFROM SHALL BE AT ALL TIMES UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE POST.

ALL MONEY, PROPERTY OR ASSETS OF EVERY KIND AND NATURE, AS WELL AS ALL BOOKS AND RECORDS OWNED, HELD OR USED, BY ANY SUCH ACTIVITY, CLUBROOM, HOLDING COMPANY OR UNIT SPONSORED, CONDUCTED OR OPERATED BY, FOR OR IN BEHALF OF A POST SHALL BE THE PROPERTY OF THE POST AND MUST BE PLACED IN THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF THE POST QUARTERMASTER.

NO POST AND NO ACTIVITY, CLUBROOM OR HOLDING COMPANY OR UNIT SPONSORED, CONDUCTED OR OPERATED BY, FOR OR ON BEHALF OF ANY POST, MAY OWN ANY PROPERTY JOINTLY OR IN COMMON WITH ANY INDIVIDUAL, FIRM, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION OR OTHER BUSINESS OR CHARITABLE ENTITY, INCLUDING VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS NOR MAY THEY PARTICIPATE IN ANY ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE FUNDS OF SUCH POST, OR ACTIVITY, CLUBROOM, HOLDING COMPANY OR UNIT SPONSORED, CONDUCTED OR OPERATED BY, FOR OR IN ITS BEHALF ARE EXPENDED ON PROPERTY HELD BY ANOTHER ENTITY FOR THE JOINT USE OF SUCH POST, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS, FIRMS, PARTNERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS, CORPORATIONS OR OTHER BUSINESS OR CHARITABLE ENTITIES, INCLUDING VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS.

# **“Buddy” Poppy**

Every Post should participate in the “Buddy” Poppy program . . . at least once a year, even if your Post has NEVER distributed Poppies. You will not fulfill your duty and responsibility as Post Quartermaster . . . unless you assist your Commander in conducting a “Buddy” Poppy program during your respective terms in office.

## **Where to Order "Buddy" Poppies**

All “Buddy” Poppies and allied materials, advertising, promotional and worker’s supplies are obtained by the Post through its own Department (State) Headquarters. If you have not received order forms and a list of available material and prices, contact your Department Quartermaster.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ALL ORDERS BE PLACED WITH YOUR  
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS 6-8 WEEKS PRIOR TO  
ANTICIPATED PROGRAM DATE.

## **How Many "Buddy" Poppies to Order**

When placing your order for “Buddy” Poppies, plan for “the best possible campaign” and requisition an additional five hundred (500). Additional Poppies will be required during the year for remembrances, displays, table decorations and many other uses. The total distribution will depend upon the number of recruited workers. Don’t forget to take into account any requirements for the All State Commander contests.

## **What the "Buddy" Poppy Program Means to the VFW**

The purchase price paid for “Buddy” Poppies by your Post includes many items in addition to the cost of the Poppy itself. Since the program varies in different Departments, exact figures cannot be given for each state. The amounts shown below reflect the minimum distributed to each for every one thousand “Buddy” Poppies distributed:

- \$10.00 to the VFW National Rehabilitation Service
- \$10.00 to the VFW National Home, Eaton Rapids, Michigan
- \$15.00 to your own Department Rehabilitation Service

## How to Use the Net Proceeds

Your Post proceeds must be used for “the assistance of needy veterans and members of the Armed Forces and their dependents, widows and orphans.” No “Buddy” Poppy funds can be used for any other purpose. Net proceeds must be put in the Post Relief Fund. Adherence is mandatory as provided in Section 219, VFW, the Manual of Procedure states:

The Quartermaster of the Post will be the custodian of the relief fund and will expend monies there from, as directed by the Post, for the following purposes:

- a) Aid, assistance, relief, and comfort of needy or disabled veterans or members of the Armed Forces and their dependents, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans.
- b) Maintenance and expansion of the VFW National Home for Children and other facilities devoted exclusively to the benefit and welfare of the dependents, surviving spouse, and orphans of disabled, needy or deceased veterans or members of the Armed Forces.
- c) Necessary expenses in providing entertainment, care, and assistance to hospitalized veterans or members of the Armed Forces.
- d) Veterans’ rehabilitation, welfare and service work.
- e) To perpetuate the memory of deceased veterans and members of the Armed Forces and to comfort their survivors.
- f) To foster true patriotism through historical and educational programs.
- g) Remission of dues of sick, needy or disabled members.
- h) Necessary expenses to support the relief fund such as the purchase of Buddy Poppies.

Relief funds may be invested in approved securities but shall not be loaned to the Post or other units, or transferred from the relief fund in any manner or under any guise, except that relief funds may be transferred to the general fund for remission of dues of sick, needy or disabled members.

## Benefit Information

All new and reinstated members recruited during this year will receive member benefit information once their dues have been received at National Headquarters. If you need additional member benefit information, please contact your Department Headquarters.

Your help in publicizing VFW Member Benefits will help the Veterans of Foreign Wars have another successful membership year.

**Important Note:** VFW members in good standing are insured under the \$1,000/\$1,500 Personal Accident Plan (benefits reduce at ages 70 and 75). Benefits are payable in the event of a covered accidental death or dismemberment. Accidental loss of life payment is payable to the estate of the insured member, unless a beneficiary designation form is on file at the insurance company.

Additional member benefits can be viewed at:

<https://www.vfw.org/MY-VFW/New-Member-Benefits/Member-Benefits/>

You may call Toll Free 1-800-821-2606, option 1.

# Emblem and Supply Department VFW Store

Through the Emblem and Supply Department, the VFW Store offers virtually everything you need to conduct Post business - supplies, recruiting items, business cards, caps, uniforms, awards, emblematic merchandise, to name a few. Additionally, the VFW Store offers a wide variety of other products for Posts and members such as personalized apparel (shirts, jackets, and caps), military items, jewelry, gift items, as well as flags and patriotic items.

The VFW Store offers high quality, affordable products and equally as important, when you buy from the VFW Store your money stays in the VFW and all levels benefit:

- Per Sec 715 of the VFW By-Laws, 10% of net profits are rebated back to the Departments each year.
- Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, National Headquarters receives a percentage
- The remainder goes to VFW Programs that assist veteran, military personnel, and their families.

A new VFW STORE catalog is mailed annually in August to each Post Quartermaster and Commander, as well as to members who have purchased in the prior year.

## Convenient Ordering

- Online: [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org)
- Toll free: 1.800.821.2606, opt. 2
- Fax: 816.968.1196 (credit card orders only)
- Mail order form

VFW Store has convenient payment methods: Check, Money Order, and accepts MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover Card.

If you don't see what you are looking for in the VFW Store catalog or online, please call 1.800.821.2606.

There is a continual effort to develop new products that meet the needs of the VFW Departments, Posts and Members. We value and welcome your suggestions and feedback. If you have a suggestion for new products, contact at Sonja Cutright, Manager, [scutright@vfw.org](mailto:scutright@vfw.org) or 816.968.1161.

## **Use of the Trademarked VFW Emblem**

The VFW Logo is trademarked and owned by the National Organization of the Veterans Foreign Wars of the United States, with exclusive rights to manufacture the logo reserved by the National Organization, except by written permission from the Quartermaster General. To request permission to use the logo, contact [qmggeneral@vfw.org](mailto:qmggeneral@vfw.org)

NO POST, DISTRICT, COUNTY COUNCIL, STATE or AUXILIARY, including MEMBERS and OFFICERS, has authority to grant the right to manufacture, reproduce, or use the logo or name, to include VFW or Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The **VFW STORE** and its licensed vendors, listed online at [www.vfwstore.org](http://www.vfwstore.org), are the **ONLY AUTHORIZED SOURCES** to produce merchandise with the VFW name and/or Cross of Malta.

## **Special Purchases/Quantity Discounts**

Products are not limited to what you see in the VFW Store catalog or online. We specialize in finding custom/quantity products at very competitive prices. If your Post needs shirts, merchandise for special events, youth sponsorships item, etc. and you want to add your Post information to it, contact Kim Winston, Custom Consultant, at [kwinston@vfw.org](mailto:kwinston@vfw.org) or 816.968.1181.

## Discount For New Life Members

New Life Members are eligible for a 10% discount on products for **personal** use from the VFW Store for one year from their Life Membership Date. Certain restrictions apply including:

1. **Personal Use** does not include Post Supplies, By-laws, Citations, Trophies and Plaques. No Post checks.
2. Discount must be requested at the time of order and cannot be used with other discounts, or applied to prior purchases, tax or shipping/handling charges.
3. Membership Number required on all orders requesting this discount.
4. Online orders, use Promo Code: **NEWLIFEMEMBER**

**Discount For Legacy Life Members** (personal use only) – #1-3 above applies. Online orders, use Promo Codes: **GOLD, SILVER** or **BRONZE**

## Discount with Perpetual Post Charter

Posts receiving a new Perpetual Charter will receive a 10% discount certificate on one order from the VFW Store. Certain restrictions apply including:

- Original certificate must accompany the order.
- Discount certificate valid for one year from the date issued.
- Discount may not be used with other discount offers, coupons or gift certificates, nor applied to prior purchases, account payments, sales and/or use tax or shipping/handling charges.

Any questions regarding the VFW Emblem and Supply Department/VFW Store, contact Sonja Cutright, Manager at [scutright@vfw.org](mailto:scutright@vfw.org) or call her at 816.968.1161.

## **Quartermaster Supplies**

### **Quick Reference List**

Item #4108 **Podium Edition**; Combined Congressional Charter, By-Laws, Manual of Procedure and Ritual.

Item #4105 **Demeter's Manual**; Parliamentary Law and Procedure

Item #4204 Receipts, Expenditure and Distribution Ledger

Item #4200 Miscellaneous Receipt Forms

Item #4201 Membership Record Forms

Item #4205 Post Minutes Book

Item #4214 Trustees Report of Audit Form

Item #4208 Financial Statement Form (monthly detail of receipts and disbursements)

Item #4211 Draft Book (voucher/payment order)

## **Rosters and Mailing Labels**

Department and Post Quartermasters can download a roster, and from that, can print their own labels at no charge; using the Online Membership System (OMS).

### Rosters

If you are unable to download a roster, please contact your Department Headquarters. If you and your department are unable to download the roster, you may submit a completed order form to Membership to obtain one.

### Mailing Labels

If you are unable to print your labels, please contact your Department Headquarters.

If you and your department are unable to print the labels and would like to order a set from National Headquarters below are your options:

- For Post Active member mailing labels- contact the VFW Store 1-800-821-2606 (active members ONLY)
- For all other labels, please read and submit the Mailing Label Request form to Membership department.

For additional information call your Department Headquarters, or the Membership Department at 816-756-3390.





# Mailing Label Request Form

Mail or Fax to VFW National Headquarters, **Membership Department**  
406 W 34th St., Suite 320, Kansas City, MO 64111 Fax: (816) 968-2728

**(One Request Per Sheet) Please check all that apply to your request.**

**MEDIA**  
(check all that apply)

Mailing Labels  
 Email, Roster

**SELECTION CRITERIA**  
(check all that apply)

**Membership Year** (current or prior only): \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid Status:** \_\_\_\_\_ All Members  
(select one) \_\_\_\_\_ Paid Only \*  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unpaid Only  
\_\_\_\_\_ Life Only

\* Contact VFW Store for Post's Active Member Mailing Labels

**Mailing Status:** \_\_\_\_\_ All Members  
(select one) \_\_\_\_\_ Mailable Only  
\_\_\_\_\_ Undeliverable

**Sequence:** \_\_\_\_\_ Post/Name  
(select one) \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Name  
\_\_\_\_\_ Name Only  
\_\_\_\_\_ District/Name

**REQUESTING FOR:**

**Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Post(s) \* :** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Contact VFW Store for  
**Post's Active Member Mailing Labels**

**Information Technology Use Only**

Ordered By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Count: \_\_\_\_\_

Delivered By: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) needed by (date): \_\_\_\_\_

**CHARGES:**

**\$5.00** Setup fee  
**\$1.50** per 100 names (rounded up to nearest 100)

**Ship To (NAME):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dept/Post or District number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT METHOD:** **Total of Charges: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

CASH       CHECK/MONEY ORDER

CREDIT CARD       AMEX       MASTERCARD       VISA       DISCOVER

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_      Expiration Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

BILL ME (ONLY AVAILABLE for a QM of Post or Dept; OR a Cmdr of a District)

Dept. or Post Quartermaster's (or District Cmdr.) Signature      Date of Request      Approval (National Membership)

***It is the responsibility of the requesting entity to ensure the accuracy of the data received from the Veterans of Foreign Wars prior to any use or distribution of that information; and, that all entities, both internal and external to the VFW HQ, have been instructed on how to handle the information in a secure and confidential manner. Should you have any questions on the classification or proper handling of VFW information, please contact the VFW Chief Security Officer at (816) 968-2794.***