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ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA

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MEETING CHANGE

IAW Sec 205 of VFW Manual of Procedure our February meeting will be moved to
February 21st at 6:00 PM
2615 County Road 537, Enterprise, AL 36330



Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**The VFW encourages everyone to celebrate the 'day on' by
engaging their communities**

January 16, 2023

WASHINGTON — Today, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and its Auxiliary joins the millions of Americans in honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a pioneer who would ultimately lay down his life for the cause of civil rights.



Born on Jan. 15, 1929, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a minister and activist who championed the cause of civil rights from 1955 until he was assassinated on April 4, 1968. The Civil Rights Act of 1968, passed just days after his death, solidified his life's work in fighting for social justice and against discrimination.

Since passing into law as a federal holiday in 1983, the observance of Dr. King's birthday on the third Monday each January has served as a day of service, 'a day on, not a day off.' In a salute to Dr. King, the VFW encourages its members, the Auxiliary, supporters and all Americans to honor his legacy through volunteerism in their communities across the country.



On behalf of the more than 1.5 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary, let us remember Dr. King and live lives that reflect his message of equality, justice, love and peace.



**FROM THE
COMMANDER**
Robert Schmidbauer

"Newsletter submissions **MUST** be submitted to The Junior Vice Commander NLT the Sunday after our regular monthly meeting"

Greetings Comrades,

I hope you all had a great Holiday and had the opportunity to spend Christmas and New Years with family and friends. The month of December is typically one of our slowest months for activities due to the holidays, but our members remained busy within our community.

On December 24th, Christmas Eve, we had several members join with Choppers Ol' School BBQ and delivered over 100 warm Christmas Dinner Plates to Shut Ins within Daleville, Enterprise, New Brockton, and Elba. I was fortunate to be one of these volunteers and I can tell you seeing the faces of those we delivered meals to and the stories they shared with us in the short time we had with them made it the most memorable part of my Christmas. These memories will remain with me for a lifetime. We plan to make this activity a yearly occurrence. Thank you to Russ Smith, Thomas Grandinetti, Ken Donahue, Bob Skinner, Patrick Riordan, Dawn Schmidbauer, and Chris and Kim Wood for taking time out of your holidays and making it more bearable for members of our community.

We had a great turn out at our first meeting of the year. At this meeting, we presented the Adopt A Unit Certificate to COL Kevin E. McHugh, Commandant of the United States Army Warrant Officer Career College. Col McHugh, our newest Life Member, along with the other Warrant Officers who accompanied him spoke to many of our

members after the meeting. The Commandant and his staff expressed to me that the relationship would not be a one-way relationship and that he and the Career College look forward to working with us on many joint projects throughout the year.

On January 20th the post officers will travel to Montgomery for the State VFW Mid-Winter Conference, I look forward to attending this event, networking with Comrades from across the state and bringing back information to you at our next meeting.

We will commence our Fellowship Dinners on the first Wednesday of each month, the first being Wednesday Feb 1st at 6:00PM. I look forward to seeing what Chris Woods and the Fellowship and Fundraising team come up with for the remainder of the year.

Due to Valentine's Day being the date of the next scheduled meeting, our post members voted unanimously to move the February Meeting to Tuesday 21 February at 1800. I hope to see you all there.

As always, remember that this is your Post, I as well as the other elected leaders are simply your representatives. Make sure you come support your Post, express your ideas, participate in our community, and enjoy the comradery of your fellow members. Our Post is only as good as we make it together and we can always get better.



Enterprise Veterans Treatment Court Program



12th Judicial Circuit Court
District Attorney's Office

103 Edwards Street
Enterprise, Alabama 36330

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Enterprise, Alabama 36331

Phone: 334-347-1142
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The Enterprise Veterans Treatment Court Program, Program Director, Ms. Smith, is seeking volunteers to be "veteran mentors" to help guide the troubled veterans through the program successfully so they can be rehabilitated in a positive manner back into society.

Veterans Treatment Court Program Goal

The goal of the Veterans Treatment Court Program is to help you achieve total abstinence from illicit and illegal drugs, address your individual treatment needs and avoid future arrest

Court Appearances

If you choose to participate in the Veterans Treatment court Program, your application, DD-214 and criminal history will be reviewed by the District Attorney. After approval for admission, you will be instructed to appear in court for Entry of Plea. When you arrive at court for your Entry of Plea, either your Attorney and/or Public Defender will continue to represent you throughout your participation in the Veterans Treatment Court.

The 12th Judicial Circuit Veterans Treatment Court Program meets monthly at the Coffee county Courthouse in Enterprise, Alabama. In addition to monthly court appearances you be required to

complete an evaluation to set you up on an individualized treatment plan for the duration of the program. Your treatment plan may require weekly meetings and substance abuse and/or mental health treatments.

During the twelve-month Veterans Treatment Court Program, you will also be required to comply with random drug screening through the Color Code System.

As a Veterans Treatment Court Program Participant, you will be required to appear in court on a regular basis. At each appearance, the Judge will be given a progress report prepared by the Veterans Program Committee. Excellent reports mean that you will progress through the program more quickly. Failure to comply with any of the requirements may delay your promotion or graduation and/or result in sanctions or dismissal.

Who makes up the Veterans Treatment Court Committee?

- ✓ The Judge
- ✓ District Attorney Representative
- ✓ Court Referral/Community Corrections Officer

How Can I help?

The Veterans Treatment Court Program is always in need of mentors. Mentors provide invaluable support for the participants' and aid in their success in the program and thereafter

In order to be a mentor, you must be a Veteran or former active duty member of one of the branches of the United States Military. Including Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard, or of one of the corresponding reserve branches or member of the Reserve or National Guard.

If you are interested in serving as a mentor, you may contact Hannah Smith, Veterans Court Coordinator for the District Attorney's Office, at

hsmith@da12th.us.





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VFW 101

No Cost Accidental Death Insurance Protection

Did you know that ALL VFW members in good standing receive up to \$1,000.00 of Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Protection, underwritten by Securian Life Insurance Company, at NO-COST to the member.

If a covered members death results from an accident while traveling as a fare paying passenger in a commercial vehicle, an additional VFW Travel Accident Benefit of \$1,500.00 will be payable, for a maximum total benefit of up to \$2,500.00.

All benefits reduce to 50% at age 75, regardless of age at enrollment.

See the Summary of Benefits in below for more details.

The Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit increases to \$2,000.00 for Bronze Level Legacy Life Members, \$3,500.00 for Legacy Silver Life Members, and \$5,000.00 for Legacy Gold Life Members. Each Legacy Life membership costs \$400.00. See the below for this and additional benefits of becoming a Legacy Life Member.

More information on Members benefits can be found at <https://www.vfw.org/join/member-benefits>.

Additional Information on Legacy Life Membership enrollment and benefits can be found at <https://www.vfw.org/join/legacy-life>

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

You must be a current Life member of the VFW, or if purchasing a Memorial Legacy, the veteran in whose name it is purchased must be a deceased member of the VFW.

Instructions:

1. Complete the acceptance form.
2. Check the level: Bronze, Silver or Gold. You may upgrade your Legacy level at any time by paying the difference to your desired level.
3. If purchasing a Memorial Legacy, ensure that the name and member number are those of the veteran in whose name the Memorial Legacy is being purchased.
4. Payment options: check, money order or credit card - payment in full.
5. Installment option: Purchase an Installment Legacy Life Membership by making four equal payments. The first payment must accompany this form and be equal to 1/4 of the level being purchased (Bronze \$100, Silver \$200 and Gold \$300). You must provide a credit card number to make installment payments, and you acknowledge that the subsequent installment payments will be billed by National Headquarters quarterly. Memorial Legacies must use the payment in full option.
6. Choose the endowment:
 - a. One-time endowment payment: Upon your death, the principal amount of your Legacy will be paid in equal amounts to your Post, Department and the National organization, as applicable.
 - b. Annual endowment: The Legacy level payment will continue annually after your death. Memorial Legacies must be purchased as an Annual endowment.
7. Enclose check, money order or credit card information for payment. If choosing the installment payment option, a credit card must be provided.
8. Mail the acceptance form, along with a check, money order or credit card information to the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Headquarters at the address located below.

Member Incentives

	Bronze \$400	Silver \$800	Gold \$1200
Plated Engraved Legacy Life Card*	•	•	•
Lapel Pin*	•	•	•
Hat Pin*	•	•	•
Distinctive VFW Store Line for Legacy Life members*	•	•	•
Framed Legacy Life membership Certificate	•	•	•
Member Recognition on Internet & Convention Program	•	•	•
Special Legacy Life Plaque	•	•	•
Hat Patch*	•	•	•
Personalized Brick at Centennial Plaza*	•	•	•
VFW Store Discounts (for personal use only) *	5%	10%	15%
Increased Level of No-Cost AD&D Insurance *	\$2000	\$3500	\$5000
Annual Endowment: Post	\$6	\$12	\$18
Annual Endowment: Department	\$6	\$12	\$18

* does not apply to Memorial Legacies



LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

Make a lasting gift to the VFW for generations to come.



Veterans of Foreign Wars
Member Service Center
406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111 - 2778

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SUMMARY OF BENEFITS NO-COST-TO-YOU ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE PROTECTION

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION: Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
ACCIDENTAL DEATH BENEFIT: \$1,000 COMMON CARRIER ACCIDENTAL DEATH BENEFIT: \$1,500
Underwritten by: Securian Life Insurance Company, St. Paul, MN 55101

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON YOUR BENEFITS

This member-only limited benefit AD&D coverage is being provided to you at no cost. The primary Member is covered as long as he or she remains an active VFW member. The Accidental Death benefit is payable if you suffer a fatal covered accident. The Common Carrier benefit is payable if your accidental death occurs while riding as a fare-paying passenger on a Common Carrier. The Common Carrier benefit is paid in addition to the Accidental Death benefit. The Accidental Dismemberment benefit is payable if, as a result of an Injury, you suffer one of the covered losses in the table shown below:

TABLE OF LOSSES AND BENEFITS

Loss:	Benefit:
Two or more Hands or Feet	\$1,000
Sight of Both Eyes	\$1,000
One Hand or Foot	\$500
Sight of One Eye	\$500
Thumb and Index Finger of Same Hand	\$250

All coverage reduces by 50% upon your attainment of age 75, regardless of age at enrollment.

EXCLUSIONS

In addition to any benefit-specific exclusions, benefits will not be paid for any Injury or Loss which, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, is caused by or results from any of the following:

- (1) intentionally self-inflicted injury, suicide or any attempt thereat while sane or insane (while sane in Colorado and Missouri);
- (2) declared or undeclared war or act of war;
- (3) military or combat activities while serving in the armed forces, National Guard, or organized reserve corps in any state, country, or international authority;
- (4) sickness, disease, bodily or mental infirmity or medical or surgical treatment thereof, or bacterial or viral infection, regardless of how contracted. This does not include bacterial infection that is the natural and foreseeable result of an accidental external bodily injury or accidental food poisoning.
- (5) flight in, boarding or alighting from an Aircraft or any craft designed to fly above the Earth's surface:

- a. except as a fare paying passenger on a regularly scheduled commercial airline;
 - b. being flown by the Covered Person or in which the Covered Person is a member of the crew;
 - c. being used for:
 - i. crop dusting, spraying or seeding, giving and receiving flying instruction, fire fighting, sky writing, sky diving or hang-gliding, pipeline or power line inspection, aerial photography or exploration, racing, endurance tests, stunt or acrobatic flying; or
 - ii. any operation that requires a special permit from the FAA, even if it is granted (this does not apply if the permit is required only because of the territory flown over or landed on);
 - d. designed for flight above or beyond the earth's atmosphere;
 - e. an ultra-light or glider;
 - f. being used for the purpose of parachuting or skydiving;
 - g. being used by any military authority, except an Aircraft used by the Air Mobility Command or its foreign equivalent;
- (6) the Covered Person's intoxication as determined according to the laws of the jurisdiction in which the accident occurred;
- (7) voluntary ingestion of any narcotic, drug, poison, gas or fumes;
- (8) driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence of a controlled substance;
- (9) riding or driving as a professional in any kind of race for prize money or profit.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Your Accidental Dismemberment benefit will be paid to you, if living.

Your Accidental Death and Common Carrier benefits will be paid in accordance with the beneficiary designation in effect at the time of payment. If there is no such designation or no surviving beneficiary, the loss of life benefits will be paid in one lump sum to the first surviving class of the following classes of beneficiaries:

- a) lawful spouse;
- b) child(ren), in equal shares;
- c) parents, in equal shares;
- d) siblings, in equal shares.

If there is no surviving member of any of the above classes, the benefits will be paid to your estate.

This is a summary of the benefits provided under this AD&D protection. It is not a contract. Terms and conditions of coverage are set forth in Policy numbers 9018/9019/9020, group policy number 17-50925 or individual policy number 17-51040 and any state variation thereof. Plan benefits, exclusions and limitations may vary by state. This plan may not be available in all states. Availability of this offer may change.

OTHER VFW EVENTS

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Wednesday, February 1, anytime between 5 - 7 pm - 2615 CR 537, Enterprise!



John Wiley Brock Post 6683 invites the Sports Loving community of Enterprise to the February Community Fellowship Dinner - TAILGATING! Wear your favorite sports team colors and join us for Hamburgers and Hotdogs, potato salad, mac salad, baked beans, and a drink for an \$8 donation/person.

For more information on JWB Post 6683 of Enterprise, visit VFW6683.org

VFW Post 6683 presented the Adopt A Unit Certificate to COL Kevin E. McHugh, Commandant of the United States Army Warrant Officer Career College.





FROM THE CHAPLAIN

*Myroan Brown
Chaplain*



PRAYER

A prayer warrior is praying for the wisdom and understanding of the Lord.

We need to prayer warriors for Christ. The Bible says that in the book of 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

“Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

We need to pray for our homeless veterans, veterans in time of need, and all the ones have lost their love ones and their families.

I pray God bless you,

Youth Activities Committee (Sam Baker, Chair)

Comrades, the post is still in the running for even greater recognition for our entries into the ***Voice of Democracy*** and ***the VFW Teacher of the Year***. In no way are any of our nominations less than any other post as our ***Patriot Pen*** was overrun be a plethora of competition at the district level, with that being said, let me introduce to you the winners of our Post 6683 competition:



The Patriot Pen was awarded to **Gaige Carter**



The Voice of Democracy was won by **Shelby Fricks**



The Teacher of the Year was **Steve Icenogle** of Enterprise High School.

Congratulations are in order for these three fine patriots that participated in our competition and yes, we could have recognized them all by now, but the Commander along with leadership paused to wait until our winners top out in competition whether it be district, State and National to hold an awards ceremony. So, we are in a holding pattern as Shelby Fricks and Steve Icenogle won district moving on to State where we are currently waiting for State results. At this point in the competition, we are merely in the stands watching the game and cheering them all on.

We are proud of Gaige Carter and look forward to the award ceremony at the post where we all can enjoy his essay as well as the Voice of Democracy speech.

Comrades, think ahead to next year (technically this coming October) and help me find ways to energize our local youth to participate and take advantage of this scholarship competition.



The Patriot Pen was awarded to **Gaige Carter**. This is the Patriot Pen Entry.

My Pledge to Veterans

Every day, brave men and women are sworn in to serve this great nation in different branches of military service. These heroes take an oath to defend our country from enemies, both foreign and domestic. Many will never truly understand the sacrifice these soldiers are signing up for. One of the largest sacrifices that veterans have made for me and you is leaving their families to fight for our country. As the son of a veteran, I have experienced the fear and sadness of my father leaving to go into a combat zone. My pledge to veterans is to always remember their sacrifices, respect my country and her flag, and do my part to preserve their families while they are away and their livelihood when their career in the armed forces is over.

Each week, I get to attend a public school and receive a free education. Each Sunday, I get to go to church and worship my Savior without fear of persecution. I own guns that I enjoy hunting with. Some day, in the near future, I will be able to have a voice by casting my vote. I will always remember that I enjoy these privileges because heroes fought and died to preserve those rights.

The American Flag is a symbol of freedom, and one that has flown in times of peace and war. I pledge to stand with my right hand over my heart, and to proudly proclaim the words of our Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge to always stand for our national anthem and to kneel only before the cross, in prayer for our service members and their families.

Being the new kid in school, due to yet another PCS move, is a challenge I understand all too well. I pledge to welcome the soldiers' children into my school and invite them into my friend group. I pledge to give them a sense of belonging, and to be a listening ear and a crying shoulder when others aren't as kind.

As my dad prepares for retirement, I see the weight of what to do next in order to support our family. Many soldiers financially struggle when their time in the service is over. Thus, lastly, my pledge to our veterans is not only to support, but promote their businesses and to some day vote for leaders who will fight for the veterans who selflessly fought for me.



The Voice of Democracy was won by **Shelby Fricks.** **This is the Voice of Democracy Entry**

Why is the Veteran Important?

Veterans are integral parts of society. Their importance is evident in relation to the relatability and understanding of historical events and providing a feeling of admiration and security to our country.

Veterans put a human behind the face of war. Without veterans, historical events would seem futile; forever confined to the lackluster pages of a history book. We gain an in-depth analysis of what truly occurs within wars through the speeches and recollections of veterans that served. Without these heroes, our knowledge of events would be vague and emotionless; as we would only see the surface level statistics and synopsis of events. Veterans tell the stories that the history books and news outlets do not produce; stories of true violence yet compassion. With veterans, we are able to look into the human aspect of war, highlighting life experiences such as relationships, friendships, and much more. The story of a veteran who put himself into danger to rescue a comrade and complete first aid holds much more meaning than a simple medical statistic of the amount of soldiers rescued on that day. It is these types of stories that allow the public to truly grasp the horrors of war; yet also understand the humanity and comradery that is found within these explosive and violent events. Furthermore, their recollections allow us to see events through their eyes, as if we had experienced them for ourselves. This gives us a sense of humility and empathy, enabling the general public to appreciate these veteran's sacrifices and truly understand the lengths that they go to serve their country. Ultimately, the veteran is critical in truly documenting history and its implications.

Additionally, veterans are important because they prove our country is worth fighting for. They are living, breathing examples of patriotism, bravery, and courage. With their service, they instill a feeling of appreciation and security to our country, allowing us to keep our freedoms and remain a global superpower on the world stage. Their actions for our country act as a guiding force in expanding democracy and freedom throughout not only our nation, but the entire world. We can look at our flag, our veterans, our country, and our people with hope and a sense of honor due to our veterans and their sacrifices towards our country. We can admire their efforts and our country, as they have also brought with them an overwhelming sense of pride and security in our nation's military. Even through past militaristic failures, and the depressing and harsh conditions veterans once felt such as those who returned from Vietnam, we can still hold an immense amount of dignity and respect for our military and all those who have served. We live every day in certainty, knowing that we still hold our values and freedoms true, in part due to our nation's courageous and valiant veterans.

Ultimately, veterans are essential to our nation and understanding its tumultuous history and enabling our country to remain free and secure. Without our veterans, our military would lose its sense of inspiration; forever to remain bleak and seemingly inhumane. Our veterans are important in every aspect of our lives, so we must always acknowledge their sacrifices and appreciate all that they do. Without them, we would not be known as "America: land of the free, home of the brave".



**FROM THE
SR VICE COMMANDER
*Pamela Y. Smith***

NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS

As a veteran or active-duty VFW member, you have exclusive access to life planning products and insurance from the VFW Insurance Program, administered by Lockton Affinity.

Lockton Affinity, LLC is the licensed insurance broker of the VFW Insurance Program, where VFW members get access to insurance and life planning products at preferred rates. For over 30 years, the VFW Insurance Program, administered by Lockton Affinity, has included only the highest quality carriers, ensuring that VFW members receive the best products on the market. From life insurance to home insurance, these policies are designed with veterans and their families in mind.

Whether you are single, married, starting a family or an empty-nester, Lockton Affinity have coverage options for you and your family each step of the way.

POST INSURANCE

VFW Posts are a cornerstone of VFW membership. Protect your Post and its members, buildings, and belongings with Post Insurance from Lockton Affinity.

HEALTH & WELLNESS INSURANCE

Healthy lifestyles are important. Learn about the insurance products to help manage your healthcare-related expenses from yearly check-ups to cancer treatment today.

LIFE PLANNING TOOLS

Preparing for the future today will save your loved ones stress tomorrow. From Long Term Care Insurance to Funeral or Cremation Planning, learn about the right life planning tools to fit your needs.

LIFE INSURANCE

Provide a layer of financial protection for your family with life insurance policies designed to meet the needs of today's VFW members.

MEDICARE INSURANCE

Even with Medicare, you can get stuck paying out-of-pocket expenses. Get supplemental Medicare plans from Humana.

AUTO & HOME INSURANCE

There's always something that can happen to your car or home. Protect them with coverage from USAA.

If you have any questions about the benefits of your VFW membership, please call the Member Benefits Department:





833-VFW VETS (833-839-8387)

Monday through Friday, 8:15 AM to 4:15 PM CST

BECOME A VFW LIFE MEMBER

By becoming a VFW Life member, you make a lifetime commitment to serving your fellow service members and veterans. That's something to take great pride in.

You'll also enjoy many great benefits of being a Life member! You will:

-  Avoid annual dues and renewals.
-  Maintain your membership in any Post you choose, worldwide!
-  Never pay an increase in dues—Guaranteed!
-  Receive a 10% discount on exclusive VFW Store merchandise for the first year.

You can become a [VFW Life member by making a one-time payment](#), or you can pay for your Life membership through installment plan with an initial \$45 payment and the Life membership amount billed over an 11-month period.

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Legacy Life membership enables VFW Life members to leave a lasting impression on our great organization.

Three prestigious levels of Legacy Life membership are available: Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

Each level offers generous benefits reserved exclusively for Legacy Life members. Once your Legacy Life membership begins, an annual endowment in your name will be made to your Post, Department, and the national organization. You will feel confident knowing your contributions to our organization are not only helping today's veterans but the veterans of tomorrow.

You may also purchase a Memorial Legacy in the name of a deceased VFW Annual or Life member to help future generations know and remember their sacrifice and contributions.

I hope every one of you had a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you all for what you do for Veterans, the community, and our VFW Post. I salute you all!

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**FROM THE
JR VICE COMMANDER
Clarence L. Carroll III**

Happy New Year Comrades! It was great to see many of you at our first meeting of 2023. I obviously came through my spine surgery well and am looking forward to healing a little bit more and continuing my service to our great post. I think I said this in the last newsletter but THANK YOU for being a special part of our lives in 2022. I look forward to serving alongside of you again in 2023.

I'm looking forward to attending our Department Mid-Winter Conference January 19-22 in Montgomery along with the rest of our post 6683 leadership. You can bet your post will be well represented. I'll be sure to post pictures in next month's newsletter. The Mid-Winter Conference Banquet is Kentucky Derby themed. I can't wait to see our Commander in his "Kentucky Derby" outfit.....Stay tuned. As always, I remain grateful for the leadership and especially the volunteers of John Wiley Brock Post 6683. THANK YOU for who you are and what you do! Your service matters! It continues to be my honor to serve as YOUR Jr Vice Commander.



**FROM THE
SERVICE OFFICER
Mike Sutterfield**

VA Pharmacy Information:

You must verify your eligibility before using pharmacy benefits. In order to do so, if you are not sure visit
<https://www.va.gov/communitycare/>

Choosing a Pharmacy:

You must visit an in-network pharmacy location in the same CCN (Community Care Network) Region as your community provider to avoid any issues. Use the VA Facility Locator to find an in-network pharmacy or urgent care provider at: <https://www.va.gov/find-locations/>

When you arrive at the pharmacy:

You must present a valid government issued ID. You SHOULD NOT have to pay a copayment at the time you receive your prescription.

Information for the Pharmacy:

For CCN Regions 1-3 (**We are in 3**), utilize the following information for pharmacy claims:

Step 1: Enter BIN: 004336

Step 2: ENTER PCN: ADV

Step 3: Enter Rx Group

Referred Care: Rx3839

Urgent Care/VA Provider: Rx4136

Flu Shot or COVID-19 Vaccine: Rx3841

Step 4: Enter Veteran ID: 10-digit Veteran ID or SSN

Step 5: Enter Veteran's date of birth (YYMMDD)

For questions, please call the CVS Caremark™ Pharmacy Help Desk at 800-364-6331 (24/7).

Urgent Care Providers can confirm eligibility for urgent care services can call 888-901-6609.

The maximum day supply for a Veteran's initial fill is 14 days (7 days or fewer, or state limits for opioids). No refills. There is an exception for Pre-packaged items (EG: inhalers and eye drops may be permissible).

Medication must be on VA Urgent/Emergent Formularies.

You can download the billing information at:

<https://www.va.gov/communitycare/docs/programs/OCC-Billing-Information-Card.pdf>

Your provider can fax prescriptions to the Community Care Prescriptions FAX: 334-395-2328



Need help with filing VA Claims

PLEASE CONTACT OUR POST SERVICE OFFICER FOR ASSISTANCE.

Mike Sutterfield

334-400-6133

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FROM THE
QUARTERMASTER/ADJUTANT
James Steddum



Receive a New or Renewal Electronic Prescription?

Try our new activation method: **Q-Anywhere**
See below for pharmacy activation instructions



**Did you receive a
 new or renewal
 prescription
 ordered within
 the last 4 weeks?
 Bypass the
 in-clinic wait!**



SCAN ME



TEXT

"Get in line"

to

1-833-429-7248

LAHC New Activation Method: Q-Anywhere

Were you prescribed a **NEW/RENEWAL** electronic prescription (**NO REFILLS**) in the last four weeks to be picked up from the Main Outpatient Pharmacy? You can bypass the in-clinic check in and wait by:

Step 1: Scan the barcode above
 OR

Text the words "Get in line" to 1-833-429-7248

Step 2: When prompted, please text the patient's 10 digit DoD ID number. More than one patient may be associated with a single ticket by following the prompts to enter more than one DoD ID number. Once complete type "DONE". You will receive a ticket number (Qxxx). **If you do not have the patient's DoD ID #, please stop by the pharmacy front desk for assistance (ex. children)**

When your request is submitted, the pharmacy will process any new prescription on your profile entered within the last four weeks as if you were sitting in our waiting room! You are free to read a book or run some errands. You will receive a notification when your prescriptions process through each step and when they are ready for you in the PICKUP Pharmacy.

Step 3: Once you receive the text notification indicating your prescriptions are ready, proceed to the PICKUP Pharmacy within 13 calendar days to retrieve your medications.

- QAnywhere is available during normal business hours only. Activation request cutoff time is 1500.
- The Pharmacy Team is able to notify you of any issues found with your prescriptions through text message
- For REFILL PRESCRIPTIONS please call the Refill line at 1-877-520-1623 or 1-334-255-7671 to activate your refill

Pharmacy Hours:

Monday - Friday 0730 - 1615; Pharmacy last ticket pull is at 1500

Closed weekends, Federal Holidays and the third Wednesday of each month from 1200-1615 for training
 New Pharmacy Patient Phone Number: 334-255-7953 (Note: this is a new number starting 09 January 2023)

THANK YOU for choosing Lyster Army Health Clinic and trusting us with your care!





**FROM THE
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Angel S. de la Cruz, Jr.



DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE
PROVIDING PAYMENT SERVICES FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

There's Still Time to Get a Head Start on Tax Season

If you didn't get a head start on your tax paperwork as we suggested in the September newsletter, you still have time. But, you shouldn't wait until crunch time: one study shows 32 percent of all Americans procrastinate on taxes. Make sure you have everything set up so you can get your tax documents for filing.

The best step you can take is to use your myPay account (<https://mypay.dfas.mil>). With your myPay account you'll be able to find all of your most important retired or annuitant pay information, including your 1099-R.

In fact, retiree and annuitant 1099-R tax statements were available in myPay as of December 15, 2022.

If you've requested to receive your 1099-R through the mail, it will go out through the U.S. Postal Service no later than January 31, 2023.

The 1099-R is the retiree and annuitant tax statement, like the W-2 provided to wage earners. The 1099-R documents the amount of taxable retired or annuity income earned and how much was withheld in taxes – and must be filed with your tax return.

Skip the Mailbox and Use myPay

One of the biggest advantages of using myPay all your documents are available at your convenience, including your 1099-R tax statement. You can download it much sooner than if you wait for a hard copy in the mail and, if you file taxes electronically, you won't need to scan or find another way to convert your hard copy 1099-R into an electronic file.

1099-Rs are available now in myPay, while paper copies aren't mailed until later in January. Not only that, you'll also have prior year 1099-Rs at your fingertips in myPay (up to four prior years for retirees and up to two prior years for annuitants) if you want to compare or need to file an amended return.

While you're in myPay, you can also easily check to make sure we have your correct mailing address and email address. You don't want any important correspondence or paperwork going to the wrong location.

Additional Ways to Get Your 1099-R

If you aren't using myPay yet, we do offer other options to replace an IRS Form 1099-R.

For retirees, if your mailing address on file with DFAS is current, you can get a copy of your 1099-R through our telephone self-service option – but don't do this until after February 10, 2023. Please allow time for the postal service to do their job.

To use telephone self-service: **Call 800-321-1080 or 317-212-0551**

Select option "1" for Self-Serve

Select option "1" 1099R

Enter your Social Security Number when prompted

Your 1099-R should be in the mail within 7-10 business days to the address we have on record.

Retirees and annuitants can get their 1099-Rs sent to the address on file with DFAS or to a one-time, temporary mailing address by submitting a request online. Our online request tool also accepts international addresses.

You can also request prior year 1099-Rs (four years for retirees and two years for annuitants). Your 1099-R should be in the mail within 7-10 business days. Find instructions: <https://dvidshub.net/r/8bu5qm>.

If you prefer traditional mail, you can send us a written request by fax or mail, but please make sure you leave time for processing. It can take up to 30 days to process requests received by fax or mail. Find instructions: <https://www.dfas.mil/rettaxes>

Members with unique situations can speak directly to one of our customer care representatives. Depending on call volume, you may have to wait on hold while we assist other customers. For more information, go to: <https://www.dfas.mil/racustomers>

Please note 1099-R reissues cannot be mailed prior to February 10, 2023.

Changing Your Federal Tax Withholding

If you need to change your withholding, you can do it easily in myPay. Or you can fill out and mail an IRS Form W-4 if you are a military retiree or an IRS Form W-4P if you are an SBP annuitant. The forms are available on the IRS website and are also linked from our Forms page.

Please note: You are not required to file a new Form W-4 unless you claim exemption from federal tax withholding. If you claim exemption from withholding, the **IRS requires you file a new W-4 each year.**

DFAS customer service representatives cannot provide tax advice or recommendations about withholding. Please consult a tax professional if you have questions about your taxes.

Reminder – Retired Pay Taxation

Military retired pay is paid for many different reasons under many different laws. There are differences in the types of pay a military retiree might receive and the tax laws that apply to them. Whether a portion or all of an individual's military retired pay is subject to federal income taxes depends on his/her individual circumstances.

A military retiree can either use myPay or send an IRS Form W-4 to alter the amount DFAS withholds for federal income taxes from their military retired pay.

An individual's choice to have no withholding for federal taxes does not impact whether the individual's military retired pay is actually subject to federal income taxes. Ultimately, the IRS will determine the amount of taxes owed on the military retired pay.

Please see our webpage regarding taxation of retired pay: <https://www.dfas.mil/retpaytax>



2023 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

Based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index, there will be an 8.7 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for most retired pay and Survivor Benefit Plan annuities effective Dec. 1, 2022.

Retirees will see the change in their Dec. 30, 2022 payment and annuitants in their Jan. 3, 2023 payment.

For details, see the Fiscal Year 2023 COLA Memorandum:

<https://militarypay.defense.gov/Pay/Retirement/cola>



To learn more, read more visit:

<https://www.vfw.org/advocacy/grassroots-efforts/vfw-action-corps-weekly>

January 9, 2023



VFW 2023 Priority Goals: The 118th Congress is now in session. Although there were significant legislative victories for veterans in 2022, there is still work to be done. The VFW 2023 Priority Goals include Budget; Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs; Education, Employment, and Transition Assistance; Health Care; Military Quality of Life; and National Security, Foreign Affairs, and POW/MIA. The VFW will continue to work diligently to ensure members of the newly seated Congress improve care and benefits for veterans, service members, and their families.



VFW, SVA Announce 2023 Student Veteran Fellowship Class: Five Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) members and Student Veterans of America (SVA) leaders have been selected to participate in the 2023 VFW-SVA Legislative Fellowship. The fellowship is a semester-long academic experience for which students each submit a policy proposal to address an issue related to student veteran success on campus and beyond, improving veterans' health care and benefits, transitioning from military to civilian life, or the challenges of service members and their families. The fellows will attend the VFW Legislative Conference, during which they will participate with their VFW Department delegations in congressional meetings to advocate for their specific policy proposals. The five student veterans of the 2023 class are: -- Chet Bennetts, Marine Corps veteran, Kansas State University -- Meghan Fitzgerald, Army veteran, University of Denver -- Harry Phillips, Army veteran, Tulane University -- Jordan Quinones, Army veteran, Arizona State University -- Gregory Sanchez, Navy veteran, University of California – Riverside



FY 2023 NDAA Signed into Law: On Dec. 23, 2022, the president signed the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2023 into law. Notable provisions in the bill include a 4.6 percent pay raise for troops, broad improvements to personnel and family support policies and programs, expanded Basic Needs Allowance eligibility, and further Uniform Code of Military Justice reforms that aim to ensure crimes like sexual assault and sexual harassment are fairly investigated. Also included in this year's NDAA were the Don Young Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2022, codification of the DOD SkillBridge Program, and VFW-supported provisions that improve Vet Centers and authorize a Survivor Benefit Plan open enrollment period for select retirees. Read the NDAA.



Omnibus Package Passes with Veteran Provisions: Before its adjournment, the 117th Congress passed a government funding omnibus package that includes appropriations bills for fiscal year 2023, and nine VFW-supported provisions that would affect veterans. Some of the included bills were the Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022, Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2021, and

the Improving Access to the VA Home Loan Benefit Act of 2022. The provisions will protect and safeguard many benefits earned by our veterans, process benefits and payments to survivors faster, extend education program flexibilities, and provide dignified care and support for survivors of military sexual trauma.



New TRICARE Contracts Awarded: The Defense Health Agency announced the awarding of its T-5 TRICARE Managed Care Support contracts to Humana Government Business (East Region) and TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corporation (West Region). Contracts will go into effect in 2024, at which point the following six states will move from the East Region to the West Region: Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin.

January 16, 2023



Visit PACTActInfo.org: The VFW-championed PACT Act added more than twenty presumptive conditions for burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxins, extending VA benefits and compensation to more toxic-exposed veterans and their surviving families more than ever before. Who does the PACT Act affect? How do I know if I qualify? How do I join to help the fight? The VFW has developed a quick and easy questionnaire to determine potential eligibility under the PACT Act. Visit PACTActInfo.org to learn more about PACT Act eligibility and to be connected with a [VFW Service Officer](#) for assistance with your VA claim.



Veteran Suicide Prevention Care Expansion: VA has announced that as of Jan. 17, any veteran experiencing a suicidal crisis may receive emergency care at no cost from any VA or non-VA health care facility. Enrollment in the VA system is not required. “Veterans in suicidal crisis can now receive the free, world-class emergency health care they deserve – no matter where they need it, when they need it, or whether they’re enrolled in VA care,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “This expansion of care will save Veterans’ lives, and there’s nothing more important than that.” This benefit includes inpatient or crisis care for up to 30 days, and outpatient care for up to 90 days. [Read more.](#)



118th Congress Selects Leadership: The House has chosen its speaker of the house, and its majority and minority leaders for the 118th Congress. Rep. Mike Bost (R-Ill.), a Marine Corps veteran, has been named as chairman of the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. The VFW looks forward to working with all members of the newly seated Congress. [Read more.](#)



988 Veterans Crisis Hotline: Veterans now have the option to **Dial 988 then Press 1** to connect with caring, qualified responders for 24/7 crisis assistance. “During a crisis, every second counts,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. “This new, shorter number makes it easier for veterans and those who care about them to reach lifesaving support without having to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care.” While [Dial 988 then Press 1](#) is a new option for contacting the Veterans Crisis Line, the original number, 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, remains available, and individuals can make contact via chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat or by texting 838255.



Student Veteran Enrollment Verification: Students receiving Post-9/11 GI Bill housing payments are now required to verify enrollment to VA by the end of each month. Students may choose to text message verification to ensure seamless receipt of their Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) payments. [Learn more](#) about the enrollment verification process.



City of Enterprise, Alabama

Check out the progress at the CSM Bennie G. Adkins State Veterans Home



Print this out and add it to your fridge! This is the 2023 holiday schedule for garbage collection. Residents are reminded to have all debris at the curb by 7 a.m. Please note that when the schedule shifts, bulk trash pick-up is completed as time permits.



MAYOR WILLIAM "BILL" COOPER

City of Enterprise Sanitation Department
Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Ph: 334-348-2665 or 334-348-2662, Fax: 334-308-2495
www.enterprisecal.gov

PLEASE RETAIN THIS 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

The City of Enterprise Sanitation Department will observe the following holidays:

Date	Holiday
Monday, January 2	New Year's Day
Monday, January 16	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Monday, February 20	Presidents Day
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day
Monday, June 19	Juneteenth National Independence Day
Tuesday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 4	Labor Day
Monday, October 9	Columbus Day
Friday, November 10	Veterans Day
Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24	Thanksgiving Day & Day After
Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26	Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Garbage will not be picked up on the holidays listed above. All other curbside trash will be collected as time permits. Garbage is serviced on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Please have all debris out on the City right-of-way (at the curb) by 7:00am on your pick-up day.

Holiday on Monday-- Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday and Tuesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday. No other days will be affected.

Holiday on Tuesday-- Tuesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday. No other days will be affected.

Holiday on Thursday-- Thursday's route will be picked up on Wednesday. No other days will be affected.

Holiday on Friday-- Friday's route will be picked up on Thursday and Thursday's route will be picked up Wednesday. No other days will be affected.

Two Day Holiday-- For holidays falling on Monday & Tuesday or on Thursday & Friday, garbage will be picked up on Wednesday.

Any changes to this schedule will be posted in local newspapers, radio/news channels, social media, and Sanitation Department voicemail.



EVENT RENTAL SPACE

VFW Post 6683

2615 County Road 537

Enterprise, AL

334-475-2010



VFW6683.org





Pricing:

There is a flat fee of \$300 per day (8am-11pm)
with substantial discount for
Veterans and VFW Members.

Amenities:

- Indoor seating for 50
- Full kitchen to include large counter space, stove and oven, refrigerator and freezer, sink and utensils
- ADA accessible restrooms
- 2 large web enabled TV's
- Free WiFi
- Decorative freedom
- Large outdoor pavilion (seats 50)
- Firepit
- Hiking trail
- Plenty of parking on site
- Fenced in property on 14 acres of land



Please call 334-475-2010



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VFW Post 6683
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA



Official Public and Private Web and Facebook sites.

Comrades, in an effort to keep members aware of the upcoming events of our organization, we have recently established new Web and Facebook sites for our organization. The original Facebook site has been linked to <https://www.facebook.com/VFW6683/> and titled **Enterprise VWF – Post 6683**.

All post events for John Wiley Brock Post 6683 will be posted on the events tab of the Facebook site mentioned above as well as the Post Google Calendar, the Google calendar will also post other veterans' organization and community organization events of interest to veterans. If you would like access to the google calendar, please send an email to: post.6683.vfw@gmail.com

SCAN QR Code to access site.

Official John Wiley Brock VFW Post 6683 Public Website
<https://vfw6683.org>



Official John Wiley Brock VFW Post 6683 Public Facebook Site
<https://www.facebook.com/VFW6683>



Official John Wiley Brock VFW 6683 Private Group Facebook Site
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/VFW6683/>



VFW POST 6683 POLO SHIRTS

If you would like to order a VFW Post 6683 Polo Shirt or more shirts, the cost is \$36.50. Go to the Post Store at VFW6683.ORG and place your order! Call me if you need assistance:

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SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW FOR FREE TICKETS



Give Something to Those Who Gave.

Vet Tix * provides tickets to events which reduce stress, strengthen family bonds, build life-long memories and encourage service members and veterans to stay engaged with local communities and American life. We support our troops by honoring their service and providing positive family and life experiences, during and after their years of service to our country.

Vet Tix provides tickets to all branches of currently-serving Military and Veterans, including immediate family of troops KIA.

Vet Tix secures tickets to sporting events, concerts, performing arts, educational and family activities across the nation. VetTixers sign up online. We verify their service. VetTixers request tickets to events that interest them, then pay a small delivery fee to receive their free tickets.



* Vet Tix is a 95% Charity



John Wiley Brock **VFW Post 6683**

All American Post 2021-2022 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS ENTERPRISE, ALABAMA



<https://www.facebook.com/VFW6683>



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Trustee 1 year	Malcolm Wise	912-271-2816	malcolmwise@hotmail.com
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Post Board of Management 2 year	Pete Hill	610-389-1041	petehill1956b@gmail.com
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