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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
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CAMARADERIE

You Can Join the VFW.

Not everyone has served in hostile territory. But every member of the VFW has. Just like you, we've been there. As a member of the largest combat veterans' organization, you can count on the same camaraderie and team spirit you share in the military. Continue the tradition. Join the VFW.

VFW members appreciate the chance to support our brothers and sisters still down range through well-established programs. As a VFW member, you'll be helping your fellow service members and joining forces with generations of proud veterans.

- More than half of new VFW members are age 39 and younger.
- VFW has 7,700 Posts in the U.S. and around the world—and an active online community waiting for you.
- Female veterans are one of the fastest growing segments of VFW membership.

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SUPPORT

Support When Defenders Need it Most.

VFW steps in with critical assistance when America's defenders—warriors like you—need it most. Free phone time. Emergency grants to help your family through tough times. Major send-offs and homecomings to let you know your service matters. Our programs are designed by veterans for veterans.

Courtesy of the US Army

We have your back. Through every stage of your military experience and as a proud veteran, no other organization provides more opportunities to continue your service to country and your comrades.

- VFW has delivered millions of minutes of free phone time to troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait.
- Need help? VFW provides grants up to $2,500 to qualifying military families facing tough times as a result of military deployment or service.
- VFW sponsors hundreds of morale-boosting farewell and homecoming events across the nation for military members and families.

CONNECTIONS

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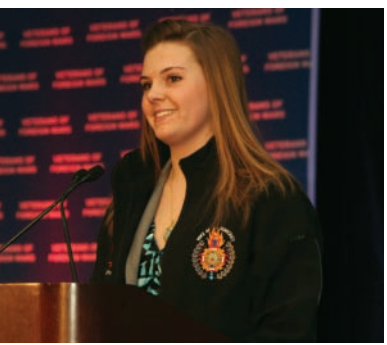
A New You. A New VFW.

Today's VFW knows who you are and what you need out of an organization: convenience, friendship, contacts—benefits you can use. We're expanding VFW's online presence to make communication easier for you. Finding new, unique ways to raise awareness about America's military and veterans. Forget what you thought you knew. Discover the VFW of the future—your VFW.



2009-2010 VFW Voice of Democracy Winner, Madison Mullen

Photo by Marla Keown

Check out VFW on:

MyVetWork twitter myspace facebook YouTube

- Looking for a job? VetJobs.com is a VFW-sponsored job board created just for military members and veterans.
- Patriotism matters. VFW awards $3.2 million annually in scholarships, savings bonds and other incentives to deserving young people.

ADVOCACY

Fighting For Veterans Everywhere.

The VFW is on your side. We put our muscle behind the legislation that affects you as a military service member and as a veteran. We battle to protect your rights. We don't rest until the job is done.

VFW has service officers stationed across the nation, and on many major military bases, to help veterans and their families through the VA claims process.

VFW is an advocate for veterans' issues on Capitol Hill. VFW leaders stand before Congress to fight for what veterans, the military and our families deserve.

- Annually, VFW service officers help more than 113,000 veterans recover $1.5 billion in entitlements through one-on-one VA claims assistance.
- VFW was a guiding force in the passage of the new G.I. Bill for the 21st Century (2008), as well as every major piece of veterans' legislation passed in the 20th century and beyond.

Eligibility: Your Service There Earned You Membership Here.

You can join VFW if you …

- received a campaign medal for overseas service
- served at least 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Korea anytime since 1953
- received hostile fire or imminent danger pay

Visit **JoinVFW.org** for a complete list of eligible campaign medals and ribbons.

As a member, you'll receive a full year of *VFW* magazine, a range of discounts, no-cost personal accident insurance, and most importantly, the pride of joining the nation's largest combat veterans' organization—a distinction you've earned.

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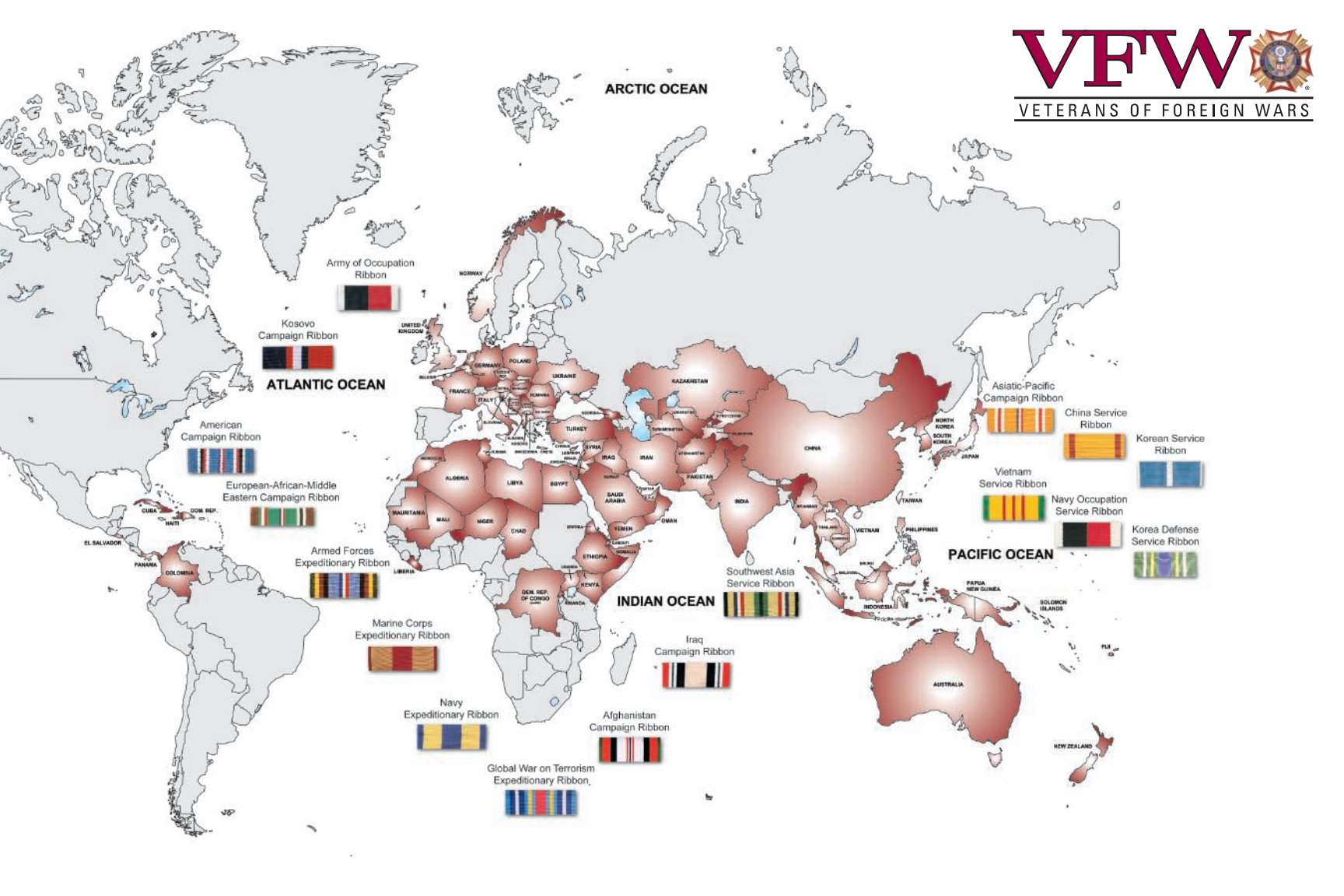
Service in **red** shading denotes eligibility.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INDIAN OCEAN
Army of Occupation Ribbon
Kosovo Campaign Ribbon
American Campaign Ribbon
European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Ribbon
Armed Forces Expeditionary Ribbon
Marine Corps Expeditionary Ribbon
Navy Expeditionary Ribbon
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Ribbon
Afghanistan Campaign Ribbon
Iraq Campaign Ribbon
Southwest Asia Service Ribbon
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon
China Service Ribbon
Korean Service Ribbon
Vietnam Service Ribbon
Navy Occupation Service Ribbon
Korea Defense Service Ribbon

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE VFW...

1. **CAMARADERIE**—VFW has more than 2.1 million VFW and auxiliary members in 7,700 Posts nationwide, friends who understand what you've been through.

2. **SUPPORT**—VFW helps military families during deployment and beyond. VFW provides free phone time while you're deployed, emergency grants (up to $2,500) for military families and hosts morale-boosting military events that honor warriors like you.

3. **CONNECTIONS**—VFW can help you find employment on VetJobs.com, make powerful new contacts, serve your community and tap into VFW virtual networks across the web.

4. **ADVOCACY**—VFW is at your side. We'll help you file for your VA benefits through our nationwide network of VFW service officers. We received $1.5 billion dollars last year alone! VFW also fights for veterans' issues on Capitol Hill, ensuring major victories like the new GI Bill for the 21st Century and broader recognition of PTSD claims.

5. **DISTINCTION**—Not everyone is eligible to join the VFW. You've earned it. Take advantage of the benefits and the community of support waiting for you.

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The Tradition Lives On.

Veterans have always taken care of their own. When veterans of the Spanish-American War returned home in 1899, there was no medical care or veterans' pension. The wounded, the sick and their struggling families were left to fend for themselves. A visionary band of veterans formed what would later become the VFW. We exist to protect and defend those who have sacrificed for this nation. You've earned that.