

# CHECKPOINT



## VFW Checkpoint – March/April 2023

Happy Spring! We hope you enjoy this installment of your Checkpoint newsletter.

Please take this opportunity to see what other Posts around the world are doing to better their communities. Be sure to share the valuable information you get here with your fellow VFW members. If you know someone who is not receiving Checkpoint, encourage them to email [magazine@vfw.org](mailto:magazine@vfw.org) and get signed up.

In the Garden State, one VFW Post is about to host its third annual food truck event to bring the community together. VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" helped an Army veteran prepare for a future in environmental policy. Wilbur Grisham celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday surrounded by his fellow members at VFW Post 11499 in Basehor, Kan. As a long-time Post member, Grisham is still quite active at the Post. Read this and more in your Checkpoint.

Be sure to let us know what you are doing in your community. We always are looking to promote the great efforts of VFW. Email [jdyhouse@vfw.org](mailto:jdyhouse@vfw.org) your suggestion, and you just might see it in an upcoming issue of Checkpoint.



### New Jersey Post Hosts Food Truck Event

VFW Post 493 in Nutley, N.J., gathered several food trucks together to celebrate the community's diversity. April will be the third time the Post has come together for this event. [While it is free, donations are accepted on behalf of the Post.](#)



### Army Vet Benefits from Help a Hero Scholarship

VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" is helping one student in her pursuit of a degree in environmental policy. [She hopes to one day work for the United States Agency for International Development.](#)



### VFW Post Hosts Benefit for Police Officer

Post 6461 in Fountain, Colo., came together for a benefit on behalf of Julian Becerra, who was critically injured while in pursuit of a carjacking suspect in Colorado Springs. Sadly, the day after the benefit, Officer Becerra succumbed to his injuries, leaving behind a wife and two children. [The Post raised nearly \\$6,000, which was presented to the family.](#)



### A Member Celebrates Centennial Birthday

VFW Post 11499 in Basehor, Kan., recognized long-time Life member Wilbur Grisham on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. [The WWII veteran is still a regular attendee of Post meetings in the Sunflower State.](#)





## Commemorating the USS Maine

On Feb. 15, VFW Post 8904 in Center, Texas, remembered the anniversary of the USS Maine explosion, which claimed the lives of 266 Americans. The commemorative event was one of more than 25 similar events held by the Post throughout the year.



## Chief Borland Completes European Visit with Troops

U.S. troops serving in Poland and Italy had the opportunity to speak with VFW Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland in February. In addition to learning more about the support U.S. troops are providing to our NATO allies, Borland got to listen to the men and women serving abroad speak about quality-of-life issues.

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