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Your Checkpoint newsletter has arrived!

We invite you to 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. In San Antonio, one Post built a cybercafé to attract a new generation of veterans. During a visit to Louisiana, VFW Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch presented two life-saving awards to deputies in St. Charles Parish. Post 3090 in Philadelphia was honored by the National Guard for its efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, check out the first column by the 2020-2021 VFW National Chaplain.

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 your suggestion, and you just might see it in an upcoming issue of Checkpoint.



Recognizing Heroism and Valor in Louisiana

VFW Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch presented two life-saving awards to deputies in St. Charles Parish. [Roesch said the deputies are “living examples” of what first responders must be in communities around the country.](#)



National Guard Recognizes VFW Post

Post 3090 in Philadelphia was honored by the Pennsylvania National Guard. [The Post opened its doors to the National Guard during the COVID-19 pandemic.](#)



Standing Together During the Tough Times

VFW's 2020-2021 National Chaplain offers this analogy to encourage veterans to lift one another. [“It pays to take turns doing hard jobs,” he reminds.](#)



Texas Post Creates Cybercafé

Post 8541 in San Antonio developed a state-of-the-art cybercafé to attract younger veterans. [Post](#)

[leaders believe providing alternative ways to build camaraderie is key to the Post's longevity.](#)



Birthday Bash for 105-Year-Old Veteran

Lou DeBiasio celebrated turning 105 with a private parade in his honor. [VFW Post 4250 in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., believes DeBiasio is the oldest living VFW member in the organization.](#)



Honoring Bronze Star Recipients from Vietnam War

Thanks to the efforts of fellow vets and his sister, Vietnam vet Harold Jantz was awarded the Bronze Star in 2019. [Those same efforts also led to Lynwood Thornton's posthumous recognition of a Bronze Star.](#)



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