

GENERAL NEW MEMBER LETTER

(Use this letter template to welcome a new member to your Post. You should send the letter as soon as possible after receiving the person's membership application. Sending this letter will show the new member that you are interested in more than just his/her dues, and that you want them to be an active member. Attach a separate sheet with your Post officer contact information, Post hours, a list of upcoming events and other information so the new member can easily become active.)

Post Commander's Name

Post Name/Address

Dear (name of new member):

As Commander of Post _____, and on behalf of all members of our Post, we welcome you to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. We're proud to call our organization the most elite combat veterans' organization in the world and we are honored to have you join our ranks. By becoming active in our Post, we believe that you will see how our programs, activities and camaraderie earn us this distinction.

VFW membership is first and foremost about serving veterans—we take care of our fellow comrades and their families. By being an active member, you will enjoy a high level of camaraderie among our members. You will always have someone to talk to about your experiences in a combat zone, and we'll offer the support you need to balance your military experiences with civilian life. We'll help you receive the benefits and services you earned in uniform, which may come in the form of monetary compensation, VA healthcare and/or other benefits. Membership also opens the door to many discounts and a credit union that can save you and your family a lot of money.

Our Post welcomes veterans from all service eras. We view the service of all combat veterans as equally important since all military service contributes to peace and freedom. We are always looking for new energy and creative ideas to keep our Post strong. Stop by a few times to introduce yourself to other members and make an effort to say hello to our Post leaders. You'll learn that we are a family who takes care of each other, whether you are a new member or one of the Post's original members.

Veterans have made our nation stronger by proudly serving in military uniform and we remain committed making life in America all that it can be for everyone. That's why we hope you will join us in our efforts to serve veterans, the military and our community through programs like _____, _____ and _____.

You've already earned membership in our distinguished organization through your service to America. Now join your brothers and sisters at your Post as we support and serve each other.

Yours in comradeship,

Post _____ Commander