

This Application Card and \$3.00 Fee Does Not Apply to Membership in a V. F. W. Post

### OBLIGATION

In the presence of Almighty God, I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that: I will bear true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and I will always be loyal thereto, and will never bear arms, nor in any way use my influence against its Laws or Institutions.

I will comply with the Constitution, By-Laws and Ritual of this Order; and I will always be loyal thereto; that I will never wrong nor defraud this Organization, nor a member thereof, nor permit any wrong to be done to either, if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible according to our Constitution, nor one whom I know to be unworthy.

I will never make known to any one not authorized to receive it any of the work of this Order, secret or written. Should my affiliation with The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States cease, in any way, I will consider this pledge as binding outside the Order as though I had remained a member of the same. All this I promise and pledge upon the honor of a true Comrade and a citizen of our great republic.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

This application card to be used only by those in active service outside the continental limits of the United States.



## INCORPORATED BY ACT OF CONGRESS

Section 5 of the V. F. W. Congressional Charter provides: "That no person shall be a member of this Corporation unless he has served honorably as an officer or enlisted man in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps of the United States of America. in any foreign war, insurrection, or expedition, which service shall be recognized as campaign medal service and governed by the authorization of the award of a campaign badge by the Government of the United States of America."

The V. F. W. National By-Laws (Section 102—When War Exists), provides that "whenever the Government of the United States of America recognizes that a state of war exists with any other government or governments, men in the military and naval service of the United States shall become eligible to active membership immediately upon arrival on hostile soil or in hostile waters."

Card and Dues  
Received at the  
National Headquarters: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE INCLUDES YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO FOREIGN SERVICE MAGAZINE.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Mbrs. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please Print) Last First Middle Do not use above space.

Rank or Rating \_\_\_\_\_ Service Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Present \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Single Married

Name of Nearest Relative \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Born (date) \_\_\_\_\_ At (place) \_\_\_\_\_

Enlistment \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States**



**To the Commander in Chief, V. F. W., Kansas City, Missouri**

I hereby apply for membership at large in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, basing my claim to eligibility upon current service with the Armed Forces **outside** the continental limits of the United States. (Continental limits defined as the 48 states and the District of Columbia.)

**I certify that** I am a citizen of the United States, that I am serving with the Armed Forces, and that if accepted as a member I will faithfully comply with the obligation of the Order to which I subscribe by my signature below.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant

**SIGN OBLIGATION ON OTHER SIDE.**



PLEASE DO NOT TRIM—FOLD IF NECESSARY.

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_



# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

OF

## THE UNITED STATES

FOUNDED 1899

OFFICE OF  
ROBERT B. HANDY, JR.  
ADJUTANT GENERAL



NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
KANSAS CITY (2), MISSOURI



Postmark  
11/26/44

Re: Special Military & Naval  
Membership at Large

DEAR COMRADE:

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, it affords me a great deal of pleasure to acknowledge your application for membership at large and membership fee in the amount of \$3.00. Because of the great number of applications received each day, it is not possible that I write you a personal letter but I trust you will understand that I do have a very personal interest in every member.

We are happy to enclose herewith your Service Membership Card and V.F.W. Ribbon Bar and to welcome you into the ranks of America's greatest organization of overseas fighting men. We know you will never regret your affiliation with an organization of men who have had service in defense of our country, similar to that which you and millions of others are having today.

You are now enrolled as a Military and Naval Member at Large in good standing to December 31st of the year of your discharge or demobilization from your present World War No. 2 service. Prior to that date, upon your return home, you have the privilege of transferring your membership to a V.F.W. Post in your home community and should do so. Please, after discharge, don't permit your membership to lapse. Write us upon your discharge from active service and we will gladly advise you regarding Post membership.

Your membership carries a subscription to FOREIGN SERVICE, the V.F.W. magazine, and your name has been entered on the mailing list to receive future issues. Be sure and keep us advised of any change of address.

With this membership card go the best wishes of our Commander-in-Chief and my kindest regards.

Yours in Comradeship,

R. B. Handy, Jr.,  
Adjutant General.