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10 FOR 10: VFW WON'T STAND FOR BROKEN PROMISES

UPDATE: VFW MOBILIZES TO PROTECT MILITARY BENEFITS AS CONGRESS LOOKS TO SLASH SPENDING AUGUST 09, 2011

Recently, when Congress voted to raise the nation's debt ceiling, they specifically targeted national security spending to absorb many of the cuts, indicating that Department of Defense personnel programs and VA benefits would not be spared.

Leaders in Congress have already

discussed cutting or eliminating 10 benefits affecting military members, veterans and their families in recent months, and the VFW believes that these toxic proposals will once again gain momentum as Congress looks for ways to tighten its belt.

America's all-volunteer military has shouldered a multi-theater war all by themselves for almost 10 years. They did so without question, and often with tremen-

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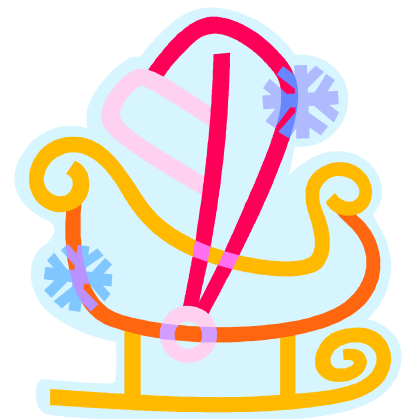
Holiday Party December 17 at 6pm

Tickets \$15 each or \$25 for two

B Y O B

Crazy Gift Exchange (optional) \$20 max

Please RSVP by 13 December by calling 804-690-7348 or email: vfwpost10295@verizon.net.



**Next Membership Meeting
December 13 @ 7 p.m.**

Bulletin Board

How to Contact Your Senator

Contact Sen. Jim Webb via [Web Form](#).

Website: webb.senate.gov

Washington, D.C. Office:

248 Russell Senate Office Building,
District of Columbia 20510-4604

Phone: (202) 224-4024

Fax: (202) 228-6363

Richmond Office: ([more district offices](#))

507 East Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Phone: (804) 771-2221

Fax: (804) 771-8313



Contact Sen. Mark Warner via [Web Form](#).

Website: warner.senate.gov

Washington, D.C. Office:

459A Russell Senate Office Building,
District of Columbia 20510-4601

Phone: (202) 224-2023

Fax: (202) 224-6295

Richmond Office: ([more district offices](#))

919 East Main Street, Suite 630



No Bingo until January 5, 2012

Due to the lack of Bingo players these past few months (less than 20), and the Holiday Season, there will not be a Bingo session until January 5, 2012.

Earn a FREE Life Membership

How much is a VFW Life Membership worth to you? Right now our annual dues are \$35 and it seems like every year it goes up. If you keep your membership in the VFW for another 20 years, without any dues increases you will pay a minimum of \$700. The most expensive Life Membership plan is \$425 for a member 30 years old or younger.

Wouldn't it be great if you didn't have to pay dues again? You can earn a **FREE Life Membership** by donating the most valuable asset you have, your time. Our post will pay for your Life Membership if you just volunteer 100 hours of your time to support post events. You can volunteer for Bingo, Chicken Dinners, Buddy Poppies, lawn mowing, trash removal, or any of the other post event that require participation by our membership. Just volunteer and make sure Quartermaster Koch knows you want to participate in the Free Life Membership Program.

Now at the post

VSwEEps



12 video games to chose from
(Slots, Keno or Poker)

Top Prize



\$1000



open to the public!

You do not need to be a member of the VFW to play



Post Officers



Commander..... Damon Gray

Chaplain Peter Swain

Quartermaster/Adjutant..... Jim Koch

Judge Advocate..... Garrison Boyle

Senior Vice..... Don Pitts

Junior Vice..... Don Pitts

TrusteesGeorge Bauserman, Jeff Truex, J.D. Crabtree



PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES BY DECEMBER 31

Membership Update

We are still falling behind in our membership renewals. Last month only two members paid their dues leaving us 26 unpaid members. If your dues are not paid by December 31, your membership will be suspended.



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dous sacrifice to themselves and their families.

Americans understand the scope of the national debt crisis; a crisis that could have serious repercussions on a military at war and a veterans' population that has already sacrificed much for the nation. However, instead of debating and enacting meaningful fiscal reforms, some in Congress have proposed plans that would leave America's military and her veterans to shoulder more of the national debt.

This "10 for 10" plan — to cut 10 specific benefits to pay for 10 years of war — is a breach of faith with America's military and veteran families, and the national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and its Auxiliaries is calling upon his 2 million members to fight it.

The 10 ways Congress is targeting military and veterans' benefits during today's difficult fiscal times are to:

- [Increase healthcare premiums for military retirees on TRICARE](#)
- [Increase pharmaceutical fees for troops, families and retirees](#)

- [Eliminate presumptive service-connected conditions for disabled and ill veterans](#)
- [Lock out or increase fees for Department of Veterans Affairs Priority Groups 7 and 8 veterans](#)
- [Reduce cost-of-living allowances](#)
- [Freeze military pay](#)
- [End government subsidies to military commissaries](#)
- [Eliminate Department of Defense elementary schools stateside](#)
- [Eliminate the 20-year military retirement plan](#)
- [Eliminate DOD tuition reimbursement programs for service members](#)

While Congress publicly debated raising the nation's debt ceiling, the VFW was concerned that many of the proposed cuts were being discussed behind closed doors. The VFW has the same concerns over the new bipartisan "Gang of 12" Super Congress tasked to develop the nation's debt reduction plan. Eubank said the VFW recognizes that the nation must make difficult fiscal decisions, but the programs and benefits provided to veterans and

military families were prepaid in full through their honorable service and sacrifice.

The VFW also believes that cutting the 10 benefits could have tremendous impact on military recruiting and readiness, and threaten the future viability of the all-volunteer force. Healthcare, education, a retirement system and family programs are critical factors in retaining talented personnel in a low-paying and extremely dangerous profession.

Eubank said as the debate over fiscal responsibility continues to unfold in Washington, the VFW will work to ensure that military and veterans' benefits remain intact.

In the coming weeks, the VFW will continue to put pressure on Congress to ensure proposed fiscal reforms do not negatively affect troops, veterans or their families.

Join the effort and make your voice heard by calling, writing, or e-mailing your members of Congress. To learn how, visit VFW's Capwiz page at <http://capwiz.com/vfw/dbq/officials/>, and to follow the story as it develops, visit the VFW's new Capitol Hill blog at www.vfwonthehill.org.



EMPLOYERS: Post your job vacancies on the DVS jobs board for FREE! Visit <http://www.dvs.virginia.gov/jobs>

VETERANS: Check it out!!

COMBAT SUPPORT GROUPS

Combat Support Groups are sponsored by the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program and are open to anyone who has experienced combat:

- OIF
- OEF
- Vietnam
- Desert Storm
- Reserve
- National Guard
- Military Contractors

The Combat Support Groups meet every Tuesday at 1800 at the Fredericksburg Baptist Church, Room PA-113, 1019 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA (Use the Princess Anne Entrance)

For more information please contact the Wounded Warrior Program at 540-373-3223 x 3085

There are no discharge status restrictions

VETERANS BENEFITS SERVICE FIELD OFFICE

Do you need help getting VA Benefits?





The Commonwealth of Virginia’s Department of Veteran’s Services (DVS) assists veterans of the armed forces and their dependents in accessing federal and state veterans benefits. DVS operates 21 Benefits Services Offices throughout the Commonwealth where veterans and their dependents receive **free** assistance in developing and filing claims for federal and state veterans benefits. The offices also certify eligibility for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program.

The Quantico office serves the counties of Caroline, Culpeper, King George, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, and Westmoreland; the cities of Falls Church and Fredericksburg.

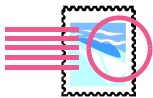
The Quantico Veterans Service Representative is Jason Williams Jason.williams@dvs.virginia.gov Address: Quantico Marine Corps Base, Education Center, 3089 Roan Street, Quantico, VA 22134, Telephone: (703) 630-2811 or 1-800-925-0640 FAX: (703) 630-2872

Service Schedule		
Town	Schedule	Location
Dahlgren	1st and 3rd Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Fleet and Family Support Center 4271 Potomac Drive
Culpeper	4th Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Virginia Employment Commission 529 Meadowbrook Shopping Center
Fredericksburg	1st and 3rd Monday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	VA Clinic 1960 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 100
Warsaw	By appointment as needed.	VEC 14243 History Lane Road

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p style="text-align: center;">Call 804-690-7348 by 13 December to make reservations for the Holiday Party ! \$15 each, \$25 Couple, BYOB</p>			1	2 Happy Hour 5-8 pm 	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Happy Hour 5-8 pm 	10
11	12	13 VFW Post 10295 Business Meeting 1900	14	15	16 Happy Hour 5-8 pm 	17— Holiday Party 6pm
18	19	20	21	22	23 Happy Hour 5-8 pm 	24
25 	26	27	28	29	30	31

Come join us for Bingo at the post every Thursday @ 7pm



"Honoring the dead by serving the living."



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