

# The VFW Salutes America's Armed Forces

**We recognize our veterans and service members,  
and thank them for their selfless service**

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – On May 20, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. will continue the nearly 70-year tradition of celebrating the branches of our nation's military in honor of Armed Forces Day.

Armed Forces Day is the one designated day of the year where Americans join together to recognize and honor the strength of our military. It's a day to not only recognize the men and women who have bravely served in our armed forces – past and present – but to thank them for giving us the freedom we enjoy today.

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Through the years, the powerful force of those who wear the uniform of the United States military have defined what it means to be courageous, steadfast protectors; it is America's proud soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen and Coast Guardsmen who have tenaciously defended and preserved our way of life.

Those of us who have fought to defend that freedom, know all too well the struggles and sacrifice military service entails and what a responsibility it is. From defending our country in times of peril to helping on the home front, to be a steadfast protector of our great nation is truly the highest honor.

This Saturday, the VFW encourages you to recognize our veterans and service members, and thank them for their selfless service, courage, indomitable spirit, and for affording us the freedom to celebrate them today.