National Release:

VFW Announces Third Annual Day of Service
Veterans to lead service projects; all veterans invited to participate

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Jan. 9, 2024) — The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is proud to announce the third annual VFW Day of Service — a dedicated day of service led by veterans throughout the country and the world.

The VFW Day of Service began in 2022 as an outgrowth of the organization’s #StillServing campaign launched in 2020 to recognize the ongoing dedication of veterans and service members who continue to serve their communities. VFW Day of Service, led by veterans and in concert with other organizations and civic groups, is open for anyone to participate. The 2024 VFW Day of Service kicks off the first Saturday in May (May 4), marking the start of veteran-led community service projects to take place throughout the month.

"United in the spirit of service, veterans nationwide demonstrated their unwavering commitment during the 2023 VFW Day of Service, demonstrating yet again how they are #StillServing," said Duane Sarmiento, VFW national commander. “Strengthening bonds and aiding neighbors, they showcased the power of collective action. Now, we call upon our dedicated membership and all veterans to surpass last year's turnout, amplifying their impact in communities across the country.”

Veterans are more likely than civilians to volunteer in their communities, according to a recent civic health survey of veterans. The same study showed veterans donate to charities, register to vote and are involved in their communities and local government at a greater rate than their civilian counterparts.

“We urge veterans from America and across the globe to participate in the VFW Day of Service, demonstrating our continuous commitment to service,” said Sarmiento.

The VFW encourages its members and all veterans to visit VFWDayofService.org to register their event on the interactive Day of Service map and receive a special participation decal or find a local event to join and see what other veterans around the country are doing to make a difference.

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About the Veterans of Foreign Wars: The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is the nation's largest and oldest major war veterans' organization. Founded in 1899, the congressionally chartered VFW is comprised entirely of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces. With more than 1.5 million VFW and Auxiliary members located in over 6,000 Posts worldwide, the nonprofit veterans service organization is proud to proclaim “NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS” than the VFW, which is dedicated to veterans’ service, legislative advocacy, and military and community service programs. For more information or to join, visit our website at vfw.org.

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