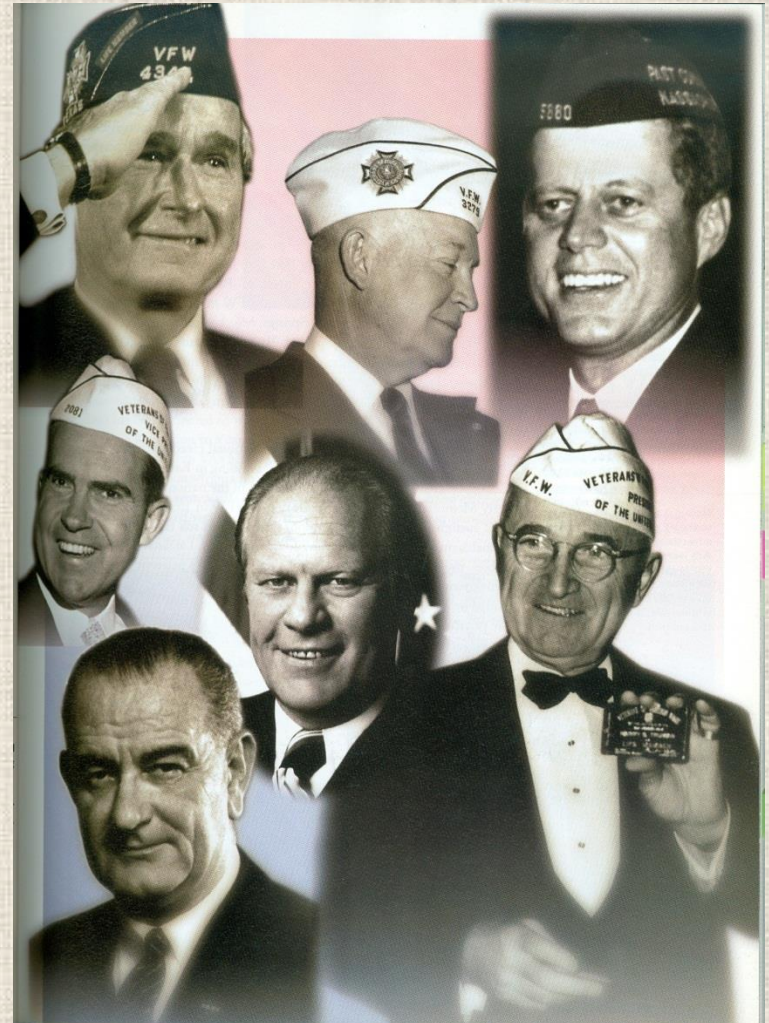


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❖ Did you know?

– There were 8 U.S. Presidents that were members of the VFW?

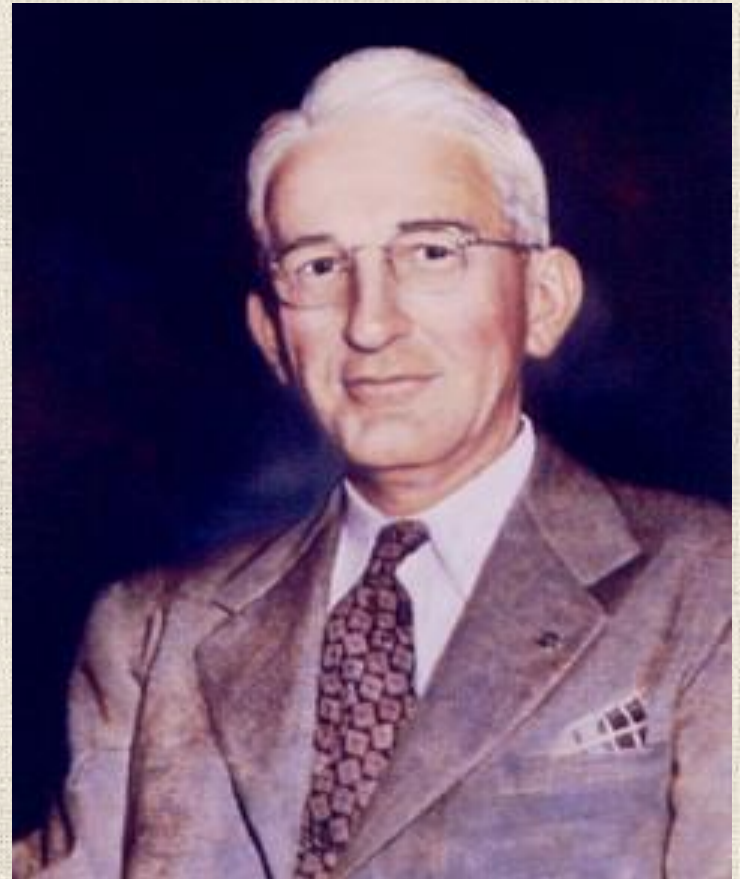
- Theodore Roosevelt
- Harry S. Truman
- Dwight D. Eisenhower
- John F. Kennedy
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Richard M. Nixon
- Gerald R. Ford
- George Bush



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❖ **Did you know?**

- **Robert B. Handy was “Mr. VFW” because he carried the titles of Adjutant General and Quartermaster General from 1923 - 1950.**



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❖ Did you know?

- In New York City on August 29, 1917, to support the troops in Europe, VFW presented an ambulance to the U.S. Army.



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❖ Did you know?

- In 1949, VFW celebrated its 50th Anniversary with an appearance by President Harry S. Truman.



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❖ Did you know?

- In 1950 Doris Day was a “Buddy Poppy Girl.”



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❖ **Did you know?**

- **VFW waged a campaign to make the *Star-Spangled Banner* the official national anthem. The bill was enacted in March 1931.**

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❖ Did you know?

- Babe Ruth, N.Y. Yankees slugger, presented President Warren G. Harding with the first official Buddy Poppy of 1923.



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❖ **Did you know?**

- **In 1938, Carl Sandburg, renowned poet, author and biographer of Abraham Lincoln, was appointed VFW's national historian.**

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❖ **Did you know?**

- **On May 28, 1936, Congress passed Public Law 630, granting a congressional charter of incorporation to the VFW in order to protect the VFW's name and Cross of Malta logo. This charter was signed by Franklin D. Roosevelt.**

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❖ Did you know?

- **Audie Murphy, America's most highly decorated WWII soldier, was inducted into Dallas VFW Post 1837 in 1945.**



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❖ **Did you know?**

- **In November 1904 the first issue of *Foreign Service* was printed. This was the predecessor to the VFW Magazine.**

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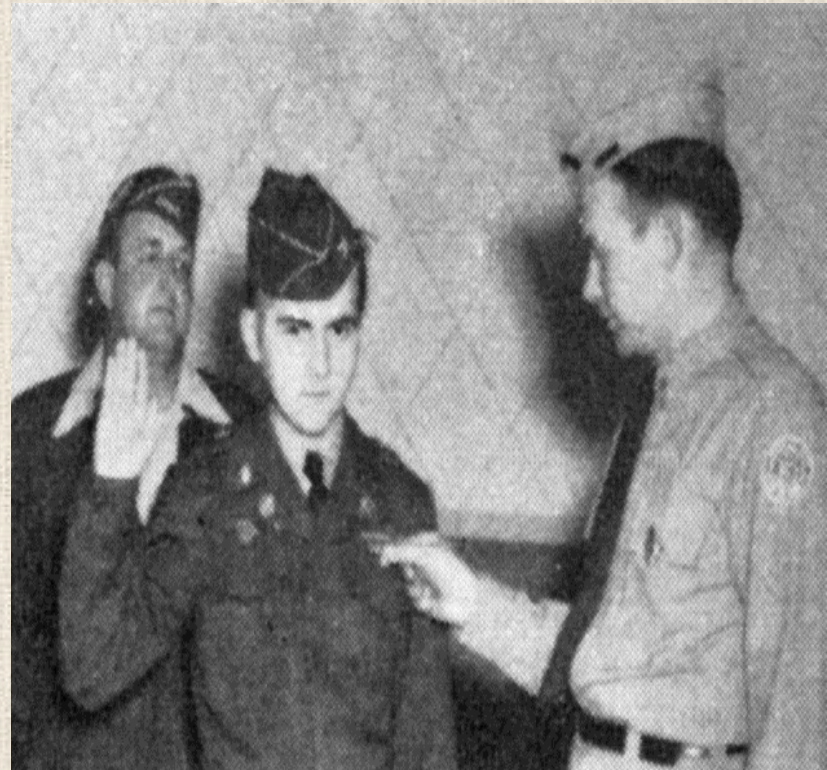
- General Douglas MacArthur was presented the VFW's prestigious Gold Medal and Citation on April 28, 1951.



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❖ Did you know?

- In 1951, Pvt. Frank Jedure was the youngest veteran to join the VFW. Before his true age of 16 was revealed he had already served five months in Korea.



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❖ Did you know?

- In 1974, the U.S. Postal Service recognized VFW for more than seven decades of service by issuing a special postage stamp commemorating the VFW's 75th anniversary.



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❖ Did you know?

- In 1995, the first all-women VFW Post was inaugurated in Topeka, Kansas.



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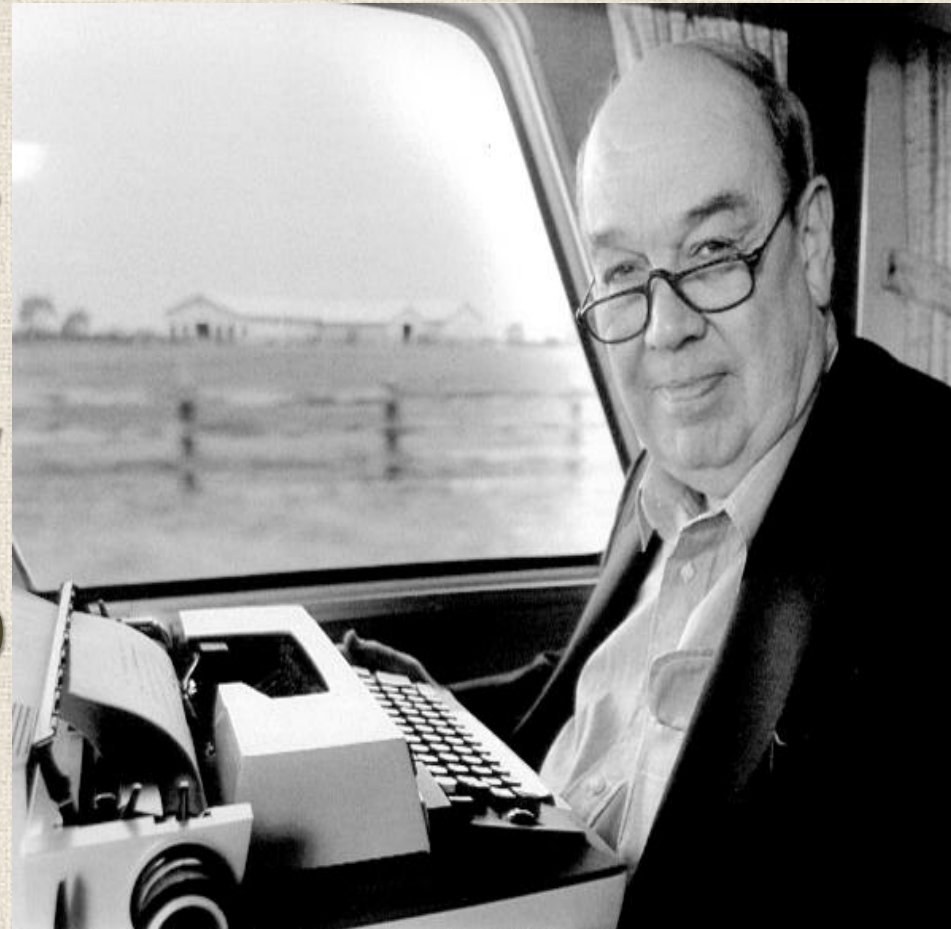
❖ **Did you know?**

- **In 1950 the VFW Life Membership was instituted – an innovation to attract and retain new members.**

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❖ **Did you know?**

- In 1948-1949, Charles Kuralt was the Voice of Democracy (VOD) winner. In 1997, VFW designated the second place \$15,000 prize the Charles Kuralt Memorial Scholarship.



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❖ **Did you know?**

- **VFW had an instrumental role in forming the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee in Washington, D.C.**

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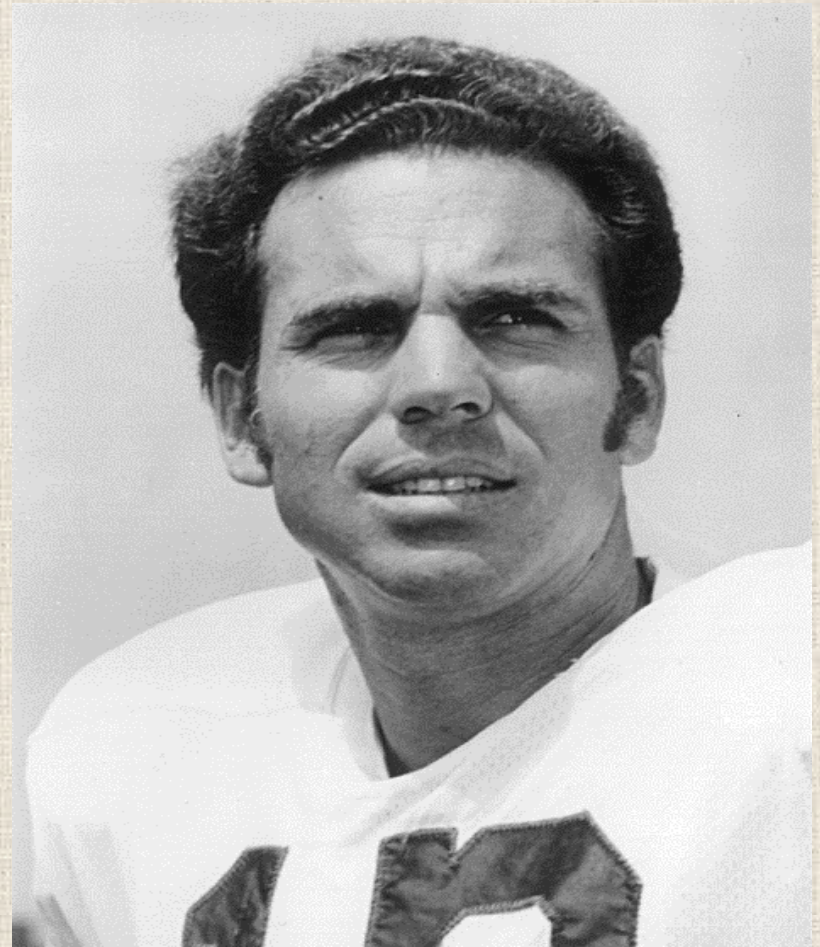
❖ **Did you know?**

- **The VFW played a major role in pushing through Congress, “The GI Bill of World War II.”**

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❖ Did you know?

- Roger Staubach, Vietnam Navy veteran and Dallas Cowboys quarterback is a VFW life member of Post 3359 in Garland, TX.



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❖ **Did you know?**

- **On September 29, 1899 the American Veterans of Foreign Service was formed by 13 veterans of the Spanish-American War.**

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❖ **Did you know?**

- **On August 1, 1914 the organization's new and still current name "Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States" was revealed.**

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❖ **Did you know?**

- **In 1918, the VFW National Headquarters was established in New York.**

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❖ Did you know?

- In 1917, Theodore Roosevelt became the first U.S. President to join the VFW.



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❖ **Did you know?**

- **In 1921, the VFW had 60,000 members.**

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❖ **Did you know?**

- **In 1922, the VFW “Buddy Poppy” program was established to assist disabled veterans of WWI.**

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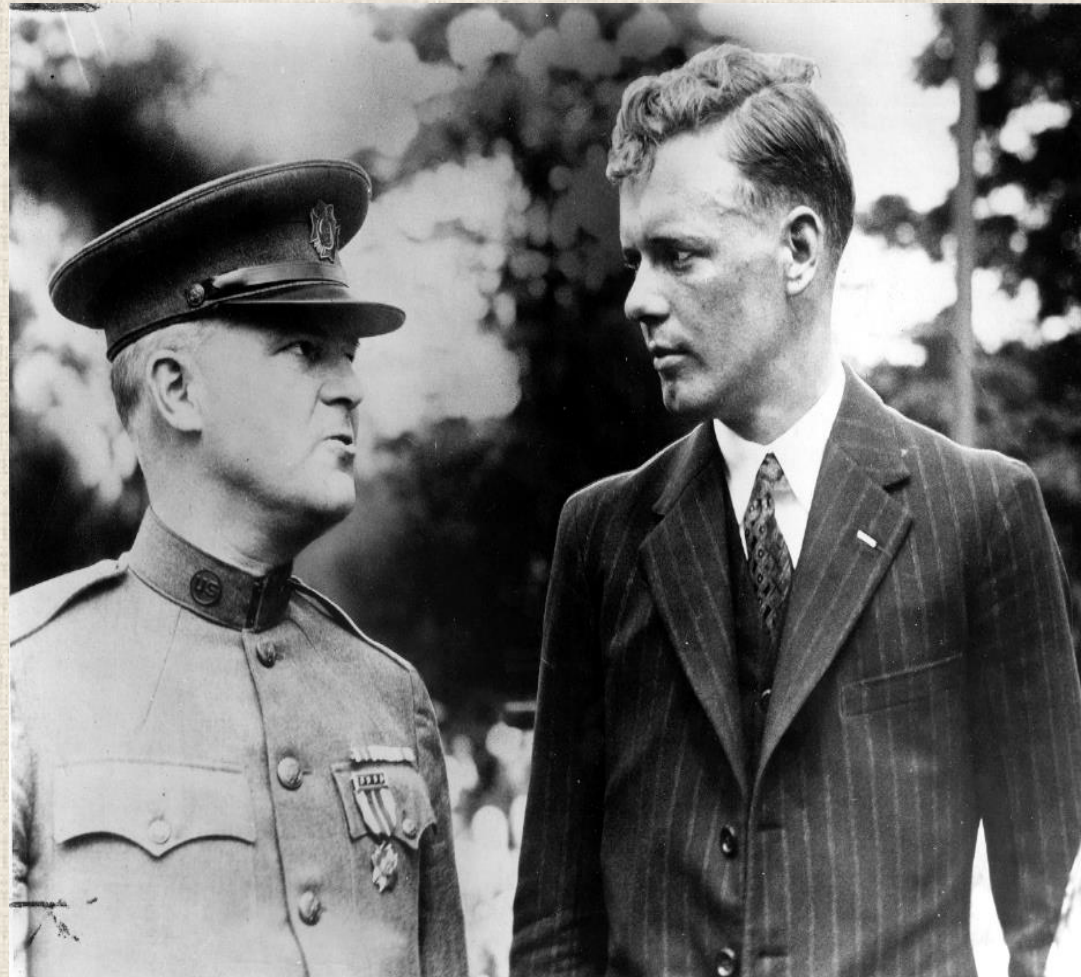
❖ **Did you know?**

- **In 1925, the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan was started to house widows and orphans of veterans.**

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❖ Did you know?

- In 1927, Aviator Charles Lindbergh became an honorary VFW member.



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❖ **Did you know?**

- **In 1940, VFW membership was 201,701.**

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❖ **Did you know?**

- **In 1946, VFW membership reaches 1,544,444.**

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❖ Did you know?

- In 1957 Natalie Wood was a “Buddy Poppy Girl.”



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❖ **Did you know?**

- **1955 was the last time the Commander-in-Chief was elected directly by delegates.**

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❖ **Did you know?**

- **In 1982, VFW contributes \$300,000 toward the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.**

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❖ Did you know?

- In 1930, VFW National Headquarters in Kansas City was established.



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❖ **Did you know?**

- **In 1984, VFW membership passes 2 million mark.**

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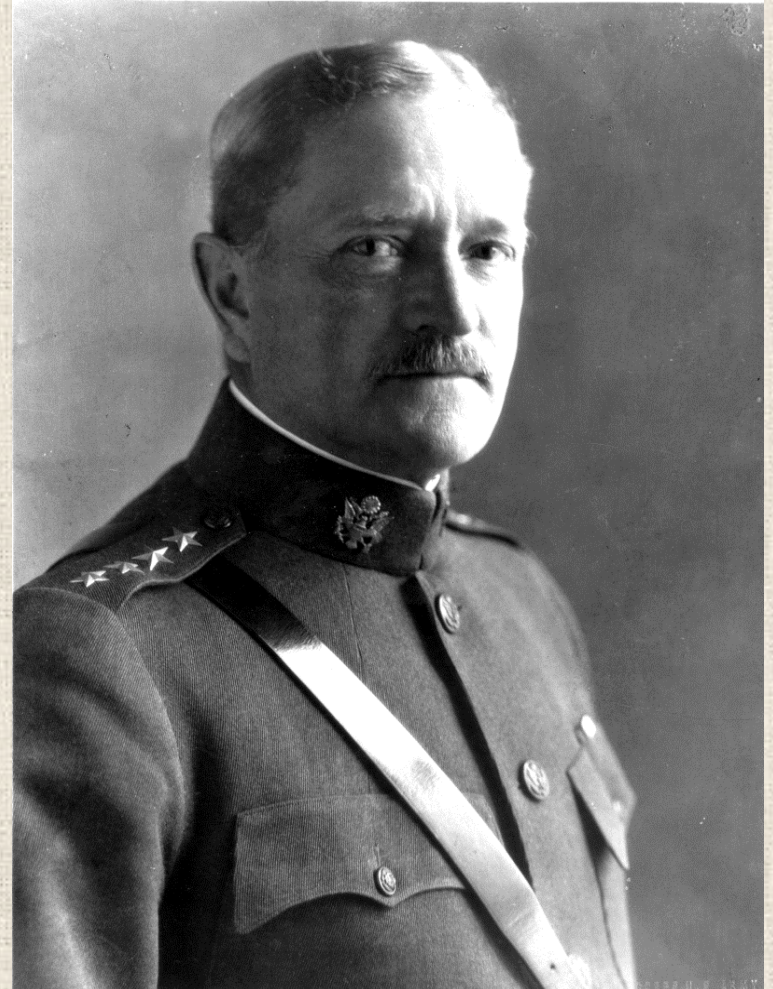
❖ **Did you know?**

- **In 1990, VFW contributes first installment of \$650,000 to Korean War Memorial.**

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❖ Did you know?

- In 1920, while visiting Kansas City, General John J. Pershing was named “Honorary Commander-in-Chief of the VFW”.



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❖ **Did you know?**

- **That the VFW help make Veterans Day and Loyalty Day national holidays.**

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❖ Did you know?

- In September 1950, Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn Dodgers baseball star, is presented with VFW's good citizenship award.



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❖ **Did you know?**

- **That on Armistice Day in 1921 the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was dedicated.**

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❖ **Did you know?**

- **In 1949 the first Washington Conference was held by VFW national and state officials to lobby directly on Capitol Hill. Omar Bradley addressed the first gathering.**