

Eligibility

- 1: Citizenship ó must be a U.S. citizen or U.S. National.
- 2: Honorable Service ó must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and either received a discharge of Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) or be currently serving.
- 3: Service in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters*. This can be proven by any of the following:
 - An authorized campaign medal
 - Receipt of Hostile Fire Pay or Imminent Danger Pay (verified by a military pay statement)
 - Service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days

Contact the Post Recruiter
vfwpst8545recruiter@gmail.com



Join us to serve those who served our Nation!



Our Core Values:

- Always put the interests of our veterans first
- Treat donors as partners in our cause
- Unashamed patriotism
- Honor of military service
- Ensure the care of veterans' families
- Serve our communities/be involved
- Promote a positive image
- Respect the diversity of all veterans



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NO ONE DOES MORE FOR OUR VETERANS

Our Mission: To foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans.

Our Vision: Ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

We generate funds through volunteerism at:



Smithfield's Olden Days Festival



Smithfield's Christmas Market



The Annual Poppy Drive



And many more...

We reinvest in our Veterans and the Community

Boy Scouts of America: VFW Post 8545 has provided financial support to the local Eagle Scout program to further develop our local youth into civic minded citizens whose projects improve the quality of life of a variety of members within the community.

Reading Programs: Donations to community library reading programs designed to build the critical reading skills that will help our children develop a lifelong love of reading and a solid foundation for academic success.

Post Color Guard: The Post provides a multi-service color guard at all major Smithfield events to promote a sense of patriotism and proudly display the National Ensign and service colors of our armed forces.

Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremony: Post volunteers play a key role in the set-up and conduct of these annual commemorations remembering those who died in service to our Nation and all those who served in the armed forces of the United States.

Adopt A Highway: VFW Post 8545 proudly maintains a three mile stretch of VA-10 reinforcing our pride in community and providing an example of leadership amongst our citizens.

Isle of Wight Veterans Commemorative Brick Program: The Smithfield Veteran's Memorial (220 North Church Street) proceeds go to Post Veteran's Relief fund.

Reserve Officer Training Corps: We regularly support the Smithfield High School JROTC program.

Honor Guard: We maintain an Honor Guard that assists with community parades, veteran's funerals and ceremonial functions where our presence is requested.

Voice of Democracy Essay Program: VFW Post 8545 provides local high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in a democratic and patriotic-themed essay. Winners receive educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program.

VFW Monthly Members Meeting

Second Wednesday of the Month at 1900

223 Washington Street, Smithfield, VA 23430

Social Hour at 1800, dinner at 1830 before VFW Monthly members meeting and VFW Auxiliary monthly meeting commences at 1900.

Post Community Breakfast

Twice a Month

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Join us on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month for a Post Community Breakfast from 0700 to 1000 we will be serving a traditional country breakfast and enjoying one another's comradery.



Smithfield Flag Display

VFW Post 8545 proudly maintains the US flags displayed throughout the town of Smithfield.