

From: Scott Gloger Sr.
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Eddie Dandridge Sr
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Friends of the VFW...

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From: Johnathan Duncan <JDuncan@vfw.org>
Date: August 28, 2020 at 11:45:59 AM EDT
To: Derek Blumke <derek.blumke@vfwmi.vet>
Cc: "Scott Gloger, Commander MI" <miroadrunner52@yahoo.com>, Kevin Jones <KJones@vfw.org>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Friends of the VFW...

Derek,

There is only one membership in the VFW and that is active membership. Social or canteen memberships are prohibited and are in direct violation of the National Bylaws and Manual of Procedure pursuant to Sections 101 and 102 respectively. Social memberships also endanger the existence of the Post and its nonprofit status with the IRS and insurance liabilities.

We have men and women who have served their country and put themselves in harm's way, who earned the right to belong to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and today we have Posts that cheapen their membership by allowing non-members and non-veterans the same canteen privileges as one who has served their country. We have received an array of complaints from members on the influx of non-members who have been allowed in Posts and have been dictating how and who comes in the Post. These Social Members have been identified as causing issues of sexual as well as racial harassment which the VFW does not condone. It is up to your Department to assist and police this action so our members who served this country can feel comfortable in going into a Post that they earn the right to be in.

As always I remain available to field any additional questions you have.

Best,

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