

VFW Joins with Veteran-Founded ID.me to Simplify Members' Online Experience

Single username and password will streamline verification processes

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. —The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is pleased to announce it has teamed up with <u>ID.me</u> to provide its members with a more streamlined and secure online experience. The VFW is the first major veterans service organization to use ID.me as a single-sign on for its digital platforms.

VFW members can now sign up for an online account with ID.me, creating a single username and password to log in to the VFW Online Membership System, access VA benefits on <u>Vets.gov</u>, and gain immediate access to military discounts from 200+ retailers.

A single, unified login ensures members can easily access many of their online accounts without the burden of completing the login process at each website. Further, ID.me provides users with instant online verification of military service and proof of identification.

"Trying to remember the login information for several different online accounts is difficult, and further, verifying your identity online can be a cumbersome process," said VFW National Commander Keith Harman. "So we're glad to be able to provide our members with a simple solution."

ID.me was founded by Blake Hall, a third generation soldier, former Army Ranger and a member of VFW Post 15021 in Baltimore, Md.

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"I founded ID.me after observing a veteran display his DD-214 separation paperwork, which listed all of his sensitive personal information, just to prove his military service to an organization. I set out to simplify how individuals shared and proved their identity online," Hall explains. "We are excited to be teaming up with the VFW to continue to streamline the digital experience for veterans."

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About the **VFW**:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is the nation's largest and oldest major war veterans organization. Founded in 1899 and chartered by Congress in 1936, the VFW is comprised entirely of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces. With nearly 1.7 million VFW and Auxiliary members located in nearly 6,400 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 www.vfw.org.

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About ID.me:

<u>ID.me</u> is the next-generation digital identity platform that enables trusted and convenient interactions between individuals and organizations. Organizations partners use <u>ID.me</u> for affiliation verification, online identity proofing and authentication to ensure their platforms and users are protected from fraud and identity theft. <u>ID.me</u> currently supports more than 200 partners, including federal and state agencies, healthcare organizations, financial institutions, nonprofits, and retailers. These partners rely on <u>ID.me</u> to protect exclusive benefits and services, streamline the onboarding process for new users, and stay ahead of the latest identity proofing innovations.

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