

### V. F. W. Outlines Aims and Policies Of Organization in Historical Sketch

**Editor's Note:** The national headquarters of Veterans of Foreign Wars has released the following resume of the organization's founding, and the ideals and principles for which it stands. Through the Birmingham branch, this interesting sketch has been offered to The Eccentric for publication.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is just what its name implies—an organization of men who, like true crusaders have followed the Stars and Stripes into foreign climes, and brought the patriotic faith of Washington and Lincoln to foreign tyrants and despots.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is a permanent organization. It will continue as long as it is necessary for American Citizens to defend the faith of their fathers against foreign aggression, and uphold these principles and ideals for which the heroes of '76 risked their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor in establishing the nation.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States resulted from the amalgamation of several societies formed immediately following the Spanish-American War in 1898. These little groups of veterans returned from campaigning in Cuba and the Philippine Islands, founded local societies upon that spirit of comradeship, known only to those who have faced the dangers of war side by side. Similar experiences and a common language drew them together.

The American Veterans of Foreign Service was chartered by the state of Ohio on October 10, 1899. The Colorado Society, Army of the Philippines, was organized in Denver, Colorado, December 12, 1899. Shortly thereafter a society known as Foreign Service Veterans was born in Pennsylvania. These organizations grew up side by side, increasing in scope and membership until 1913, when a convention held at Denver, merged their interest and identities in a National organization known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

This organization immediately took its place among other national societies of veterans. At the close of the World War, younger veterans returning from Europe joined by thousands. The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States immediately became the second largest men's organization in the country. It has posts in every State in the Union, in the Hawaiian Islands, the Philippine Islands, France and China. Every member is an American citizen who served in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps under actual campaign conditions.

**Mexican War 'Vets' Honored**  
The V. F. W. is an organization unique in its celebrity requirements. To join its ranks, a man must be able to produce an honorable discharge from the Army, Navy or Marine Corps, showing "Service honest and faithful" in time of war in the theater of operations. Those venerable men who served in the first Mexican War of 1846 and who survived

from that far distant day until just recently, are among those who are a pride of distinction on V. F. W. rosters.

Those who campaigned in Cuba with Kral Pynn as the Marshal who keeps law and order in a lawless community, Olivia de Havilland is the girl who tries to live in suppressing the Boxer uprising are included. Included also are those who sacrificed to hostile Moros in later campaigns, and who have brought peace and security to those afflicted with typhoid which rim the Caribbean Sea, and finally, the veterans of that mighty struggle, the World War, compose this unique organization.

Why do we limit our membership to those who have served in our country's foreign wars and campaigns? Other organizations composed of ex-service men represent but one war or campaign. Being so limited the members pass through an organization becomes but a memory.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, having within its ranks today men who have served their country through more than thirty years of American campaigning, is destined to live as long as this necessary for our country to defend its rights and maintain its integrity through force of arms. They are men who know what battle means. As members, they are believers in representative government and the young American manhood of this or future generations shall not be sacrificed needlessly, should an emergency arise.

**Varied Activities**  
While we limit our membership to those who have served in "service," we have never limited our activities. Throughout our existence since 1899, the Veterans of Foreign Wars has been ready to go to the front for legislation, either state or national, designed for the aid and benefit of soldiers, sailors and marines and their dependents, regardless of when or where they served.

In our membership requirements we really make no distinction. We merely recognize one that already exists. Our government has always recognized this distinction, as well as all other governments which have existed since civilized governments have been organized. All governments have recognized military service at the front by the award of some medal or other similar honor. Our country, by the conferring of a campaign badge and battle clasps for the Victory medal, has also recognized this distinction.

When the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States limits its membership to men who have served in actual military service by the government of the United States, it does not feel that it imposes anyone who is different from those organizations which accept into membership all who wore the uniform in some part of our war.

**Based on Comradeship**  
The basic principle of our order is comradeship—the kind of comradeship that existed between buddies at the front—practical and sympathetic and devoted to the welfare of each other and the cause that represents the common good for citizenship in general.

We maintain a National Americanization Committee, which functions to inculcate the doctrine of patriotism in the hearts, young and old, among native born and foreign alike. The committee has a director and staff, with offices located in New York City, and the work goes on throughout the year in schools, among the alien population and especially in communities throughout the country where there is a large foreign language element. It is the Americanization Committee of the Veterans of Foreign War, that first launched and then successfully promoted the movement to make the Star Spangled Banner the official national anthem of this nation to be so preserved and respected until the end of time.

We have built a National Home for widows and orphans of ex-service men at Easton, Michigan. The Home functions on a system of small "boarding units" and individual homes, designed primarily to preserve the family group and to keep mother and children together wherever possible. In such cases where an ex-service man is desirous to such an extent that he cannot support his family, arrangements can be made to care for and educate his children so that they may not lose the opportunity of becoming intelligent and useful citizens.

As our plans mature, this Home will become a community of young Americans, each one the child of a soldier, each one to go forth educated and trained in the life fully imbued with the ideals of American citizenship such as their fathers fought to defend and perpetuate.

**Four-Fold Program**  
To the country at large, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. pledges its efforts toward the preservation of American ideals and traditions, with a program designed to support every movement in behalf of higher standards of patriotism. To the prospective member who is eligible to join the ranks of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, we offer a four fold program. It embodies rehabilitation of the veteran through education and service unselfishly rendered; child welfare, with a practical method of providing for the widows and orphans of our deceased and totally disabled comrades; Americanism, based on a sane and practical foundation that encourages respect for the Constitution and its principles of equality and freedom, and a spirit of comradeship that is understood only among those who have survived the same dangers and made the same sacrifices on the altar of American patriotism.

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### NEW PICTURES

**"Dodge City"**  
A colorful western in Technicolor with Errol Flynn as the Marshal who keeps law and order in a lawless community. Olivia de Havilland is the girl who tries to live in suppressing the Boxer uprising are included. Included also are those who sacrificed to hostile Moros in later campaigns, and who have brought peace and security to those afflicted with typhoid which rim the Caribbean Sea, and finally, the veterans of that mighty struggle, the World War, compose this unique organization.

**"Broadway Serenade"**  
This is the story of a singing wife and a composing husband whose careers cause them to clash. Jeanette MacDonald has the part of the wife and she sings beautifully, of course. Lew Ayres is

**"House Master"**  
Based on Ian Hay's play, "Bartholomew Born," this picture is the

A French studio is trying to borrow Ish Miranda to play the lead in "Dance de L'Queen." Ramon Navarro is scheduled for the male lead.

**"Tree of Liberty"** is too long to be filmed as a regular picture, and will either be made as a trilogy to be booked at intervals of a month or as an afternoon and night picture.

RKO is reported to have bought the screen rights to Clarence Day's "Life With Father."

Will Fyfe, English actor, will do the leading character role in "Ruler of the Seas," a story of Britain's maritime domination. Fyfe ranks among the first ten box office stars in England.

MGM has announced that Grace Hayes, ex variety entertainer, has been signed by that studio as a successor to Marie Dressler. Miss Hayes is 29 years younger than his life.

Tyrone Power is glad to be through with empire saving for a while and likes his ordinary role in "Roses of Washington Square" very much. With Alice Faye he sings "The Curse of an Aching Heart."

David Niven was supposed to cry in "Withering Heights," also in "Dawn Patrol," but even with the aid of glycerine and menthol he couldn't manage it. He says he has never been able to cry in his life.

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