

# CHECKPOINT



## VFW Checkpoint – May/June 2022

Your latest installment of the Checkpoint newsletter has arrived!

Please take this opportunity to see what other Posts around the world are doing to better their communities. Be sure to share the valuable information you get here with your fellow VFW members. If you know someone who is not receiving Checkpoint, encourage them to email [magazine@vfw.org](mailto:magazine@vfw.org) and get signed up.

This issue of Checkpoint features VFW members in Port Sanilac, Mich., distributing the Buddy Poppy on behalf of VFW Post 8872. They raised thousands of dollars in donations. In Wyoming, one Post installed a “Free Little Pantry” for those who are food insecure. They did this with the help of the VFW Foundation. If you are a veteran and artist or know someone who is, you will want to read all about the Austin Veterans Art Festival. Organizers are looking for artists for this year’s event. Read this and more in your Checkpoint.

Be sure to let us know what you are doing in your community. We always are looking to promote the great efforts of VFW. Email [jdyhouse@vfw.org](mailto:jdyhouse@vfw.org) your suggestion, and you just might see it in an upcoming issue of Checkpoint.



### Buddy Poppy Distribution Raises ‘Thousands’

Members of VFW Post 8872 in Port Sanilac, Mich., conducted a successful Buddy Poppy distribution earlier in May. [Organizers say the thousands of dollars in donations raised during the Poppy drive will be used for the Post’s Relief Fund.](#)



### Austin Veterans Art Festival Seeks Artists

A member of VFW Post 856 in Austin, Texas, Glenn Towery is the founder of the Austin Veterans Art Festival. He is seeking artists to take part in this year’s festival scheduled for Oct. 12-Nov. 12. [Towery said the festival showcases the healing power of art.](#)

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### 'It Made Me Want to Do More'

Vets needing a hand up in Dillon, S.C., got just that when VFW members delivered groceries to them. [VFW Post 6091 worked with a community organization to help feed insecure vets.](#)



### Letters from the Wall Featured in Theater Production

In Chiang Mai, Thailand, VFW Post 12074 is sponsoring an upcoming theatrical production of "Shrapnel in the Heart" at the Gate Theater. [The play, which features the acting prowess of Post 12074 Quartermaster Roy Mark, tells the stories of some of the letters left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.](#)



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### More than 12,000 Pounds of Food

Members of VFW Post 11453 in Cheyenne, Wyo., joined with the community to collect more than 12,000 pounds for those who are food insecure. [The Post also received a grant from the VFW Foundation, which helped to build a Little Free Pantry where those in need can get food when the city's actual food pantry is closed.](#)



## VFW, Walgreens Partner for Donation Program

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