

## Veteran's 2025 Grant Application

PROGRAM DEADLINE : May 01, 2025 at 11:59 PM(Midnight) - CLOSED

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### Organization Information

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<b>Legal Name of Organization</b>	Growlersburg VFW POST 9241
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<b>Mailing Address- Street number and name OR PO Box</b>
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VFW Post 9241 PO BOX 649

<b>City</b>	Georgetown, CA
<b>State</b>	CA
<b>Zip Code</b>	95634
<b>Phone Number</b>	510-269-3818
<b>Organization Website Address, if applicable</b>	<a href="https://sites.google.com/view/vfwpost9241/home">https://sites.google.com/view/vfwpost9241/home</a>
<b>Executive Director/ CEO/ President</b>	Tracy Wilson, Commander
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<b>Please provide names and titles of your primary officers or directors (i.e. board president, vice president, chairperson, secretary, treasurer, etc.)</b>	

Quartermaster Chas Wilson-House and History Committee  
Commander Tracy Wilson -House and History Committees  
Sr Vice Ken Welch  
Jr Vice Steve Walton-Park Committee  
1ST Year Trustee CP Johnstone -House Committee  
2nd Year Trustee Greg Carthew (Grumpy)  
3rd Year Trustee Jacque (Jac) London -House Committee

<b>Year Incorporated</b>	75 Years
<b>Number of paid staff</b>	0.00
<b>Number of volunteers</b>	15.00
<b>Mission Statement</b>	

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) mission is to "honor the dead by helping the living". This is achieved through a multi-pronged approach: fostering camaraderie among veterans, serving veterans, military personnel, and communities, and advocating for the rights of all veterans.

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**Attach your organization's logo.**

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**Fiscal Agent's confirmation letter- this is only needed if the community based organization that is applying is using a fiscal agent (because they are not their own nonprofit). Fiscal agent must write a letter stating that they are taking fiscal responsibility of the grant funds on the community-based organization's behalf if they are granted funds. Fiscal agents will keep specific program related funds restricted/accounting separate for this particular project request.**

**Fiscal agent letter must be dated within 90 days of the grant submittal.**

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### **Is Your Non-Profit in Good Standing?**

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**EIN or TIN**

23-7129997

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**Attach the IRS Determination letter that contains your organization's Employer Identification Number AND verifies that your organization has been given 501c3 status.**

e-Postcard Filing Confirmation sept 2024 (1).pdf

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**Click on this link for the IRS database to find your organization. Please take a screenshot of the page that shows your organization name and the IRS filings for the past year(s). This page should show that your organization has filed its 990, 990EZ or 990N in the past three years at least once.**

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**Visit the CA Secretary of State website and search for your organization. Take a screenshot of that page that shows your organization is active and up-to-date with your statement of information.**

**If your entity is registered in a state other than California, please provide a screenshot of your state's registration entity proving your active and up-to-date status. Also, your organization should be registered in CA if you are doing business in CA (like applying for these funds:)).**

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**Lastly, visit the CA Department of Justice website to verify your organization's registration. Search for your organization , and take a screenshot of the page that shows your organization name, and that its registration with the Department of Justice is CURRENT. Upload this screenshot here.**

**All organizations that "do business in California" are required to file annually with the CA DOJ.**

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**Grant Title: please create a title that describes what your grant is requesting**

VFW Historic Preservation, Memorial Walk

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**Grant Request SUMMARY: In 300 words or less please provide a summary that describes the program/project that your organization is requesting funds for.**

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The VFW was established on April 12, 1947 after WWII veterans returned to the Divide. The main VFW Hall and Canteen are located on Main Street in historic Georgetown, CA. The VFW is working with several local programs including the VFW Auxiliary, Mental Health on the Divide, the Georgetown Divide Rotary Club, KFOK Radio, The Georgetown Preservation Society, and the Native Sons of the Golden West to elevate the historic contributions of the VFW Hall. The entryway of the VFW Hall is intended to serve as a historic walk and memorial to Veterans, a Memorial Walk. The VFW Park houses a small connex box filled with historic items to be placed along the entry wall including original uniforms from local veterans who served in each of the major combat conflicts. The VFW Post members and the veteran community would like to create a series of large scale shadow boxes which are traditionally used to display memorabilia. The boxes would be used to house and preserve military resources that help tell the story of important military operations and the contributions of our veterans. This serves two functions: it helps install a sense of pride and informs the community about the contributions of service members in their community.

<b>Grant Amount Requested</b>	\$ 15000
<b>Geographic Area Served by this Grant</b>	Georgetown, 95634
<b>What is the need that your project/program that you are requesting funds for supports?</b>	

The Growlersburg Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) building holds significant historic value as a physical representation of veterans and an honor to their service and commitment to the United States of America. The VFW is on Main Street in Georgetown in a historic building. The Hall is a community hub where VFW members continue their commitment to service and support a variety of community projects annually: Monthly food bank, Holiday dinners, Santa Program including stuffing over 200 stockings that are delivered annually to low income children, music program, youth development including movie nights and collaborate with our organizations to celebrate the historic value of Georgetown.

Sadly, the VFW Hall currently has no memorabilia displays on the wall to commemorate or to inform the community of the many and varied contributions of veterans. This project will help elevate the pride of our veterans and instill in our community a collective conscience of our veteran contributions. Members of KFOK Radio and the Georgetown Preservation Society have committed to creating an audio history to accompany each shadow box. The project will also serve as a historic landmark to encourage tourists to visit Georgetown for its historic value.

<b>Please provide information (DATA) demonstrating the need exists for VETERANS in El Dorado County.</b>
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The VFW Post meeting Hall has no historic memorabilia. Georgetown is a historic town. There are over 400 square feet of space available to house shadow boxes to make the VFW a local destination with historic value. There is a connex box filled with donated memorabilia from local families currently not displayed. A key mission of the VFW is to install a sense of pride and communion amongst veterans and within the community.

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**How will this program/project in this grant request address the need described above?**

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This grant will enable the VFW and a broad array of community members to build a Memorial Walkway in the VFW Hall. The VFW was established in 1947 in part to honor local veterans and preserve their legacy. Plans for a Memorial Walk at the hall's entryway include displays of historic uniforms and memorabilia in large shadow boxes, showcasing the stories of local veterans and those who served in each of the major conflicts. This effort aims to instill pride and educate the community on the lasting contributions of those who served.

There is a committed group of VFW Post members who have identified this a critical project and have formed a Historic Preservation Committee. The Georgetown Preservation Society has identified the value and need for this project and have volunteered support. The VFW Auxiliary has committed support and has dedicated volunteers to support this project. Members of the Chamber of Commerce have expressed their full commitment and have volunteered to support this project. Rotary members have volunteered to support this project. KFOK Radio members have volunteered to support this project.

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**How is your organization suited to meet this need?  
Please describe how organization's mission aligns with the need and the program/project that funding is being requested for.**

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California has identified the following mission of the VFW. The purpose of the VFW shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational: to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead; and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies."

The Georgetown VFW Post stands as a symbol of patriotism, brotherhood, and historical preservation. Located in historic Georgetown, CA, the Post actively partners with local organizations—including the VFW Auxiliary, Georgetown Divide Rotary Club, KFOK Radio, and the Georgetown Preservation Society—to honor the service and sacrifice of veterans.

Aligned with the VFW's mission to perpetuate the memory of the fallen and those who have served, foster true patriotism, and educate the public, the Post is developing a Memorial Walk at its Hall entrance. This historic pathway will feature military artifacts, including original uniforms from local veterans, and large shadow boxes showcasing significant military contributions. Through these displays, the VFW seeks to preserve history, inspire community pride, and educate future generations about the enduring values of service, sacrifice, and American freedom.

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**What is the grant timeline and major milestones of this project?**

**Please remember, if your grant is approved, funding must be spent within a year.**

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JUNE 2025 - AUGUST 2025:

- Inventory current memorabilia in storage
- Visit VFW POSTs who have completed similar projects
- Finalize the plans for the shadow boxes
- Gather formal quotes

SEPTEMBER 2025 - NOVEMBER:

- Procure shadow boxes
- Complete the historic displays
- Create the scripts
- Record the audio stories for each of the major conflict
- Install the Historic Displays
- Develop a promotional campaign
- Plan and host a ribbon ceremony for Veteran's day, November 11

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**What are the measurable objectives of the project/program that you are requesting grant funds for?**

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- Install shadow boxes with military memorabilia and audio recordings.
- Improve VFW member pride, survey
- Improve community member understanding of the contributions of veterans and the military, survey
- Improve community and veteran patrons of the Hall, participation numbers

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**How will the objectives be measured?**

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Project completion.

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Improve community and veteran patrons of the Hall, participation numbers

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**What is the number of un-duplicated veterans to be served if this grant is funded?** 200

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**What percentage of your total clientele are veterans?** 100

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**How will you confirm/show proof of a veteran's status? Please be very specific...this data may be asked for in the final report**

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We will create a sign in book for the VFW Historic Walk to document veteran service and status.

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**What is the anticipated impact of the project?**

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The Growlersburg VFW Post, a longstanding symbol of patriotism, camaraderie, and historical preservation, is undertaking a meaningful project to create a Memorial Walk at the Hall's entrance. This initiative is part of a broader effort to honor veterans, educate the public, and build a stronger sense of community. In partnership with local organizations—including the VFW Auxiliary, Georgetown Divide Rotary Club, KFOK Radio, and the Georgetown Preservation Society—the Post will curate historic military artifacts, including original uniforms and large shadow boxes that tell the stories of local veterans and major military events.

Upon completion, this project is expected to produce measurable and lasting benefits for both veterans and the broader community:

VFW members will see their service and the legacy of their comrades preserved with honor, improving morale and strengthening fraternal bonds. This will be measured through member feedback and post-project surveys.

The displays will provide a powerful educational experience, deepening the community's understanding of the sacrifices made by veterans and the importance of military service. Community surveys will assess the increase in awareness and appreciation

By transforming the Hall into a space of public education and remembrance, the project will draw more visitors, including students, families, and local patrons. Participation numbers and event attendance will be tracked to measure increased engagement. This Memorial Walk is more than a physical project—it is a tribute to the past, a source of pride in the present,

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**How will you measure the impact of this project/program?**

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Measurable Outcomes of the Memorial Walk Project:

Increased Veteran Engagement and Pride

Metric: Pre- and post-project surveys of VFW members

Target Outcome: 75% of members report increased pride and satisfaction with the Post

Improved Public Awareness of Veteran Contributions

Metric: Community surveys before and after project implementation

Target Outcome: 60% increase in respondents demonstrating awareness of local veteran history and military service significance

Higher Community Participation at the VFW Hall

Metric: Visitor logs, event attendance, and program participation

Target Outcome: 30% increase in Hall attendance and community engagement within one year of project completion

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**Is the project/program you are requesting funds for an ongoing program or project? If so, please describe how funding will be found to continue the project upon completion of this grant cycle.**

**What determines if your program/project continues on in regards to impact?**

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This is a one time project. The VFW will maintain it in the future.

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### **Grant Budget**

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#### **Grant Program Revenue**

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<b>Veteran's Grant Amount Requesting</b>	<b>\$ 12000</b>
<b>Other Contributions</b>	
<b>Fundraising revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3000</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 15000</b>

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#### **Grant Program Expenditures**

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<b>Staff salaries, wages and benefits</b>	<b>\$ 1500</b>
<b>Occupancy and utilities</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Supplies, materials and printing</b>	<b>\$ 13000</b>
<b>Travel and meetings</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
<b>Marketing and advertising</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Staff and volunteer training</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Contract services</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 15000</b>

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### **Budget Narrative**

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The majority fo the budget will be for the material supplies. A small amount is reserved for professional services to write the historic narratives, conduct interviews and complete audio recordings. There is a small budget allocated to rent a van/bus to transport members of the VFW Historic Preservation Committee to visit VFWs who have completed similar projects of significance.

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### **Submit Grant Application**

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### **Signature and Affirmation**

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**By entering your full name below,  
you certify that all information is  
true and correct to the best of your  
knowledge.**

Tracy Nicole Wilson

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## Confirmation

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Your Form 990-N(e-Postcard) has been submitted to the IRS

- **Organization Name:** VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
- **EIN:** 237129997
- **Tax Year:** 2023
- **Tax Year Start Date:** 07-01-2023
- **Tax Year End Date:** 06-30-2024
- **Submission ID:** 10065520242698162217
- **Filing Status Date:** 09-25-2024
- **Filing Status:** Accepted

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**MANAGE FORM 990-N SUBMISSIONS**



# Secretary of State

## Certificate of Status

I, SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D., California Secretary of State, hereby certify:

**Entity Name:** GROWLERSBURG, POST NO. 9241, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
**Entity No.:** 0247221  
**Registration Date:** 07/28/1950  
**Entity Type:** Nonprofit Corporation - CA - Mutual Benefit  
**Formed In:** CALIFORNIA  
**Status:** Active

The above referenced entity is active on the Secretary of State's records and is authorized to exercise all its powers, rights and privileges in California.

This certificate relates to the status of the entity on the Secretary of State's records as of the date of this certificate and does not reflect documents that are pending review or other events that may impact status.

No information is available from this office regarding the financial condition, status of licenses, if any, business activities or practices of the entity.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this day of December 02, 2024.

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.  
Secretary of State

**Certificate No.:** 271136420

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