

# **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) DAY PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States (U.S.) was founded in 1899 by a small group of veterans who returned from campaigns in Cuba and the Philippines, banding together to create a veterans' organization that would advocate on behalf of all veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, the VFW is a nonprofit veterans' service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from active duty, National Guard, and reserve forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the VFW's mission is to foster camaraderie among U.S. veterans of overseas conflicts, serve our veterans, the military and our communities, and advocate on behalf of all veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, the VFW has been instrumental in the establishment of the Veterans Administration, the national cemetery system, and the creation of every national veteran's memorial; and

**WHEREAS**, the VFW has played a vital role in virtually every significant piece of veterans' legislation passed in the 20th and 21st centuries to include the Honoring Our PACT Act, the most consequential expansion of veterans benefits in history; and

**WHEREAS**, VFW Posts and members continue to play an important role in supporting charitable endeavors in their local communities, as well as fighting for veteran legislation at the state level; and

**WHEREAS**, the VFW's 125th anniversary is being observed on September 29, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the VFW has 115 Posts in Oregon and over 5,900 VFW Posts nationally with nearly 1.9 million members, including auxiliaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Monroe wishes to honor the veterans residing in our community by supporting them and working with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3957 in Monroe, Oregon; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Monroe City Council, do hereby proclaim and recognize the date of Sunday, September 29, 2024 as ...

## **VFW DAY**

... in the City of Monroe and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens and community members.



DATED this 23rd day of September, 2024.

  
Dan Sheets, Mayor