

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS  
**PROCLAMATION**

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE  
UNITED STATES 125 ANNIVERSARY  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

- WHEREAS,** the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) was founded in 1899 by a small group of veterans whom returned from campaigns on Cuba and in the Philippines and banded 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 the active, Guard and Reserve forces; and
- WHEREAS,** the VFW's mission is to foster camaraderie among United States Veterans overseas conflicts, to serve our veterans, the military and our communities, and to 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 Veterans' 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 significant expansions of veterans benefits in history; and
- WHEREAS,** the VFW's 125th anniversary is being observed on September 29, 2024, this date shall officially be known as VFW Day; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I,** Scott Wehrli, Mayor of City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim in recognition of the 125th anniversary, **September 29 as VFW Day** in honor of the VFW's invaluable contributions to the veteran community in Naperville and around the world. We hereby stand with the VFW to ensure veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have Hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the City of Naperville, this 17th day of September, 2024.



Scott Wehrli, Mayor

