

The meaning of the VFW seal:



As we look upon our emblem, we should be reminded that every detail has definite meaning. We see the eight-pointed Maltese Cross, a centuries old symbol united by comrades bound by a solemn pledge. Crusaders adopted this symbol as to represent the eight Beatitudes:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn; for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful: for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they will see God.

Blessed are the Peacemakers: for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Upon the Cross is superimposed the Great Seal of the United States, encircled by the name, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Within the circle is the American eagle, the emblem of a proud nation whose warriors of many generations have fought and sacrificed to preserve the free man's way of living. Between the four arms of the Cross, the Veterans of Foreign Wars has added the sun's rays to emphasize the vigor and warmth with which the present-day brotherhood is pledged to defend the nation and extend its mercy. The Cross, the rays and the seal together symbolize the vows, purpose and character of men and women who have traveled far from home to defend humanity. Our organization is made of members from different wars, different walks of life, from different backgrounds. Each person has their own motivation as to what drives them to be a part of the VFW and support our mission. Yet, each member holds one truth in common with each other, we are all a part of something that we believe in.