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VFW Department of Rhode Island Statement on Sarah J. Cavanaugh

PROVIDENCE, RI (February 4, 2022) – The allegations of fraud and stolen valor made against former North Kingstown Memorial VFW Post 152 Commander Sarah J. Cavanaugh are serious and are being investigated fully. Regardless of how egregious these alleged actions may be, they are not representative of the other members of VFW Post 152 or the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Rhode Island. The men and women of our organization are proud of our service and remain committed to performing the mission of serving the veterans, military families and our communities in the great state of Rhode Island.

Please direct all press inquiries to our State Adjutant Matthew B. McCoy at cell (401) 447-0984 or adj@vfwri.org.

About the VFW: The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is the nation’s largest and oldest major war veterans’ organization. Founded in 1899, the congressionally chartered VFW is comprised entirely of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, Guard and Reserve forces. With more than 1.5 million VFW and Auxiliary members located in over 6,000 Posts worldwide, the nonprofit veteran service organization is proud to proclaim “NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS” than the VFW, which is dedicated to veterans’ service, legislative advocacy, and military and community service programs. For more information, or to join, visit our website at vfw.org.

About the Department of Rhode Island: The Rhode Island Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States was chartered on November 30, 1920, and has been serving veterans, military families, and the community within Rhode Island for over 100 years. The Department consists of over 2,400 VFW and Auxiliary members located in 24 Posts throughout Rhode Island. The Department is led by State Commander Dora T. Vasquez-Hellner who was elected to office at the State Convention in June 2021.

About Post 152: The North Kingstown Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 152 was chartered on May 18, 1971, and has been continually serving veterans, military families, and the community of North Kingstown, Rhode Island. The Post currently consists of 88 members, including 56 Life members. The Post is a three-time All-American Post and winner of three consecutive VFW Community Service Awards. David A. Ainslie has assumed command of VFW Post 152. The Post membership remains committed to serving the citizens of North Kingstown.


Dora Vasquez-Hellner
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