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VFW Department of Rhode Island Statement on Sarah J. Cavanaugh

PROVIDENCE, RI (March 14, 2022) – The Rhode Island Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States takes fraud and the matter of stolen valor seriously and reiterates that the alleged actions of Sarah J. Cavanaugh are not a reflection on our veteran service organization as a whole or the combat veterans who make up its membership. The members of the Rhode Island Department and its twenty-four (24) Posts in Rhode Island remain committed to the organization's mission and to serving all veterans, military families, and members of the communities in which we live.

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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.

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