

# 2020 Convention Membership Report

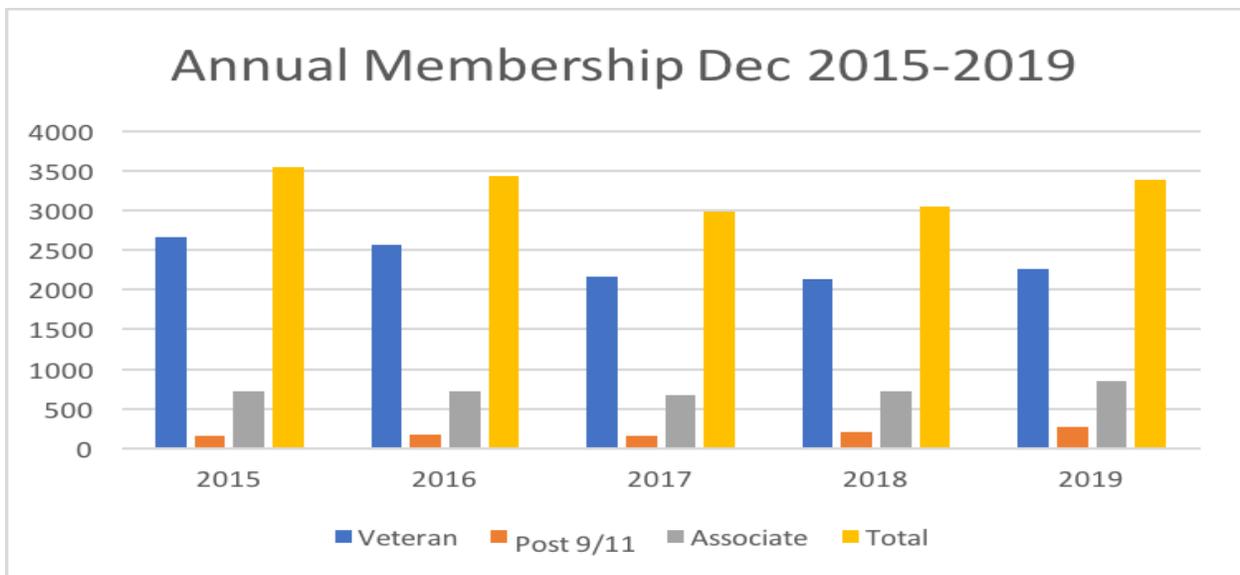
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## VFP Membership

Unlike many modern organizations, VFP determines membership numbers by totaling due-paying members. Most current organizations are shadows of true membership organizations and they do not require dues or verification of veteran status. Many consider anyone who has taken action, signed up for updates or donated to be a member. For that reason, VFP will never compete with numbers of members, but always will stand proud that our members are invested and active in moving our mission forward.

## VFP Membership Trends

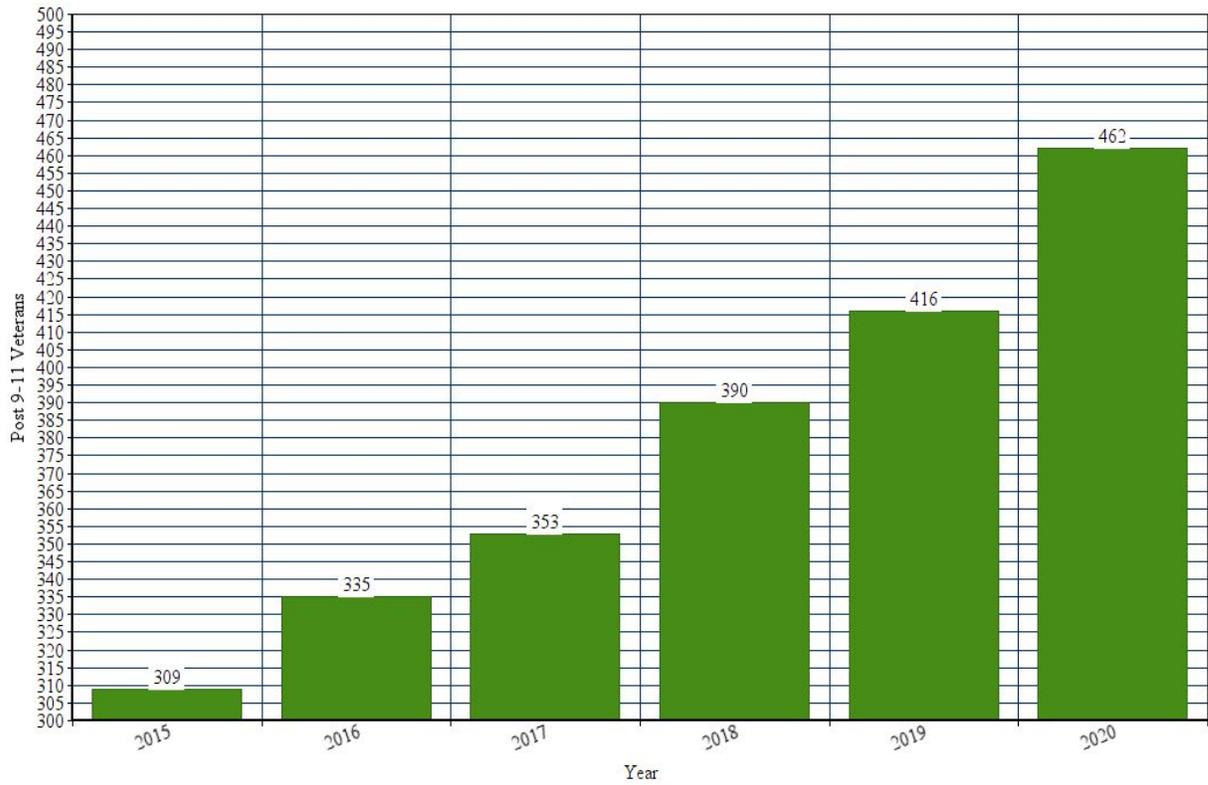
In recent years, from 2015 to 2019, VFP has seen a decline in membership from 3,544 members in 2015 to barely over 3,000 members at the end of 2018. That trend has started to reverse and at the end of 2019 VFP had 3,379 members.



## New Members

Likely due to the current events of COVID-19, racial justice uprising and the reactions from the White House and governors' use of military units domestically, there has been a spike in membership in recent months, to include many Post 9-11 veteran members. In June alone, we had over 100 new members join, and an equal number of veterans from recent conflicts. Many local chapters and members are active at this time and the national office is doing what we can to maintain the tempo and help educate our activists.

Post 9-11 Veterans

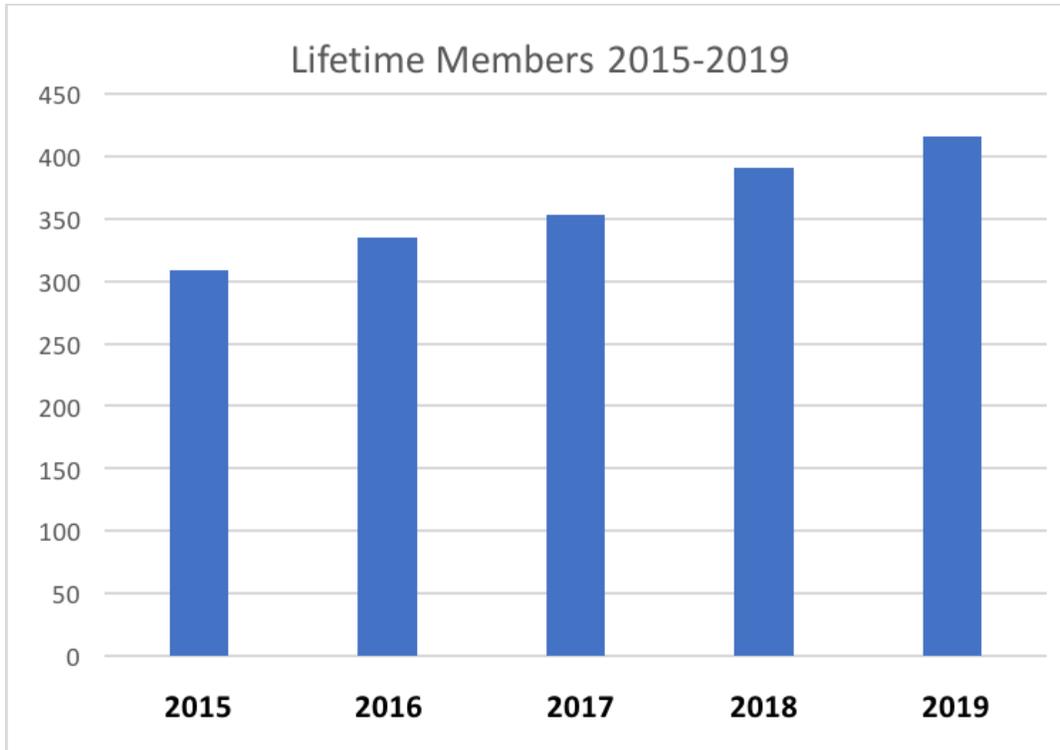


2020 NEW Members

New Members	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Active Duty	9	0	4	3	1	6
Associate Member	16	6	5	5	7	16
Post 9-11	35	7	2	5	11	40
Veteran Member	23	15	11	2	12	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>102</b>
Lifetime Members	4	0	0	1	7	8

### Lifetime Members

VFP gains about 20-30 lifetime members on average each year. We ended 2019 with 416 total lifetime members, gaining 26 throughout the year. In the first half of 2020 we have already acquired 20 new lifetime members.



Chapter Update

Due to the inactivity and unwillingness for local chapter members to step up into leadership and chapter contact roles we have seen new members join in areas and unable to make connections with their regions' chapter members. After attempts to revitalize and inspire new leaders to take on the chapter duties, it was decided to remove a number of chapter listings.

If these removed chapters are reinvigorated they can reestablish with the same chapter number previously held without additional process.

Members of those chapters that are still current are now considered independent members without chapters.

113 current VFP Chapters

5 chapters in formation

- 983 - Colorado Springs, CO
- 984 - Chico, CA
- 985 - New Orleans, LA
- 986 - Birmingham, AL
- 980 - Australia

8 international chapters

- 160 - Hoa Binh Vietnam Chapter
- 176 - Tijuana Mexico
- 182 - Baja Mexico
- 1001 - VFP United Kingdom
- 1002 - VFP Ireland
- 1003 - Ryukyu Okinawa
- 1004 - Japan
- 1005 - Spain

### Independent Members

We have transitioned from identifying '*at-large members*' to '*independent members*'. We see a potential to organize members who are outside the geographic boundaries of chapters or who wish not to work with their local chapter members. Additional effort will be placed on independent member calls and the office is already sending out separate independent contact email blasts. Many VFP members are independent members without a chapter.

1159 independent members

- 514 current
- 645 lapsed

### Membership Projections

If VFP is to continue existence beyond the next few decades it will require building a membership of younger veterans. Most post 9-11 veterans who align with VFP's mission want an organization that is equitable and accountable. They want to see professionalism and respect in their organizing spaces. Creating a culture that attracts new young members building their interest in staying requires a dedication in the code-of-conduct, as much as it does our statement-of-purpose.