

## Department of Pennsylvania

### Veterans of Foreign Wars



Program Launch: 2025–2026 | Community Gaming & Wellness Initiative

#### ₩ BUILD CONNECTION. RESTORE PURPOSE. PLAY WITH IMPACT.

Combat Tested Gaming is a global veteran-focused program and community designed to bring service members together through shared interests and hobby in gaming—both digital and in-person. From online co-op games and tabletop adventures to classic pub games like darts and cornhole, this initiative is more than fun—it's a pathway to healing, camaraderie, and personal growth. Game and connect from the comfort of your home or attend an event at a VFW near you. Get Connected, Stay Connected

## **✓ WHY GAMING**

- **Built on Camaraderie:** Games naturally mirror military values—teamwork, strategy, communication. They provide structure with purpose, while encouraging connection.
- Accessible & Inclusive: Whether you're behind a controller at home or throwing darts in your local post, gaming is a pressure-free way to engage socially, especially for veterans navigating post-service life.
- **Mental Wellness in Motion:** Gaming reduces stress, strengthens trust, and combats isolation. It supports emotional resilience in a format that's comfortable and familiar.
- **Growth-Oriented Play:** This isn't just downtime—it's development. Participants can explore digital literacy, content creation, leadership roles, or even future careers in gaming and tech.

## **©** PROGRAM MISSION

To help veterans get connected through gaming and mutual hobby by providing a wide range of resources and dynamic inclusive spaces for veterans to gather, game, and grow. This space may support:

- **@** Darts, Pool, & Cornhole Leagues
- Workshops & Career Skill Building
- Community Events & Peer Support

#### **❸ OUR PURPOSE**

To create a welcoming and inclusive environment where veterans can reconnect with one another—and themselves—through recreation, collaboration, and community.

# **☆** OUR VISION

To become a model for veteran-centered community engagement, where **gaming meets growth** and **play leads to purpose**. We believe in transforming screen time into healing time—and casual games into powerful connection points.

## **P** JOIN THE MISSION

Get involved as a member, volunteer, or sponsor, by contacting:

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