

Be Doers

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The Bible tells us to be doers of the word, and not hearers only; that if we are hearers only, we are deceiving ourselves as Christians. (James 1:22)

Those same words of wisdom can relate to us as veterans. Many times, we will walk into a grocery store or restaurant and see a person wearing a baseball cap, a tee shirt, or a jacket which indicates he or she is a veteran. That person is actively serving or has served. Does our commitment to serve end when we take our uniform off for the last time?

“Thank you for your service” is a phrase we may hear when we obtain a veteran’s discount or when a person sees our apparel. I really enjoyed my military service days. My time in the military helped me grow as a person. I still put into place many of the lessons I learned while serving. Military service gives us useful skills. More than that, it helps us develop character.

The book of James goes on to say that when we are not a doer, we are like a man that observes his natural face in a mirror, he goes away, and then immediately forgets what kind of man he looks like.

As veterans, let’s not forget what service is about. Our job may have changed and the people surrounding us are different. A service definition I came across says that service is an intangible act, performance, or helpful activity provided by one party to another. It involves labor, skill, or expertise aimed at benefiting the recipient. Services offered can be repair work, professional advice, or providing transportation. All those things can still be of use in our local VFW post.

Active military service may be behind you. Remember though, when you wear military apparel, you can still be a doer. If you’ve been on the fence about benefitting your local post, “Forward March!” Get involved today!