









Current Stock of Rank Bars for the VFW Membership Badge

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The practice of using bars that resembled US Army officer shoulder straps as a symbol of office was common to Veterans organizations that arose after the Civil War and into the late 1930's. The Veterans of Foreign Wars used rank bars in one form or another until 2019 when the VFW Store stopped selling them. The rank bars pictured here are from the 1929 Bylaws. In 1935, the bylaws were changed and called for Officer Titles to be used instead of rank and the only color used was blue. However, the tradition of using this style rank bar in the VFW continued well into the early 1940's.