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Afghan Female Tactical Platoon Event: The VFW Washington Office hosted members of the Afghan Female Tactical Platoon, lawmakers, and fellow veterans groups to discuss the critical need for the passage of the *Afghan Adjustment Act*. This legislation would ensure a path to lawful permanent residence for those who assisted decades-long U.S. operations in Afghanistan, which aligns with the VFW resolution on this issue that was overwhelmingly passed by our membership at convention. VFW National Legislative Service Associate Director Brittany Dymond spoke at the event about the importance of honoring our allies. She stated, “The Veterans of Foreign Wars is an organization comprised of veterans who were deployed overseas to different countries. In order to accomplish our missions, we often had to rely on our allies who stood shoulder to shoulder with us in harm’s way.” [Read more.](#)



VFW Leadership in Europe: VFW National Commander Duane Sarmiento, Senior Vice Commander Al Lipphardt and Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci arrived in Belgium for the first stop on their two-country mission that also includes Germany. The delegation visited NATO’s Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) and Chièvres Air Base in Brussels before traveling to Germany. [Read more.](#)



VFW Brings Claims Services to Korea: VFW National Veterans Service (NVS) provided critical information to major commands and transitioning service members alike. NVS Director Mike Figlioli, Deputy Director Gregg Orto, and Field Operations Assistant Director Cindy Noel paid visits to U.S. Forces Korea, Eighth U.S. Army at Camp Humphreys, and Seventh Air Force and 51st Fighter Wing at Osan Air Base. At each location, they met with the local command groups and gave briefings to service members about the VA claims process and free benefits claims assistance services. Following Korea, the NVS team headed to military commands in Hawaii. [See the post.](#)



VA Expands Maternity Care Coordination: As of Oct. 1, 2023, veterans will have access to maternity care coordinators from the beginning of pregnancy to 12 months postpartum. This is an expansion from the previous end date of eight weeks postpartum. These coordinators help veterans navigate health care inside and outside of VA, connect them with care after delivery, and ensure access to follow-up screenings. [Learn more.](#)



MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced three burial updates for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II and the Korean War. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

--**Army Pvt. 1st Class Charles A. Dickman, 17**, of Cashton, Wisconsin, was a member of Mike Company, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He went missing in action on July 12, 1950. The Army issued a presumptive finding of death on Dec. 13, 1953. He will be buried in his hometown on Oct. 21, 2023. [Read about Dickman.](#)

--**Navy Seaman 2nd Class Stanley C. Galaszewski, 29**, of Steubenville, Ohio, was assigned to the battleship USS California, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941, resulting in the death of 104 crewmen including Galaszewski. He will be buried in his hometown on Nov. 3, 2023. [Read about Galaszewski.](#)

--**Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Gilbert H. Myers, 27**, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was assigned to the 381st Bombardment Squadron, 310th Bombardment Group.

He went missing in action on July 10, 1943. He will be buried in St. Petersburg, Florida, on Nov. 10, 2023.

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