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VFW Speaks at GWOT Memorial Press

Conference: VFW National Veterans Service Director Ryan Gallucci spoke at a press conference on [S. 535](#), the *Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Memorial Location Act*. This bill would allow the GWOT Memorial, approved by Congress in 2017, to be constructed on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. “A Global War on Terrorism memorial belongs on the mall, where all current and future service members, veterans, families, survivors, and all Americans can come to honor and remember those who volunteered to serve in our country’s longest war,” said Gallucci. [Read more.](#)



Veterans Day Events: This year, events to commemorate Veterans Day will be in person and virtual. A Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial Commemoration Public Flower Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 9, and Wednesday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST. [Learn more](#) about attendance requirements. On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, at 9 a.m., the public is invited to [watch or attend](#) the full honors procession, joint service flyover, and laying of the wreath at Arlington National Cemetery. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund will host a commemoration ceremony at The Wall on Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. [Read more](#) for ticket information.



Veterans Day Discounts and Freebies: As a display of gratitude and appreciation, community partners have joined together for Veterans Day, Nov. 11, to honor service members, veterans, and their families for their sacrifice and dedication to our nation. Participating [Sport Clips locations](#) will be offering free haircuts to active duty service members and veterans. Read about other [Veterans Day discounts](#) being offered for a variety of restaurants, retailers, and services.



TRICARE Open Season Begins Today: TRICARE Open Season will run from Nov. 8 to Dec. 13, 2021. This is your chance to enroll or change your health care plan for the next year. If you are satisfied with your current plan then your coverage will continue automatically for 2022, as long as you remain eligible. It is important to note that new retirees have only one year to enroll for TRICARE Prime. Enrollment in TRICARE Prime or Select is not automatic for retirees. [Learn more.](#)



VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" Closing Soon: Scholarship applications for the spring 2022 semester are being accepted through Nov. 15. Veterans can face many challenges while furthering their education, and even more so during the COVID-19 pandemic. Let Sport Clips and the VFW help you succeed in reaching your education goals. This scholarship can help ease the financial burden by providing up to \$5,000 of assistance per semester, per family, for service members and veterans in the rank of E-5 and below. [Apply now.](#)



Flu Season is Here: VA has expanded flu vaccine availability to more than 70,000 in-network community providers. Eligible veterans can now receive at no cost a standard, high dose, or preservative-free flu shot at their local VA health care facility, in-network community retail pharmacy, or an urgent care location without prior authorization. If you are eligible, you need to present a valid, government-issued ID at a covered location. [Learn more](#) about eligibility and location options.



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

-- **Army Pvt. Stephen C. Mason**, of Jersey City, New Jersey, was assigned to Headquarters Company, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Infantry Division. He was reported killed in action while trying to destroy an enemy machine-gun position near Beek, Netherlands, on Nov. 3, 1944. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. He was buried in North Arlington, New Jersey on Nov. 3, 2021. [Read about Mason.](#)

-- **Marine Corps Cpl. Andrew Pellerito, 22**, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was assigned to Company K, 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, which landed against a stiff Japanese resistance on the small island of Betio in an attempt to secure the island. Over several days of intense fighting at Tarawa, approximately 1,000 Marines and sailors were killed and more than 2,000 were wounded, while the Japanese were virtually annihilated. Pellerito was reported killed on the first day of the battle, Nov. 20, 1943. He will be buried on Nov. 30, 2021, in Augusta, Michigan. [Read about Pellerito.](#)

-- **Marine Pfc. Walter L. Collier, 20**, of Burbank, California, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Collier. He will be buried on Dec. 8, 2021, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu. [Read about Collier.](#)

-- **Army Pfc. Michaux Turbeville, 31**, of Dillon, South Carolina, was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 1, 1950, after a fighting withdrawal near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. The date has yet to be determined. [Read about Turbeville.](#)

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