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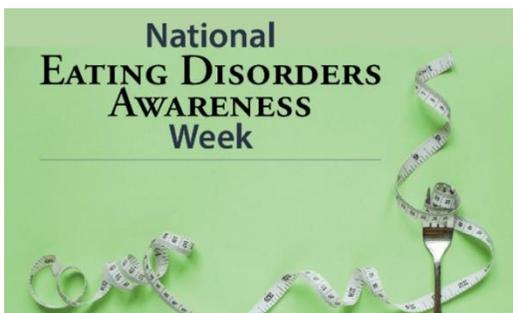
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**VA Proposes Disability Rating Changes:** VA has proposed changes to its Schedule for Rating Disabilities for auditory, respiratory, and mental health conditions. These changes would incorporate modern medical data and terminology, allowing veterans to receive disability ratings based on the most current information. Ratings of veterans who currently receive VA disability compensation will not be impacted as a result of these changes. The VFW will carefully review the proposed changes and will submit a public comment to the Federal Register. [Read more.](#)



**VFW Meets with Secretary of Education:** The VFW, alongside fellow veteran advocates, met with Department of Education Secretary Dr. Miguel Cardona to discuss education issues facing veterans, service members, and their families. The VFW expressed the need for transparent and accessible data about institutions to facilitate informed decision making. Secretary Cardona relayed his department's dedication to improving higher education accessibility and affordability, as well as improving collaboration with DOD and VA.



**National Eating Disorders Awareness Week:** This year's NED Awareness Week is scheduled for Feb. 21-27. It is an annual campaign to provide public awareness and support resources regarding eating disorders. Anorexia, bulimia, and binge eating are examples of eating disorders that can be severe and life-threatening. According to a VA study, both men and women veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan are three times more likely to have bulimia than their civilian counterparts. Many veterans' eating disorders stem from maintaining

military body composition standards and experiencing trauma such as MST or PTSD. Several options for eating disorder treatment are available at VA, including individual and group therapy, medication, and [Whole Health](#).



**MIA Update:** The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced two burial updates and two new identifications 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 Pfc. Kenneth L. Bridger, 17**, Colville, Washington, was assigned to Company K, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Nov. 30, 1950, on the last night of his unit's stand at the defensive perimeter near the east side of the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Bridger will be buried in Twin Falls, Idaho, on May 21, 2022. [Read about Bridger.](#)

-- **Navy Electrician's Mate 1st Class Harvey C. Herber, 34**, of Tacoma, Washington, 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 Herber. Interment services are pending. [Read about Herber.](#)

-- **Army Cpl. Lawrence L. Brown, 21**, was assigned to Company M, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He was captured on Nov. 26, 1950, after his unit was attacked by the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces. Brown was reported as a POW in Camp #5, but his exact date of death could not be determined at that time. Interment services are pending. [Read about Brown.](#)

-- **Army Cpl. Francis J. Jury, 23**, was assigned to Heavy Mortar Company, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Interment services are pending. [Read about Jury.](#)

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