



ACTION CORPS WEEKLY



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VFW Pays Respects to Fallen on Memorial Day:

The VFW remembers and honors the legacy of the men and women who served in our nation's military and made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom. VFW National Commander Matthew "Fritz" Mihelcic along with a delegation of staff from the VFW Washington Office honored the fallen by participating in commemorative events across our nation's capital over Memorial Day weekend. For the VFW this is a truly sacred day.



VFW ACTION ALERT



Contact Your Senators to Pass the PACT Act: The Senate is only days away from voting on the comprehensive toxic exposure bill, the *Honoring our PACT Act*. Even if you have already done so, contact your senators again and tell them to vote **YES** on this historic legislation to help toxic-exposed veterans receive the health care and benefits they need. "The House has done its part in honoring our veterans. The time is now for the Senate to do the same," said VFW National Commander Matthew "Fritz" Mihelcic. We have released a NEW Action Alert. Please share this with friends, family, and supporters to ensure senators hear this message loud and clear from their constituents. You do not have to be a VFW member to take action. Share the [VFW Action Alert](#) today!



Depression Screening Available Online:

Occasional feelings of sadness are part of normal life, but when these emotions continue for extended periods of time or are associated with feelings of hopelessness and despair, it could be depression. VA now provides an online screening test through My HealthVet for veterans who are concerned they might have depression. The 10-question test does not require an account or for anyone to log in to an online portal. It provides pop-up information for individuals who take the test and are at high risk of suicide. Once completed, the clinical results are available to read and print. [Take the test.](#)



VA Women Veterans Survey: VA's Center for Women Veterans has released a survey. It wants to hear from as many women who served as possible, regardless if they use or are enrolled for VA benefits and services. The survey takes less than five minutes. Spanish and Tagalog versions of the survey are also available. [Take the survey.](#)



MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced two burial updates and three 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:

-- **Navy Fire Controlman 3rd Class Jack A.**

Breedlove, 19, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 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 Breedlove. He will be buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Honolulu, on May 31, 2022. [Read about Breedlove.](#)

-- **Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Louis V. Girard, 20**, of West, Texas, was assigned to 68th Bombardment Squadron, 44th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which Girard was piloting crashed as a result of anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. Following the war,

his remains could not be identified. He will be buried in his hometown on June 4, 2022. [Read about Girard.](#)

-- **Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Michael Uhrin, 21**, was assigned to 369th Bombardment Squadron, 306th Bombardment Group, 40th Combat Wing, 8th Air Force. On Oct. 14, 1943, the B-17F Flying Fortress bomber on which Uhrin was serving as a radio operator was shot down by enemy fighters. The surviving crew reported he was killed before the plane crashed. Following the war, his remains could not be identified. Interment services are pending. [Read about Uhrin.](#)

-- **Navy Seaman 1st Class William Brooks, 19**, 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 Brooks. Interment services are pending. [Read about Brooks.](#)

-- **Army Sgt. 1st Class James a Coleman, 22**, was assigned to Company I, 3rd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. On April 25, 1951, he was reported as missing in action while fighting against Chinese Communist Forces near the Hwachon Reservoir in modern-day Republic of Korea. His status was changed to killed in action on Oct. 3, 1952. Following the war, his remains could not be identified. Interment services are pending. [Read about Coleman.](#)

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