



# ACTION CORPS WEEKLY



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**VFW Speaks at PACT Act Rally in DC:** VFW National Commander Matthew “Fritz” Mihelcic spoke about the importance of the Senate passing the *Honoring our PACT Act* during a rally at the Rolling to Remember event over Memorial Day weekend. Mihelcic was joined by veteran advocates Jon Stewart and John Feal, along with representatives of several veteran organizations, and tasked the crowd with contacting their senators. “I ask you, I’m *imploring* you. Can you take 60 seconds of your life to save the life of a veteran tomorrow? I hope that answer is yes. The time is now to get this done. No more delays,” said Mihelcic. He urged everyone to visit [passthepactact.org](https://passthepactact.org) to send a message to their senators. [Watch the rally.](#)



**VFW Leadership Attends Memorial Day Events:** VFW National Commander Matthew “Fritz” Mihelcic was in Washington, D.C., to attend several events over the Memorial Day weekend to honor the legacy of those who served in our armed forces and paid the ultimate sacrifice. Mihelcic visited the Humana booth, handed out Buddy Poppies at the USAA Buddy Poppy Wall of Honor, laid a wreath during the Vietnam Memorial ceremony, and participated in a White House event.



### **Coast Guard Change of Command Ceremony:**

VFW Director of Operations Bob Jackson and VFW National Legislative Deputy Director Tammy Barlet attended the Coast Guard change of command held at the US Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Admiral Linda Fagan, the first female officer in charge of a U.S. armed forces branch, took command as commandant of the Coast Guard from Admiral Karl Schultz. In her comments, Admiral Fagan shared she was wearing the shoulder boards of the late Admiral Owen Siler who allowed women to attend the Coast Guard Academy. The event was attended by many distinguished guests, including President Biden. [Read more.](#)



### **Bystander Intervention Training for Veterans:**

VA is offering [free online training](#) to teach veterans the skills needed to contribute to a safe and welcoming environment at all VA facilities. This training provides practical techniques that veterans can use to recognize, respond, and prevent situations of harassment or sexual assault. You do not need to register, and the training takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. [Read more.](#)



**MIA Update:** The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has not announced any new identifications or burial updates this past week.

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