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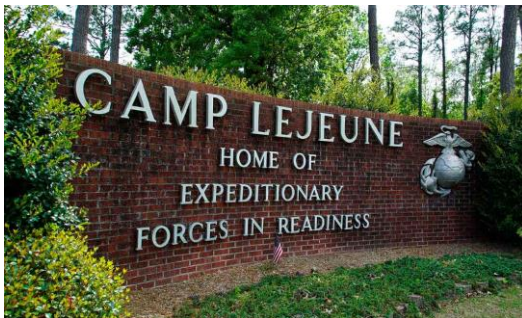


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VFW Urges President to Take Lead on Eliminating Offsets:

VFW National Commander Tim Borland sent a letter to President Biden urgently asking him to make the repeal of concurrent receipt laws a legislative policy priority in the White House's fiscal year 2024 defense budget request. "Erroneously justified by Congress to prevent "double-dipping," this policy is nothing more than a way to save money on the backs of veterans," wrote Borland. "No veteran should question the value of their service to our country due to an unethical budget gimmick." Offsetting, which forces veterans to forfeit all or part of one benefit to pay for another, is a widely employed practice under concurrent receipt laws. Aside from the 2020 repeal of the "Widow's Tax," no substantive concurrent receipt reforms have occurred since 2004. [Read the letter.](#)



VFW & Entrusted Firms Assist with Camp Lejeune Lawsuit:

The onslaught of predatory law firms targeting Camp Lejeune veterans is overwhelming. If you have met with a VFW Accredited Service Officer and determined joining the Camp Lejeune lawsuit is right for you, work with an entrusted law firm that has a long history of serving veterans and has your best interests at heart. Visit vfw.org/CampLejeuneHelp for more information.



PACT Act Information for Survivors: With the passage of VFW-supported Honoring Our PACT Act, VA has made information available for survivors regarding Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) benefits. If you are the survivor of a service member or veteran who died from a service-connected condition linked to burn pit exposure, contact a [VFW Service Officer](#) today to discuss your VA claim. [Read more.](#)



VFW National Home for Children: The National Home was founded in 1925 as a place where the families left behind by war could remain together. Today's families face different challenges, and the National Home has evolved over decades to meet those needs. The community is open to the families of active duty military personnel, veterans, and relatives of VFW and VFW Auxiliary members. Families may consist of one or both parents with one or more children. [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. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

- **Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Carl D. Nesbitt, 23**, of Lima, Ohio, was assigned to the 569th Bombardment Squadron, 390th Bombardment Group, 13th Bombardment Wing, 3rd Air Division, 8th Air Force. On May 29, 1944, the B-17G Flying Fortress bomber Nesbitt was piloting was shot down by enemy fighters northeast of Leipzig, Germany. His body was not recovered and there was no evidence of him surviving or being a prisoner of war. A finding of death was issued a year after the crash. Nesbitt will be buried in Annville, Pennsylvania, on May 15, 2023. [Read about Nesbitt.](#)
- **Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Melvin B. Meyer, 25**, of Pattonville, Missouri, was assigned to the 569th Bombardment Squadron, 390th Bombardment Group, 13th Bombardment Wing, 3rd Air Division, 8th Air Force. On May 29, 1944, the B-17G Flying Fortress bomber on which Meyer was serving as bombardier was shot down by enemy fighters northeast of Leipzig, Germany. His body was not recovered and there was no evidence of him surviving or being a prisoner of war. A finding of death was issued a year

after the crash. Myer will be buried in St. Louis, Missouri, on a date yet to be determined. [Read about Meyer.](#)

-- **Army Pfc. Mark P. Wilson, 20**, of Elizabethton, Tennessee, was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 112th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. On Nov. 8, 1944, his unit was tasked with holding the town of Kommerscheidt, Germany, in the Hürtgen Forest, when he was reported missing in action. Wilson was never reported as a prisoner of war and no remains were recovered. He was declared killed in action following the war. Wilson will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia, on a date yet to be determined. [Read about Wilson.](#)

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