



ACTION CORPUS WEEKLY



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Health Subcommittee Hearing: The House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on pending legislation. Witnesses from VA answered questions on its policies and procedures for improving rates of payment for beneficiary travel, establishing a zero suicide pilot program, and providing assisted living services to eligible veterans. VFW National Legislative Associate Director Meggan Thomas submitted a statement for the record. Regarding H.R. 1815, *Expanding Veterans' Options for Long Term Care Act*, Thomas commented that the assisted living pilot program for long-term care has great potential for veterans to still have some independence while being cared for at facilities that are authorized and inspected by VA, which is why the VFW supports this proposal. [Watch the hearing](#), which begins at the 13:31 mark.



Senate Committee Hearing: The Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a hearing examining the effectiveness of VA's Office of Integrated Veteran Care. VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. Shereef Elnahal and staff answered questions on the current status of its policies and procedures for integrated care. Chairman Tester indicated he is committed to veterans receiving excellent care whether it is at VA facilities or through community care. However, staff shortages and access to service providers continue to be challenges, especially in rural areas. [Watch the hearing](#), which begins at the 15:04 mark.



VA Sexual Assault and Harassment Report

Hotline: Veterans can now call 1-800-MYVA411 (1-800-698-2411, option 9) to report sexual assault or sexual harassment at VA facilities. The call center is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors are also encouraged to report any incident of sexual harassment or sexual assault as soon as it occurs while still at the VA facility. These incidents can be reported directly to VA police, VA staff, local law enforcement, or by calling the hotline. [Learn more.](#)



MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced two 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 Pfc. Clinton P. Koloski, 21**, of City Point, Wisconsin, was assigned to Company A, 36th Engineer Combat Regiment. He was killed in action on Jan. 14, 1945. He will be buried on June 30, 2023, in Beloit, Wisconsin. [Read about Koloski.](#)

-- **Army Sgt. Howard G. Malcolm, 23**, of Mount Vernon, Illinois, was a member of Headquarters Company, Ninth Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 1, 1950. It was later reported he died as a prisoner of war in August 1951. He will be buried in his hometown on July 11, 2023. [Read about Malcolm.](#)

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