



# ACTION CORPUS WEEKLY



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### Claims Representative Access Bill Introduced:

Sens. King (I-ME), Cramer (R-ND), Shaheen (D-NH), and Rounds (R-SD) have introduced [S. 2888](#), *TAP Promotion Act*, to authorize accredited claims representatives to be present in DOD Transition Assistance Program (TAP) classrooms. This legislation is the companion bill to [H.R. 3933](#) introduced by Rep. Van Orden (WI-3). The goal of these bills is to help mitigate gaps in care for transitioning service members who use the VA Benefits Delivery at Discharge program, which provides an expedited VA disability claims pathway for benefits and services. The VFW has been a long-standing supporter of this initiative as a means to reduce suicide risk among recently transitioned veterans. [Read the press release.](#)



### Report on Military Barracks Released:

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report on its review of military barracks. The study, which was required as part of the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022*, found mold and raw sewage among other health, safety, and well-being concerns. GAO also found that DOD lacks reliable mechanisms to track barracks conditions and the funding spent on improvements. This report bolsters the need to pass VFW-supported H.R. 3165, *Military Housing Transparency and Accountability Act*. [Read the report.](#)



### **National Cemetery Administration Survey:**

VA has released a survey to determine awareness of burial options and end-of-life benefits. If you are a veteran, family member, survivor, caregiver, or friend, please take a few minutes to answer these questions so VA is better able to serve you. [Take the survey.](#)



**MIA Update:** The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced six burial updates for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II and the Korean War. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

--**Army Sgt. 1st Class James L. Dorrance, 20**, of Omaha, Nebraska, was a member of B Battery, 82nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery–Automatic Weapons Battalion, Division Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division, Eighth Army. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 1, 1950, and to have died on March 17, 1951. He will be buried in his hometown on a date to be determined. [Read about Dorrance.](#)

--**Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Max E. Dailey, 21**, of Cherokee, Iowa, served with the 409th Bombardment Squadron, 93rd Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force. He went missing in action on Aug. 1, 1943. He will be buried in Charles City, Iowa, on a date to be determined. [Read about Dailey.](#)

--**Army Cpl. Lewis W. Hill, 18**, of Detroit, Michigan, was a member of L Company, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He went missing in action on July 20, 1950. The Army issued a presumptive finding of death on Dec. 31, 1953. He will be buried in Imlay City, Michigan, on a date to be determined. [Read about Hill.](#)

--**Army Staff Sgt. Max W. Thurston, 19**, of Flint, Michigan, was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 109th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. He was reported killed in action on Nov. 6, 1944. He will be buried in Holly, Michigan, on a date to be determined. [Read about Thurston.](#)

--**Army Tech Sgt. Leonard J. Dettloff, 26**, of Detroit, Michigan, was assigned to Company M, 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. He was killed in action on Nov. 10, 1944. He will be buried in Holly, Michigan, on a date to be determined. [Read about Dettloff.](#)

--**Army Cpl. James A. Hurt, 25**, of East St. Louis, Illinois, was a member of the 17th Pursuit Squadron, 24th Pursuit Group, Army Air Forces. He was reported captured on April 9, 1942. Interment services are pending. [Read about Hurt.](#)

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