



ACTION CORPS WEEKLY



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VFW Commemorates D-Day in Normandy on 80th Anniversary:

VFW National Commander Duane Sarmiento, Mrs. Ellen Sarmiento (pictured here), VFW Auxiliary President Carla Martinez, along with VFW members and staff, paid their respects on behalf of the more than 1.4 million members of the organization during a somber ceremony at the Normandy American Cemetery located above the Omaha Beach landing site where U.S. troops waded ashore under withering German fire. [Watch a special message](#) from Commander Sarmiento and [see photos from the commemoration](#).



VA Can Assist Business Owners to Employ Veterans:

Stable employment can help ease the transition from military to civilian life, provide a sense of purpose and security for veterans and their families, and serve as a protective factor against homelessness and suicide. If you or someone you know is a business owner interested in providing employment opportunities or services to veterans, contact your local VA Community Employment Coordinator for details. [Read more](#).



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Tips to Avoid Posthumous Scams: The death of a loved one can be a traumatic experience. During this challenging time, VA supports survivors through several benefits programs. Unfortunately, nefarious actors seeking to exploit a family's grief may target vulnerable survivors and try to swindle them. [Learn more](#) about survivor benefits and how to avoid these unscrupulous fraudsters.



MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced seven 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:

-- **Navy Gunners Mate First Class George Herbert, 37**, of Fall River, Massachusetts, 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. He was among 429 crewmen killed that day. He was buried in Igo, California, on May 30, 2024. [Read about Herbert.](#)

-- **Army Pvt. 1st Class Bartholomew C. Loschiavo, 24**, of Buffalo, New York, was assigned to Company A, 329th Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division. He was killed in action on Oct. 1, 1944. He was buried in his hometown on June 1, 2024. [Read about Loschiavo.](#)

-- **Army Air Forces Pvt. 1st Class Charles R. Powers, 18**, of Riverside, California, was a member of 28th Materiel Squadron, 20th Air Base Group. He was among those captured in the surrender of the Bataan peninsula on April 9, 1942, and died as a prisoner of war on July 18 that same year. He will be buried in his hometown on July 18, 2024. [Read about Powers.](#)

-- **Army Pvt. 1st Class Manuel Trujillo, 22**, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, served in Battery C, 200th Coast Artillery Regiment. He was among those captured in the surrender of the Bataan peninsula on April 9, 1942, and died as a prisoner of war on July 26 that same year. He will be buried in his hometown on July 26, 2024. [Read about Trujillo.](#)

-- **Army Sergeant Mayburn L. Hudson, 21**, of Roanoke, Virginia, was assigned to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 330th Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Aug. 7, 1944, and the War Department issued a report of death in January 1945. He will be buried in Lynchburg, Virginia, on Aug. 7, 2024. [Read about Hudson.](#)

-- **Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Bruce H. Brown, 23**, of Richmond, California, was assigned to the 401st Bombardment Squadron, 91st Bombardment Group, Eighth Air Force. His B-17 bomber was struck by anti-aircraft fire on Dec. 20, 1942, and the War Department issued a finding of death on Dec. 20,

1943. He will be buried in Houston, Texas, on a date to be determined. [Read about Brown.](#)

-- **Army Air Forces Pvt. 1st Class Orville J. Cox, 19**, of Haskell, Texas, was a member of 34th Pursuit Squadron, 24th Pursuit Group. He was killed in action on Feb. 8, 1942. He will be buried in his hometown on a date to be determined. [Read about Cox.](#)

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