



ACTION CORPUS WEEKLY



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Highly Decorated Vietnam Veteran Elected to

Lead VFW: Alfred J. "Al" Lipphardt was elected as the new national commander of the VFW at the 125th VFW National Convention held this year in Louisville, Kentucky. "I am deeply humbled to stand before you today having been elected and installed to the highest office of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, commander-in-chief," said Lipphardt. He earned his VFW eligibility by serving in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968, and from 1970 to 1971. In recognition of his heroic service in combat, he received the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star with "V" device, Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service, Purple Heart Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Silver Star and two Bronze Stars, among many others. He joined the VFW in 2002 at Post 12002 in North Fulton, Georgia. [Read more.](#)



Elizabeth Dole Act Action Alert: The *Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act* is a comprehensive package that would provide health care and benefits for veterans, caregivers, and survivors. This package has the support of both Democrats and Republicans in the Senate, but Democrats in the House have yet to signal support for this legislation that could provide life-altering and life-saving benefits. This bill is the result of a months-long compromise between various stakeholders and is an example of how Washington, D.C., negotiations should work. Dozens of organizations that advocate on behalf of veterans, caregivers, and survivors support this important legislation, and it deserves bipartisan AND bicameral support. [Take action](#) and tell your congressional representative to support the Elizabeth Dole Act.



MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced 12 identifications and three burial updates for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II.

Identifications:

- [WWII Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Ralph L. Mourer](#)
- [WWII Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Joe A. De Jarnette](#)
- [WWII Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Hubert Yeary](#)
- [WWII Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Robert D. McKee](#)
- [WWII Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Francis E. Callahan](#)
- [WWII Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. John H. Harris](#)
- [WWII Army Air Forces Sgt. Henry H. Allen Jr.](#)
- [WWII Army Technician Fifth Grade Harold D. Pittis](#)
- [WWII Army First Lieutenant Herman J. Sundstad](#)
- [WWII Navy Reserve Lieutenant Jay R. Manown](#)
- [WWII Navy Fireman 3rd Class Royle B. Luker](#)
- [WWII Navy Fireman 1st Class Fred H. Boyer](#)

Updates:

- [WWII Army Air Forces Sgt. Jack H. Hohlfeld](#)
- [WWII Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Ralph H. Bode](#)
- [WWII Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Alfred J. Hamwey](#)

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