

## **August 19, 2024**



Housing Program Expands to More Veterans: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has expanded the HUD-Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) program. When determining eligibility for supportive housing vouchers, VA disability benefits will no longer be considered income. This will enable more veterans to meet the income threshold required for the program. The VFW has been advocating for this change for years and commends HUD for making this adjustment to address veterans' housing needs. Read more.



**Expanded Benefits Access for Karshi-Khanabad Veterans:** VA has announced that veterans who served after Sept. 11, 2001, at Karshi-Khanabad (K2) base in Uzbekistan should soon receive expanded access to benefits. Taking steps to acknowledge the presence of various contaminants at K2 will enable VA to ensure appropriate health care and compensation for these veterans and their survivors. In comments regarding this expansion, VA Under Secretary for Benefits Joshua Jacobs explained, "At VA, our goal is to provide *every* veteran who served at K2 with the care and benefits that they deserve for their service to our nation — and that's what this effort is all about." Read more or find an accredited service officer to assist in filing a claim.



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

## Updates:

- -- Korean War Army Corporal Frederick A. Higgins
- -- WWII Navy Reserve Lieutenant Jay R. Manown Jr.
- -- WWII Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Alvin R. Scarborough
- -- WWII Army Air Forces Private 1st Class Harry M. Seiff
- -- WWII Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Francis E. Callahan

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