



# ACTION CORPUS WEEKLY



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**Calling All Vietnam Veterans:** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) is asking VFW members to participate in a short interview about open-air burning (e.g., burn barrels, burn-out latrines, and burn pits) if you are a veteran who was deployed on land or at sea to the Vietnam theater (Vietnam, Cambodia, or Laos) between 1955 and 1975. GAO's report will be publicly available on its website and sent to Congress, VA, and DOD. The plan is to complete the phone interviews by the end of Monday, Sept. 30. To participate, please email [VietnamBurnPits@gao.gov](mailto:VietnamBurnPits@gao.gov) or call 202.512.5624. [Learn more.](#)



**VFW Remembers 9/11:** This week is the 23rd anniversary of the terrorist attacks that changed America forever. The memories of that day are still vivid, but the heroism that emerged from the rubble of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in the air above a rural Pennsylvania field should inspire us for generations to come. As we remember 9/11 and the nearly 3,000 innocent lives lost that terrible day, the VFW hopes all Americans pause to reflect and also keep in mind those who continue to sacrifice in the defense of freedom.



**POW/MIA Recognition Day 2024:** Today, nearly 82,000 service members and civilians remain unaccounted for from conflicts dating back to World War II. The role of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) is to provide the fullest possible accounting of missing personnel to their families and the nation. Each year, DPAA creates a poster in advance of POW/MIA Recognition Day, which will be commemorated this year on Sept. 20. This year's poster bears the words "Honoring their sacrifice. Earnestly searching for those still missing." [Order the poster or download a digital image.](#)



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

Updates:

- [World War II Army Pvt. Robert L. Skaar](#)
- [World War II Army Air Forces Sergeant Henry H. Packard](#)
- [Korean War Army Private 1st Class Robert J. Wright Jr.](#)

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