



ACTION CORPS WEEKLY



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Remembering Our Fallen at Pearl Harbor: On the 81st anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, the VFW solemnly honors the men and women who died in the devastating attack on Dec. 7, 1941. VFW National Commander Timothy Borland, along with VFW Auxiliary National President Jane Reape, will be at Pearl Harbor on Wednesday to attend a remembrance ceremony for the 2,008 sailors, 109 Marines, 218 soldiers, and 68 civilians tragically lost without warning. We ask every American to take a moment to remember and pay respects to these patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice. [Learn more.](#)



VFW Launches PACT Act Assistance Website:

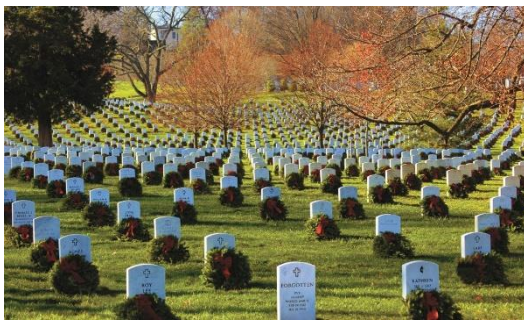
The VFW is pleased to announce the launch of a new website to inform veterans about the benefits for which they may qualify under the PACT Act. The new site, www.PACTActInfo.org, allows veterans to enter certain military service details and medical information to determine eligibility for compensation benefits on a presumptive basis as a result of exposure to toxins. The site will then provide referrals to VFW Service Officers in their state of residence to assist with their claims. The site also warns veterans about claim sharks and non-accredited entities that may try to exploit them for financial gain.



VA to Host Town Halls for “PACT Act Week of Action”: VA will be hosting 90+ town hall events to discuss new eligibilities and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances while in service. These events will take place in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia the week of December 10-17, dubbed by VA as the “PACT Act Week of Action.” These sessions will provide veterans and survivors of toxic-exposed veterans needed information and resources such as potential eligibility, help enrolling in benefits, and claims assistance. [Read more](#) to find a town hall meeting near you.



TRICARE Open Season Closes Dec. 13: This is the last week for beneficiaries to enroll in or change their health care, dental, and vision coverage. Any changes will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023. If you are satisfied with your current plan then your coverage will continue automatically for 2023, as long as you remain eligible. Beneficiaries should verify their information is up to date and those making benefit changes need to set up an allotment with their regional contractors for enrollment coverage to begin Jan. 1, 2023. Individuals who do not set up their allotment by the deadline will be unenrolled due to nonpayment. [Learn more or find TRICARE contact information.](#)



Wreaths Across America: Every December, wreath-laying ceremonies organized by the nonprofit Wreaths Across America to remember and honor our fallen veterans take place at more than 2,500 locations across the United States, at sea, and abroad. You can still sponsor this year’s National Wreaths Across America Day at Arlington National Cemetery to be held on Saturday, Dec. 17. [Learn more](#) to sponsor, volunteer, or donate.



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

-- **Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Walter Nies, 23**, of Eureka, South Dakota, was assigned to 96th

Bombardment Squadron, 2nd Bombardment Group, 15th Air Force. On Jan. 24, 1944, the B-17F Flying Fortress bomber on which he was serving as a tail gunner was shot down by enemy fighters. The crew was captured, and Nies was among those sent to Stalag Luft 6 prisoner of war camp. He died on May 28, 1944, after being shot. He will be buried in his hometown on Dec. 9, 2022. [Read about Nies.](#)

-- **Army Pfc. Robert A. Wright, 18**, of Whitesville, Kentucky, was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on July 16, 1950, while fighting the North Korean People's Army along the Kum River, north of Taejon, South Korea. As Wright's body was not recovered nor was he listed as a prisoner of war, the Army issued a presumptive finding of death on Dec. 31, 1953. He will be buried in his hometown on Dec. 10, 2022. [Read about Wright.](#)

-- **Army Cpl. Joseph H. Gunnoe, 21**, of Charleston, West Virginia, was assigned to Company G, 112th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. On Nov. 6, 1944, he was likely killed as his unit was driven from Vossenack, Germany, in the Hürtgen Forest, by a German attack. Gunnoe was never reported as a prisoner of war and no remains were recovered. He was declared killed in action following the war. He will be buried in his hometown on Dec. 14, 2022. [Read about Gunnoe.](#)

-- **Army Sgt. Allen H. Tuttle, 23**, of Tacoma, Washington, was assigned to Battery C, 38th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, 8th U.S. Army. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, after his unit's attempted withdrawal from Kunu-ri, North Korea, following the battle of Ch'ongch'on. Later findings indicated that Tuttle had been a prisoner of war and died at POW Camp #5 in March 1951. He will be buried in Bellevue, Washington, on Dec. 16, 2022. [Read about Tuttle.](#)

-- **Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Wayne L. Dyer, 22**, of Hobart, Oklahoma, was assigned to the 569th Bombardment Squadron, 390th Bombardment Group, 13th Bombardment Wing, 3rd Air Division, 8th Air Force. On May 29, 1944, the B-17G Flying Fortress bomber on which Dyer was serving as the navigator was shot down by enemy fighters northeast of Leipzig, Germany. His body was not recovered, nor was there evidence of him surviving or being a prisoner of war. A finding of death was issued a year after the crash. He will be buried in Killeen, Texas, on a date yet to be determined. [Read about Dyer.](#)

-- **Army Air Forces Tech. Sgt. John M. Carroll, 32**, of New York, New York, was assigned to 328th Bombardment Squadron, 93rd Bombardment Group, 9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which Carroll was the radio operator crashed as a result of anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. Following the war, his remains could not be identified. He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, Virginia, on a date yet to be determined. [Read about Carroll.](#)

-- **Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. William Scott, 21**, was assigned to 68th Bombardment Squadron, 44th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator aircraft on which Scott was the navigator crashed as a result of anti-aircraft fire during Operation Tidal Wave. Following the war, his remains could not be identified. Interment services are pending. [Read about Scott.](#)

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