



ACTION CORPUS WEEKLY



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VFW Pays Respects to Fallen on Memorial Day:

The VFW remembers and honors the legacy of the men and women who served in our nation's military and made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom. VFW National Commander Duane Sarmiento and a delegation of staff from the VFW Washington Office honored the fallen by participating in commemorative events across our nation's capital over Memorial Day weekend. For the VFW, this is a truly sacred day.



VA | U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

VA Adds Option for Commemorative Plaque or Urn:

Beginning on June 10, 2024, the families of certain cremated veterans may apply to receive a commemorative plaque or urn from VA. Family members are eligible to apply only if they have chosen not to inter a loved one in a VA National Cemetery or receive a government-furnished headstone, marker, or medallion for placement in any cemetery. [Read more](#) about additional eligibility criteria or [burial benefits](#).



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VA Tips to Identify and Avoid Claim Predators:

VA has provided information to help veterans recognize and avoid predatory companies that charge to file VA disability claims. [Click here for details](#). Accredited representatives assist veterans with filing VA disability claims, but they must provide this service at no cost for the initial claim. In contrast, "Claim Predators" are not accredited and charge for initial claims assistance sometimes at an exorbitant rate or contractually as a percentage of the veteran's adjudicated benefits. Other deceptive practices

include promising a 100% disability rating or an unrealistic claim processing timeframe.



MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced one burial update for a service member who had been missing and unaccounted for from the Korean War. Returning home for burial with full military honors is:

-- **Army Pvt. 1st Class Bryan Myers Jr., 21**, of Cobden, Illinois, was a member of Company H, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. He was killed in action in September 1950. He will be buried in Elwood, Illinois, on a date to be determined. [Read about Myers.](#)

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