



ACTION CORPS WEEKLY



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VFW Washington Conference: The VFW conference in Washington, D.C., is taking place this week through March 6. Hundreds of attendees will make sure veterans' voices are heard on Capitol Hill. Our National Legislative Committee members will lead their delegations, some including the 2024/2025 VFW-SVA Fellows, to present our legislative priorities to members of Congress and their staffs. VFW National Commander Al Lipphardt will testify before a joint hearing of the Senate and House Committees on Veterans' Affairs on Tuesday, March 4, at 10:00 a.m. EST. [Watch the hearing.](#)



VFW Washington Conference App Now Available: The Washington Conference is being held this week and the VFW has provided a mobile app to give event attendees the tools needed to make the most of their visit to our nation's capital. The app is available for download at both the [Apple App Store](#) and the [Google Play Store](#).



VFW Testifies Before House Committee: VFW National Legislative Director Patrick Murray testified at a pending legislation hearing before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. The bills address streamlining VA's firing authority, enhancements to community care, Second Amendment protection for veterans assigned fiduciaries, and education benefits restoration. Regarding the recent mass firing of VA employees, Murray stated, "Members on this committee regularly say VA needs to weed out the bad actors, but the dismissal of thousands of employees was not done because it was warranted; instead, it was done because it was easy."

Commenting on the issue of Second Amendment protection, he noted, “Even though the issue of fiduciaries affects a small percentage of veterans, we argue that every veteran deserves protection of their constitutional rights.” [Read](#) the testimony or [watch](#) the hearing, which begins at the 11:57 mark.



Disaster Relief Resources: If you are a veteran, service member, or military family in [Kentucky](#) or [Tennessee](#) who has been impacted by the recent flooding, VA has recovery relief resources available to assist you. Individuals who wish to help may [donate online](#) to the VFW Disaster Relief Fund, or mail checks payable to the VFW and earmarked “Disaster Relief” to: Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation, Disaster Relief, 406 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111.



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

Identifications:

- [World War II Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Frank A. Johnstone](#)
- [World War II Army Pvt. Ben F. Leslie](#)
- [World War II Army Cpl. Floyd A. Dunning](#)
- [World War II Army Pvt. Mack Kidd](#)
- [World War II Navy Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Arnold E. Lyon](#)

Updates:

- [World War II Army Pvt. James C. Loyd](#), Illinois
- [World War II Army Air Forces Tech5 William E. Eby](#), Virginia
- [World War II Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Herbert G. Tennyson](#), Kansas
- [World War II Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Robert D. McKee](#), Nevada
- [World War II Army Air Forces 1st Lt. David P. Skjeie](#), California
- [World War II Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Robert T. McCollum](#), California
- [Korean War Army Pfc. Willard H. Edwards](#), Florida

-- [Korean War Army Sgt. 1st Class Walter A. Ross Jr., Missouri](#)

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