



# ACTION CORPS WEEKLY



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**Complete the VFW 2022 Health Survey:** The VFW has developed a survey to evaluate your health care experiences, how your health care may have changed in the last six months, and your perceptions of your overall physical and mental health over the past 30 days. Your feedback is vital to our advocacy efforts and to compile a report on this important topic. Help the VFW hold VA and Congress accountable by taking this short survey regarding your experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Take the survey.](#)



**VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" Open Now:** The scholarship is accepting applications now through April 30 for the fall 2022 semester. Veterans are returning from active military duty to prepare for civilian careers that often require additional college, graduate, and technical degrees and training. To ease the financial burden of going back to school, Sport Clips and the VFW have teamed up for the past eight years to provide up to \$5,000 of assistance per semester, per family, for service members and veterans in the rank of E-5 and below. [Learn more and apply.](#)



**Complete the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry:** All veterans who served in eligible locations should complete the [Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pits Registry](#). Participation in the registry is very important as it will allow VA to track burn pit exposure and draw inferences regarding associated adverse health effects. Exposure to burn pits may be associated with respiratory conditions such as asthma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD). VA recently added asthma, rhinitis, and sinusitis as presumptive

conditions related to particulate matter exposure. The VFW encourages anyone who has not already filed a claim for these conditions, or had their medical records or any previous claims recently reviewed, to reach out to an accredited [VFW Service Officer](#) for assistance.



**MIA Update:** The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced two 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:

-- **Navy Shipfitter 1st Class Charles F. Perdue, 32**, of Salisbury, Maryland, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft on Dec. 7, 1941. The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Perdue. He will be buried May 16, 2022, in Lancaster, California. [Read about Perdue.](#)

-- **Army Pfc. Bill Morrison, 29**, of Birmingham, Alabama, was assigned to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 110th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. He was reported killed in action on Nov. 8, 1944, after his unit was engaged in battle with German forces in the Raffelsbrand sector of the Hürtgen Forest in Germany. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Morrison will be buried in Spanish Fort, Alabama. The date has yet to be determined. [Read about Morrison.](#)

-- **Army Sgt. Roy C. Delauter, 21**, was assigned to Company D, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. He was reported missing in action on Dec. 2, 1950, when his unit was attacked by enemy forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. Following the battle, his remains could not be recovered. Interment services are pending. [Read about Delauter.](#)

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