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VFW Commander-in-Chief Testifies Before Congress:

VFW National Commander Timothy Borland testified before a joint hearing of the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs. The VFW delivered its top legislative priorities of Claim Sharks, fixing concurrent receipt, combating veteran suicide, and awarding the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal to the troops deployed to Europe deterring Russian aggression. Borland stated, "Companies that prey upon veterans and blatantly disregard congressional oversight authority should be held accountable, period!" This was the first time since 2020 that the VFW was allowed to fully participate in person at the special joint hearing. In attendance were approximately 400 VFW and Auxiliary members whose enthusiasm was palpable. [Watch the hearing](#) or [read the testimony](#).



Senator Boozman Receives VFW Congressional Award:

The VFW presented its 2023 Congressional Award to Sen. John Boozman (R-AR) for his outstanding service and years of unwavering support to veterans, service members, their families and survivors. "What an honor it is to present this award to such an honorable man," said VFW National Commander Timothy Borland. "His devotion to reaching across the aisle and across chambers on behalf of veterans is unparalleled. He is a stalwart example of the ideals, traditions and values that we hold dear in the VFW." Since being elected to the Senate, he continued his strong leadership for veterans by sponsoring the *Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas SERVICE Act*, and being a steadfast ally in the passage of the *Honoring our PACT Act*. Now in the 118th Congress, Boozman is a staunch

proponent of the *GUARD VA Benefits Act* that would protect veterans by eliminating predatory claims practices.



VFW Crowns 2023 National Youth Scholarship

Winners: During the 76th annual VFW Parade of Winners ceremony, the organization proudly presented more than \$171,000 in scholarships and awards as it named the national winners of its 2023 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen youth scholarship competitions. VFW National Commander Timothy Borland was joined by VFW Auxiliary President Jane Reape to present the \$35,000 T.C. Selman Memorial Scholarship to the Voice of Democracy first place winner, Scotland Stewart, and the top prize of \$5,000 to the Patriot's Pen first place winner, Leighton Peters. [Learn more](#) about the VFW Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs.



MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced four burial updates 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 Sgt. Thaddeus S. Matuszak, 31**, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was assigned to Company K, 11th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division. In September 1944, Matuszak's unit was part of a larger force that was holding its position against fierce German opposition at the Moselle River near Dornot. After suffering heavy losses, most of the unit was able to retreat across the river on Sept. 11, but Matuszak was among the soldiers reported missing that night. He will be buried in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on a date yet to be determined. [Read about Matuszak.](#)

--**Army Pfc. William L. Simon, 20**, of Middleton, Wisconsin, was assigned to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 109th Infantry Regiment, 28th Infantry Division. His unit was engaged in battle with German forces near Hürtgen, Germany, in the Hürtgen Forest, when he was reported killed in action on Nov. 5, 1944. His remains could not be recovered during the battle. He will be buried in Middleton, Wisconsin, on a date yet to be determined. [Read about Simon.](#)

--**Army Air Forces Tech Sgt. Frank C. Ferrel, 31**, of Roby, Texas, was assigned to the 328th Bombardment Squadron, 93rd Bombardment Group,

9th Air Force. On Aug. 1, 1943, the B-24 Liberator bomber on which Ferrel was an engineer was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and crashed during Operation Tidal Wave north of Bucharest, Romania. His remains were not identified immediately following the war. He will be buried in Sylvester, Texas, on a date yet to be determined. [Read about Ferrel.](#)

-- **Army Cpl. Clark E. Worline, 20**, of Dupont, Ohio, was a member of C Company, 2nd Chemical Mortar Battalion, 8th Army. He was reported missing in action on Nov. 26, 1950, after fighting against the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces near Sinjang, North Korea. He will be buried in Dupont, Ohio, on a date yet to be determined [Read about Worline.](#)

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