



# ACTION CORPS WEEKLY



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## Grand Opening of VFW Pre-Discharge Claims

**Hawaii Office:** VFW National Veterans Service Director Mike Figlioli joined Chief of Force Development at the 647th Force Support Squadron Dr. William Kono, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Commander CAPT Samuel White, and VFW Pre-Discharge Claims Representative Charles Tibbets for the grand opening of the VFW's newest pre-discharge claims office near Honolulu. If you're within 180 days of separating from the military, the VFW can help with your VA claim. [Learn more.](#)



**Scholarships this Academic Year:** The VFW awarded nearly \$750,000 in scholarship aid from the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero" Scholarship program to 162 student veterans for the upcoming fall semester. "Veterans' military experience provides employers with a unique skillset, and when armed with college degrees, veterans become especially invaluable employees," said VFW National Commander Al Lipphardt. "Sport Clips and the VFW are proud to help ensure our nation's warriors attain the education needed to further their success in the workforce." The Help A Hero Scholarship is funded solely through donations from generous [Sport Clips](#) team members, clients, individual supporters, and corporate sponsors. Applications for the spring 2025 semester are currently being accepted. [Read more and apply now.](#)



**VA Dashboard Shows PACT Act Performance:** In recognition of the second anniversary of the passage of the PACT Act (Public Law 117-168), VA has published a special issue of the [VA PACT Act Performance Dashboard](#) that shows statistics compiled over the past two years. Highlights include one million related claims VA has approved totaling \$6.8 billion, more than five million toxic exposure screenings, and an increase of nearly 186,000 new enrollees in VA health care. [Read more](#) about the expanded VA health care and benefits or find an [accredited representative](#) for claims assistance.



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

Identifications:

- [Korean War Army Sgt. Kester B. Hardman](#)
- [Korean War Army Corporal Waymon Slaten](#)

Updates:

- [World War II Army Private William E. Calkins](#)
- [World War II Army Pvt. 1st Class Clossie D. Brown](#)
- [World War II Army Pvt. Kwack K. Woo](#)
- [World War II Army Air Forces Private Robert W. Cash](#)

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