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Immediate Action Needed on VFW Action Alert:

Our data indicates that our VFW Action Corps emails are being opened and read by a large number of you. Unfortunately, only a small number of subscribers actually take action on our Action Alerts. Make your voice heard and [send a message](#) to your legislators today. It only takes a minute. Two key VFW priorities are included in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2026 and must stay in the final bill. The *Major Richard Star Act* (Senate Amendment 2968) ends the offset that denies combat-injured, medically retired veterans the full benefits they have earned. The *TAP Promotion Act* (Section 551 of the House NDAA) improves the transition process by giving service members direct access to accredited VA claims assistance. Your voice matters. Don't waste it. [Take action now.](#)



VFW Fall Legislative Conference: The VFW National Legislative Committee will gather in Washington, D.C., Sept. 7-11, to meet with senators, representatives, and congressional staffers regarding key [VFW legislative priorities](#). This year's discussions will focus on passing concurrent receipt legislation, specifically [S. 1032](#), *Major Richard Star Act*; advancing [H.R. 1845](#), *TAP Promotion Act*, to strengthen service member transition; supporting alternative treatments for PTSD; and pushing for reforms to VA community care. Committee members will bring the voices and experiences of veterans from every corner of the country directly to the halls of Congress, ensuring lawmakers cannot ignore the needs of those who have served.



PACT Act Implementation Update: In accordance with Section 507 of the *Honoring our PACT Act of 2022* (Public Law 117-168), VA requested that the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) conduct a study on potential links between military toxic exposures and mental, behavioral, and neurological health conditions, and chronic multisymptom illness. The resulting consensus study report indicates possible relationship association between 24 pairs of toxic exposures and health outcomes out of 135 pairs. The study focused on veterans deployed to the Southwest Asia Theater of Operations or Afghanistan after Sept. 11, 2001, assessing nine categories of exposures and 14 health outcomes. [Read more.](#)



MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency did not announce any new identifications or burial updates this week.

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