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**VFW Salutes the Marine Corps on 250 Years:**

On Nov. 10, the VFW proudly joins in with a grateful nation to honor the United States Marine Corps and celebrate its 250th birthday, honoring two and a half centuries of distinguished service, sacrifice and unwavering commitment to the nation it serves. [Read the full statement.](#)



**VFW Joins House Committee Roundtable on State of VA Benefits:**

VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci participated in a roundtable led by House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Ranking Member Mark Takano and attended by House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries. The roundtable focused on the current and future state of veterans' benefits. Gallucci stressed the VFW's message to "Honor the Contract" between service members and the federal government. Veterans were willing to risk their lives in defense of our nation, and in return the government must uphold its promise to care for those injured or made ill by that service. Amid growing scrutiny of VA's disability compensation system, he emphasized that protecting its integrity starts with honoring the fundamental contract.

[Watch the full roundtable.](#)



**VFW Helps Kick-off Warrior YOMP:**

VFW National Commander Carol Whitmore and VFW Washington Office Executive Director Ryan Gallucci joined members of the VFW National Veterans Service staff to represent the organization at the [Allied Forces Foundation's](#) Warrior YOMP Expo, held at the Military Women's Memorial in Arlington, Va. The event served as the kickoff for the foundation's 50-mile endurance foot march, which unites veterans and volunteers from

the United States and allied nations. The YOMP, which stands for Your Own March Pace, raises awareness and support for wounded, ill, and injured veterans, highlighting the shared sacrifices and resilience of those who have served.



**VFW Podcast Addresses Latest Washington Post's Reporting:** On the latest episode of #StillServing: The VFW Podcast, host Rob Couture is joined by Executive Director Ryan Gallucci, National Legislative Service Director Kristina Keenan, and National Veterans Service Director Mike Figlioli from the VFW Washington Office to discuss the Washington Post's latest coverage of veterans' benefits and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The team addresses a recent series of articles that, they argue, mischaracterize how veterans access the benefits they've earned — including claims that veterans are “flooding the system” or abusing disability compensation. Tune in to episode 53, “Absurdly Generous AND Dubious,” on your favorite podcast platform or watch it on the VFW's [YouTube](#) channel.



**MIA Update:** The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced no identifications or burial updates this week.

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