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VFW Testifies at House Subcommittee

Hearing: VFW National Legislative Associate Director Joy Craig testified at an oversight hearing before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity. The focus was how best to improve the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) to ensure a smoother transition from military to civilian life. Craig emphasized that since its launch in January 2024, VA's TAP 6.0 program has allowed VFW accredited representatives to reach 13,000 more service members than in 2023 — a 54% increase in engagement. To build on this progress, the VFW is urging Congress to pass [H.R. 1845, TAP Promotion Act](#), and legislation to establish an Under Secretary of Defense for Transition to oversee and modernize these programs. [Read the testimony](#) or [watch the hearing](#), which begins at the 18:47 mark.



VFW Testimony on Pending Legislation: VFW National Legislative Associate Director Nancy Springer provided a statement for the record for a House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs' pending legislation hearing. The 13 bills include expansion of burial benefits, simplified VA forms and letters, increased transparency of the disability claims process, enhanced training for military sexual trauma claims processors, and a study on the prevalence of certain cancers and mortality rates of fixed wing aircrew members. [Read the testimony](#) or [watch the hearing](#), which begins at the 15:45 mark.



VA Trauma Coordinators: Military sexual trauma (MST) is sexual assault or harassment that occurs during military service. MST survivors can receive assistance from [MST Coordinators](#) at VA health facilities to connect with care at no cost. Community-based [Vet Centers](#) provide MST-related outpatient counseling and referral services in nonmedical settings.



MIA Update: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced one burial update and 13 identifications for service members who have been missing and unaccounted for from World War II and the Korean War.

Update:

-- [World War II Army Air Forces Cpl. Glenn H. Hodak](#), Pennsylvania

Identifications:

- [World War II Army Pvt. Blanchard E. Pruitt](#)
- [World War II Army Capt. Ralph L. Rowland](#)
- [World War II Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. John A. Paqliuso](#)
- [World War II Army Capt. Paul E. Pearson](#)
- [World War II Army 2nd Lt. Charles Arnao](#)
- [World War II Navy Reserve Ensign Eugene E. Mandeberg](#)
- [World War II Navy Reserve S2c Jerome M. Mullaney](#)
- [Korean War Army Cpt. Charles G. Gibson Jr.](#)
- [Korean War Army Cpl. Joshua Corruth](#)
- [Korean War Army Master Sgt. George C. Manring](#)
- [Korean War Army Pfc. Roland L. Bowser](#)
- [Korean War Army Cpl. Delmer R. Grissom](#)
- [Korean War Army 1st Lt. William H. Hott](#)

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