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**VFW Defends Generations-Long use of Satirical Cartoons in Advocacy:** In response to House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman Mike Bost's accusation of VFW inciting political violence with its release of an updated satire cartoon, VFW National Commander Carol Whitmore stated, "Political cartoons have long been part of American public discourse because they communicate difficult truths in memorable ways. When bureaucrats take aim at veterans' earned disability benefits, we will continue to use every tool available to ensure veterans' voices are heard." The VFW's use of satirical cartoons depicting a firing squad figuratively taking aim at veterans dates back to 1933 in response to The Economy Act, when it appeared in the VFW's *Foreign Service* magazine. An updated rendition then appeared in the organization's successor magazine, *VFW*, in 1956 as a result of the Bradley Commission. Most recently, modernized versions have served as some of the foundational imagery of the VFW's Honor the Contract campaign, with initial public dissemination beginning in October 2025. [Read the press release.](#)



**Record Number of Messages Sent to Congress:** Nearly 13,600 advocates have already joined the VFW's campaign urging Congress to remove disability compensation offsets from the Take Care of America's Veterans Act (H.R.9237/S.4744), generating a record of more than 46,800 messages to lawmakers nationwide. More than half of those advocates are taking action with the VFW for the first time, demonstrating that veterans, families and supporters across the country are united in one message: veterans should not be asked to fund veterans' benefits. Join the growing

movement and [Tell Congress to Honor the Contract](#).



**House Hearing on Pending Legislation:** The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health held a hearing to discuss pending health care legislation. In testimony submitted for the record, VFW National Legislative Service Associate Director Meggan Coleman commented on several of the bills, including H.R. 4805, WINGS Act, stating, "Military aviators are repeatedly exposed to G-forces, pressure changes, along with other physiological stressors, yet considerable questions remain about the long-term neurological, cognitive and mental health effects." She continued that this research would improve understanding of conditions such as traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder and cognitive impairment, leading to better prevention, treatment and long-term care for veteran aviators. [Read the testimony](#) or [watch the hearing](#), which begins at the 21:58 mark.



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

Identifications:

- [World War II Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Franklin H. McKinney](#)
- [Vietnam War Air Force Staff Sgt. Don F. Worley](#)

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