



FEBRUARY 2026 LEGISLATIVE

Your **HEART** is in the right place – you want to support all our veterans, but how? ADVOCATE, ADVOCATE, ADVOCATE!!

We need to keep reaching out to our representatives in Congress and in Madison to HONOR THE CONTRACT by providing the resources our veterans have earned. This can only be done when policies are modified and laws are codified. PLEASE make your **HEART** felt appeal to your legislators through VFW Action Corps ACTION ALERTS.

Here's a partial list of legislation that requires our immediate attention:

H.R.740/S.275 *Veterans' ACCESS Act of 2025*: so our veterans receive clear and timely health care through increased efficiency and coordination of VA's community care program.

H.R.4837 *Written Informed Consent Act*: to make sure our veterans are fully aware of the risks and benefits of new, powerful medications for PTSD and other mental health issues; and,

H.R.2623 *Innovative Therapies Centers of Excellence Act of 2025*: to expand access to innovative PTSD treatments to reduce reliance on heavy medication.

H.R.1845 *Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Promotion Act*: to include accredited reps from national, state, and local organizations in TAP classes veterans attend during the first year after leaving service – a critical time for veterans and their families.

S.1032/H.R.2102 *Major Richard Star Act*: to make sure veterans who were medically retired due to combat injuries receive both Department of War retirement pay **and** VA disability compensation.

So again, I'm tugging on your **HEART** strings, and asking for your help:

Action Corps (www.vfw.org/JoinActionCorps) **Voter Voice** (www.votervoice.net/VFWWI/home)

FW Voices of Service – Stories in Action

NEW WAY TO GET INVOLVED: for veterans, service members, caregivers, survivors, and families to share their real-life experiences directly with VFW National so those stories can be used (with permission) to educate Congress and strengthen our legislative advocacy. Please see the attached flyer and use the QR code to access VFW Voices of Service – *Stories in Action*.



Wisconsin Veteran MIA is identified



The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced Dec. 5 that U.S. Army Air Forces Cpl. John J. Ginzl, 27, of Rhinelander, Wisconsin, killed during World War II, was accounted for June 11, 2025. Ginzl will be buried in his hometown in May 2026. Welcome Home, Cpl Ginzi.

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VFW Voices of Service

Stories in Action



The VFW is gathering real stories from veterans and military families. These experiences help show how decisions made in Washington affect real lives.

Scan the QR code to share your story.



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