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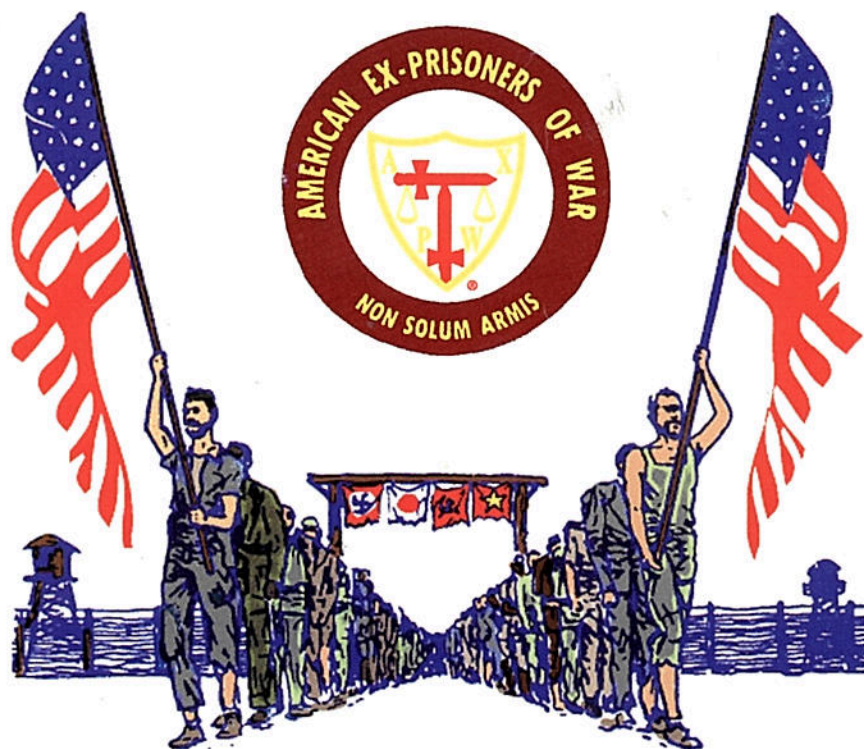
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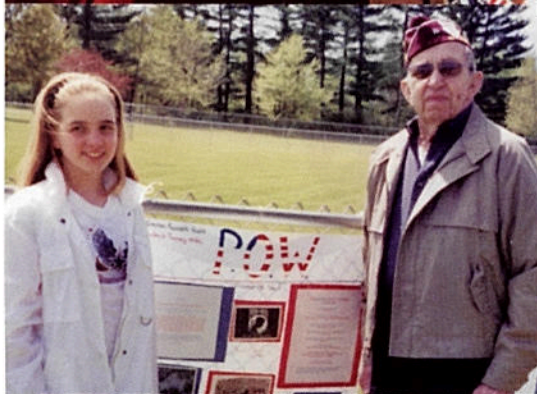
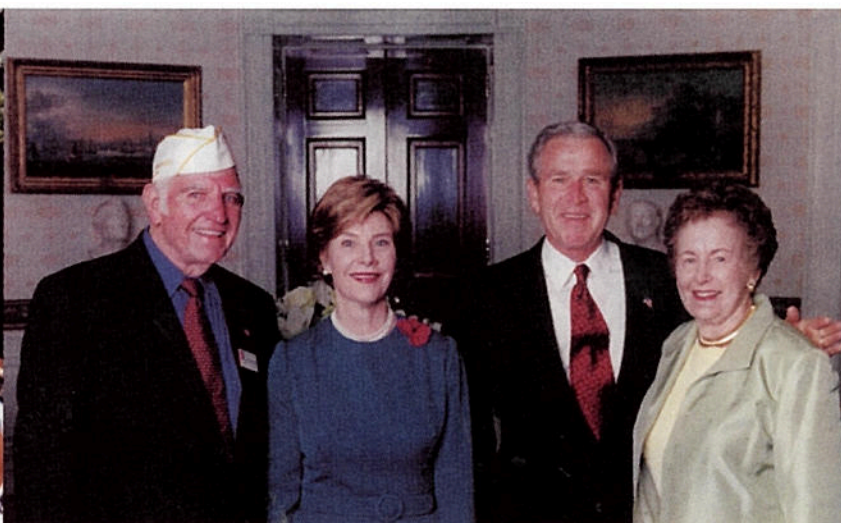


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37 Years
ago, the
USS Pueblo
was
seized...some
of the crew
recently got
together...



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Update...News,
events,
information...
stories,
articles,
outreach
...and more



Clockwise from top left: ND Len Rose, Gov. Joe Kernan (Vietnam POW), at POW-MIA Day Ceremonies; PNC Earl Derrington & his bride Pauline met President & Mrs. Bush; Groundbreaking for the POW-MIA Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery; PNC/ NSO Sonny Mottern and Wright Swanay file a claim for ex-POW Charles Huningan; Jules Robin, 11th AB, Bob Holland, author of Rescue of STIC, MJ Laznibat, Bacepow SVC & David Tejada, CA Dept. SVC; Kingsford (MI) students "I Know Veterans" Program teaches important lessons. Two participants were ex-POW Kenneth Hiatt and granddaughter Tierney Walsh.



Ground Breaking by American Ex-POWs and Family
(left to right) Cecil Davis, Rev. Robert Chism, Lloyd Kilmer, Harry Corre, Al Platt, Leo "Marty" Schlocker and Ruth Kilmer

national commander



James Cooper

Chonita and I hope you all have a healthy, happy and productive New Year.

I wish to thank the members of the organization for the confidence shown by electing me National Commander, even though I was in the hospital at the time. I shall do my best to live up to the requirements of the position and the trust you have placed in me.

Since the convention, I have received several inquiries about my health. I have a problem with control of a muscle in my right leg, possibly caused by a slipped disc in the lumbar area. I have not had either a stroke or a heart attack according to the VA hospital in Tucson. It's like the old game of "Telephone", where the story gets more and more garbled as it is passed around. Rumor seems to spread much quicker than fact, but I hope that these rumors are laid to rest as I travel around the country doing the job of National Commander. If you have a question, please contact me directly.

Mrs. Brooks recently brought up a question that needs clarification. It involves spouses of descendants. Going back to the origins of our organization, we began as family and friends of men captured on Bataan and Corregidor. When these men returned, the families offered to turn the organization over to the men. But it was their decision to keep the families involved. I be-

lieve nothing should be done to divide families. If spouses of descendants wish to join, it should be permitted. We need as many members as we can get. This has been voted on more than once by the members at National Conventions. They have made the decision to keep AXPOW as an inclusive - not exclusive - organization.

Lord Chesterton said, "Do not tear down a fence until you know why it was put up". This is excellent advice. If there is a problem, study it and discuss it. Then, when a decision is made, act on it.

The maximum authority of any organization is the group in session - in our case, the National Convention and the general membership.

During the year, the Board of Directors will operate as the policy making group; in an emergency the Executive Committee could make a decision. But no officer should set policy or attempt to change policies set by either the Convention or the Board. The AXPOW Service Foundation prepared forms to be used by the American Ex-Prisoners of War to request funds. Last year, the foundation was generous in its aid to our service officers and this was appreciated by all.

The only problem was that the Board of Directors was bypassed in the process. I was in charge of Budget and Finance and had to prepare a working budget. But I did not know the amount donated by the Foundation until I read their column in the September Bulletin. I hope we can maintain a friendly and cooperative working arrangement this year and keep the Board of Directors informed at the same time.

I pledge to do my best to keep the Board and membership informed of all matters of importance to our organization.

Last fall, I had the opportunity to spend some time with the National Commander of the American Legion - Tom Cadmus. I hope to exchange views with other veterans service organizations' leadership during my year as Commander.

We have now received stroke and heart attack as presumptives. This leaves diabetes, liver disease and osteoporosis as the only three requested by the POW Advisory Board. There is also a bill introduced by Rep. Filner of California to award Purple Hearts to those who died in prison camps. We should support this bill and others as they are introduced.

Jim

ONE MORE ROLL

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We toast our faithful comrades
Now fallen from the sky
And gently caught by God's own hand
To be with Him on high.

To dwell among the soaring clouds
They knew so well before
From dawn patrol and victory roll
At heaven's very door.

And as we fly among them there
We're sure to hear their plea
"Take care, my friend, watch your six,
And do one more roll... just for me."

HANOI, 1968

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January, 23, 1968...

The USS Pueblo was originally constructed in Kewaunee, Wisconsin in 1944 as FP-344, a U.S. Army Transportation Corps general purpose supply ship. This designation was later changed to FS-344 and the ship was eventually retired from active service in 1954. In April 1966, it was transferred to the control of the U.S. Navy and was commissioned as USS Pueblo AKL-44 (Auxiliary Light Cargo). The ship was given its name after Pueblo, Colorado. Finally, in May 1967, the Navy gave the ship its final designation of AGER-2, an environmental research vessel. Lieutenant Commander Lloyd M. "Pete" Bucher was the first commanding officer of the USS Pueblo.

Pueblo was cruising in international waters between Japan and Korea when a North Korean patrol boat ordered her to heave to and she was boarded. One of the American crew was killed, and the ship was eventually taken to Wonsan, where the Americans were charged with violating North Korea's territorial waters. Although U.S. naval forces took up station, there were no reprisals. The crew—four of whom had been wounded in the attack—were detained for eleven months before their release on December 22, 1968.

From the ByLaws Committee:

All requested changes to the National Bylaws are to be submitted as follows: Resolutions have two major parts: a preamble and a resolution. The preamble gives the reason for the resolution. The resolution gives the intent. Each can contain one or more paragraphs and the whole is read in its entirety, beginning with the preamble. Each preamble paragraph begins with "Whereas" and ends with "and" to connect it to the next paragraph. The final paragraph is joined to the resolution with a semicolon and followed by the phrase "Therefore, be it"

Whereas, (ETC); and
 Whereas (ETC); therefore, be it
 Resolved, that _____

One signature is required on resolutions and amendments. Members are reminded that resolutions must be submitted to the committee before March 15, 2005. Those requesting changes should include a telephone number where they can be reached if more information is needed. Send requested changes to: Clydie Morgan, Chairman, 3201 E. Pioneer Parkway, Suite 40, Arlington, TX 76010.

Correction:

The Big Apple Chapter is part of the Department of NY and not NJ. The commander lives in NJ, but the chapter is in New York. The Big Apple part should have been a tip-off ~ Editor

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sr. vice commander



Gerald Harvey

When you read this, a new year – 2005 – will have arrived. Our wish for all of you is that it will be a good year for you and those you love. Each of us has a part in making 2005 a great year for AXPOW.

Participating in the National Veterans Day ceremonies in Washington, DC was a very special privilege. On Wednesday evening, Eunice and I attended the opening of a new Smithsonian History Museum exhibit, "The Price of Freedom, Americans at War." Pictures and artifacts, from colonial times to the

present, show the part that American service men and women have played in gaining and preserving our freedom. We spent two hours just walking through the exhibit.

On Thursday morning, we were invited to the White House for breakfast. It was great to get to meet the commanders of other veterans service organizations. Highlight of the occasion was when Eunice and I were presented to President Bush. Then we stood on either side of him as our picture was taken – a once-in-a-lifetime thrill.

From the White House we went in an Army bus to Arlington National Cemetery.

We were taken first to the Tomb of the Unknowns. On the front row facing the tomb, representatives of VSOs stood on the left side. Officers of our armed forces stood on the right side. The Navy Band played and, as part of a very im-

pressive ceremony, President Bush walked up and placed a wreath. Later in the day, various organizations also laid wreaths.

Following the wreath-laying, the Veterans Day ceremony was held in the Memorial Amphitheater. Representatives of the VSOs were seated on the stage. I was sitting behind President Bush and Anthony Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Both the President and the Secretary spoke, reminding us that we have our freedom today because of the men and women who fought before us. They also told us to remember our troops who are fighting today to help keep our freedom.

I am proud to be an American. We live in the greatest country in the world. Let us all continue to do our part to keep it great and to keep it free!

Gerald

national adjutant



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The Holidays are over and in many parts of the country, winter is settling in for the next few months. Even though it's warmer in Texas than it is in some parts of the country, we still can't wait for spring!

If you are an annual member and have not yet paid your dues, this is the last issue of the EX-POW Bulletin you will receive. Please get your

dues in early so you don't miss a single issue.

The Mid-year meeting of the Board of Directors is tentatively scheduled for April in Washington, D.C. The Washington Office will have more details as we get closer to the date. If you would like to be on the agenda, please notify us at Headquarters.

A reminder — we accept MasterCard and Visa for merchandise orders, and donations. You can go online at www.axpow.org to place an order, or simply write or call National Headquarters and give your credit card number and expiration date. We have even been able to work it out so our members can make pledge donations of so much per month. Call and we'll explain how it works.

Stay warm until next month,

Clydie, Sally, Marsha and Donna
Your National Headquarters

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Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
National Convention Week
Columbus Day
Veterans' Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas Week

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jr. vice commander Central Zone



Robert Fletcher

Besides serving as a Junior Vice Commander, I am also a member of the Congressional Advisory Board for Ex-POWs. Let me share why this is important to you.

This board was mandated by Congress in 1980 and has a number of functions and purposes. The Advisory Board meets twice a year. The spring meeting is held at the VA's headquarters in Washington

DC. The site for the fall meeting rotates through VHAs around the country. The sites are chosen according to complaints received from former POWs about either the inadequate care at the local VHA or problems with processing claims or inconsistent disability ratings from the regional office.

The Board also helps both Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs better understand the illnesses that especially affect former prisoners of war as opposed to the average veteran. The Board encourages research into these illnesses. The research verifies illnesses that are presumed to have been caused by being a prisoner of war, commonly referred to as "presumptives". The illnesses most recently recognized are heart disease and stroke.

Another action of the Advisory Board was a suggestion to the VA and VHA to begin an educational

program at VHA hospitals across the nation. The purpose of the program is to train the hospital staff on how to best meet the needs of ex-POWs including how to talk to them and treat them and the importance of being friendly.

The Advisory Board can make recommendations to Congress and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding additional legislation that we feel should be passed. Several years ago, Richard McAuley, a World War II ex-POW who was then a member of the Advisory Board, wrote the language that was eventually incorporated into the Dependent Indemnity Compensation (DIC) bill that gave additional benefits to widows of ex-POWs.

If you are having problems with the VHA or a VA regional office, you can feel free to contact me or any other member of the Advisory Board.

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More than 60 years ago, over 5,000 civilian men, women and children were imprisoned in internment camps following Japan's occupation of the Philippines during World War II. A three year struggle for survival ensued as these internees endured crowded living conditions, disease, limited medical supplies, heavy labor, tension, uncertainty, and near starvation.

On April 23, 2005 the MacArthur Memorial will open a special exhibit in honor of the internees, and the soldiers and civilians who saved them. The exhibition on display through February 28, 2006 will briefly examine the Philippines before the Japanese invasion and

what characterized life for both the native Filipinos and the foreign born residents. Focusing on the three major internment camps Santo Tomas, Los Banos, and Baguio, the exhibition will offer insight into the internees' initial contact with their captors and their daily lives during confinement. While some succumbed to death, others with the help of the Filipino civilians and their own sheer will were able to survive until their eventual liberation in February of 1945.

The rescue missions were carried out by the brave soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division and 44th Tank Battalion, the 11th Airborne and 37th Infantry Divisions of the United States Army. A narrative of their perilous journeys and the successful release of the internees will be highlighted.

The exhibit will include original artifacts from the Santo Tomas internment camp, such as passes,

certificates and other documents. These items, memorable photographs, maps and original documents vividly capture the complete story of Japanese internment camps in the Philippines.

Opening day will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the dedication and unveiling of the bronze plaque given to the MacArthur Memorial by the Manila Liberation Reunion Committee. This plaque will become a permanent part of the Memorial and serve as a reminder of the sacrifices made by many.

After the ceremony there will be a brief reception followed by several scheduled lectures. Throughout the day, there will be opportunities for former internees and veterans to share their experiences in oral history interviews.

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on capitol hill



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The Congressional (red) tape has been rewound and the counter shows "0". It is a clean slate, so to speak, for a new Administration and a new Congress to write a new chapter in American history. It is the start of the 109th Congress. After the Christmas trees and decorations are carted off, there comes the next big event in the city of Washington - the Inauguration of President George W. Bush for his second term on January 20th. It ought to go off without a hitch because he has done this before, but you can't count on the weather. You know what they say about Washington weather - if you don't like it - just wait a minute. I remember President Kennedy's inauguration in 1961. There was not much snow but a beautiful shiny ice glaze over everything. All traffic was frozen in place. Our place was in the middle of Thomas Circle. Of course, we missed everything. We must have been there for over two hours. My first inaugural experience was Roosevelt's first (Delano, not Teddy) in 1933, the last time it was held on March 4. After his address in which he reassured the nation that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself", he proceeded up the Avenue to the White House. As a Boy Scout, I had the honor of being an usher in the Presidential Box in the grandstands in front of the White House. The Presidential party seemed to enjoy themselves in spite of the cold, and were very cordial to us kids. They build those grandstands for this special occasion every four years and when it is all over, they haul them away. The same is true at the Capitol where the swearing-in ceremonies take place. The eyes of the world will be focused here on January 20th.

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All inaugurations are memorable occasions, some more so than others. John Kennedy's "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." Who can forget that? The new President is sworn in at the Capitol then proceeds to the White House along the parade route on Pennsylvania Avenue. Jimmy Carter put a "folksy" twist on it. After riding awhile in his new black limousine, he and Rosalynn abandoned it, to the total dismay of the Secret Service, to walk the rest of the way to the White House. And then, there was Andrew Jackson, who was sworn in at what was called "the people's inaugural". For the first time ever, the doors of the White House were thrown open to the public with thousands of citizens swarming in to celebrate. The crowd was so overwhelming, the new President fled to the shelter of a nearby hotel.

What a contrast! That relaxed attitude was 176 years ago and 180 degrees from this year's festivities. Security is so tight now you can feel it in your underwear. To go to the White House, you must furnish your Social Security number and date of birth prior to your visit. Your "stuff" is run through a megatron (x-ray) and you are "patted down". (If you have flown lately, you know what that is.) No Inauguration would be complete without the Inaugural Ball. Years ago, there was just one official ball. More recently there have been fifteen to twenty official balls all over town and the President and First Lady try to visit all of them. Our ball is The Veterans' Ball at the capitol Hilton Hotel hosted by the American Legion honoring all Medal of Honor Recipients. It will be quite an affair to cap off quite a day.

Les

As we write this column on November 20th, Congress is still in session and some bills are still not finalized. Bills of interest to service personnel and veterans - such as S2484, 2486 and HR2936 - did pass, but did not include anything specifically for former POWs, except Sec. 803 of S2486 extends the future of the Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War. We did, however, receive excellent benefits administratively in October. Secretary Principi announced two new presumptives, heart disease and stroke, at our convention. (See last month's Bulletin for more information.) We are extremely grateful to Secretary Principi. You may want to write to thank the Secretary for his action and great support for all former POWs.

Another presumptive - osteoporosis - passed the House when the Veterans Compensation Cost of Living bill passed, but it was not in the Senate version. When it went to conference, the final version did not include osteoporosis. We must wait until next year to have osteoporosis and diabetes approved for POWs.

Our work continues!

On another subject: We have selected Sheraton Pentagon in Alexandria, VA for our Midyear meeting this spring. The Veterans Affairs Committees scheduled our testimony for April 14, 2005. This is "Cherry Blossom" season. Hotel rates go up and rooms become scarce and expensive. Midyear is scheduled for Sunday April 10th to Friday the 15th. There will be more details in the February Bulletin.

Happy New Year,

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Article written by Charlie Hill, Director of the S.E. Region:

Dorn V.A. Medical Center was proud to be the host for the American Ex-Prisoners of War National Service Officer training seminar on August 17th and 18, 2004. Spearheading this effort were Mr. Charlie Hill, S.E. Regional Director, American Ex-POWs, his wife Merilee Hill, NSO, Lawrence King, Vice President, American Ex-POW Service Foundation and Karen Long, Administrative Ex-POW Coordinator for Dorn.

This was the second such training seminar. The initial one was in 1999. The purpose of the program was to identify and train Ex-POWs as National Service Officers so they can file claims for their fellow Ex-POWs, other veterans and their families. We opened the program to anyone who wanted to attend to have questions answered or claims filed. Doris Jenks, National Service Director of Training, was the instructor and we were pleased to have her husband at our facility again. Over 1,100 invitations were mailed to Ex-POWs and their family members, widows, County Service Officers and service organization representatives.

We were fortunate to have Mr. Chuck Lawson, POW Co-ordinator for the VARO, with us as our benefits expert who fielded questions and provided education about the claims process. He and Mrs. Long

provided an overview of the Former Prisoner of War Case Management training recently attended by VISN 7 staff as well as the initiatives we are instituting at the V.A. Regional Office, Dorn and Ralph H. Johnson in Charleston. We also welcomed Mr. Jerry Earl, with the SC Div. of Veterans Affairs, who provided the group with education on State benefits.

Responding to medical facility issues were the POW Adm. Coordinators, Karen Long representing Dorn VAMC and Dexter Hood, Adm. Coordinator representing Ralph H. Johnson VAMC in Charleston. Mr. Hood provided an excellent resource guide for all attendees and answered questions regarding eligibility issues.

On the 1st day we had approximately 50 in attendance and the following day, approximately 40. At least 17 individuals made application for certification as National Service Officers. We were also excited about the County Service Officer attendance, which was almost 1/4 of the participants.

With their new knowledge, they can continue to assist those veterans residing in their counties, that were unable to attend the training. There were several widows in attendance and we were able to initiate claims for them and to answer questions.

It was great to see children attending the Seminar and actually assisting their parents to write-up their claims.

There were also several telephone responses seeking help, but were unable to attend the seminar. Assistance with the claims was provided by telephone.

Mrs. Jenks also provided everyone with an excellent training manual with step-by-step instructions for claim processing. She also provided numerous web-sites for further education.

Dr. Charles Stenger is our new Appeals Officer in Washington and he has asked that Ex-POW National Service Officers throughout the country be informed on how to prepare

a claim that is being sent to him in Washington, on appeal. This will help him expedite the claim efficiently and promptly.

Randall Edwards, our NSO in Fla. prepared the following:

The veterans advocate is required to pursue every avenue open to him to take a claim for compensation through the V.A. system.

When all local avenues of success have been exhausted, such as a Request for reconsideration, Notice of Disagreement, Personal Hearing, Statements of the Case and any Supplemental Statements of the Case, you will file a Substantive Appeal (Form 9).

This is the last step before sending the Case to the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) in Washington.

You, the National Service Officer, have one more chance to help your client. You MUST file V.A. form 646 "Statement of Accredited Representative in Appeals Case". Give every argument, cite every regulation, point out any medical evidence that has been submitted and possibly ignored or misinterpreted and any statements from "buddies" or family. This statement will help our Appeals representative in Washington prepare the case for review and can have a very positive effect on the outcome.

If you find yourself in this situation with a claim, and don't know exactly what to do, please ask for help. Service Officers from the County, State and other organizations in your area, can sometimes help you complete the required 646 form. Don't let the claims go to Dr. Stenger without the required completed form 646. The completed form will save Dr. Stenger lots of hours of work going through the complete file, trying to find the medical evidence, letters, etc. that you probably are well aware of.

Doris Jenks

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Packet #5 (What Every POW's Wife Should Know Before She is Your Widow) has been updated again, with much time and effort on the part of Marlene Agnes, to include the most recent laws and benefits published. The packet (approximately 110 pages) may be purchased from National Headquarters. Cost of the updated packet is \$15.00—includes S/H.

The Robert E. Mitchell Center for Prisoner of War Studies

Since August 2003, I have had the extreme honor and privilege to be the Director of the Robert E. Mitchell Center for Prisoner of War Studies. Though most of our clients are from the Vietnam era, we are ultimately interested in all former RPWs and their welfare. We work actively with the Veterans Administration on presumptive diagnoses as well as the different DoD Services in support of the Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) effort. Additionally, we provide input and work closely with the Joint Personnel Recovery Agency (JPRA), the DoD outfit directly responsible for going to the field and bringing back our repatriated POWs.

For those not familiar with the Mitchell Center, allow me to present a bit of background. The Robert E. Mitchell Center for Prisoner of War Studies is the only surviving component of the original Center for Prisoner of War Studies. The original center, established in 1972 at Point Loma, CA, coordinated a 5-year program to investigate the long-term effects of captivity on Repatriated Vietnam POWs. The Air Force and Army programs were discontinued after the initial 5-year charter expired. The Navy-Marine Corps program continued under the direction of Captain Robert E. Mitchell, MC, USN.

In 1976, a matched comparison group was identified for the Navy



cohort. In recent years, multiple presentations of the findings from this study have been presented at medical, psychological and other scientific meetings. Please see the summary below.

In 1993 at the request of the Surgeon General of the Air Force, the Air Force POWs from Vietnam joined the Navy program. Similarly, participation of the Army POWs began in 1997. The Mitchell Center is thus a de facto Tri-Service/DoD program. It is the only program of its kind in existence.

Of the 595 former Vietnam POWs alive from all Services, the Center sees close to 300 each year. Additionally, the Center sees spouses and a Comparison Group for a total of over 525 evaluations a year.

Mission of the Mitchell Center for POW Studies

The Robert E. Mitchell Center for Prisoner of War Studies provides follow-up studies of repatriated prisoners of war as a result of WWII,

Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom conflicts. The study documents whether there are captivity-related physical or mental problems. This information is gathered in the context of extensive annual evaluations, the results of which are released to the patient for routine health maintenance. Additionally, the information gathered is used in support of real-world operations. The Center is also responsible for the 1000 Aviator Study Program, in which WWII naval aviators are examined at periodic intervals. Unfortunately, members of the United States Armed Forces will continue to be taken prisoner. We must remain prepared to provide them with a maximum of support from the moment they are released.

Ensuring that the Mitchell Center stays open will help guarantee that commitment.

On-going Research Projects at the Mitchell Center for POW Studies

The studies noted below were performed primarily on American former prisoners from the Vietnam War from all services.

The Incidence of Osteoporosis in RPOWs versus Controls

The results of this study suggest that there may be a relationship between low bone density and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) among RPWs.

The Acute long-term impact of prolonged under-nutrition in adulthood on body composition, immune

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function and selected cardiovascular risk factors in RPWs.

Weight gain was typical immediately following repatriation, however long-term weight changes were subtler over time. RPWs and controls were of similar weight during their sixth decade.

Onset of various disease states for RPWs

RPWs were at greater risk than controls for musculoskeletal injuries, nerve damage arthritis and joint injury. Many of these conditions were worse among RPWs with more extensive torture.

Gait and balance assessment in RPWs

RPWs were more impaired than controls on measures on balance and walking. When combined with nerve damage and lower bone density, such findings may indicate an increase risk of falls and fractures

Remote effects of captivity stress on cardiovascular disease

An ongoing study that addresses the relationship between internment stress, coronary heart disease, heart rate variability and current PTSD.

Predicting health adjustment among Vietnam-era RPWs

Age at the time of captivity, rank, military experience, career commitment and social support may reduce the long-term risk for psychological and negative health outcomes in RPWs.

Psychobiological assessment of high-intensity military training

Various chemicals in the body are available to reduce the impact of stress and individuals differ in the amount of these available chemi-

cals. Low levels of these chemicals at the time of stress predict poor stress coping and memory difficulties, perhaps setting the stage for later development of PTSD.

Examining the 20-year psychiatric sequelae of the RPW experience: Methods and preliminary findings from Operation Homecoming Vietnam Veterans

RPWs are more likely than controls to receive psychiatric diagnoses. Approximately one-third of the RPWs received such diagnoses during the follow-up period and 13% were experiencing current illnesses 20 years following repatriation.

Changes in outlooks among Vietnam veterans and RPWs (positive outcomes).

Evaluates the possibility of post-traumatic growth following captivity. Positive changes in self-perception, interpersonal relationships and philosophy of life may result from captivity experiences and repatriation experiences.

A qualitative investigation of Families of RPWs: interviews with wives of RPWs

This study used one-on-one interviews with the wives of RPWs to document family challenges associated with separation and reunion. Family hurdles associated with uncertainty, decision-making and parental responsibilities were addressed, as were the coping strategies used by the wives to deal with this stressor.

Risk and resilience following repatriation - marital transitions and RPWs

When compared to controls, RPWs were at greatest risk for divorce during the first two years following repatriation. In addition, an RPW who divorced and then remarried was twice as likely as a remarried control to "re-divorce."

Health consequences for women RPWs

This study relied on a series of interviews and record reviews to summarize the health outcomes of military nurses held captive in the Philippines and China during WWII. Captivity-related ailments such as tuberculosis, intestinal disorders, weight loss and memory loss were common, as were liver disorders, osteoporosis, diabetes and depression later in life. Social support, identity maintenance, remaining active, faith and positive thoughts were reported as positive factors in survival.

Long-term health consequences and sources of health care for RPWs compared to controls

Using the findings from the Health Enrollment Assessment Review, in comparison to controls, RPWs were found to be less healthy, use more resources and required more specialized care. Many RPWs rely on the Mitchell center program for annual checkups and medical diagnoses.

Service utilization and satisfaction among former WWII POWs

Former WWII RPWs rely heavily on the VA for medical care, mental health care and disability compensation. A relatively high percentage (72%) of surveyed WWII RPWs received no medical care from non-VA sources. Survey participants were generally satisfied with care and services received from the VA.

Long-term health outcomes and medical effects of torture among US Navy prisoners of war in Vietnam

Vietnam RPWs were found to have higher incidence of disorders of the peripheral nervous system, joints and back relative to controls. Be-

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ing an RPW was also associated with an increased rate of peptic ulcers.

Cognitive Measures of Vietnam-Era Prisoners of War

Summarizes the results of the cognitive evaluation conducted 20 years post-repatriation, which documented that RPWs generally outperformed controls on measures of intelligence, memory and general neuropsychological ability.

Resiliency and Adaptation of Repatriated Prisoners of War from the Persian Gulf War Era: A Qualitative Study of the Experiences and Adaptation of RPWs and their Families Using a qualitative approach with interview data, resilience was associated with pre-trauma personal/family attributes, captivity coping skills, military commitment and post-repatriation support.

The Longitudinal Neuropsychological Evaluation of Repatriated Prisoners of War

This study documented that RPWs and controls were equivalent in the areas of intelligence, memory and general neuropsychological functioning when examined at 5 and 10 years post-repatriation.

Preliminary Psychiatric and Psychological Findings in Studies of Vietnam-Era RPWs. Presentation, The Repatriated Prisoner of War Health Study: A Conference on the Long-term Effects of Captivity and Torture Among Vietnam-Era POWs.

RPWs exhibit a greater prevalence of PTSD than controls, while the prevalence of other psychiatric diagnoses does not differ between the groups. Intelligence, memory and general neuropsychological

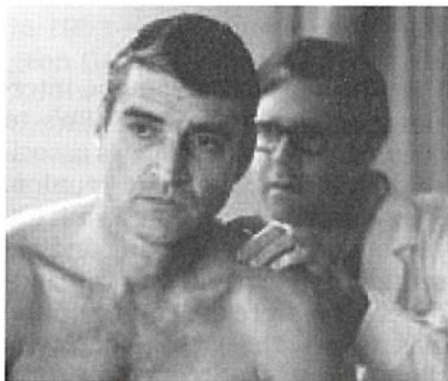
abilities are well preserved in both groups.

Peritraumatic Dissociation, Depression, Memory Ability and Memory Complaints Among Repatriated Prisoners of War

This study demonstrated a complex relationship between memory self-appraisal, actual memory performance and PTSD symptoms in RPWs with and without PTSD. RPWs with PTSD performed less well, had more dissociative experiences and experienced an increased frequency of self-rated memory failures.

Emotional Correlates of Predicted Neurological Status as Measured by CogScreen-AE

Using a large sample of older aviators, RPWs and controls, current psychiatric symptoms were shown to be unrelated to the results computerized cognitive assessment. Approximately one-half of the subjects reported significant amounts psychiatric symptoms on the MMPI, but these two groups performed equivalently on a test designed to detect neurological difficulties.



The Relationship between Age and Neurological Status as Predicted by the CogScreen-AE.

Performance on a computerized measure of cognitive ability was shown to change significantly with age in a large group of older aviators (RPWs and controls), but only one-half of those over age 60 exhibited poor test performance. The

largest group difference was observed when 60-64 year olds were compared to 65-73 year olds.

The Relationship Between Peritraumatic Dissociation and Chronic PTSD Symptoms Among Military Aviators

Dissociative symptoms were significantly higher in RPWs than controls. The level of peritraumatic dissociation was shown to be a better predictor of current PTSD symptoms than were factors associated with captivity duration or subjective torture severity.

Memory Abilities Among Healthy Older Aviators

Memory abilities, as measured by list learning and retention, remain intact in older aviators (RPWs and controls) provided there is no evidence of psychiatric or neurological illness. The healthy older aviators in the 60-64 year old group were indistinguishable from those in the 55-59 year old group.

The Evaluation of Divided Attention in Older Aviators Using the CogScreen-AE

Divided attention is a cognitive skill that is highly relevant to aviation. Although older aviators in this study (RPWs and controls) did show some age-related decline in the ability to perform two tasks simultaneously, many older aviators performed at a level characteristic of younger aviators, and vice versa. Any prediction that aviators beyond the age of 60 should show an excessive decline in performance during multi-tasking that would affect flight safety appears to be unwarranted.

The Five A's of Aviator Personality: RPW and Controls.

Using a sample of 376 retired military aviators, RPWs and controls, personality test data identified the following components of what has previously been described as "The

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Right Stuff:" Adventurousness, Aggression, Affiliation, Achievement and Adaptability.

The Evaluation of Depression in Older Aviators

This study established guidelines for the use of a standard depression scale with older aviators (RPWs and controls). Published norms are inadequate for use with aviators as only one-half of the depressed aviators scored above the published norms.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Symptoms as Predictors of Osteopenia in Older Aviators

Body Mass Index and PTSD symptom severity were identified as significant predictors of lower bone mineral density in RPWs and controls. These variables were significant after accounting for the effects of age, alcohol use, depression and dissociative symptoms. Chronic and/or severe stress that results in a higher cortisol level may contribute to later reductions in bone mineral density.

WAIS Correlates of CogScreen-AE Performance for Older Aviators

In a sample of older aviators, RPWs and controls, the relationships between performance on a computerized cognitive screening instrument and standard intelligence tests were explored. Although the observed test correlations were consistent with previous research, this study documented that computerized testing adds a unique component to the evaluation of older aviators.

Post-Captivity Cortisol Levels Predict Later-Onset Osteopenia in Former Prisoners of War

In this study, cortisol levels obtained five years post-repatriation were shown to predict current low bone

mineral density in a group of Vietnam RPWs. Higher Cortisol levels in 1978 were predictive of lower bone mineral density in 2003.

Cortisol Levels Decrease Over Time in Former Prisoners of War

Current Cortisol levels were significantly lower than those obtained in 1978 in a group of RPWs. The Cortisol level from 1978 was highly predictive of the level in 2003. Captivity-related weight loss and other torture-specific variables failed to predict current Cortisol levels, suggesting that the decline in Cortisol levels may be typical of the general male population.

Symptoms of Sleep Disorders in Older Aviators

This study established guidelines for screening older aviators, RPWs and control, for symptoms of sleep disorders. The observed pattern of item endorsement suggests the need for careful evaluation of Sleep Apnea and Periodic Limb Movements of Sleep.

The Robert E. Mitchell Foundation, Inc.

Funding for the Robert E. Mitchell Center for Prisoner of War Studies comes from the same pot of Defense Dept. money that funds all military hospitals, military health care in general, and especially TRICARE programs. As such, these funds are subject to extreme fluctuations. In recognition of the important work the Center is engaged in, the Secretary of the Navy has allowed the formation of a foundation, the sole purpose of which is to raise money from private donations (individual and corporate), transfer that money to the Navy who in turn will use 100% of the interest on funds to support the Mitchell Center. The latter arrangement will ultimately permit the Center to perform the type of world-class research that it should be doing.

A bit of background info: The Robert E. Mitchell Foundation is a private foundation, already established and incorporated in the state of Florida with 501(C)3 status. The sole purpose of the Foundation is to support the Robert E. Mitchell Center for Prisoner of War Studies located in Pensacola, Florida. Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Gordon R. England, on behalf of the Department of the Navy (DON), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Foundation on 10 May 2004. The document allows the Foundation to raise monies, the interest from which will be gifted to the Navy in accordance with SECNAVINST 4001.2G. The Navy has agreed "to ensure that all monies and property gifted by the Mitchell Foundation will be used to directly support and operate the Mitchell Center including, but not limited to, personnel costs, equipment and building operation and maintenance costs."*

* text from the MOU between the Foundation and the Department of the Navy.

Anyone desiring more information or wishing to make a contribution can send a letter to:

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I genuinely look forward to providing you with periodic updates and information that hopefully will be of use to all of you.

Until next time, Semper Fi.
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POW MEDSEARCH CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

Camp descriptions available from AXPOW.

All are from the National Archives. If your camp is not listed, it is because the National Archives does not have it.

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Cabanatuan #3	2.10
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SS Oryuku Maru (Hellship)	.90
Sumatra	.90
Thailand (Siam)	.50
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Utashinai, Hokkaido	.50
War Road Jail, China	.50
Woosung	.50
Zentsuji Headquarters	1.10
Taiwan Formosa, includes Camps 31,	
Taihoku: Camp V, Taihoku: Camp VI,	
Taihoku, Kinkaseki: Camp II, Taichu:	
Camp III, Heito: Camp IV, Kagi & Tako	2.10

GERMAN CAMPS

Camp Conditions (general)	.70
Dulag Luft	.40
Hohemark Hospital & Luckenwalde	.90
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As you know, the Foundation does not manage programs, it funds them. But some programs are at a standstill, because too few members are willing to devote the time required to direct them to a successful conclusion. One important program that has been neglected is scholarships. Over the past three years, the Foundation has helped to finance scholarship programs run by Chapters and State Departments, but we have received no grant requests for this program for several months. This is a very rewarding

enterprise, because it requires high school students to research the POW experience and write about it. Therefore, every entrant becomes a spokesperson for POWs, now and in the future.

Why don't you ask your Chapter or State Department to start a scholarship program. It really isn't that difficult and you will take great pride in the interest it will generate for POWs. Just call, e-mail or write to us at the phone, or address above and we will put you in touch with members who have run some very fine contests in the past.

The Foundation also funds the AXPOW Education Program, which is directed by AXPOW Education Committee Chairman Bob Bieber. Bob has organized speaking teams in Chapters all over the country and they address schools, military bases and civic groups in their areas. He has also made video tapes of POWs recounting their experiences, at National Conventions and at Mid-year meetings. These tapes be-

come a part of the Veterans' History Project at the Library of Congress.

But at this stage in our lives, most of us are unable to attend National Conventions and many stories will be lost if we don't act now to preserve them. Volunteers are needed to organize tapings in every Chapter so we can have a more complete POW history to leave behind. In practically every Chapter, you will find someone who has a video camera. If you can do a couple of tapings at each meeting, you will soon have a living record of every member's experience and we can preserve these accounts in the Library of Congress.

No one person or single committee can keep these programs alive. It takes State Departments, and Chapters, as well as dedicated members working together to make them successful. The Foundation is here to assist you in harvesting these goals, but you must plant the seed. Let us know how we can help.

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**AXPOW State & Chapter
Commanders and National
Service Officers!**

It's up to you...where you are. Try this good idea.

Wren Bowyer, an AXPOW National Service Officer in Oceanside, CA (San Diego area), has devised a way to end-run the Privacy Act that prevents the VA from giving us the names of former POWs who should come to the VA for their benefits, but have not. It's something we all could do, as we request our area or state VAMC or VARO to send a

letter like this to all former POWs on their rolls. The VA unit simply addresses the letter to these veterans, WITHOUT showing you their list. The former POW is alerted to his potential benefits, and may contact you if he or she chooses. And Privacy is intact. It's up to the individual.

Here's Wren's letter which the VA could send, WITHOUT violating the Privacy Act:

"Dear Ex-POW Joe Bleaux:

We have received a request from (Your name here), an American Ex-POW, a National Service Officer (or State/Chapter commander.

The request is for the names of POWs in our files who do not receive 100% disability nor amenities, which are his/her right to receive, if they qualify.

Due to the Rights to Privacy Act, your name and phone number cannot be divulged. However, there is one thing that can be done. YOU may receive his/her name and phone number! He/she can explain to you the benefits for which you, as an Ex-POW are entitled and the possibility of filing claims for compensation for injuries you have, and now cause you pain and discomfort.

(Your name here) is a non-paid service officer offering services ABSOLUTELY FREE to anyone who needs help. If you wish to call, the phone number is (Your phone number here), or you may call NSO Director Doris Jenks at 727-372-7238."

Fred

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POW/MIA car-window decals are available at a cost of \$20 per 100 by sending a check to the League office at 1005 North Glebe Road, Suite 170, Arlington, VA 22201. POW/MIA lapel pins are also available at \$3 each or 2/\$5. For added information please contact the League's web site at www.pow-miafamilies.org or call the national office at 703-465-7432. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message.

POW/MIAs - VIETNAM WAR:

According to DOD announcements, there are still 1,849 Americans listed by the Defense Department as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, 1,410 in Vietnam, 377 in Laos, 55 in Cambodia and 7 in PRC territorial waters. The Service Casualty Offices and DPMO are again behind in paperwork and announcing the names of five additional Americans previously unaccounted for in Vietnam, all identified recently that will reduce the number to 1,842.

US AND NORTH KOREA REACH AGREEMENT: U.S. and North Korean officials reached agreement November 18, 2004, in Bangkok, Thailand, on a framework for 2005 to conduct joint recovery operations of American servicemen missing in North Korea from the Korean War.

The two-day talks were led by Jerry D. Jennings, Deputy Assistant Sec-

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retary of Defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs. His negotiating team included representatives from the Department of State, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the U.S. Pacific Command, and the United Nations Command.

Of the mission to recover America's missing servicemen, Mr. Jennings said "This joint humanitarian mission is our obligation to the fallen servicemen and their families." Whenever it takes us, this we must do to honor the sacrifices made by these American heroes."

Next year's operations in North Korea will mark the 10th consecutive year in which U.S. specialists have carried out remains recovery operations in that country. Specialists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command have recovered remains believed to be those of more than 200 soldiers since 1996.

Thursday's arrangement called for U.S. teams to work in two areas in North Korea where more than 2,000 soldiers and Marines are believed to be missing. Their missions will take place April-October in Unsan County, about 60 miles north of Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea, and near the Chosin Reservoir in the northeast part of the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea.

Additionally, the U.S. teams will conduct investigations in July apart from the remains recovery excavations in the two areas. The arrangement included details on matters relating to safety of the teams, to include rehearsals of medical airlift to ensure preparedness should an emergency arise.

The Department of Defense is actively seeking family members of missing servicemen from the Korean War to ensure it has them in their computer databases for contact purposes. Additionally, the Department needs family reference samples (FRS) for DNA comparison of remains it has and will be recovering. Acquiring the reference samples is critically important to ensuring the identification of the

remains. If anyone knows a family with a missing service member from the Korean War, please ask if they are in touch with their lost loved one's military branch of service (Army, Air Force, Marines, and Navy). If they are fine; but if they are not, please pass them the following numbers and ask them to contact their appropriate military service casualty office listed below - these are toll free calls:

Army: 1-800-892-2490; Navy: 1-800-443-9298; Marine Corps: 1-800-847-1597; Air Force: 1-800-531-5501

Of the almost 90,000 Americans missing from World War II through the Vietnam War, more than 8,100 are from the Korean War.

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH PROGRAM KICKS OFF WITH LAOS:

DPMO and DIA's Stony Beach personnel recently began a training program for Lao officials to implement a multi-ministry program. Led by DPMO's senior Lao analyst Dian Corneliusen-James, LtCol, USAF (Ret), the US provided Lao specialists with specific information and training needed to ensure the best prospect for achieving the desired results. The archival research program will proceed under DPMO's guidance, with support from Stony Beach. We look forward to results from this well-developed initiative, but recognize that archival records on nearly 85% of US losses in Vietnamese-controlled areas of Laos would more logically be available from Vietnam. In addition, Lao documents were removed from Vientiane and taken to Hanoi "for safe-keeping" and Hanoi has not yet returned them to the Lao Government, unless there was a breakthrough over the last week. Vietnam has repeatedly agreed to an archival research initiative, but still has not authorized release of incident-specific records on US losses in Laos or Cambodia. This obstruction continues despite the President's and Secretary Powell's outline of actions needed. DPMO needs to make a solid case for unilateral Vietnamese provision of records believed to be available, especially on LKA cases in all three Indochina countries.

news, events and information



Jan. 30-Feb. 11, 2005. BACK TO THE PHILIPPINES - 60th Anniversary Manila Liberation Contact: Sasha Jean Jansen, 8100 Pleasants Valley Road, Vacaville, California 95688; Phone: 530-795-0411 - E-Mail: Mabuhayma@aol.com.

April 27-May 1, 2005. Stalag Luft III 60th Anniversary Celebration of our Liberation will be held at the Radisson Hotel City Center in Tucson, AZ. Contact: Tom Thomas 630-668-0215, or Bob Weinberg 830-257-4643 if you are not on our mailing list for the program being mailed out in January.

May 1-4, 2005. Stalag 17B Reunion will be held at the Radisson Opreyland, Nashville, TN. Contact Pat Moulis, 37376 N. US 19, # 101, Palm Harbor, FL 727-934-7499.

Sept. 21-25, 2005. USS Abanki AFT 96 Reunion will be held in Bowie, Maryland. Contact: Adolph Channell, R.R. 1, Box 246A, Marlinton, WV 24954; 304-799-6442; achannell@marlintonwv.com.

looking for



I am Dave Adams and work as a Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape Instructor at the US Army SERE School at Ft Bragg, NC. One of my best friends, Carol McPhail, is looking for information in regards to her father, **James Woodrow Douglas**. He never spoke about his experiences and has now passed on. I have a document from the War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Records Administration Center, in St Louis dated 20 April 1946 that indicated his promotion based on his status as a prisoner of war. This was sent to him after his discharge

after WWII. Mr Douglas' Service # was 6 661 178 and his SSAN was 275-26-0273. He was released from active duty on 24 August 1945 from C Company 393 Infantry Regiment, 99th Infantry at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Mr Douglas was originally from Ramage, West Virginia. Any information that you might find or have would deeply be appreciated. Mr Elmer Dave Adams, 3523 Farm Circle Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28306.

I am former T/Sgt and Ex-POW Bernard C. Hanover, 350th BS, 100th BG, 8th AF. I am looking for **verification of my story**. My plane, the "Judy E" was hit by flak July 10, 1943 and I was captured ½ hour later by a 16-year-old German. I was in Dulag Luft, 7A, Paris prison and finally sent to 17B. A truck came into camp and unloaded. I told other POWs that I was going back to my barracks (38B) and get some food and that I would get under the truck while the guard was distracted. I went through 5 gate and landed where the guards slept. An Italian POW gave me up and I spent 10 days in "Jail". Other POWs were Shorty Robinson(?) or Robertson and Ferrergero(?) were in jail with me. Shorty tried to go over the fence but was caught by a guard dog. My address is: 4214 St Vincents Drive, Baltimore MD 21215.

I actually have three requests.

- 1) I'm looking for anyone who was in **Stalag Luft I** between November 1943-May 1945 and knew either Marion R. Cessna or Kenneth D. Williams.
- 2) I'm trying to locate George W. Bond or Allen J. Bandy (both tailgunners who flew in B-17s over Europe).
- 3) I'm looking for anyone who was in **Stalag XVII B** and knew Francis J. Bousquet, Lawton H. Wilkes, Robert L. Cheek, Clinton D. Logan, or George W. Bond. Steve Stormont, 632 Plymouth Road, Baltimore, MD 21229-2212; 410-719-9702. s.stormont@verizon.net. Thank you.

We are seeking information on our grandfather, **Edwin C. Plitt**, who

served with Company "C", 122D Medical Battalion, 42D Division, also known as the Rainbow Division. We believe he was a sharpshooter on an ambulance and we know he was a POW. He later escaped and rejoined his division just before they liberated Dachau. Our grandfather died long ago and we would so like to learn more about him. Thank you. Kristan Higgins, P.O. Box 321, Durham, CT 06422.e-mail: k.higgins@snet.net.

I'm looking for information about my father's time in Korea or in his 23 year Army career. He was a POW for several months and was released at the end of the war. His name is **Charles Brock** and was from Florida. He retired from the Army in the early '70s and has since passed away. If you have information or know how to obtain it, please email me. Thanks. SMSgt (Ret) Charles Brock, fairseas@verizon.net, 757-867-9099.

I am looking for a former POW from Arizona. His name is **Col. Ronald E. Byrne**. Please let me know if you have any info on him. Thanks John Holcomb, 10309 Waxhaw Hwy, Waxhaw, NC 28173; e-mail: jonbev1@juno.com.

A good friend of mine would like to find **Ray (or Raymond) Malloy** who was a flight engineer with the 15th Air Force. My friend and Ray Malloy spent many months in Stalag Luft I in Barth, Germany until the camp was liberated in May 1945. After liberation, they made their way across Europe to Paris, then England, and finally the States. All my friend remembers is that Ray was from the New England area (he thinks the Boston area), and possibly went to Boston College. He also

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thinks that Ray was going to return to the New England area after the war and start his civilian life there. I would appreciate any information about Ray's whereabouts, military unit, family, anything that I can follow up on. My friend is 88 years old and would love to talk to Ray about their experiences during that time. Please send anything you have to Howard Haberman, 6600 Valleyside Road, #26, Austin, Texas 78731; or hhaccount@austin.rr.com. Thanks very much.

An American airman **parachuted into Japan near the city of Chosi** near the end of the war. While in a makeshift cell he was befriended by a Japanese teenager who gave him food and a blanket. He gave her a silver St. Christopher medal and was soon transferred to a prison camp at Chiba, Japan. He would have been the only transfer from Chosi to Chiba. Does anyone have any information that would help identify the airman? The teenager is now elderly and wishes to know his situation and to return the medal. Please contact: Robert Machotka 354 West Franklin St. West Salem, WI 54669; email: machotka@execpc.com.

Still looking to correspond with Stalag Luft III POWs who drew the **Donald Duck "I Wanted Wings"** design in their camp diary. I have located and interviewed the creator of the insignia and would like to have additional stories to add to my research. The information I collect will be published in a book I am writing. I'd also like to hear from you if you had any role in the so called "Great Escape," or if you were on the forced march to Moosburg. If you'd like to participate, either email or snail mail me at either of the following addresses. David Lesjak Box 93016 Willowbrook P.O., Langley British Columbia, Canada V3A 8H2 powresearch@yahoo.com.

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My grandfather, **Ira Shelton**, now deceased, was a POW at Stalag IXB at Bad Orb. He was captured on December 17, 1944 during the beginning of the Battle of the Bulge in Hosingen, Lux. In some of the writings we have, he listed the following men that he shared a Red Cross box with: Elmer W. Gunnerson; Johnny Green; Chas. A Vosta; George Modrak; Audley D. Williams; Jack R. Meacham; L.D. Cowart; Andrew O'Shauhnessy; Philip K. Fried; James T. Callahan. I would, of course, be interested in talking with anyone who has information regarding Stalag IXB but particularly with anyone who knew my grandfather, who was a lovely human being. I'm so glad he survived so we could know him! Thanks! Teresa Pittman 2428 Jackson Parkway, Vienna, VA 22180 or thepittmans@earthlink.net.

I am looking for any information on my grandfather, **George V. Spraggins**. He was with the 398th Bomb Group, 603rd Squadron. He was shot down over Merseburg, Germany on Nov. 21, 1944. He was then a POW at Stalag Luft 1, at Barth. If anyone has any information about him or any other members of the Buzza/Hastings crew please contact me. Thank you! Beth Gaines, 2210 Plaen View Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246; (319) 339-1890. precisionlawncare@hotmail.com.

Anyone who was on the **Work Detail in Plauen IV Germany** from January 1945 to April 1945 please contact me. Don Keysor, 267 Lariat Loop, Lincoln CA. 95648 or tel. 916-408-7445 or e-mail me at d.keysor@starstream.net

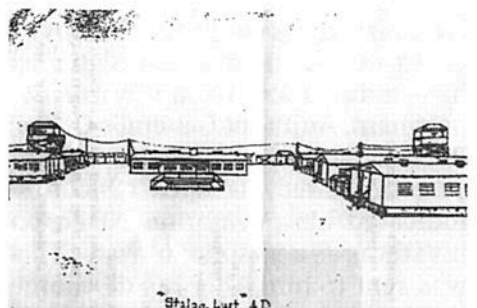
I am trying to find any soldiers that may have been with my grandfather as a POW during WWII in Europe and if they could tell me the 2nd POW camp he was transferred to after Stalag 2A. Here is the information I have about his service: **Weldon Ray Slaughter (He was known by Ray)**. Army; RTC 77; Company D 149th Battalion IRTC (this was on his discharge papers). He was in Stalag 2A, Camp No 53-13 and was transferred to a 2nd camp. (I would

be very grateful to know the camp he was transferred to in Germany). Date reported captured: 9/21/44. He was from Paducah, Texas. Battles and Campaigns: Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe. I have more information if you need it. My name is Michelle Clark and my phone number is (214)528-2577. On a very personal note, I feel I had the best grandfather a granddaughter could ever imagine. He died in December and I miss him deeply.

I am looking for anyone who served with and was a POW with my father, **Pvt. William C. Rich**. Infantry Company D, 175th, APO #15330. My father went missing in action on July 30, 1944 in France. He was rescued and returned to Military Control on May 6, 1945. He was in a German POW camp in Germany. The Adjutant-General was J.A. Ulio. If anyone has any information, please notify me. Thank you. Dennis Rich, 3161 Highway 77, Southside, AL 35907; (256) 442-0827.

I am looking for anyone who knew **Randall Bradley** (deceased). He was a POW in Stalag Luft 3. His son, Mark Bradley, has a book on Luft 3. Please call Mark at 817-477-2027 or 817-915-5959.

If you would put this sketch in the POW Magazine, I know it would bring back memories to many former POWs. I made this sketch in June of 1944. I also made an overhead view, but the Germans confiscated it in one of their nightly barrack searches. Edward Stoy, POW 1825, 10587 Swindon Ct., Cincinnati, OH 45241; POW1825@aol.com.



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Voices of Andersonville Ready to Debut

By: Fred Boyles, Superintendent

Andersonville National Historic Site has introduced to the public a new film about the history of Camp Sumter. This new addition to the National Prisoner of War Museum was initiated by visitor feedback from the visitor register (sign in book) and through the National Park Service visitor survey. This feedback told us that visitors wanted more information about the Civil War story of Andersonville. Rather than remove any of the meaningful presentations in the National Prisoner of War Museum, the park staff decided to produce a film that would tell the story of Andersonville to be shown opposite the highly acclaimed film, *Echoes of Captivity*. Production of a new documentary was no easy task. A process was developed to develop a story line, write a script, choose a contractor, produce the film and review the film at various stages to ensure that it met the needs of the park. The film maker selected was Northern Light Productions of Boston, who has a proven track record as an award winning producer of video programs for television and museums. This process lasted three long

years. Most of the actual filming took place during the summer of 2003 at Andersonville. Volunteer reinactors came from all over to make themselves resemble Andersonville prisoners of war. Once filming and editing was complete, the park reviewed and approved what is called the rough cut. This review allowed for the final tape to be produced and turned over to the park for installation into the museum.

Once the video was accepted, the park took a major step in updating two key elements to the showing of both *Echoes of Captivity* and the new *Voices of Andersonville*. First, all the equipment used to show these films was replaced. This was necessary because it was simply worn out. Installed originally in April 1998, the video projector was already starting to fail. This may be surprising to some people because televisions, audio and video equipment seem to last for many years. That may be true for home use but not in a commercial setting. The video *Echoes of Captivity* has been shown 18 times a day, seven days a week for 362 days a year for the last six years. Second, the park installed captioning for both the *Echoes* video and the new film. This is important to accommodate those visitors who are hearing impaired. Both of these steps were very expensive but paid for by the National Park Service.



Civil War re-enactors played the part of Andersonville prisoners for *Voices of Andersonville*.

Our new film, *Voices of Andersonville*, was made possible thanks to a grant to the park from the Andersonville Trust. The Trust is an endowment fund operated by Friends of Andersonville to make badly needed grants to Andersonville National Historic Site to enhance resource protection and visitor services. Since its establishment in 1996, the Trust has made grants to the park that made possible programs that simply would not have happened. The Trust is administered by seven Trustees, of whom several are former POWs who are members of AXPOW. This group meets at least once a year to ensure that the funds are properly managed and to make grants to the park. The beauty of this endowment fund is that it lives on forever. Since grants are made from the interest income and not the corpus, the Trust can keep giving gifts to the park in perpetuity. I would like to encourage donations to the Andersonville Trust, whenever someone is interested in making a gift to the park. A donation to the Andersonville Trust will assist the park for many years to come in its efforts to preserve the story of POWs in American history and in sharing that important story to this and future generations.

Editor's Note:

Fred Boyles returned to his job as Superintendent of Andersonville National Historic Site in mid October. He was mobilized in January 2004 for active duty with the US Navy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was stationed in Kuwait where he was the Officer in Charge of 360 sailors who loaded and unloaded ships at the Port of Ash Shuaiba that serves as the main port for all shipping in support of the war. Fred is a Commander in the Navy Reserve. He has expressed his happiness to be back home in Georgia after the privilege of being able to serve his country.

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CRSC News from the Army

Tell Your Fellow Military Retirees! Those With 20 Or More Years Of Creditable Service May Be Eligible For Tax-Free Disabilities Compensation

Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) is a tax-free benefit available for retirees with disabilities resulting directly of armed conflict, specially hazardous military duty, training exercises that simulate war, or were caused by an instrumentality of war.

All military retirees who meet the following eligibility criteria should apply:

- * Minimum of 10% VA disability rating
- * 20 years active duty service in Army
- or-
- * 20 years service in the National Guard or Reserves (can be in combination with Active duty Service to Total 20 years) and age 60.
- * Retired and drawing retirement pay
- * Receiving VA disability pay

CRSC could equal the amount of offset from your retirement check received for Purple Heart-related disabilities or combat-related disabilities minus any additional compensation received for dependents.

Though some retirees will be eligible for both CRSC and Concurrent Re-

tirement and Disability Pay (CRDP), you cannot receive both. The Defense Finance Accounting Service (DFAS) is currently paying those eligible for both whichever benefit has the higher dollar entitlement. CRSC is tax-free but, unlike other benefits, retirees must *apply* for CRSC.

The Army CRSC Branch has received over 34,000 original and reconsideration applications, with approximately 1400 new applications arriving each month. We are on target to process all applications that are over 30 days from receipt by 6 February. To view the weekly progress made on processing applications, go to <http://www.crsc.army.mil/utilities/stats.htm>.

The Army renders decisions based on the documents the retiree provides with the application. Most applicants already provide their own copies of relevant documents or have obtained VA rating determinations and other relevant documents from the local VA field office. The burden of proof lies with the applicant to obtain supporting evidence to determine combat relatedness of their disability.

For more information or to obtain an application, visit www.crsc.army.mil or call your RSO or the Army's CRSC Service Center toll free at 1-866-281-3254 (or 703-325-5163 for residents of the DC-metro area).

Senate OKs intelligence overhaul bill

Bill sent to President Bush for signing

On December 8, 2004, The Senate approved an intelligence reorganization bill, ending months-long debate in Congress over how to enact changes proposed by the independent commis-

sion that investigated the September 11, 2001, attacks.

The House of Representatives passed the bill December 7th by a 336-75 vote.

The measure would overhaul the U.S. intelligence community by placing the budgets and most assets of 15 spy agencies under a new post of national intelligence director.

Heroes for Medicine Awards: Focus on The Military Representative

by Alice A. Booher



Col. Cornum (rt) Receiving her award

The Good Housekeeping/General Electric Heroes for Health Third Annual Awards were held in New York City on November 17, 2004, at a luncheon held in the Kaplan Penthouse atop Lincoln Center. Of 45 final international nominees, the 5 winners for 2004 who "made other people's health their top priority": Lisa Yue, mother of 2 boys who died from cardiomyopathy, who founded Children's Cardiomyopathy Foundation; Mary Buschell, pediatric respiratory therapist, founded Trails Edge Camp in MI for wheelchair confined young people, and built a 200 sq. ft. tree house, 22' in air, to which kids are harness-lifted; Aubrie Maze, fighting rare bone cancer at age 16, at age 20 authored a

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book for teens with cancer, "Cutting-Up", which until now was self-published from her CA bedroom; Haregewoin Teferra, of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, runs a school, orphanage and artists collective for children orphaned by AIDS; and ex-POW (Desert Storm) Col. Rhonda Cornum, USA. Their stories reached 25 million monthly readers of the December, 2004 issue of *Good Housekeeping*, [pp. 51-60] – an article worth reading, keeping and sharing.

Formal Heroes of Medicine awards presentations included a small crystal/silver plaque; and a check for \$10,000 for use in furthering "her cause" – their own charity as stated above. In the case of active duty military member Cornum, who by law, may not accept such a monetary award, \$5,000 checks were sent by GE to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Red River Fighter Pilots Association Scholarship Fund,

Each awarded made a brief statement; and the "heroes" work was represented in dove-tailed, sequential 2-4 minute segments of film, edited by NBC experts, shown on two elevated screens.

Cornum's segment was taken from select personal archives and film footage including recent videotapes from

CNN's Senior Editor Beth Nissen re: Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC), an interview for the 11/26/04 NBC Farewell to Tom Brokaw, and an ex-POW film by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Primary focus was on the work at LRMC as the largest of the U.S. Military's

overseas hospitals which tends to troops wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. Cornum's segment of the aggregate film "short" and the GH article go far to educate the nonmilitary public constituency about one extraordinary person behind the casualty headlines. She is treated with profound professional courtesy, seen via a lens suitably softened for the special massive GH audience. Film and article note, but do not inordinately dwell on, her peculiar suitability for this responsibility as a result of being shot down at age 36 in 1/91 in the Iraqi desert, held POW and her healing process which she describes as a significant learning tool for knowing how now to both heal and lead. At age 50, she stays hands-on with surgery weekly while she supervises some 1,853 hospital staffers, runs a general medical facility for all American military in Europe (which served as the initial upcountry treatment site for all of the American POWs of this war), and is obliged to juggle a myriad of visitors and other nonmedical related chores.

The LRMC casualty list (3/1/03-11/16/04): 2,258 outpatients from Afghanistan and 766 inpatients; and 12,331 outpatients and 5,162 inpatients from Iraq. Cornum observes, "They're all somebody's kids". As for her own opportunity, says she has the best job in the Army. There are tan-

gible benefits to the heroes and their causes, but most importantly perhaps is the media recognition of them as having that unique quality of "finding appealing the working for something bigger than yourself". And by recognizing Cornum's specific contributions, GE et al direct a concomitant and equitable focus on a spectrum of myriad dedicated, bright qualified military women with and without combat experience.

This cannot help but be positive for all American military men and women and those who interact with and benefit from them. In the case of Col. Cornum, it translates into greater understanding for the ex-POW, and national recognition that this can well serve as a platform for moving into greater service for those of like experiences.

House Gives Final OK to Veterans Legislation

New Laws Will Expand Access to VA Health Care, Boost Veterans Benefit Programs, Protect Veterans Legal Rights

On November 17, 2004, The House of Representatives gave final approval to a three bills to expand access to VA health care services, boost veterans benefit programs, and strengthen legal protections for service members and veterans.

All three bills (H.R. 3936, S. 2484, S. 2486) have already been approved by the Senate and went to President Bush for his signature.

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VA Secretary Opens Smithsonian "Price of Freedom" Exhibit

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi joined Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on Nov. 10 in opening a new exhibit on the U.S. military at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

"Over the span of 228 years, more than 48 million of our fellow countrymen and women proudly wore the uniforms of our Armed Forces, committing their service and fidelity to a cause much higher than self," Principi said.

The exhibit, "The Price of Freedom: Americans at War," is the most comprehensive review of the U.S. military ever created by the Smithsonian's National Museum of History. The 18,000 square feet displays artifacts from military conflicts ranging from the 1750s to the present day.

"The memorabilia on display in this exhibition - the artifacts of war - as important as they are in framing our warriors' stories are ... a fascinating framework across which is stretched the broad canvas of personal experiences," Principi said.

"The Price of Freedom: Americans at War" will be on permanent display at the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

Admission is free and the exhibit is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (202) 633-1000 or 357-1729 (TTY).

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Veterans' New ID Cards Help Battle Identity Theft

With identity theft as the major fraud reported by Americans in 2003, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has designed a new identity card for veterans that will safeguard confidential information.

"The new identification card ensures veterans' personal information is protected," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi. "It also helps prevent the theft of important benefits and services from veterans that they earned by their service to our country."

The card, formally known as the Veterans Identity Card (VIC), will have veterans' photos on the front and identify them as enrollees in the VA's health care system.

Encrypted on a magnetic tape on the back of the card will be the veteran's Social Security number, date of birth and a control number. The magnetic strip also records whether the veteran has a service-connected disability.

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation. The Federal Trade Commission listed identity theft as the number one fraud reported by consumers in 2003. Requests from veterans and their congressional representatives were instrumental in bringing about these latest changes.

"The new VIC ensures the security of veterans' personal information as well as ensuring that only eligible veterans receive the benefits and services they've earned," said Kristin Cunningham of the business office for VA's health care system.

Veterans should request the new card at their local medical center. Processing will take five to seven

days once eligibility is verified. VA hopes to complete the conversion to the new, safer card by mid-November. The existing cards will remain valid until veterans receive their new cards.

Cleveland Salutes a Special POW

By Alice A. Booher



Ohio has long been a center for patriotic remembrances for their veterans. And Cleveland has recently undertaken several worthwhile salutes to special veterans. In one such event in early October, Vietnam Era POW Captain Giles R. Norrington, USN (Ret) was inducted by the Paladin Knights as their first honorary life member. Here, the proud former bike owner and rider himself is shown with his new and long to be treasured black leather vest. He also received a POW/MIA flag, two blue champagne flutes and a handsome plaque they had made for him.



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"HIT THE DECK, THAT'S THE CENTER OF THE TARGET."

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It was December 6, 1944. We knew who we were. We were about 200 downed American and British airmen, locked up in two very old railroad cars. We only knew what we could see, while looking out the small windows and through the iron bars. We knew where we had been. That was in solitary confinement in small isolated cells at the dreaded German Luftwaffe interrogation center at Dulag Luft at Oberursel, on the outskirts of Frankfurt. All had been flying in some kind of aircraft over Germany, or German occupied territory. All had been downed under different circumstances by enemy anti-aircraft fire or fighters. Our transit from air to ground and the reception on the ground had varied considerably. Some airmen had had a long ride down from high altitude while the air war raged around them. Others had just barely made it out of their aircraft before being slammed into the hard ground. The reception on the ground had varied. Some had been captured by German military personnel. Some had been found by civilians, who were often armed with pitch forks and shovels. Often these civilians were "Hell Bent" on following Himmler's propaganda that we airmen were "War Mongers" and should be killed on the spot. Some had been badly beaten, before proper authorities had "rescued them" for transport to Dulag Luft for interrogation.

What we did not know, was where we were, or where we were going.

We assumed we were "somewhere" in Germany. We assumed we were heading to some German prisoner of war camp, but we could not be sure. Our captors did not give us an itinerary.

It was just after dark and we had pulled into a railroad station. Our two POW cars were right at the station, where numerous people were milling about, boarding and leaving the train. Then it happened. We heard that familiar wail of the air raid siren. We felt sure our friends in the Royal Air Force were out there somewhere overhead. We Americans flew mostly in daylight. It was the RAF that flew the night bombing missions. We were able to see out enough to see the Germans making a mad rush to get to the air raid shelters. They knew there was not enough room for everyone and if they did not get there in time to get a spot inside, they would have to remain outside while the bombs fell, if the target was nearby. One lady was pushing a baby buggy. I do not know if there was a baby inside or not. However, apparently, she could not go fast enough with this buggy and shoved it aside to make a mad rush to the shelter.

It was at about this time we saw a red flare dropping out of the sky, and the German anti-aircraft guns opened up. There seemed to be numerous ones and big ones. It also seemed to be a couple mounted on cars attached to our train. This all seemed to confirm that it was the RAF somewhere overhead. The British did not fly in a tight formation like we Americans. They flew in a line, one behind the other. The lead aircraft dropped red flares to mark the way to the target, which those flying behind followed. Meanwhile, the crew on the train had managed to get started up and we slowly gained momentum as more red flares continued to float down. We knew we were probably close to the target. Finally, someone yelled to a little British Spitfire pilot, who was lying in a baggage rack overhead, "What does a green flare mean, one just bounced off a car up in front of us?" He yelled back, "Hit the deck, that's the center of the target."

With that he "bailed out" of the baggage rack and landed flat on top of me, as I had been lying on the floor trying to get some rest. Almost immediately, I found myself pinned down by seven other POW's such that I could not move. The sound of large anti-aircraft guns firing so close on the ground is quite a racket. In fact, I found it much more scary than seeing exploding shells all around you, while flying at altitude over a bombing target. Add in the exploding RAF bombs falling on both sides of the railroad tracks and the result is something you do not want to wish on even your worst enemy. Up until that time, I had faith that I would survive the war somehow and return safely home. I lost that faith that night. There I was pinned down flat on my stomach, hardly able to move a muscle and that awful noise of the anti-aircraft guns and the exploding bombs all around me. I could only move my two fists slightly up and down. I kept doing that and saying to myself. "I can't stand this any longer. Come on, put one right in the center of us and let's get it over with." The train slowed some and then picked up speed and gradually, we could tell that awful sound, the kind you never want to hear, slowly faded into the night and I dropped off to sleep.

About sunup the next morning, December 7, 1944, we rolled into Berlin and spent all day moving from one railroad switch-yard to another. All day somewhere through those iron bars on the windows, we could see badly bombed out buildings, many still burning from bombs that had been dropped. In many, we could see German civilians picking through the ruins, apparently trying to salvage what they could. I remember, that as I watched and reflected on what I had experienced the night before, thinking how thankful I was that we had managed to keep the war away from the shores of the good old US of A and that our loved ones at home

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were not having to experience what I had just seen.

Note: On December 8, we arrived at Stalag Luft One, at Barth, Germany, where we spent the rest of the war. It was many years later that I learned the targets of the RAF the night of December 6, 1944. It was a synthetic oil plant near Leuna, Germany, and that we were at a railway station in the vicinity of Merseburg - Luna. Four hundred sixty five RAF aircraft were dispatched to go on this mission and two failed to return. This important German oil plant was bombed a number of times during the war by both the American and British air forces.

Remembering

April 29, 1945

from "The Last 100 Days" by
John Toland

by William J. Kaye

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That midnight, Father Sampson stood on the hill overlooking Neubrandenburg and listened to the growing rumble of Red Army tanks. Mantauffel had already withdrawn his headquarters from town and had left only a rear guard.

For the past week Russian planes had showered the town and Stalag 2A with leaflets warning that Rokossovsky was "at your gates". He was, indeed. Dozens of Soviet tanks smashed the camp's barb-wire fences and guard towers. Multiple rockets mounted on American trucks rolled up and began firing into Neubrandenburg three miles away. Within an hour the city was in flames and even the prisoners on the distant hill could feel the heat. The lure of freedom was too much for many French, Italian and Serbs who

straggled toward the blazing city to loot - and be shot at by the Russians. But the Americans under the leadership of Sergeant Lucas, their Man of Confidence, and Father Sampson remained in camp as instructed by coded BBC broadcasts.

Liberation as only a word to the 3000 Russians in the camp. Those even suspected of collaborating with the Germans were summarily shot; the rest were given rifles and sent to the front lines.

A Russian general asked Father Sampson if he had any complaints about the Germans. The priest remarked that the camp doctor had refused to help the Americans, and the General held out his pistol. "Shoot him," he said simply.

Prisoners returning from Neubrandenburg brought back such revolting stories of murder, pillage and rape that the fifty-year-old French Abbe with the youthful face and Father Sampson were compelled to visit the town to see what they could do to help.

In the woods between the camp and town they came upon the raped and murdered bodies of German girls and women. Several, throats slit, were hanging from trees by their ankles.

Neubrandenburg, once a beautiful little city, was still burning; its streets piled with debris. Soviet women in uniforms directed the heavy military traffic. The stench of burned flesh was intolerable, but the abbe' moved purposely through the carnage, praying and giving solace. To Father Sampson he seemed to be a symbol of the church in a devastated world.

They found their friend, the local priest, sitting dazed on the steps of the gutted rectory. Inside the priest's mother and his two sisters, who were nuns, cowered on a sofa. All three women had been raped before his eyes by a gang of Russians. The mother, clutching her rosary, looked dead. The abbe' asked if he could do anything. The two nuns shook their heads.

On the way back to camp the two priests approached an overturned wagon. Nearby were a half-dozen hastily buried bodies. A shepherd dog lay over one of the graves. Father Sampson tried to coax him to come along, but the dog refused to budge. Most of the family possessions had been stolen, but the looters had left a little doll and an old family Bible. The abbe' opened the Bible, glanced at Confirmation and Communion pictures pasted inside and scanned the carefully penned recordings of baptisms, marriages and deaths. The French priest suddenly seemed utterly worn and tired of life; he looked every day his age." End of John Toland's version of what Father Sampson told him; back to me.

I can vouch for all that Father Sampson told John Toland. I was with Father Sampson through all that, as I tagged along with him as his interpreter when the Russians wanted to speak to him. As I was Polish, the Russians would speak to me in Polish and I would tell Father Sampson what the Russians wanted to say.

To this day Father Sampson crops up in my life in one way or another. For example, I went to a dinner honoring the Gulf War veterans. There were 700 people there. A National Guard Captain was seated at my table. Seeing the POW emblem on my jacket he asked if I knew Father Sampson.

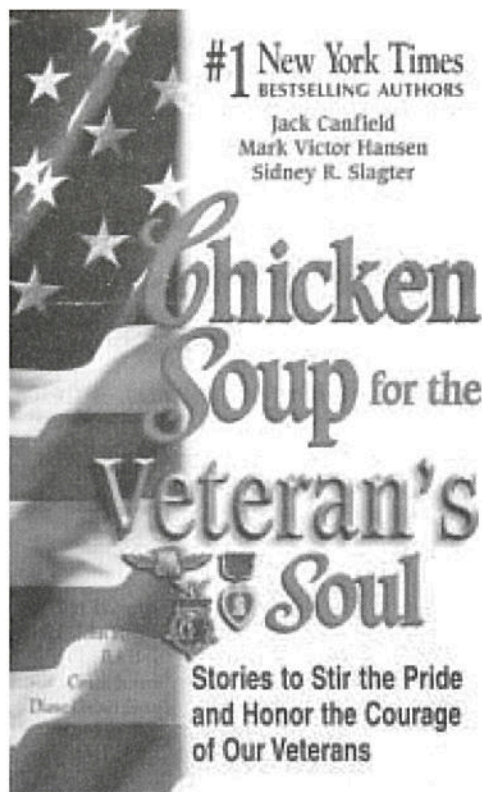
Two weeks after I joined the National POWs, I received my EX-POW BULLETIN. In the back they listed Monsignor Francis Sampson as a new member from South Dakota. I had lost touch with him after the war. He died a couple of years ago.

I will never forget the difference I sharply noted when crossing from Russian-occupied German territory into Schwerin - American-occupied territory. Russian territory was like being in a graveyard. Germans were hanging from trees. I came into Schwerin in the evening. It was like New Year's Eve. Everybody was celebrating. Including me!

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Members'

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Dear Mr. President (George W. Bush): VA health care is as good as, or better than similar care in the general population once you actually see a doctor. Therein lies the rub! Access! Thousands of veterans are waiting months to see a primary care provider; eight months to see a dentist; four months for an eye clinic appointment, etc! Politicians send our military to war; then these same politicians play politics and deny their returning warriors adequate health care! The root cause of the delays that currently plague the VA is inadequate funding. The VA's inability to pay comparable salaries to the general population causes shortages in almost all areas. Not enough doctors in many specialties. Sky rocketing costs for medicines! Health care for many veterans delayed equals care denied! Once again our government has made promises to those sick and wounded returning veterans that appear impossible to keep. Will these new veterans, promised health care free for two years for war related conditions go to the head of the line? This would result in extended waits for veterans of previous conflicts or will these new veterans take their place in the back

of the line? Either way a veteran will be hurt. Remember, care delayed; care denied! Unless and until funding for VA health care is removed from politics this problem will continue. Secretary Principi has done and is doing an outstanding job with the limited resources available to him to fulfill his mandate. But until reforms in the budget process along the lines proposed by The Partnership for Veterans Health Care is adopted all the words of gratitude for the sacrifices made to our returning service men and women will be just that! Empty Words! Our lawmakers see to it that the funds necessary to conduct and win the wars are there and then conveniently forget that health care for," those who have borne the battle", is an ongoing cost of war and needs to be adequately funded as well.

We urge the Congress and our President to work with the Partnership in formulating a way to provide mandatory funding for VA Health Care. With a secure, predictable funding stream, many money saving economies can be made and we as a country will be able to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice by caring adequately for the survivors!

Respectfully submitted, Norm Fellman Legislative Officer, Joseph E Klapper Post 151, AMVETS Legislative Officer, Garden State Chapter, American Ex-Prisoners of War Life Member, Chapter 16, DAV. and Senior Vice Commander, Post 79, JWV.

Dear Cheryl,

I was disappointed that members who attended the National Convention in Texas did not have a way to identify which POW camps they were confined in. It would have been great for some of us who wanted to see old friends. It was difficult to recognize one another at our old age. I wish this could be brought up at the next convention. I did notice some Air Force request for reunions. I did meet PNC

Throckmorton who was in Stalag IIIB for a short while. I was sorry to see him with a walker. I am getting close to that, but have been lucky so far.

Sincerely,
Allen K. Richards
243 E. Wilbur Rd. 115
Thousands Oaks, CA 91360

To all:

I think it needs to be made public that the new remarried widow ruling is also for those remarried widows that HAD NEVER FILED FOR DIC BEFORE. The deadline has passed for those who had once collected and then remarried, and I really do not think the deadline for filing would apply to them anyway, because they never received DIC before.

I just filed a claim for a widow whose POW husband died in 1983 and she never filed for DIC; claims she did not know she could. Then she remarried in 1990 and was over the age of 57 at the time. This year she heard that remarried widows could be reinstated so she asked a county veteran service officer to file for her. This VSO filed but the application was refused, so she called me. I filed an appeal for her on October 12, 2004, and talked to Ginger Raney (EX-POW coordinator at Waco TX Regional Office) about this at the National Convention. I got the notice Saturday that she was approved for DIC. So the VA is interpreting (at least in Texas) the Dec. 2003 order to cover those widows who LOST their DIC and also those widows who remarried NEVER HAVING FILED FOR DIC before.

As I said before, I don't think the time limit for filing for reinstatement applies, because they are not being reinstated, they are filing for the first time.

Please get this word around if there are others in the nation who are in the same predicament.

Betty Harlan, National Service Officer, 2570 FM 3397, Sudan, TX 79371; Phone (806)933-4428.

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Two Cruises

By Dale E. Rigby
(a former 20 year old, farm
boy/sailor from Utah -
crewmember - USS PUEBLO
AGER-2)
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Memories of more difficult times
flooded my mind as I surveyed the
luxury of my new vacation home.

It had been so very long since I had
been out to sea, let alone on a ship
of this magnitude.

Our ports of call would include sunny
sites on the Baja of Mexico, Cabo San
Lucas, Mazatlan, and Puerto Vallarta!
I thought back to my last cruise, 37
years ago. It was the icy cold of Janu-
ary in the Sea of Japan and the port
of call was unscheduled, unwanted
and very undesirable.

Why should I be nervous in any way
with this trip? I don't know! I guess
I'm just always waiting "for the next
shoe to drop" as they say!

Not much time passed before the
first buffet lunch was served. There
was so-o-o-o much food, and so-o-
o-o many choices of things to eat!

The desserts were so rich, well, they
were just over the top!



As we set sail out into the Pacific
Ocean I was feeling pretty good.

My stomach was so happy, warm, and
fuzzy all over. My thoughts reflected
back upon my life. I was very fortune-
nate, very blessed indeed!

At that unwanted port of call, 37
years ago, there had not been any
choices. On the other side of that
world, time stands still. Sometimes,
it feels like a million years ago, some-
times yesterday! The main course
then was turnips, and only enough
to keep you hungry. Our HOSTS plan
of the day back then was always ter-
ror and pain applied to body, mind,
and soul.

We are very, very, blessed to be
AMERICANS!



Before long my wife, Julie and I found
our way back to the back of this
beautiful cruise ship.

For you see, there had once been a
20 year old, farm boy, sailor from
Utah who took great comfort in this
very place, the fantail, the back of
the ship. Whenever he was off duty
he would stand at the rail and watch
the wake of his small ship. For some
reason, it was comforting for him to
do this. For some reason, it was com-
forting to me.

Each day at 1200 hrs., noon that is,
the Captain of this great cruise liner
would announce our position,
weather data, and distance to our
next port of call. However, other than
a picture in the cruise documents, I
never saw this Captain.



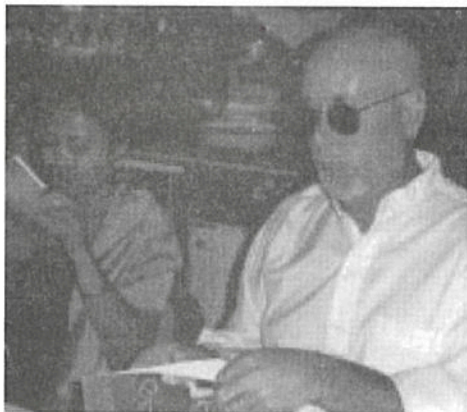
Well, to make this long story very
short, I will be brief. This was a col-
orful, relaxing and restful cruise with-
out any gremlins.



Ten former shipmates, their spouses,
some siblings, children, and the par-
ents of one sailor had gathered to-
gether in great joy!



Two Cruises continued...



In fact, this had been an extension of a US Navy ship reunion held in San Diego just days earlier.



Two events with the single purpose of honoring the memory of a great captain of a seemingly insignificant navy ship. A ship that time has stood still for. A captain... "who cared so much about people that it cost him his career." (Bradley Crowe - crewmember) A captain who was... "a giant of a man." (Edward "Stu" Russell - crewmember - Pueblo Assoc. Sec. /Former Pueblo Assoc. President).



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A captain for whom... "the well-being of his crew was foremost!"

The man I am speaking about is Navy Cdr. Lloyd Mark "Pete" Bucher!



He was the first and only Captain of the ill fated USS PUEBLO - AGER-2. He was... "my captain, my captain" "May GOD Bless America with more men having the courage of Cdr. Lloyd Mark "Pete" Bucher USN Ret. (1927-2004)

January 23rd 2005 marks 37 years ago that the USS Pueblo (AGER-2) was attacked by North Korean naval forces.

One sailor was killed, the remaining crew of 82 (incl. 2 civilian oceanographers) were held prisoner for 11 months. Many of the crew, including Captain Bucher, had shrapnel wounds.

.... what was it like? even for a day?

It was layers of emptiness, beatings, brainwashing attempts, printed propaganda, waiting and hoping. Every day seemed like ten!

However, after a few months of imprisonment something interesting happened.

One crewmember, Pollicarpo Polla Garcia, "PP," had training as a barber. The North Koreans decided to use "PP" to give us an occasional haircut and shave. "PP's Barber Shop" (ha) also gave us a "grapevine." Care was given in what was said though, as the North Koreans were for sure listening.

However the very best part was the morale boost that "PP" gave everyone. We would ask "... hey "PP" when are we getting out of here?"



"PP" would always respond in his very much loved Philippine accent:

"... two weeks man!! ... two weeks!!"

"PP" was a true leader and great source of high morale.

Unfortunately, the guards would beat him every day. They tried to instill fear into him not to do what he so gladly gave to each of us! HOPE! One by one, one day at a time!

Your shipmates of the "Pueblo" will always be grateful for you, "PP" Garcia! May GOD bless and keep you!

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USS Pueblo-AGER-2 - shipmates gather at a September 25, 2004 reunion at San Diego's Handlery Hotel "... to honor the memory of their "Captain" Navy CDR. Lloyd Mark "Pete" Bucher USN (Ret.) (1927-2004)."



## Washington Office on the Road NJ State Convention September 10, 2004

Executive Director Les Jackson, and Legislative Committee Co-Chairmen Mary Rolen and Dr. Charles Stenger put together quite a program for New Jersey AXPOW members last September. In return, they were wine, dined and awarded for their efforts on behalf on all ex-prisoners of war.



## Hudson Valley Chapter Annual Riverboat Cruise

by Vince Lisanti  
330 Clinton Ave.  
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522



The Boat Ride August 26, 2004

There is no other river on this continent as historically significant nor of comparable scenic beauty as the Hudson. We are proud to have the freedom of this heritage. A freedom that was assured us by the capable leadership in battle by graduates of the military academy that graces its shore.

For many of us, this river was also the gateway to this country of our forefathers.

Each year, the Hudson Valley Chapter is the guest of the West Point Military Academy's river boat. This privilege was brought about because the chapter initiated a memorial service for the 11,500 martyrs who died while being held as prisoners of war in the holds of British prison ships during the war of the revolution.

This year, we were honored by having two very special guests. Ms. Patricia Amberg-Blyskal, Director of the New York VARO, and Mr. John T. Morrissey, a veteran Marine of the Vietnam War who found and named a mountain peak in Alaska - Mount POW-MIA. The two are shown holding a POW-MIA banner containing a handful of earth from the mountain. Our boat came to a stop at the site where one of the giant chains was strung across the river to deter the British battle ships during the Revolutionary War. The earth was tossed

from the banner onto the waters of the river. A bugler sounded TAPS and the following prayer was read:

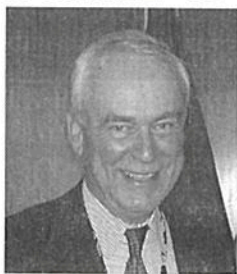
*As we place this earth upon the waters - may this be a holy place and hallowed time of remembrance - We honor those who gave so much for us and our great nation - May we never forget the true cost of our freedom and the blessings we enjoy as Americans.*



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# NamPOW news



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## Fort Bragg street renamed in honor of longest-held POW

**By Joanna Hawkins**

*U.S. Army JFK Special Warfare Center  
and School Public Affairs Office*

FORT BRAGG, N.C. For his extraordinary heroism during the Vietnam War, the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School dedicated a street here Nov. 5, 2004 to the late Col. Floyd J. Thompson—the longest-held prisoner of war in U.S. history.

In an emotional ceremony, Floyd J. Thompson Street was formally dedicated in honor of the nine-year

POW and decorated Special Forces officer. Formerly 15th Street, Floyd J. Thompson Street is located in the old Special Forces area of Smoke Bomb Hill on Fort Bragg and intersects with Son Tay Road. The street name was officially changed on July 15, 2003.

In 1964, the Viet Cong captured then-Capt. Thompson after his Air Force L-19 observation plane was downed by small arms fire near Quang Tri, South Vietnam, on March 26. He survived the crash, suffering burns, a bullet wound across the cheek and a broken back. On March 16, 1973, during Operation Homecoming, he was finally released and returned home.

Thompson remained in the military after his captivity and retired from the Army in 1981 as a colonel. He died in Key West, Fla., on July 16, 2002.

Maj. Gen. James W. Parker, USAJFKSWCS commanding general, spoke during the ceremony about the significance of the street.

"Floyd J. Thompson Street is rich in Special Forces history. It is where people like Colonel Thompson were trained in preparation for serving as

advisers in Vietnam and Southeast Asia," Parker said.

He also added that Floyd J. Thompson Street would remain significant well into the future.

Retired Air Force colonel George "Bud" Day, guest speaker at the ceremony and a former POW who was released from the infamous Hanoi Hilton prison within a few days of Thompson, praised Thompson's character and commitment to his country.

"In his heart, he loved this country as no one else could love it. He was truly a warrior," Day said.

Speaking on behalf of the Thompson family, Floyd Thompson Jr. expressed gratitude to all in attendance for remembering his father in such a special way.

"There will forever be recognition of Daddy. That is probably as great an honor as he could get," said Thompson.

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(Editor's note: The U.S. Army Special Operations Command Public Affairs Office contributed to this article.)

## chaplain's corner



**National Chaplain**

**John Romine**

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Please take time and do the best you can to look back at the past year and count your many blessings that came directly from the throne of the true

and living God. I think you will be surprised at what God can do and has done for us. As I looked back, I found that the National Convention seems to stand out as a special blessing. Meeting and greeting friends, comrades and loved ones that share and appreciate life here in the good old USA. Now, set aside some time to look forward and see where you will fit into the New Year.

There is a song that asks for help in taking America back. I think everyone who watches the news of each and every day will know what is meant. We must pray, and do what we can do to make this a better world. But we must not concentrate on only the bad things. God is good. Always has been and always will be. But we do have things happening that is far from what God intended for His people. Let us praise the true and living God for the good and great blessings that he has in store for us during 2005.

**Let us pray:** Dear Lord, our Heavenly Father, may we always give You praise and glory for the love and blessings that come to us in so many ways. Through family, friends, comrades and the people we meet, we are so blessed. May Your love find its way through us to those who are in need of healing, comforting, care. We ask Your help in taking America back to make it the God-loving nation that made it great. In Your holy and blessed name, we pray, and ask that those still listed as POW/MIA and those standing in harm's way be remembered by You and by us. AMEN.

**Thought for the month:** It is with awe and wonder that we face each day, knowing that God's love and blessings will be with us. May His will be done at all times as we face the trials and tasks of life.

Vera and I wish you a very happy, prosperous and blessed New Year.

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**Grady Ulas Inzer Sr.**  
National Commander 1970-1971

Grady Ulas Inzer Sr. was born Dec. 14, 1918, in Possum Trot, Ark., near Cale, the eldest son and third offspring of seven children born to Joseph and Ora Inzer. Grady grew up during the Great Depression, and the family sharecropped for a time, then purchased acreage in Rayville, La., where they farmed mainly cotton. During high school, he played football, was a 4H member and raised championship hogs.

After graduating from Rayville High School, Grady joined the U.S. Air Force at the start of World War II. Grady was crew chief on the flight lines at Barksdale Air Force Base and in the 27th Bomb Group sent to the Philippines. Grady survived the Bataan Death March and camps O'Donnell, Bilibid, Cabanatuan and Clark Field, PI. In Oct. 1944, he was shipped to Hong Kong and then Formosa, where he was put to work as slave labor.

Receiving an honorable discharge at the rank of master sergeant, he later attended Baylor University, where he graduated with a law degree.

After passing the bar exam, he settled in Longview, where he practiced law as a criminal defense attorney for 39 ½ years, in which time

he won many well-known cases, including winning appeals in the U.S. Supreme Court and the Texas Supreme Court.

Grady was a member of White Oak Baptist Church, Past National Commander of AXPOW, a charter member of Masonic Lodge No. 1396, a member of Sharon Temple, active in the Boy Scouts of America and, for many years, the Treasurer of Troop 225 and a member of the Order of the Arrow. When in the military, he was a champion weightlifter, and he enjoyed a number of hobbies and the outdoors.

During his tenure as National Commander, two bills pertaining to ex-POWs were introduced in Congress. S-1279 would provide that any disabilities of former POWs are assumed to be service-connected for the purpose of hospitalization and out-patient care. S-1607 would provide that any veteran held as a POW for more than 180 days shall be deemed to have service-connected disabilities rated at 100%, and if held less than 180 days, disability of 30% or more.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Inzer; children Grady Inzer Jr., Bobby Inzer, John Inzer, Frances Bowen and Matthew Collier; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his stepchildren, Dedra John and Richard Anderson; eight step grandchildren; one sister, Nelma Powell; two brothers, Eugene Inzer and Laverne Inzer; many nieces and nephews; and extended family of friends and sponsored children.

**ALESIANI, Pauline**, 82, of Monessen, PA died Aug. 5, 2004. A WWII Army nurse, Pauline served aboard the hospital ship USS Comfort and at the 32<sup>nd</sup> General Hospital in the Philippines. She is survived by her husband, Ex-POW Herman, four children and six grandchildren.

**ALLEN, Marilyn G.**, 76, of Georgetown, IL passed away Sept. 28, 2004. She is survived by her beloved husband Charles, 1 son, 1 daughter and 2 grandchildren. She was a member of the Kickapoo Chapter, AXPOW and a volunteer at the VA Illians Health Care System.

**ANNUNZIATA, Richard R.**, of West Haven, CT died Oct. 3, 2004. He was 73. He was captured in Korea while serving in the Army and was a POW in Camps 5 & 6. He was a life member and director of the Connecticut Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Joan, 1 son, 2 daughters, 1 brother, 1 sister and 5 grandchildren.

**BECKMANN, Louis John**, 86, of Davenport, IA and Fayetteville, NY died Feb. 21, 2003. He served as a Bombardier on B-17s during WWII with the 447<sup>th</sup> BG based at Stowmarket. He was shot down on his 27<sup>th</sup> mission and sent to Luft 1, Barth. He was a member of the Syracuse and Rome NY chapters, AXPOW. He leaves his wife, Ruth, 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

**CAMP, Lyle D., "Shud"**, age 85, of Norwood, NY died Oct. 1, 2004. He served in the Army during WWII and was taken prisoner near Fontainebleau, France. He was incarcerated by the Germans at camps 12A and 7A until liberation. "Shud" was a member of the Northern NY Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Keitha.

**CAMPBELL, Rita M.**, age 77 died Nov. 19, 2003. She and her husband, John, lived in Cranston, RI. John served with the 106<sup>th</sup> Inf. during WWII. They were happily married for 56 years and raised six sons and three daughters. In addition to her children, Rita left 20 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. To know her was to love her.

**CHAPIN, William P.** passed away December 28, 2003. His wife, O'Hara



## taps continued

died in May of 2002. Their daughter Pennell lives in Corte Madera, CA. Bill was a B-24 pilot, shot down November 5, 1944 over Mitrovica, Yugoslavia. After his hospital stay, he arrived at Stalag 17B on January 10, 1945 and was liberated by the Russians on May 10, 1945.

**COX, Elveston B.**, 79, OF Vinton, VA, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004. While in the US Army he was a POW in Germany for 11 months following the Normandy invasion. He served in Korea in the US Air Force. He is survived by wife, Dorothy Dula, one son and one sister.

**DILLER, George P.**, 80, of Carlisle, PA passed away Sept. 12, 2004. He was an Army veteran in WWII and a POW in Germany. George is survived by his wife of 62 years, Maurita, 2 daughters, 1 son, 2 sisters, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**DUMEY, Virginia**, of Cape Girardeau, MO passed away Dec. 17, 2003 at the age of 77. She was a life member of AXPOW. Virginia is survived by her beloved husband of 56 years, 3 sons and 3 daughters.

**DUMOND, Gerald J.** of Dunstable, MA died Sept. 28, 2004. He was 84. During WWII, he served in the Army. He was captured in Belgium and held at IXB, Bad Orb and Ziegenhein until liberation. He leaves his wife of 60 years, Dorothea, 4 sons, 2 daughters, 3 brothers, 2 sisters, 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**EBEL, Johnnie Victor**, 80, of Independence, MO passed away Oct. 10, 2004 at the age of 80. He served in the Army during WWII with the 106<sup>th</sup> Inf. 81<sup>st</sup> Combat Eng. He was captured in Belgium and held in Stalag 13B. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Barbara, 3 sons, 3 daughters, 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**EDELMAN, Essie**, beloved wife of Louis, died Sept. 19, 2004. Louis served with Company M, 423<sup>rd</sup> Reg.,

106<sup>th</sup> Div. Essie is also survived by one son, one daughter, three grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and two sisters.

**FETTEROLF, John R.** 84, of Ardmore, Pa. passed away on Oct. 25, 2004. He was a tail gunner in a B-24 with the 460<sup>th</sup> BG. He was a POW in Stalag Luft 4. John was preceded in death by his wife of 49 ½ years, Eileen. He will be missed by his 2 daughters, 4 sons, 11 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

**GARON, Ramon O.**, 83, passed away Sept. 21, 2004. He lived in American Canyon, CA and was an active member of the 49ers Chapter, AXPOW. He was captured on Bataan during WWII and spent 3 ½ years in POW camps in the Philippines. Ramon is survived by his wife of 61 years, Rosario, 1 sister, 5 daughters, 2 sons, 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**GILLETTE, Robert Lee**, life member of Northeast (NY) Chapter, AXPOW died Aug. 27, 2004. He lived in Scotia, NY. A WWII veteran, he was serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> Ranger Bn. under Colonel Darby when he was captured in Sicily. He leaves his wife, Ruth, 1 daughter and 2 grandsons.

**GLYDON, Joseph Jr.** of Vallejo, CA, died May 3, 2004. He was a member of the NJ Chapter, AXPOW. His father was a POW during WWII. Survivors include his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Glydon of Avenel, New Jersey.

**HARRY, Lawrence Albert**, 82, of Roanoke, VA, died Friday, Oct. 15, 2004. He was a POW in Germany during WW2 following the invasion of Normandy. He is survived by his wife, Nannie Perdieu Harry, two sons, seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, three brothers and one sister.

**HECKMAN, Fred B., Jr.** of Deltona, FL died Aug. 5, 2004 at age 83. He was a member of East Central FL Chapter, AXPOW. During WWII, he served with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF (3<sup>rd</sup> BD, 45<sup>th</sup> Wing, 452<sup>nd</sup> BG) and was a POW at Luft 1, Barth.

**HOFFMAN, Arthur J.**, of St. Marys, PA passed away July 30, 2004. He entered the Army in Dec. 1943, serving with the 106<sup>th</sup> Div., 590<sup>th</sup> Bn. Field Artillery. He was captured Dec. 19, 1944 and held at Stalag 9-B, Bad Orb. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Sarah, 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

**HOSSACK, Alexander**, 82, of Bradenton, FL passed away Oct. 9, 2004. He was a member of the Manatee Chapter, AXPOW. During WWII, he served with the Cannon Company, 99<sup>th</sup> Inf., 394<sup>th</sup> Reg. He was held at Stalag 4 until liberation. He leaves his wife of 61 years, Patricia, 2 sons, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**HOWARD, Delphos R.**, of Lima, OH died Oct. 20, 2004. He was 89. He served with the 106<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div and was captured at the Battle of the Bulge. He was held in Stalag IX-B. He was a charter member of the Northwest Central OH Chapter 7, AXPOW.

**HUGHES, John H.** of Marietta, GA passed away Sept. 20, 2004. He was 86 years old. He served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Div., 16<sup>th</sup> Co. and was captured in the African Campaign in 1943. He was wounded and held in Stalag 2B. John was a life member of AXPOW, Dept. of Georgia and North Central GA Chapter. He is survived by one son, one daughter, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**JOHNSON, J. Frank**, age 83, of Manchester, NJ died July 16, 2004. He served with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF during WWII as a Flight Engineer with the 390<sup>th</sup> BG, 568<sup>th</sup> BS. While flying over Germany, he was shot down and held for 22 months. He was a life member of AXPOW and the Ocean County (NJ) Chapter.

**KATOOL, Albert A.**, of Bay St. Louis, MS died Sept. 17, 2004. He was 82. During WWII, he served with the AAF, 48<sup>th</sup> Material Sq., 27<sup>th</sup> BG. He was captured on Bataan and held in



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Japanese POW camps for 3 ½ years. He leaves his loving wife, Stephanie, numerous nieces and nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews and his beloved poodle, Chree.

**KELLOGG, Doreen**, 82, of Broken Arrow, OK passed away Nov. 10, 2004. She was a life member of AXPOW and the Tulsa OK Chapter. Doreen was the widow of ex-POW Allen (Port) Kellogg. Other survivors include 1 son and 4 grandchildren. Port was in the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 381<sup>st</sup> BG, 531<sup>st</sup> BS. He was confined in Stalag 7 A and 17B.

**KEMMER, Ed**, "Space Patrol" TV star and former POW, died Nov. 9, 2004 in New York. He was 84. During WWII, Kemmer spent 11 months in a POW camp in Germany after his P-51 was shot down over France. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Fran Sharon, and three children.

**KENNEY, Paul E.**, 85, member of the Greater Atlanta Chapter, AXPOW, died Sept. 17, 2004. During WWII, Paul served as a bombardier with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF. He was shot down and held in Stalag Luft III. He is survived by his mother, his wife, Dorothy, 1 daughter, 2 sons, 2 brothers and 5 grandchildren.

**KILMER, Al**, 83, of Grandview, MO passed away June 9, 2004. He served as a B-17 pilot during WWII with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 401<sup>st</sup> BG, 614<sup>th</sup> BS. He was shot down on May 30, 1944 and held until liberation. Survivors include his loving wife of 58 years, Florence, 1 daughter, 3 sons, 1 sister, 3 step-brothers and 5 grandchildren.

**KRECKLOW, Orville Lewis**, of Red Oak, Iowa, passed away October 10, 2004. He served with the 34<sup>th</sup> Div., 168<sup>th</sup> Inf. He was captured by Germans on Feb. 17, 1943, and freed by the Russians May 5, 1945.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Viola.

**LASSMAN, Samuel M.**, age 85, of W. Hartford, CT died Aug. 21, 2004. He served with Co. L, 7<sup>th</sup> Inf., 3<sup>rd</sup> Div. in the Italian campaign and Southern France invasion. He was held at Stalags 2A, 2B and 13D. He was a former member of the CT Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Beatrice, 1 son, 1 daughter and 4 grandchildren.

**LENTZ, Mary Lou**, 77, of Findlay, OH died Oct. 20, 2004. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth, 1 son, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 3 sisters. She and her husband were members of the Northwest Central Ohio Chapter 7.

**LEVY, David J.**, a resident of Martinez, CA died October 25, 2004 at the age of 87. He volunteered for the Army in April, 1941. He was stationed at Hamilton Field with the 680th Ordnance Company, Aviation Pursuit, and then assigned to the Philippines. He was captured during the fall of Bataan in 1942. After surviving the Death March, Levy was held prisoner in Manchuria where he spent the remaining 3 1/2 years of the war. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, 3 daughters, 4 step-daughters and 9 grandchildren. His first wife, Corrinne, predeceased him.

**MAURICE, Paul**, of Biddeford, ME passed away Sept. 22, 2003 at the age of 79. He served with the Army paratroopers during WWII. He was wounded in Normandy and held in a German POW camp for 8 months. Survivors include his loving wife of 57 years, Yolande, 1 son, 2 daughters, 1 brother, 7 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

**McCLAIN, William Albert**, of Norcross, Georgia, died October 21, 2004. A veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he was captured and held as a POW near the Yalu River in North Korea for 34 months. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth. Both were life members of AXPOW.

**MESSLER, Loyal**, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, died in October, 2004. A member of the Old Fort Chapter, he was an Air Force veteran of World War II, shot down over Germany and was a POW for 16 months. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jean.

**MILLER, Charles M.**, of Elkhart, IN passed away Sept. 22, 2004. During WWII, he served with the 15<sup>th</sup> AF, 455<sup>th</sup> BG, 741<sup>st</sup> BS. His B-24 "The Secret Weapon" was shot down and he was held at Stalag 3 and 7A before being liberated. He leaves his wife, Miriam, 2 sons, 5 daughters, 15 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 1 sister.

**MITCHELL, Charles**, of Louisville, Kentucky, died November 11, 2004. He was a POW in Germany in Stalags 7A, 11A, and 13D. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Charline.

**MYHR, Margaret**, wife of Ellsworth (Bud), members of American Ex Prisoners of War and Agua Fria Chapter, Arizona died on November 7, 2004. Bud served in the European Theater in the 94 Infantry Division and was in Stalag 13C and 12A.

**NELSON, George Bartel**, of Rio Vista, CA passed away June 28, 2004 at the age of 83. He served with the 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division - in Shanghai, China, then the Bataan Peninsula, and finally Corregidor. He was captured on May 8, 1942 and held in various POW camps in the Philippines and Japan. He leaves his wife, Tina, 3 sons and 2 grandchildren. He is also survived by numerous caring family members.

**RICCIO, Vincent J**, age 83, of Glastonbury, CT died Sept. 1, 2004. He served with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 95<sup>th</sup> BG and was a POW at Stalag Luft 4. He was a life member of CT Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife, Kathleen, 1 son, 3 daughters, 1 step-daughter and 7 grandchildren.

**ROBINSON, Robert**, 81, lifelong resident of Chattanooga, TN died Nov. 2, 2004. He was a flight engineer and gunner on a B-17 in Europe when he was shot down and impris-



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oned for seven months. Bob was a past commander of the Chattanooga Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, 1 step-daughter, 1 brother, 1 sister and several nieces and nephews.

**RODICK, Raymond E.**, 82, of Leawood, KS died Oct. 22, 2004. Ray served in the Army during WWII - Co. B, 275<sup>th</sup> Inf., 70<sup>th</sup> Div. He was captured in France and held in Stalags 9B and 9A until liberation. Ray was a very active member of the Heart of America Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Betty, 3 sister, 3 brothers, 4 daughters and 10 grandchildren.

**RUF, Ellsworth J.** "Al", of Florissant, MO died Dec. 25, 2003. He served with the 7<sup>th</sup> Army, 79<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div during WWII. Al leaves his beloved wife of 58 years, Ginny, 2 daughters, 6 sons and 9 grandchildren.

**SADLER, Robert J.** of San Diego, CA passed away Sept. 3, 2004. He was 84. Robert served with the 565<sup>th</sup> BS, 389<sup>th</sup> BG, 8<sup>th</sup> AF. His plane collided with another on Nov. 13, 1943. He was captured after bailing out and held in Stalag 17-B. Survivors include his beloved wife of 59 years, Georgia, 1 daughter, 1 son, 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**SIMONS, Ralph** of Coweta, OK died Oct. 7, 2004. He was a life member of AXPOW and the Tulsa, OK Chapter. Ralph served in the 8<sup>th</sup> AF during WWII. He also served in Korea. He is survived by his wife, Jean, 3 daughters and 9 grandchildren.



**SMITH, Betty Virginia**, 77, of Corriganville, MD passed away Aug. 5, 2004. During WWII, her late husband, Elmer, served with the 106<sup>th</sup> Div., 590<sup>th</sup> Arty. He was held prisoner in Stalag IVB. Betty was a member of AXPOW and the Maryland West Chapter. She is survived by two daughters, four sisters and four grandchildren.

**SMITH, Roscoe C.**, member of the Greater Tampa Bay Chapter, AXPOW, died Sept. 16, 2004. He was captured while serving with the 707<sup>th</sup> Tank Bn. on Dec. 20, 1944. His wife, Margaret, predeceased him. Survivors include his son, William.

**STRODE-JACKSON, Denis G.**, age 85, of Mansfield, CT died Aug. 16, 2004. He was serving with the 180<sup>th</sup> Inf., 45<sup>th</sup> Div. when he was captured at Anzio. He was a POW at Stalag 2A. Denis was a former member of the CT Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by 2 sons, 1 grandson and 1 great-grandson.

**WADSWORTH, Violet E.**, widow of the late Norris Wadsworth, passed away July 20, 2004. She was 101 years old. Violet, Norris and their daughter, Terry were civilian POWs in Impalutao, "Happy Life Blues" Davao and Santo Tomas in the Philippines. She forever expressed her thankfulness to the troops who rescued them. Violet was a long time member of BACEPOW Chapter, AXPOW. She is survived by her daughter, Terry, 6 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

**WARD, John Vernon, Jr.**, of Tampa, FL died Oct. 27, 2004. John piloted the B-24 "Maternity Ward" that ditched in the Ionian Sea after successfully bombing the Ploesti oilfields. He and his co-pilot survived, floating 15 days on a rubber life raft before reaching a Greek island, and being imprisoned in Luft III until liberation. Survivors include his wife Betty Wilkins, 1 son and 1 daughter. He was a member of the MacDill AFB Chapter, AXPOW.

**WATKINS, Robert J.** of Spring City, PA died Aug. 17, 2004 at the age of 84. During WWII, he served with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF in Europe. He was a member of the Brandywine Chapter, AXPOW. He is especially remembered for his service to the Southeast PA Veterans Center, where he aided in the operation of a wood-working shop. He leaves his wife, Sarah, 2 sons, 3 daughters and 8 grandchildren.

**WENDT, Donald W.**, 83, of Brookville, OH died Aug. 17, 2004. His B-17 was shot down over Germany and he was a POW for one year. He was a member of the Nassau-Suffolk (NY) Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Barbara, 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**WESNER, Frank J.**, age 83, of Wyndmoor, PA passed away July 25, 2004. He served with the AAF, 306<sup>th</sup> BG, 369<sup>th</sup> BS. His B-17 was shot down in 1943 and he was held prisoner in Stalag 17B until liberation. Frank is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Pearl, 1 son, 1 daughter and 9 grandchildren.

**WOLF, Irvin Norman**, 81, of Birmingham, AL, passed away on November 19, 2004. He served as the top turret gunner on a B24 with the 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force, 485 Bomb Squadron, and was shot down over Germany in June, 1944. He was a POW at Luft 4 3 7A. He is survived by his wife, Helene, son and daughter, four grandchildren, and a sister. He was a member of the Alabama Chapter, AXPOW.

**WOODS, Anna L.** of Amlin, OH, died November 3. She was the wife of James W. Woods who served in North Africa and who was in Stalag 7A. Jim has moved to 1317 Province Lake Rd., S. Effingham, NH 03882.



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Dorothy J. Chatman 38773

Chicago, IL  
Widow of Carl Chatman  
12A, 2A

Charline Mitchell 38774  
Louisville, KY  
Widow of Charles Mitchell  
7A, 11A, 13D

John Galbreath Dunn 38775

Miami, FL  
NAM US Army DiLish Dist.  
South Vietnam, Cambodia  
3/68-2/73

James N. Gatch 38776  
Summerville, SC  
8 AF  
Luft 4  
5/12/44-5/2/45

Mario Antoci 38777  
Carmel, NY  
63 Inf. Div. 253 Bn. E Co.  
1 Plt.  
Marched 3/12/45-5/45

Jerry "Commando" Quinci 38778  
Floral Park, NY  
110 Inf. 28 Div.  
9B, 12/16/44-4/15/45

Harold W. Fitzner 38779  
Belding, MI  
8 AC 385 BG 549 BS  
Luft 3, Nurnburg, 7A  
10/44-4/29/45

Marvin K. Snyder 38780  
Overland Park, KS  
Army Infantry  
13C, Wurzburg, Zell,  
Work Camps  
12/18/44-4/28/45

Alan D. Gold 38781  
Salida, CA  
99 Inf. Div. 394 Inf. Reg.  
Nurnburg, Hamelburg

Thomas M. Shive 38782  
San Diego, CA  
15 AF  
Luft 1  
11/25/44-5/45

Rosser E. Sohn 38783  
Vista, CA  
USMC  
Bilibid, Passay School,  
Nichols Field,  
Cabanatuan, Omuta  
5/42-8/45

Aniello A. Giordano 38784  
Brooklyn, NY  
Co. G 142 Reg. 36 Div.  
Baden Baden, 7A  
2/1/45-5/8/45

Eleanor M. Durachko 38785  
Clarence, PA  
Widow of Adolph D.  
Durachko  
11B  
2/18/44-4/17/45

Nell K. Johnson 38786  
Tifton, GA  
Widow of Albert "Corky"  
Johnson  
379 BG 524 BS  
7/25/43-5/29/45

Leonard O. Clarke 38787  
Eureka, CA  
8 AF 49 BS 93 BG  
Wetzlar, Transient, Luft 1  
8/4/44-5/6/45

Edward H. Stachyra 38788  
Palos Hills, IL  
8 AF 388 BG 560 BS  
Dulag Luft, Frankfort,  
Luft 1  
9/28/44-5/45

Joseph J. Cucinotta 38789  
Gibbstown, NJ  
36 Div. 143 Inf.  
2B

Teresa J. Yap Lintz 38790  
Anchorage, AK  
Daughter of Carlos Yap,  
PAC

Jesse F. Moses 38791  
Burley, ID  
15 AF 461 BS  
Luft 1  
12/1/44-5/45

Rebecca V. Ferrer 38792 38793  
Cipriano  
Spanaway, WA  
Daughter of Laur  
Villagracia, PAC

Daniel M. Smith 38794 38795  
Sharon A.  
Tacoma, WA  
Son of Douglas Morse,  
PAC

Raymond F. Parker 38796 38797  
Gail S.  
Radnor, PA  
513 HQ Co. 1 Bn. 17 AB  
Div.  
4B, 8/44-6/45

Donald W. Elder 38798 38799  
Susan D.  
Altoona, PA  
USAAF  
17B, 4/43-6/45

Antonio Marquez Alagao 38800 38801  
Teresa Yu  
Carson, CA  
Co. C 12 Med.Bn.  
O'Donnell, Tarlac  
4/42-8/9/45

Joseph Twait 38802 38803  
Bernice  
Sandwich, IL  
7A, 12A

Leo Spann 38804 38805  
Charmaine  
Mobile, AL  
8 AF 44 BG  
17B

Russell H. "Russ" Simons 38806 38807  
Betty J.  
Rocky River, OH  
15 AF Flying Fortress  
Pilot  
Luft 3, 7A  
9/10/44-4/29/45

Archie Sornberger 38808 38809  
Beverly A.  
Victoria, IL  
8 AF 381 BG 534 BS  
Luft 1  
5/24/44-1/24/45

Leonard A. Turgeon 38810 38811  
Evelyn E.  
St. Petersburg, FL  
Co. L 423 Reg. 106 Div.  
9B  
12/19/44-4/4/45

Robert J. Baker 38812 38813  
Charlotte  
Rochester, NY  
381 BG  
Luft 1, Dulag Luft  
3/6/44-5/2/45

Robert G. Zimmerman 38814 38815  
Marjorie  
Atlantis, FL  
15 AF 14 FG 37 FS  
Shuman, Bulgaria  
4/15/44-10/44

Robert B. Heer 38816 38817  
Karen C.  
Sequim, WA  
30 BS 19 BG  
Malaybalay, Bilibid,  
Karenko, Heito, Taihoko,  
Hakodate

Walter L. Wright 38818 18819  
Dorothy M.  
Lake Oswego, OR  
USAAC 387 BG 557 BS  
Sagan, 7A  
6/8/44-4/26/45

Lewis A. Sleeper, Jr. 38820 28821  
Janice  
Tucson, AZ  
15 AF 97 BG  
Bucharest

Harry H. McLane 38822 38823  
Jean  
Mesa, AZ  
342 Inf. 86 Inf. Div.  
Marched, 4/6/45-5/6/45

Richard E. Freeman, Sr. 38824 38825  
Virginia S.  
Webster, NY  
461 BG 764 BS  
Luft 1  
7/25/44-5/30/45



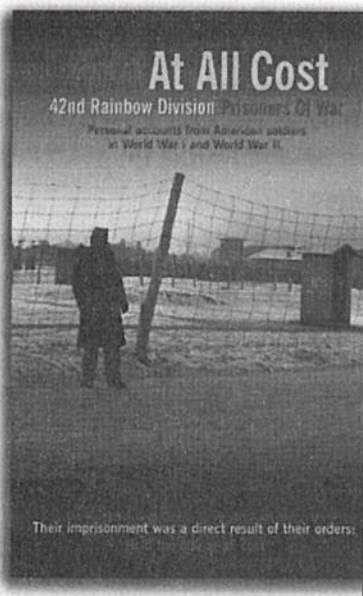
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[www.axpow.org](http://www.axpow.org)

If you are not a current member of AXPOW,  
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Name

Nickname

Address

City/State/Zip

Telephone

Email

Conflict and Theater of Operation

Branch of Service

Unit

Where were you captured?

Date captured

POW camps you were held in

How long were you a POW?

Date liberated

Medals received

Job in the military

After the war

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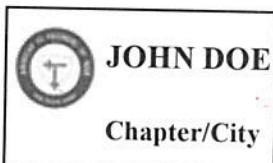
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Clockwise from top left: SVC Gerald Harvey at Veterans Day Ceremonies; Gerald & VA Secretary Tony Principi; Joint meeting of the Delta and the 49ers Chapters on Nov. 13. There were 61 in attendance; Texas Panhandle Chapter members met in Dalhart to celebrate the dedication of the Veterans Memorial; The Color Guard at attention during the Colorado Dept. Convention; Daytona Beach VA Outpatient Clinic has a special bench, honoring our own Bruce & Sami Hall; Elwin H. Duhl & Lila Williams of the SW Iowa Chapter meet Secretary Principi.





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