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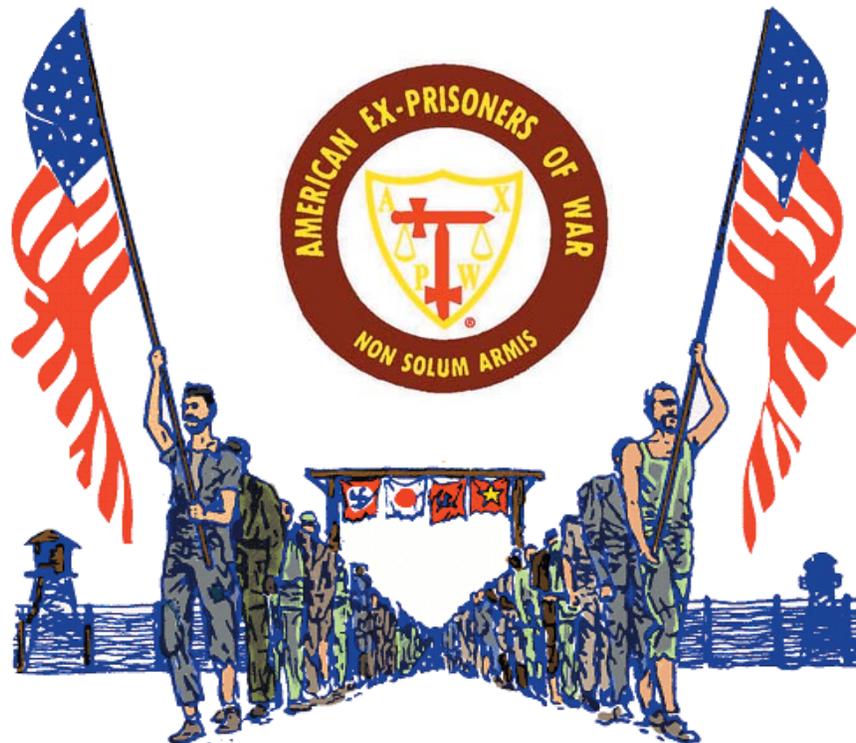
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**Inside...News, Outreach, Events...Stories...NSO Success...and more**



Left: PNC John Edwards was honored as Distinguished Veteran of the Year at a ceremony held at the New York State Military Museum. John served in the 703<sup>rd</sup> BS commanded by Major Jimmy Stewart. On his 24<sup>th</sup> mission, his plane was shot down and he was wounded, taken prisoner and remained in enemy hands until liberated by American troops near the war's end. He remained on active duty and was sent to Korea in July 1950.. In 1952, he came back to the states and was involved with atomic testing in the Nevada desert during early stages of the Cold War. In 1966-67, he was a battalion commander in Vietnam and earned the Legion of Merit. The Distinguished Veteran of the Year is awarded annually by the nonprofit New York State Military History Institute. L/R: MG J. Taluto, NY Adjutant General, NY Army National Guard Commander; PNC John Edwards; Fred Altman, President of NY Military Museum.

Right: WWII POW Ben Waldron, 85, waves to the crowd during the Elk Grove Veteran's Day parade Sunday. Waldron, of Orangevale, spent three years as a POW. He and the men in the truck are members of the 49ers chapter, AXPOW. The Sacramento Bee/Anne Chadwick Williams/Nov. 11, 2007. Also in the picture, just behind Ben Waldron in the cab of the California National Guard High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (Humvee) is Phil Wagner of the 49ers Chapter and Bob Smith (far left), Commander of the chapter. Other 49ers who rode in the same Humvee that day in the parade were Mel Raimundo, Eldon Koob, Bob Bouressa, and Sadie Moles. Ted Cadwallader, Sr Vice Cmdr, 49ers Chapter, walked in front of the vehicle with a POW/MIA flag.



Left: San Diego Chapter AXPOW members at the Balboa Park (CA) Museum where the French Delegate awarded Bill Brooks the French Legion of Honor Medal. L/R: Bob Barney, Frank Sexton, ND Ralph Kling, George Pappas, Ed Davidson, Keith Turnham, Bill Brooks, Peter Paul Ternasky, Fred Kinnie, Mario Dellacqua, Jose Astorga.

## national commander



Warren G. King, Sr.

## Welcome to the World of Reality

Thanks to all of you who support me in this sudden situation I find myself in. I never expected to come home as the National Commander of this Ex-Prisoner of War organization. I had hoped to learn more about the expectations and responsibilities of a Commander. I welcome all the good help I can get.

I know enough to recognize when someone is trying to pull something over on me. I want to see "our" organization try to get along as we are in our senior years. We need to act our age, support the organization or it will soon be a thing of the past.

If you are on a committee, work through the committee chairperson. Don't let personal problems become everyone's problems. Sometimes, someone can help. Sometimes we don't always get what we would like to. Don't appoint yourself as the only one that can accomplish something. There will be a chance to express your desires in a proper and respectful manner. We must expect to pay as we receive. Treat others as you would like to be treated.

Now, I have waited and read many letters about our recent National Convention in Springfield, Illinois before I made any comment about the behavior of some of our elected officers. These elected people were sworn to uphold the laws of our Constitution. They did not! They got part of the attending members excited and took over, refusing to obey or respect the Commander or Senior Vice Commander or the Judge Advocate. There was total disrespect displayed and to some of their own supporting members standing there along with them. I think those who acted so outrageously should apologize to all of the organization people you degraded and showed no respect to those who were innocent. (Shame again.) If your skin is so thin and you can't behave any better, and your refusal to let anyone be recognized properly as the judge advocate tried to get you to, then you may have to suffer the consequences. These unruly people can be penalized since they refused to cooperate with the Commander, Judge Advocate, etc. The bylaws state that there are several actions that may be taken in such a case, including suspending members that can be identified, especially elected officials, and/or expelling them from the POW organization. These are very drastic measures and we hope that such actions will not be necessary. An apology would go a long way in resolving this issue.

We hope that all had a safe and happy holiday season. Let's make this New Year one of harmony and progress for our organization.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Warren G. King, Sr." The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

National Commander

## Thanks for the Memory

Author unknown

Thanks for the memories,  
of flights to Germany  
Across the Northern Sea,  
with blazing guns  
We fought the Hun, for  
air supremacy.

How lucky we were!  
Thanks for the memories,  
of Me-109's  
And Flak guns on  
the Rhine  
They did their bit and we  
were hit

So ended our good  
times...we miss them  
so much!

We drifted far out of  
formation  
We jumped-and what  
a sensation  
And now we sweat out  
the duration  
Our job is done, we  
had our fun.

So thanks for the memory  
Of days we had to stay,  
at Stalag Luft 1A  
The cabbage stew which  
had to do  
Till Red Cross  
Parcels came

How thankful we were.  
So thanks for the memory  
When "D" Day came along  
We changed our  
marching song  
From "Forever and a Day"  
to "War ain't Here to Stay"

We thank God for that!



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### Forty years ago...

On January 23, 1968, DPRK forces seized the *Pueblo*. US Naval authorities and the crew of the *Pueblo* insist that before the capture, *Pueblo* was miles outside North Korean territorial waters, the Koreans on the other hand claim the vessel was well within the DPRK's territory. The mission statement allowed her to approach within a nautical mile (1.9 km) of that limit. The DPRK, however, claimed a 50-nautical-mile sea boundary even though international standards are 12 nautical miles.



*Pueblo* was taken into port at Wonsan and the crew was moved twice to POW camps. Eleven months after the seizure North Korea repatriated 82 *Pueblo* crewmen and one set of remains to the United States through Panmunjom.

*Pueblo* is still held by North Korea. The present location of *Pueblo* is in Pyongyang.

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### **From the editor:**

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**Cover.** The original artwork of CPL Harry Golden (left) and the patch based on it. The Alamo Scouts were a top secret reconnaissance and raider unit that operated in the southwest Pacific during World War II and performed 108 missions without losing a single man, including The Raid on Cabanatuan, Jan. 30, 1945. Cabanatuan's liberation is our feature story this month.

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## Our two bills still need your support!

**H.R.1197: Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2007.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war. Sponsor: Rep Bilirakis, Gus M. [FL-9] (introduced 2/27/07). Cosponsors (5). Status: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**S.0848: Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2007.** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide improved benefits for veterans who are former prisoners of war. Sponsor: Sen Murray, Patty [WA] (introduced 3/13/07). Cosponsors (2). Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

As of Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, our bills, HR 1197 and S 848 - Osteoporosis and Diabetes - were included in the new S1315 and HR760. However, both bills did NOT include the Diabetes. We are still pushing the Committees to include the Diabetes, but money is still the problem. We are working hard to find away to include the Diabetes. Remember, the Senate and House Veterans Affairs Committees have not been able or permitted to present their complete packages for the Congress to vote on yet. Until all the Appropriations Bills have been taken care of, they will not allow the Committees to move on a lot of things.

As of today, there were 13 Appropriations Bills to complete. We just

keep prodding along! It looks like it may be the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this session of Congress before it takes place.

Rep. & Chairman Bob Filner, House Veterans Affairs Committee, has called an informal discussion meeting on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> to review the proposals of the Dole-Shalala Commission with ALL the Veterans Service Organizations. Yes, WE definitely plan to attend. Afterward, I will report to the Board of Directors and let as many as possible know the outcome of this important meeting. Let us all hope that it will include the House Committee items that will go to the floor of the House of Representatives.

Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes for our organization for 2008!!!

## Mary

Of the 6,641 Senate and House bills introduced in the 110th Congress to date, there are more than 300 of interest to the veteran community. At <http://thomas.loc.gov>, you can access the actual legislative language of the bill and see if your representative or senator has signed on as a cosponsor. Support of these bills by other legislators is critical if they are ever going to move through the legislative process for a floor vote to become law. A good indication on that likelihood is the number of cosponsors who have signed onto the bill. A cosponsor is a member of Congress who has joined one or more members in his/her chamber (i.e. House or Senate) to sponsor a bill or amendment. The member who introduces the bill is considered the sponsor. Members subsequently signing

on are called cosponsors. Any number of members may cosponsor a bill in the House or Senate. You can also review a copy of each bill, determine its current status, the committee it has been assigned to, and if your legislator is a sponsor or cosponsor of it. To determine what bills, amendments your representative has sponsored, cosponsored, or dropped sponsorship on refer to <http://thomas.loc.gov/bss/d110/sponst.html>. The key to increasing co-sponsorship is letting our representatives know of veterans feelings on issues. At the end of some listed bills is a web link that can be used to do that. Otherwise, you can locate on <http://thomas.loc.gov> who your representative is and his/her phone number, mailing address, or email/website to communicate with a message or letter of your own making.

## Letters to Congress

So, you're going to write your Congressman? Good idea. Make it good. People who think members of Congress pay little or no attention to constituent mail, are plain wrong. Concise, well thought out personal letters are one of the most effective ways Americans have of influencing law-makers. But, members of Congress get hundreds of letters and emails every day.

It's usually best to send letters to the Representative from your local Congressional District or the Senators from your state. Your vote helps elect them — or not — and that fact alone carries a lot of weight. It also helps personalize your letter. Sending the same "cookie-cutter" message to every member of Congress may grab attention but rarely much consideration.

# VA Outreach S\*O\*O\*N Before it's too late

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## Outreach Varieties Many Ways Work!

A word to AXPOW Outreachers across the country: we may soon be receiving widows' names to contact from another service group - The Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. They are going through their list of 150,000 and will cull out former POWs' widows and send them to us direct for us to help them with their VA benefit needs. They now have our list of NSO Outreach workers.

And along that line...From the Sept. 11, 2007 minutes of the Chuck Williams Mid-Maryland Chapter, sent by Adj/Treasurer Robert D. Bollard: "Les Jackson told how the Outreach Team was trying to reach every POW and widow to see that they are receiving proper compensation. Three officers and three members volunteered to call over 200 names of those in Maryland. Morris, Czecha, Bollard, Mathison, Sharpe and Jackson performed this service in just a few days, with Wilbur Sharpe leading the pack! PS: We learned that 17 Maryland POWs are not receiving 100% compensation and that several widows of POWs are not receiving DIC. NSO Les Jackson has continued the contacts to assist them in future benefits. The efforts of your Outreach Team are deeply appreciated and

we commend you." A CHAPTER MODEL TO FOLLOW!

Outreacher NSO Jim Avjian in Carlsbad, CA means business with this plan. "I'm sending Outreach letters to former POWs and widows in four counties - San Diego, Imperial, Riverside and Orange. A week later I will call all those who didn't respond. When I finish with these counties, I'll start on other counties." What a plan, Jim! Thanks! National Director Ralph Kling (also AXPOW California State Dept. Commander), when he received the Outreach list, assigned them to several NSOs in the state. Sadly, they got home from the AXPOW National Convention to find their home burning to the ground in the conflagration near San Diego.

NSO Betty Harlan reports Hub of the Plains Chapter in Lubbock, TX area has several members calling to make sure all there have their VA benefits. They found a POW with 70% DC rating, but he was too busy to go for 100%, which he could get.

In calling AXPOW members in Kansas, for instance, Fred Campbell so far has 12 new claims pending, including 9 widows and 3 POWs, with great help from Dr. Carl Fyler of Topeka, Mrs. Lela Blochlinger of Minneapolis and Mrs. Ruthanne Alford, POW Coordinator in Wichita VARO. Also called widows in North Dakota and South Dakota: Result, I commended VARO POW Coordinators Ken Buatala (Fargo, ND) and Bill Huggett (Sioux Falls, SD) for taking great care of former POWs and spouses in their states.

And more Outreach: Helped Mrs. McC in Trenton, MO get DIC in 2006; year later comes her call asking help for another Trenton widow. I call NSO Marion Rippee in Springfield, MO who takes claim.

October EX-POW Bulletin TAPS column: Calls to make sure widows have VA widow's benefit by: CT -

Melanie Bussel; AR/VA - Mary Rolen; IA - Betty Grinstead; AL/FL - Doris Jenks & Co; WI - Walt Peterson; MO - Marion Rippee; PA - Frank Kravetz & Don Lewis; TN - Charles Heffron; AZ - Louise Dunham; MI - Kaz Kazmierczak; OR - Richard Crow; SC - Lawrence King; MA - Katherine Arnold; UT/CA/MN/AK/NM/PR - Fred Campbell.

## SUCCESS

In September, I called AXPOW member Mrs. A. in Smalltown, West Texas who had no idea she might be eligible for the VA widow's benefit. Now she calls to say she got her DIC, effective Nov. 1, 2006. I saw to Mrs. A., "Do you realize what that 2006 means and what your initial check will be?" Answer, "No." "It means they have gone back a year, and your first check will be over \$12,000." "Oh, I can't believe it! And I was about to lose my car."

And on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. McC in South Texas receives VA word that she is getting her DIC, effective Dec. 1, 2006. Day after Thanksgiving she calls to exclaim, "I'm in shock! My first widow's benefit check arrived, for \$11,000+! I can't believe it! Thanks for all you did."

A call that gratifies, from Meg in Vermont: Thanksgiving, and I was just thinking and called to thank you for helping me get my DIC. Another from Floyd in Midland, TX, on Thanksgiving.

East Texas Piney Woods, AXPOW widow, husband died Sept. 1993, cause "prostate cancer"; nothing else on death certificate. Dig for other possibilities, find heart problems mentioned in Houston VAMC records in 1983 and 1987, as well as in Nacogdoches hospital records

## outreach cont...

one month before he died. Call O.B. the Justice of the Peace who signed death certificate in farmhouse where POW expired at 11:50PM 9/25/93. Obviously, with long time pain and morphine drip, "prostate cancer" was cause. But I said, "O.B. did you know heart disease might have contributed to Henry's death?" O.B. acknowledged that, and said, "I knew Henry had heart problems for many years." Houston VARO POW Coordinator advised the only solution was an amended death certificate. Now 14-plus years after Henry's death, O.B., still the Justice of the Peace (County Clerk Peaches C. had retired) said he would do his best to get it amended. In two weeks he did; now it adds contributing cause "congestive heart failure". Now in the hands of a pro at VARO. Pray tell!

(to be continued)

"We exist to help those who cannot help themselves"

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## Special Monthly Compensation

VA can pay an added compensation (paid in addition to the regular Disability Compensation) to a veteran who, as a result of military service, incurred the loss or loss of use of specific organs or extremities. Loss, or loss of use, is described as either an amputation or, having no effective remaining function of an extremity or organ. Loss, or loss of use, is described as either an amputation or, having no effective remaining function of an extremity or organ.

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## 2008 Compensation Rates

### Veteran Alone~

30%	\$356.
40%	\$512.
50%	\$728.
60%	\$921.
70%	\$1161.
80%	\$1349.
90%	\$1517.
100%	\$2527.

### Veteran with Spouse~

30%	\$398.
40%	\$568.
50%	\$799.
60%	\$1006.
70%	\$1260.
80%	\$1462.
90%	\$1644.
100%	\$2669.

Where the veteran has a spouse who is determined to require A/A, your check will reflect "additional for A/A spouse" to the amount shown for the proper dependency code.

## Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

Veteran's Death Was On or After  
January 1, 1993  
Effective 12/1/07

Basic Monthly Rate = \$1091

Base rate is \$1,324 if veteran rated totally disabled 8 continuous years prior to death and surviving spouse was married to veteran those same 8 years.

## Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)

The latest COLA is 2.3 percent for Social Security benefits and SSI payments. Social Security benefits will increase by 2.3 percent beginning with the December 2007 benefits, which are payable in January 2008. Federal SSI payment levels will also increase by 2.3 percent effective for payments made for January 2008.

Because the normal SSI payment date is the first of the month and January 1 is a holiday, the SSI payments for January are always made at the end of the previous December.

## Aid & Attendance

Aid and Attendance is an underutilized special monthly pension benefit offered by the VA for veterans and surviving spouses who require in-home care or live in nursing homes. This benefit may not be paid without eligibility to pension.

To qualify, a veteran (includes the surviving spouse) must have served at least 90 days of active military service, one day of which is during a period of war, and must be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

The veteran's benefit is \$18,234 annually (paid monthly) and increases to \$21,615 if a veteran has one dependent. The surviving spouse alone is \$11,715 annually. For more information, contact your National Service Officer.

Source: Veterans Compensation Benefits Rate Tables - Effective 12/1/07. Department of Veterans Affairs

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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 may be purchased from National Headquarters. Cost of the updated packet is \$15.00~includes S/H.*

## Memory Loss With Aging: What's Normal, What's Not

### How does the brain store information?

Information is stored in different parts of your memory. Information stored in the short-term memory may include the name of a person you met moments ago. Information stored in the recent memory may include what you ate for breakfast. Information stored in the remote memory includes things that you stored in your memory years ago, such as memories of childhood.

### How does aging change the brain?

When you're in your 20s, you begin to lose brain cells a few at a time. Your body also starts to make less of the chemicals your brain cells need to work. The older you are, the more these changes can affect your memory.

Aging may affect memory by changing the way the brain stores information and by making it harder to recall stored information.

Your short-term and remote memories aren't usually affected by aging. But your recent memory may be affected. For example, you may forget names of people you've met recently. These are normal changes.

### Things to help you remember

Keep lists.

Follow a routine.

Make associations (connect things in your mind), such as using landmarks to help you find places.

Keep a detailed calendar.

Put important items, such as your keys, in the same place every time. Repeat names when you meet new people.

Do things that keep your mind and body busy.

Run through the ABC's in your head to help you think of words you're having trouble remembering. "Hearing" the first letter of a word may jog your memory.

### What about when I know a word but can't recall it?

This is usually just a glitch in your memory. You'll almost always remember the word with time. This may become more common as you age. It can be very frustrating, but it's not usually serious.

### What are some other causes of memory problems?

Many things other than aging can cause memory problems. These include depression, dementia (severe problems with memory and thinking, such as Alzheimer's disease), side effects of drugs, strokes, head injury and alcoholism.

### Memory problems that aren't part of normal aging

Forgetting things much more often than you used to

Forgetting how to do things you've done many times before

Trouble learning new things

Repeating phrases or stories in the same conversation

Trouble making choices or handling money

Not being able to keep track of what happens each day

### How does Alzheimer's disease change memory?

Alzheimer's disease starts by changing the recent memory. At first, a person with Alzheimer's disease will remember even small details of his or her distant past but not be able to remember recent events or conversations. Over time, the disease affects all parts of the memory.

### How can I tell if my memory problems are serious?

A memory problem is serious when it affects your daily living. If you sometimes forget names, you're probably okay. But you may have a more serious problem if you have trouble remembering how to do things you've done many times before, getting to a place you've been to often, or doing things that use steps, like following a recipe.

Another difference between normal memory problems and dementia is that normal memory loss doesn't

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get much worse over time. Dementia gets much worse over several months to several years.

It may be hard to figure out on your own if you have a serious problem. Talk to your family doctor about any concerns you have. Your doctor may be able to help you if your memory problems are caused by a medicine you're taking or by depression.

### What is dementia?

Dementia is a problem in the brain that makes it hard for a person to remember, learn and communicate. After a while, this makes it hard for the person to take care of himself or herself.

Dementia may also change a person's mood and personality. At first, memory loss and trouble thinking clearly may bother the person who has dementia. Later, disruptive behavior and other problems may start. The person who has dementia may not be aware of these problems.

### What causes dementia?

Dementia is caused by the destruction of brain cells. A head injury, a stroke, a brain tumor or a problem like Alzheimer's disease can damage brain cells. Some people have a family history of dementia.

### What are some common signs of dementia?

Dementia causes many problems for the person who has it and for the person's family. Many of the problems are caused by memory loss. Some common signs of dementia are listed below. Not everyone who has dementia will have all of these signs.

#### **Recent memory loss.**

All of us forget things for a while and then remember them later. People with dementia often forget things, but they never remember them. They might ask you the same question over and over, each time forgetting that you've already given them the answer. They won't even remember that they already asked the question.

#### **Difficulty performing familiar tasks.**

People who have dementia might cook a meal but forget to serve it. They might even forget that they cooked it.

#### **Problems with language.**

People who have dementia may forget simple words or use the wrong words. This makes it hard to understand what they want.

#### **Time and place disorientation.**

People who have dementia may get lost on their own street. They may forget how they got to a certain place and how to get back home.

#### **Poor judgment.**

Even a person who doesn't have dementia might get distracted. But people who have dementia can forget simple things, like forgetting to put on a coat before going out in cold weather.

#### **Problems with abstract thinking.**

Anybody might have trouble balancing a checkbook, but people who have dementia may forget what the numbers are and what has to be done with them.

#### **Misplacing things.**

People who have dementia may put things in the wrong places. They might put an iron in the freezer or a wristwatch in the sugar bowl. Then they can't find these things later.

#### **Changes in mood.**

Everyone is moody at times, but people with dementia may have

fast mood swings, going from calm to tears to anger in a few minutes.

#### **Personality changes.**

People who have dementia may have drastic changes in personality. They might become irritable, suspicious or fearful.

#### **Loss of initiative.**

People who have dementia may become passive. They might not want to go places or see other people.

### What if I have any of these signs of dementia?

Talk with your doctor. Your doctor can do tests to find out if your signs are caused by dementia. The sooner you know, the sooner you can talk to your doctor about treatment options.

### What if a family member has signs of dementia?

If your family member has some of the signs of dementia, try to get him or her to go see a doctor. You may want to go along and talk with the doctor before your relative sees him or her. Then you can tell the doctor about the way your relative is acting without embarrassing your relative.

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## Quiz: What Do You Know About Preventing Memory Loss?

Have you ever asked for a “whatchamacallit” when you really needed a hammer? Did you ever forget the name of someone you just met? Even in the best of cases, memory is surprisingly fragile. As a person gets older, memory glitches can become a little more common — and more frightening. Young people laugh off their forgetful moments, but many older people worry that every slipup is a sign of Alzheimer’s disease. How much do you know about aging, memory, and the warning signs of Alzheimer’s? Take this short quiz to find out.

**1. Your memory is practically guaranteed to slip a little as you get older.**

True  
False

**2. As you age, there’s not much you can do to improve your memory.**

True  
False

**3. Which of these is a clear sign of a serious memory problem?**

- A. Forgetting where you parked your car
- B. Losing your car keys
- C. Temporarily forgetting a common word
- D. None of the Above

**4. Which of these is a sign of normal age-related memory loss?**

- A. Finding yourself unable to do routine tasks, like preparing a meal
- B. Forgetting how to balance a checkbook
- C. Having trouble finding familiar places when driving
- D. Needing extra time to do calculations in your head

**5. When a person develops Alzheimer’s disease, short-term memory is the first type of memory to go.**

True  
False

**6. Which of these conditions can cause reversible memory loss?**

- A. Thyroid hormone deficiency
- B. Depression
- C. Vitamin B-12 deficiency
- D. All of the above

**7. Heavy alcohol use may harm day-to-day memory.**

True  
False

**8. Most people over age 65 have some form of Alzheimer’s disease.**

True  
False

## Your Results

**1. Your memory is practically guaranteed to slip a little as you get older.**

True

According to the American Federation of Aging Research, mild memory problems are a nearly inevitable part of aging. After all, the brain shrinks and loses brain cells as it gets older. For most people, age-related memory loss is a nuisance that never becomes a major problem.

**2. As you age, there’s not much you can do to improve your memory.**

False

No matter what your age, there are many things you can do to stay mentally sharp. The American Academy of Family Physicians recommends keeping your brain and body as active as possible. So read a book, try a crossword puzzle, do some math in your head, and take walks around the neighborhood. If your memory is still fading a bit, you can help yourself out by making lists, keeping a detailed calendar, repeating aloud new information (such as names of people you just met), and putting important things (such as your car keys) in the same place every time.

**3. Which of these is a clear sign of a serious memory problem?**

d. None of the above

If losing your car keys was a sign of Alzheimer’s disease, plenty of 20-year-olds would be in big trouble. This sort of memory glitch can happen to anyone. You shouldn’t worry unless they become much more common or start interfering with your life.

**4. Which of these is a sign of normal age-related memory loss?**

d. Needing extra time to do calculations in your head

It’s only natural to have a little trouble with numbers as you get older. Everything else in this list is a warning sign of a serious memory problem. In short, any rapid, severe memory loss is a cause for concern.

**5. When a person develops Alzheimer’s disease, short-term memory is the first type of memory to go.**

True

People in the early stages of Alzheimer’s often forget about things that just happened. They may repeat a story or the same question many times, or do the same task over again. In the early stage of Alzheimer’s, even as short-term memory starts to fade, they can usually remember many details from their childhood.

**6. Which of these conditions can cause reversible memory loss?**

d. All of the above

Although Alzheimer’s disease is incurable, many other conditions can cause memory problems that get better with treatment. The list includes depression, diabetes, side effects from medications, severe hypothyroidism, and vitamin B-12 deficiency. If you’re worried about your memory, schedule an appointment with your family doctor.

**7. Heavy alcohol use may harm day-to-day memory.**

True

In rare cases, excessive alcohol use over a long period of time can cause Korsakoff’s syndrome, which destroys a person’s ability to store new information. But moderate to heavy alcohol use may damage the memory in other ways as well.

**8. Most people over age 65 have some form of Alzheimer’s disease.**

False

According to the American Academy of Family Physicians, only about 10 percent of people over 65 have Alzheimer’s disease. For people over the age of 85, the odds of having Alzheimer’s are about 50-50. So if you forget something tomorrow, there’s no reason to assume the worst.

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1. Santo Tomas prison camp internees Lee Rogers and John Todd.



10. POWs at Cabanatuan Camp 3 beaten with clubs.



11. Bilibid POW hospital ward, Philippine Islands.



12. Bataan Death March, April 1942.



2. Pvt. Robert Collins & M/ Sgt. Woodrow Haines back behind UN lines, Chechon, Korea.



3. Pfc. Robert Brandon rations Red Cross parcels, Sta-lag IX-B.



4. Nichols Field Detail, PI, taken at Pasay Schoolhouse.



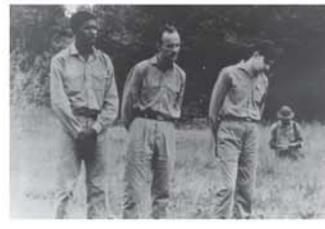
5. An American POW suffering from dry beri-beri being treated in Bilibid.



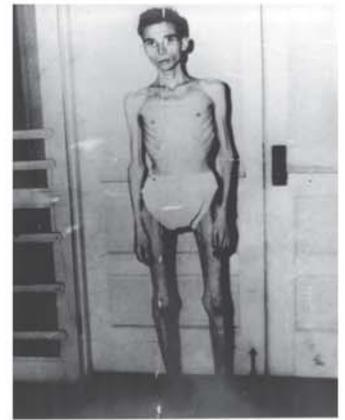
6. A GI is liberated from a German prison camp.



7. Survivors of Suchon Tunnel Massacre, Korea.



8. Three American POWs released by the Viet Cong near Tay Ninh City.



9. 100 days as a POW -- 100 lb. weight loss.

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## Andersonville

### Promotion Efforts Pay Off

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The staff at Andersonville has worked to promote the site to increase visitation in the past two years. The effect of these efforts have been that visitation in 2007 is up 17% over the previous year. That may not seem like much but that is in contrast to overall National Park Service visitation which has actually been declining in the last few years. Total visitation in 2007 was 154,680 compared to 132,150 in 2006. That is an increase of over 22,500 visitors.

With the help of the Friends of Andersonville, the park began a major promotion effort two years ago. The park used conventional advertising and promotion efforts to encourage visitation. Among these was the placement of a billboard and AM radio transmitter on Interstate 75 to coax travelers to detour off the busy highway to see

Andersonville and the National Prisoner of War Museum. Other efforts included displays placed at all the Georgia State Welcome Centers. We have also used funds from the Andersonville Trust to advertise in tourism publications. The park has networked closely with our local Tourism Council to take advantage of cooperative advertising campaigns. All of these efforts take time to produce and the pay off is often hard to gauge.

The effect of greater visitation has not been just more visitors, but services provided to those who came our way. In 2007 the park staff and volunteers presented 724 interpretive programs to 17,900 visitors. That is primarily done through our twice daily prison talks. The staff has also aggressively promoted visits to school groups. In 2007 volunteers and staff gave 906 programs to 9,080 students. Although many of those have been traditional classes on field trips, many have been for professional military education. Presenting all these programs have kept us very busy which has been wonderful. Our 2007 visitor satisfaction survey conducted of random guests to the park gave us a 99% satisfaction score. Those are high marks for how our visitors judge every aspect of their park experience.

Another great success this past year has been a rise in retail sales at our Eastern National museum bookstore. In 2007 sales rose to \$176,000 - a 6% increase over the previous year. More visitors mean more sales in our retail business. However, a more aggressive marketing program and adding many new sales items that have a greater appeal to our visitors also helped increase sales. Profits that are earned at the bookstore are returned to the park for staffing and interpretive projects.

So what is ahead in 2008? We are planning to place another billboard along I-75. This one will be for

Southbound traffic as opposed to the first one placed a year ago that was aimed to Northbound traffic. The park will also produce displays to be placed in area motels that will encourage travelers to come to Andersonville and the National POW Museum. With gas prices going up we have to continue to promote the park as an important place to visit for families and groups who want to learn about our heritage.

None of this would be possible without the help of the Andersonville Trust. Nearly all of our promotional efforts cost money. Advertising cannot be paid for by government funds according to National Park Service policy, which requires us to turn to private funds. Thanks to many generous members of American Ex-Prisoners of War and others who have contributed to this endowment fund we can do things that other Park Service sites cannot.

Looking back on 2007, I am thankful to work with a dedicated staff and volunteers that are fully committed to encouraging more visitors to come to the park and giving them the highest level of service. I am also grateful to have the support of the Friends of Andersonville through the Andersonville Trust who have generously contributed to projects to support park promotion. As we move into this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the establishment of the National POW Museum I am more optimistic than ever that we will continue to grow in sharing the story of what POWs have meant to our Nation's history.

Photo: This is the first of two billboards that have been placed along Interstate 75 to promote visitation to Andersonville and the National POW Museum. This and other efforts have paid off with more visitors to the park and museum in 2007.

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## The Army-Navy Game and the Families of the Wounded Fund

December 3 was the Army-Navy game. For years in my family it was a huge rivalry. My brother, Phil, you see, was in the same class at West Point (1962) that I was at the Naval Academy. Being the perpetual optimist and looking for some trace of good in this "One wore Blue and One wore Gray" scenario, we discovered that we each only had to buy one ticket to the Army-Navy game. Our mother would sit on the side of the President during the first half then, at half-time as the president was going across the field to sit on the other academy's side, my parents would meet at the bottom, swap tickets and demonstrate an ecumenical camaraderie not shared by the rest of the crowd.

Afterward, we'd meet at the losing side's goal post (fewer people celebrating there) and go to dinner at Bookbinder's, Philadelphia's icon restaurant. Around midnight, the cadets would get on their buses and head back to New York and the midshipmen would climb aboard the "Vomit Comet," the Pennsylvania railroad's special train, and head back to Baltimore then to the Naval Academy.

Not that it was important but Navy won three of the four games during Phil's and my matriculation at "Hudson High" and "The Boat School." Joe Bellino, a Navy player became the first in the school's history to win the Heisman Trophy. The important thing was that it demonstrated then-West Point Superintendent Douglas MacArthur's statement that, "On the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that, on other days, on other fields, shall bear the fruits of victory."

And for years it was thus. West Point grads led the way in WWII on the ground and in the air. Naval Academy grads provided the leadership for the Navy and much of the Marine Corps in the Pacific version of "The Big One." The country was unified in its effort to win.

Then came the 60s and Vietnam with Kennedy's Whiz Kids feebly attempting to run the show, the "Me-First" boomers, Woodstock - as John McCain said, "I was tied up at the time..." - and the country rejected its military. In an almost anarchic movement, authority was ceded by "The Greatest Generation" to forces that were dedicated to destroying the principles on which the country was founded and for which our armed forces had been trained to fight. Soldiers were spat upon. Nasty commentaries were made by those who should have known better. It was an awful time.

Parenthetically and partially jokingly, it wasn't a bad time to be a POW since we missed most of the infuriating dissing of any kind of authority. Everett Alvarez, almost nine-year POW, would say it lasted a little too long but we POWs and the country got through it.

Fast forward to 2007. We're embroiled in another war. This time we chose the rules. This time the scorned Vietnam Veterans decided, "It's not going to happen on my watch" and foiled an attempted "Anti-War Rally" at the Vietnam Wall. 20,000 Harley motorcycles crushed the embryonic re-birth of an anti-war movement. This time, the armed forces were the good guys and those

trying to find a problem to fit their solution couldn't.

The VA opened four of its medical centers to the most grievously wounded combat soldiers still on active duty. Walter Reed Army Medical Center got slammed, unjustly, for treating outpatients poorly but the witch hunt stopped when it was discovered how much of Walter Reed's limited assets were being spent on legislators and their families. Forgotten were the wounded themselves whose families were forced to relocate to strange, often high cost areas without the support systems inherent at a military base.

In Richmond, 12 veterans, mostly of combat in Vietnam and WWII, started a fund to help those families - many devastated emotionally and financially. The Families of the Wounded Fund has raised \$750,000 in two years and funds are distributed to the families as a \$5,000 grant. No bureaucracy. No means testing. No tax consequences. Not one penny of the money raised has been spent on anything other than the families. No travel expenses for the board. No salaries. Nothing except for direct financial assistance to the families.

It's a gratifying project with no negatives. Mainly because, as a 501 (c) (3) it is doing exactly what its charter said it would do. No fundraising expenses. We do that ourselves. No banking expenses. Village Bank in Richmond donates the financial services and volunteer employees handle much of the administration.

And we board members of the Families of the Wounded Fund, enjoy the gratification that comes from doing something good that needed to be done. With no hoop la. With no power trips. Nothing but affection for our young, direly wounded heroes and their families. Maybe that's what Douglas MacArthur had in mind as the "fruits of victory."

And this fruit tastes great.

Oh, how about the 2007 Army-Navy game? Fun time. Camaraderie. And the score is irrelevant. America won.

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## MIA Search Program Still Active

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On Veterans Day, November 11, 2004, in referring to MIAs, President Bush made this statement, "We will not rest until we have made the fullest accounting for every life." This is a great undertaking which is still being carried out today throughout the world.

Since World War 1, approximately 92,000 veterans have been lost in either combat or MIA status and their remains were never recovered. The breakdown by wartime period is as follows: WW1-3350, WW2-78773, Korea-8085, Vietnam-1903, Persian Gulf-1, Somalia-0, Bosnia-0, Kosova-0, Cold War-126.

During World War II, sixteen millions Americans served in the military, of which 406,000 died. At the end of the war, the U.S. Government was unable to recover, identify, and bury approximately 79,000 combatants who did not return and were unac-

counted for. They included those buried with honor as unknowns, those lost at sea, and those missing in action (MIA). This number also includes the 1100 sailors still entombed in the USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor. Still today, more than 78,000 Americans remain unaccounted-for from WWII. Of this number, 35,000 are thought to be recoverable, therefore, it is easily seen that a lot of work is to yet be done by Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC). JPAC is dedicated to those lost in WWII and deploys teams world-wide approximately five times a year with missions lasting 35-60 days depending on the location, terrain and recovery methods.

To attempt to identify those still missing, the U.S. created two Army identification laboratories, one in Japan and one in Germany to work only on World War II cases.

Recoveries were made in these two areas from 1945 to 1951, until all leads were exhausted. In 1976 the Department of Defense established the U.S. Army Central Identification section in Hawaii, which is now part of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command known as JPAC. This section in Hawaii focused their attention mostly on MIAs in New Guinea due to the sites known to be there. Today the JPAC still functions world-wide in their investigation and excavation of WWII sites. Since WWII ended with total victory, the U.S. had access to all battlefields so extensive searches for those fallen service members could be made. In recent operations, remains have been recovered from WWII crash and gravesites in Europe and the Pacific, returned to Hawaii and identified by the Central Identification Laboratory (CIL). Additionally, teams have conducted excavations in Okinawa, Solomon, Mankin and Wake Island, New Guinea, China and other locations.

The MIAs unaccounted for from the Korean War total 8085. A total of 33 Joint Field Activities (JFA) have been carried out by the U.S. and Korean governments in an attempt to locate those missing. Through these joint missions, a total of 488 MIAs were recovered, however, only 70

have been identified. After the Korean war, six Americans defected and remained in North Korea. Of these six, only one remains alive in North Korea. Four have died and one, a Sgt. Jenkins was returned to the United States in 2004.

Since 1997, the U.S. Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) has worked closely with the Central Archives of the Russian Ministry of Defense at Podolsk, Russia, researching files from the Korean era. The DPMO has collected 45,00 pages of materials relating to U.S. losses in the Korean War. Thanks to this effort, 281 cases involving American servicemen have been clarified. Through interviews with over 1000 Soviet veterans of the Korean war, the DPMO has received valuable information on unaccounted-for Americans. Also, the DPMO recovered information that revealed that some American POWs were sent to the former USSR, and will never be recovered. These Americans were possibly forced into labor camps. Between 1990 and 1994, North Korea excavated and returned more than 220 remains to the U.S. However, due to co-mingling of the remains and other complicating factors, very few have been identified.

After the Vietnam war, 1981 Americans were originally unaccounted-for. As of June 2007, 616 have been repatriated and identified, leaving 1365 still missing. Of the 1365 still unaccounted-for in the country of Vietnam, 608 are in a "no further pursuit status", which means as a result of thorough investigation it has been concluded that the veteran perished, but it is impossible to recover his remains.

Approximately 95 U.S. personnel and their Vietnamese counterparts have been assigned to the Joint Field Activities (JFA) in Vietnam to make excavations throughout the country. American remains found are then transferred to JPAC's Lab in Hawaii for positive identification by forensic anthropologist. In November

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2004, U.S. representatives met with Cambodia and Vietnam groups in Hanoi to discuss "Last Known Alive" cases along the Cambodia-Vietnam border. Meetings also took place in April 2005 to discuss cases along the Laos-Vietnam border. These meetings generated information about 196 missing. The fate of 165 of this group has been determined. Of the 165, the remains of 48 have been located and identified. Leads generated through these joint meeting with Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam continue to be pursued. During June and July 2007, Joint Field Activity (JFA) teams were active in excavating sites in Vinh Phic, Quang Binh, Quang Nam, and Da Nang Provinces, and were successful in their efforts.

On April 15, 1969, during the Cold War, North Korean fighter aircraft shot down a U.S. Navy aircraft carrying a crew of 31 over the Sea of Japan. U.S. ships recovered 2 re-



main, leaving 29 American members unaccounted-for as a result of this incident. In 1991, President Yeltsen and President George H.W. Bush formed an agreement to address POW/MIA matters and determine if any American POW/MIAs were still held in the Soviet Union. This agreement also allowed access to archival documents that could resolve questions about unaccounted-for servicemen. This commission headed by an American, General Lajoie, has led to the return and identification of the remains of a B-29 crew member shot down by the Soviets in 1952, and 17 other airmen shot down in 1958. To date, 126 Americans are still missing in

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action and unaccounted-for from the cold war, and are being searched for by JPAC.

Forty-nine (49) Americans were listed as POW/MIAs during the DESERT STORM WAR of which the DoD accounted for 48. Only one remains unaccounted-for who was lost over western Iraq. The U.S. government is continuing an aggressive search in order to learn his fate so he can either be repatriated or his remains recovered. Two accounted-for are at-sea losses, and will likely never be recovered.

I want to thank the following for his assistance in supplying some of the research data for this report:

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Those who have interest in locating MIAs may find information in the following Websites:

[www.dtic.mil/dpmo](http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo)

[www.jpac.pacom.mil/Contact.htm](http://www.jpac.pacom.mil/Contact.htm)

[www.iabmc.gov](http://www.iabmc.gov)

It is reassuring to know that the United States, through JPAC and DPMO, is still diligent in their efforts, after so many years, to locate and identify POW/MIAs in order that closure can be brought about within the families of those missing.

On a personal note, I have a friend, Nandor Mohos, who lives in Budapest, Hungary, with whom I correspond regularly. Nandor is active with both the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) and the American organization, Defense POW/MIA Personnel Office (DPMO). His work involves analysis and searching for American airmen who are still unaccounted-for **as MIA in Hungary**.

The group leader (JPAC) in Hungary is Capt. James Gherdovich (USAF). One of their recent missions was to locate a fighter pilot, Lt Mallory, of the 325<sup>th</sup> FG, whose P-47 was shot down on April 13, 1944, which is ongoing at this time.

According to Nandor, the work in Hungary is difficult after 60 years, since they depend a lot on the local



people for information about crash and burial sites, and many of those with this knowledge are no longer living. However, they continue to be successful in locating MIAs. This past summer, the remains of an aircraft gunner, S/S Martin F. Troy were excavated and accounted-for. He was shot down June 30, 1944, when on a mission with the 460<sup>th</sup> BG. 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force, Italy. S/S Robert W. McKee 464<sup>th</sup> BG was shot down in December 1944. He has been identified and is now buried in Arlington National Cemetery. S/S Marvin j. Stienford, 2<sup>nd</sup> BG was shot down March 24, 1945. His remains were buried with Russian WWII KIAs, and currently negotiations are underway with the Russians to open the grave.

Nandor has an interesting personal hobby of locating WWII crash sites around Lake Balaton near Budapest. The Burgermiesters (Mayors) of the small villages kept very accurate records of the sites, including names of those on each crew whether they were living or killed in the crash, of which he has inspection privileges. Nandor has supplied me with a lot of information about the mission on which I was shot down and the old prison in Budapest where we were first taken for interrogation (including pictures). He also sent me information on the three members of my crew who were killed when our plane exploded.

Included with this report are pictures taken at the various sites where MIAs were located, showing the work required in locating and identifying those originally unaccounted-for.

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## Canvas



Of the five senses, sight, hearing, touch, feeling, and smell, perhaps the most interesting is the sense of smell (olfaction). Our sense of smell can bring great pleasure on one hand and great displeasure on another. It can remind us of happy moments, difficult times, or significant events in the past.

In the late 1960s my family and I happened to be on site at a display of military effects by the California National Guard in San Diego County. There were tents and other equipment necessary for military operations on display. It was a warm, sunny California day and I walked into one of the tents, a new, large tent firmly set up with taut ropes and tall, stout poles. The interior of the tent was quite warm and the air was still. Immediately I was struck with the strong, powerful and pervasive aroma of new canvas. My senses reminded me I had inhaled this same odor at some earlier time in my life.

At first I could not place the time or location, then later, it hit me. The time was early in 1945 and the location was the Santo Tomas In-

ternment Camp, in Manila, Philippines.

On February 3, 1945, 3,700 civilian internees were liberated under combat conditions from Japanese control in this internment camp by soldiers, "dismounted troopers," of the 1<sup>st</sup> United States Cavalry Division and Sherman tanks of Company B of the 44<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion.

They were part of special task force ordered into existence by General Douglas MacArthur 100 miles north of Manila, a force which was later to be labeled the "Flying Column." I was a thrilled, six-year-old child liberated with the 3,700 other internees on that memorable night. Many of us had spent 37 months as closely held prisoners of the Japanese in that cruel camp.

The US Army occupied the camp after our liberation and brought in many tents for support operations. Besides many other smells in that camp the smell of canvas, new canvas, must have been quite widespread and it left an indelible imprint in my memory. It was that particular, recalled scent that took me back, in my mind, so powerfully to Santo Tomas so many years later standing in that National Guard tent in California. It was an intensely personal, highly emotional moment elicited by so simple a physical reaction...smell. It was the smell of victory, the smell of freedom, and the smell of liberation from constraint. It was also the smell of comfort and safety in the hands of armed men who would protect us from further harm.

We who were there will never forget those heroes who liberated us and I will never forget the smell of new canvas.

Ted Cadwallader  
Civilian Internee, Santo Tomas Internment Camp, Manila, Philippines, 1942-1945

## Don't Forget! It's almost time for Manila Liberation Reunion 2008 Feb 1-4, 2008

Two of the most important things in life are good friends and good food. With those true words to live by, the Bay Area Civilian Ex-POWs (BACEPOW) invites you to our 2008 Manila Liberation Reunion this coming February in Fremont, California in the San Francisco Bay Area. The beautiful Fremont Marriott will be our reunion headquarters where good long time kaibigans can meet once again to replenish old ties and to make new friends. Our collective experiences during the war in the Philippines will be the glue to bring us together.

Our reunion is open to all civilians, ex-POWS, (military and civilian) guerrillas, liberators, veterans from U.S. and Philippine Units and descendants. February 1-4, 2008 will bring the Philippines to you.

Please urge your descendants to come along. We will be energizing our next of kin to join BACEPOW and to gather for a Saturday Forum and Cocktail Party to meet and bring an exchange of ideas to further preserve our historical past. We know how important it is to keep our civilian history afloat and to maintain the Philippine/American experience in our United States education process. Our descendants have the ball in their court. KEEP EM FLYING!

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## events and information



**Jan. 25-27, 2008. The Dept. of Texas Mid-Winter Conference** will be held in Marble Falls, Texas on at: Best Western - Marble Falls Inn, 1403 Highway 281 North, Marble Falls, TX 78654; Phone: 830-693-5122; FAX: 830-893-3108.

**Feb. 1-4, 2008. The next Civilian Philippine Liberation Reunion** weekend will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Fremont, CA. Plans are in progress for this activity and additional information will be forthcoming. Please join us next year. We look forward to your attendance at this informative and fun gathering celebrating liberations in the Philippines in early 1945. For information contact: Sascha Jansen, [Mabuhayma@aol.com](mailto:Mabuhayma@aol.com).

**April 27-May 1, 2008. The Luft III Reunion** will be held at the Millennium Hotel in Cincinnati, OH. For reservations, call 800-876-2100 and tell them you are with the reunion. For additional information, contact Val Burgess, 1407 Emerson, Sheridan, WY 82801; 307-674-4080. Or Irv Baum, 707-258-8806.

**Aug. 24-26, 2008. The 45<sup>th</sup> and final Reunion of Survivors of Bataan-Corregidor and other Former Prisoners of War** will be held in Pigeon Forge, TN. POWs, children, widows, guests are all welcome. For reservations call 1-800-282-2121. For more information, contact: Wayne Carringer 828-479-6205.

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**Sept. 3-7, 2008. The 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association** will hold their annual reunion at The GALT HOUSE in Louisville, Kentucky. Armed Forces Reunions will manage as usual. Details will be available in early Spring and everyone on the 106th Infantry Division Roster will be notified.

# looking for



I am looking for any POW at Stalag 4B who knew Tech 4 Arnold Abel. He was my cousin and a POW in Stalag 4B for 28 months prior to the camp's liberation in April of 1945. As usual with returning veterans, he said little to his son and daughter and I am trying to gather information for them and present them with a box of his medals. He died in Chicago, IL several decades ago. He was assigned to a division artillery unit possibly as a radioman. Thank you. Art Reed, (US Army retired), 117 N. Washington, Enid, OK 73701; [cci@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:cci@suddenlinkmail.com).

I am searching for information on T/Sgt Floyd E, Smith, B-24 tailgunner with 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 846<sup>th</sup> Squadron. He was shot down over Germany on July 20, 1944 and interned in Stalag Luft 3. Please send information to George Juskalian at [Ljuskalian@aol.com](mailto:Ljuskalian@aol.com) or by mail to 6604 Ashmere Lane, Centreville, VA 20120.

Do you have any info about a **Hospital POW Camp just outside of KOLN (Cologne)**? I had been wounded the day of the "capture" and was taken on one of my own weapons carriers to a Russian POW camp (they were working on a railroad keeping it open) thence to a German "stud" camp (Germans fa-

thering children using Russian captive women for the glory of the Reich). I spent Christmas eve and day there, then onto this huge Haufenstahl outside Cologne. We were billeted with French, Russian, British etc. I actually had a bunk with sheets!!! The food was meager but good (with a decent variety). There were also some wounded Air Force officers there. Thanks, Jim Reiss, [JARKiwi@cox.net](mailto:JARKiwi@cox.net).

My grandfather, **George R. Zimmerman, TSGT** was a prisoner at Cabanatuan. Unfortunately he was removed and put on one of the Hell Ships 6 weeks before the "Great Raid" took place. He died when the **Orioko Moru** prison ship was sunk by American forces. My mother is still living (SGT Zimmerman's daughter) and I was wondering at this late date in her life might there be someone in the Baltimore/Washington area that she could talk with that might have known her father? Or to perhaps get a perspective of what life for her father was like in the camp. Any direction or help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Nils V. Johnson, [penguin821@comcast.net](mailto:penguin821@comcast.net).

Seeking to make contact with: Anyone who served with **PVT. David Goldman**, 36th Div., F-142nd Reg. Anyone who was interned in **Stalag 2B** 1943-1945. Soldiers who were in **Salerno, Italy on 09/09/1943** from the 36th Div., 142nd Reg., 2nd Bn. **Paul Jackson**, Birmingham, AL; **John Kane**, Chicago, IL; **Gus Mangoni**, Chicago, IL. Any information, including photos, etc. related to the above subject matter will be appreciated. If you wish, please forward your area code and phone number and I will call you (to save you the phone expense). Thank you and best wishes to all. Janice Goldman, P.O. Box 59024, Chicago, IL 60659; [jg2333@msn.com](mailto:jg2333@msn.com).

# News Briefs

## Back Pay Modification Moves Closer to Becoming Law

H.R.1585 - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, passed the Senate and House with this amendment: To modify the calculation of back pay for persons who were approved for promotion as members of the Navy and Marine Corps while interned as prisoners of war during World War II.

The Amendment became part of Title VI, Sec. 686 and states: Modification of amount of back pay for members of Navy and Marine Corps selected for promotion while interned as prisoners of war during World War II to take into account changes in Consumer Price Index. The Bill passed the House and Senate.

On December 6, 2007, the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 1585 was filed. Section 686 became Section 675 and was adopted.

## Veterans Legislation Signed Into Law

The President has signed into law (P.L. 110-111) the annual COLA adjustment for certain veterans' benefits. The 2.3% hike is the same as the annual Social Security rate and military retired pay. The COLA applies to VA disability compensation payments, survivors' dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC), and a clothing allowance for certain veterans. The change became ef-

fective on Dec. 1, 2007 and is reflected in checks mailed in early January, 2008.

One example: the new basic monthly DIC rate for survivors of veterans who died of service-related causes after January 1, 1993 will increase to approximately \$1,091 from \$1,067.

The President also signed into law a veteran suicide prevention measure (P.L. 110-110) that addresses training, screening and tracking of veterans at risk for suicide and other mental health illnesses.

A large new study by Army researchers in the Journal of the American Medical Association (November 14, 2007) found significant levels of PTSD and other mental health concerns among combat veterans. The study concluded that the large clinical burden recently reported among veterans presenting to VA facilities seems to exist within months of returning home, highlighting the need to enhance military mental health care during this period.

## VA Agent Orange Claims

Rep. Bob Filner, the chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, has a radical idea to cut the huge and seemingly intractable backlog of veterans' benefits claims. To focus on handling new claims from Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans, Rep. Filner says the Department of Veterans Affairs should approve — with minimal questioning — claims filed by Vietnam veterans, especially those whose claims deal with exposure to the toxic herbicide Agent Orange.

In a recent interview, Filner said he sees no way for VA to make headway in reducing the backlog of more than 400,000 claims without "radical" reforms that must include eliminating an adversarial process that puts veterans in a defensive position. "We know Agent Orange is a carcinogen, and that people could be ex-

posed directly or indirectly in Vietnam," he said. "We don't need to be demanding scientific proof any longer." Expanded compensation would include paying the disputed claims of Navy veterans who served in the waters off Vietnam and never came ashore but think they still have herbicide-related health problems.

Filner's idea would require an act of Congress. He envisions linking it with other disability legislation. Filner, a longtime advocate of improved Agent Orange benefits, has another motive in pushing for VA approval of Vietnam-era claims. He thinks it will be easier to pass disability benefits reforms aimed at helping Iraq and Afghanistan veterans — including a controversial plan that would consider income loss, quality of life and a veterans' continued participation in rehabilitation when setting monthly benefits payments — if older veterans think the government is also doing something to help them.

"We have to do something for both groups," Filner said. To cut the backlog, Filner thinks VA needs a system that quickly approves relatively simple claims and provides partial benefits — maybe 30 percent or 40 percent of full payment — for veterans while they are waiting for their claims to be verified and approved. VA and some veterans groups oppose such a system out of concern that automatically approving claims with no prior verification could encourage fraud.

## VA Diabetes Mellitus Care

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) plans to expand its efforts to prevent and control diabetes as part of an ongoing campaign

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to help veterans eat healthy, watch their weight and stay physically active. Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Gordon H. Mansfield noted the Department has provided diabetic care to 70,000 veterans in more than 200,000 hospital and clinic visits since 2005. VA plans to keep expanding its diabetes awareness effort as part of the Department's broader Healthier US Veterans campaign. Last year, television stations around the nation aired more than 3,000 VA-produced broadcasts about eating healthy and staying active. The Department held a symposium for health care professionals in Washington, D.C., and several public events around the country to inform veterans of the dangers of diabetes.

Annual evaluations of veterans with diabetes show small but continuing improvements in tested levels of blood sugar, LDL cholesterol and blood pressure with treatment, including weight management. VA's tele-health program allows patients with diabetes to monitor and transmit their blood pressure and blood glucose levels from home to VA facilities, improving their access to care and allowing them to take control of their own health through improved communication from home with health care providers.

VA's research programs include centers investigating insulin resistance, vascular damage and obesity, pre-clinical studies of new agents to prevent and treat diabetes and clinical trials of new ways to prevent kidney damage.

Other VA research is seeking ways to reduce diabetes complications that lead to disability, focusing on preventing loss of limbs and avoiding obesity among paraplegic patients likely to gain weight due to reduced movement.

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VA researchers also are examining the interplay between genetics and the environment in determining glucose metabolism and weight gain or loss. Some veterans with diabetes qualify for VA disability compensation. Those veterans must have a diagnosis of diabetes and evidence that it began or was aggravated during active duty or within one year of release from duty.

Since 2001, veterans who served in Vietnam and later developed adult-onset (Type 2) diabetes have been eligible for disability compensation. This policy affecting Vietnam veterans is an outgrowth of research into the effects of Agent Orange.

## VA Benefits Video

The Department of Veterans Affairs is using a monthly half-hour video news magazine to inform military members, veterans and their families about the benefits earned through their service.

The American Veteran tells the stories of veterans who have taken advantage of the many benefits and services available to them. The series is produced by the VA's Office of Public Affairs and the VA Learning University/Employee Education System.

The program is available on the VA Web site, [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov). Click on "public affairs" and then "featured items." It can also be viewed on the website **The Pentagon Channel** at [www.pentagonchannel.mil](http://www.pentagonchannel.mil). The American Veteran is produced for veterans of all eras and includes stories of heroism and sacrifice.

The December edition includes an interview with a survivor of the Bataan Death March in World War II and a profile of a Vietnam veteran who lost a leg in combat, but has become an award-winning athlete and singer.

## Medicare Sustainability

The increasing cost of health care, driven primarily by the cost of emerging medical technologies, is a greater threat to the financial sustainability of Medicare than the aging of baby boomers, according to a recent Congressional Budget Office (CBO) report.

The Long-Term Outlook for Health Care Spending, released last fall by the CBO, projects that medical coverage for a growing aged population will account for only 25% of Medicare spending growth through 2030. On the other hand, the rapid growth of health care spending, rooted in the rising cost of medical technology and increased use of services, will account for 75% of Medicare spending increases through 2030, and 90% through 2082. The CBO predicts that by 2082 spending on Medicare and Medicaid alone could account for one-fifth of the nation's gross domestic product.

The projections, which were 50% higher than those released by the Medicare trustees, left federal regulations unchanged to demonstrate the long-term fiscal effects of current Medicare and Medicaid policy, which the report describes as "unsustainable".

The CBO recommends expanding research on cost-effective care and reimbursement methods that provide incentives for low-cost interventions and penalize providers who opt for high-cost and unnecessary care. According to Peter Orszag, director of the CBO, between 5 and 50% of health care spending could be eliminated without harming health outcomes, with 30% given as a common estimate.

In response to the report, Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) and chairman of the Finance Committee, vowed to jump-start hearings on health care costs and methods to overhauling the health system.

# The Raid on

**Cabanatuan** in the Philippines on 30 January 1945 by US Army Rangers and Filipino guerrillas resulted in the liberation of 511 prisoners of war and was a celebrated historic achievement.

By early 1943 Imperial Japan's fortunes of war experienced a complete turnaround from its previous dominance. Defeat met the Japanese Imperial Army facing the British in the China-Burma-India theater, and against the U.S. and Australians in the Pacific islands.

In August 1944, the War Ministry in Tokyo apparently was piqued by the U.S. State Department's communiqué concerning Japan's war crimes against Allied POWs and issued the Kill-All policy to annihilate the principal witnesses—the last surviving POWs.

## Background on the Cabanatuan POW Camp

After a lapse of more than two years, U.S. forces returned to the Philippines, landing at Leyte on 20 October 1944, followed by landing on Luzon on 9 January 1945. Philippine scouts reported that the POWs were in the Cabanatuan camp and that the Japanese intended to move them or even murder them. In addition to Japanese intentions, malnutrition and disease took a daily toll of POWs whose ability to survive had run out.

The threat of Japanese murder was validated by

the deaths of about 150 American prisoners at a POW camp on Palawan, another Philippine island, who were killed by their guards on 14 December 1944. A survivor of that massacre reached U.S. forces with a deeply troubling report.

## Preparing for the Raid on Cabanatuan

Sixth U.S. Army commander, Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, assigned the 6th Ranger Battalion to prepare the raid. The 6th Rangers, the only Army Rangers in the Pacific, were commanded since April 1944 by Lt. Col. Henry A. Mucci (top photo), a 1936 West Point graduate. The all-volunteer 6th Rangers performed commando-type missions on three islands in Leyte Gulf on 17 October 1944 to prepare for the invasion, and were now trained, experienced, and ready. Their mission was to infiltrate about 30 miles behind enemy lines, assault the Cabanatuan POW Camp, liberate the prisoners and return them safely to U.S. lines before the Japanese could mount a counterattack.

Numerous Japanese forces were in the area. Major roadways passed the camp which was used to rest Japanese units in transit. A Japanese battalion regularly bivouacked about a mile from the camp and a division-sized unit was believed to be around Cabanatuan City, three to four miles from the camp. These Japanese units had tanks that joined movements around the camp at night,

forced to avoid daylight movement due to American aircraft.

## Organizing the Raid Forces

For the raid, Col. Mucci chose Company C of the 6th Rangers, commanded by Capt. Robert W. Prince, reinforced by the 2nd Platoon of Company F, led by 1st Lt. John F. Murphy. Four combat photographers from the 832nd



Signal Service Battalion and two teams of Sixth Army's elite recon unit, the Alamo Scouts, were included. In total, the Ranger force consisted of 8 officers and 120 enlisted men.

Invaluable support for the Rangers came from several hundred Filipino guerrillas under Captains Eduardo Joson and Juan Pajota. They provided intelligence, route security, and interface with the civilian population. The guerrillas would also play a critical combat role during the assault on the camp.

Before the raid, Mucci conducted a briefing and gave the volunteers the opportunity to decline the mission. Everyone volunteered.

Following Mucci's instructions, the Rangers wore soft caps and fatigue uniforms with no

insignias or badges of rank. Riflemen carried their choice of M-1 Garand rifle or M-1 carbine; the weapons sections carried Browning Automatic Rifles, and most noncommissioned officers carried a Thompson submachine gun and a .45-caliber pistol. Mucci was armed with only a .45-caliber pistol, but most officers carried rifles in addition to their pistols.

## Getting into Position for the Great Raid

The Rangers moved out at 0500 on 28 January, halted at Guimba, and left with native guides to march to a guerrilla camp near Lobong about five miles to the southeast, where they linked up with Joson's guerrillas. By nightfall, the combined force was behind Japanese lines. At the village of Balincarin, the Rangers were joined by Pajota's force and obtained the latest intelligence from the Alamo Scouts. Working with Pajota, Prince arranged for the guerrillas to provide security, collect enough carabao carts to transport liberated POWs too weak to walk back and prepare enough food for several hundred men.

Mucci delayed the raid for one day in order to gather additional intelligence and to allow time for a large force of Japanese transiting the area to depart. During the delay the Rangers gathered detailed information on the camp and its defenders.

## The Great Raid on the Cabanatuan POW Camp

The plan for the night-time assault on the compound gave the Filipino guerillas the vital mission of stopping any enemy reaction forces coming from nearby Cabanatuan City and Cabu. A Ranger bazooka section was attached to the guerillas to deal with Japanese tanks. The main Ranger force planned to hit the camp from two sides, with Murphy's 2nd Platoon of Company F assaulting the rear entrance and Prince's Company C storming through the front gate of the camp. On Pajota's recommendation, a P-61 night fighter was scheduled to fly overhead just prior to the attack as a distraction.

Skillful reconnaissance and careful planning paid off in a swift, well-executed attack. The Rangers and guerillas moved into position at twilight on 30 January 1944. Company C had to crawl a mile across open ground to reach their jump-off position in front of the camp. The P-61 overflight worked as planned, drawing the attention of both guards and prisoners to the sky.

At 1945 hours, Murphy fired the first shot, indicating 2nd Platoon of Company F was in position at the rear of the camp, the signal for the attack to commence. The Rangers hit the Japanese soldiers with overwhelming ferocity, using every weapon they had. They

first took out the guard towers, pillboxes and all Japanese in the open. When those positions had been neutralized, the Rangers stormed into the compound and completed the elimination of enemy soldiers and interior defensive positions.

Simultaneously, the teams at the blocking positions carried out their assignments. Pajota's men opened fire on the Japanese battalion in the bivouac next to Cabu Creek. Guerilla machine gunners stopped the Japanese counterattacks at the Cabu Creek bridge while the Ranger bazooka teams knocked out two tanks and a truck. The other roadblock under Joson was not attacked, thanks P-61 night fighters attacks on a Japanese convoy headed toward Joson's position.

In less than 15 minutes, resistance inside the POW compound had been eliminated, though a final trio of mortar rounds wounded six men and mortally wounded battalion surgeon Captain James C. Fisher, one of only two Rangers to die in the attack.



## Rescue of the Prisoners from Cabanatuan POW Camp

By 30 minutes after Murphy's opening shot, Prince had completed two

searches of the camp and had determined all the prisoners had been found and removed. Only one prisoner was lost, to a fatal heart attack. One British POW hid in the latrines during the raid and wasn't found by the Rangers, but he was picked up the next day by Filipino guerrillas.

Six men from Company F were the last Americans to withdraw from the objective, coming under Japanese fire. Corporal Roy Sweezy was killed in this firefight, the second Ranger to die. The Rangers and liberated prisoners made their withdrawal while Pajota continued to stop all Japanese attempts to pursue. By the time Pajota's men disengaged on signal from the Rangers, they had virtually destroyed an enemy battalion while suffering no fatalities or serious wounds themselves.

Filipino citizens provided food and water to the liberated prisoners on the route back. Additional carabao carts arrived to transport former prisoners too weak to walk. The guerillas continued to provide all-around security.

About 12 hours after the assault on the camp, radio contact was made with Sixth Army. Trucks were requested to meet the force. A couple of hours later, the Rangers and prisoners returned to American lines and shortly thereafter, the heroes of Bataan and Corregidor were undergoing medical examination at

the 92d Evacuation Hospital in Guimba.

## Aftermath of the Great Raid on Cabanatuan

The raid was a tremendous success — 512 POWs were liberated.

Three Americans died. One prisoner apparently died of malaria after the raid. Battalion surgeon James Fisher succumbed one day later from his mortar wounds. The only Ranger killed during the raid was Corporal Roy Sweezy, the BAR man for 2d Platoon, Company F. He was struck in the back by two rounds and died almost instantly. Both Captain Fisher and Corporal Sweezy are buried at Manila National Cemetery. Twenty-one Filipino guerillas were injured.

An estimated 523 Japanese troops were killed or wounded.

This feat was celebrated by MacArthur's soldiers, Allied correspondents, and the American public, for the raid had touched an emotional chord among Americans concerned about the fate of the defenders of Bataan and Corregidor.

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PIC #1: Lt. Col. Henry A. Mucci (left), commander of the 6<sup>th</sup> Ranger Battalion, confers with his personnel officer, Capt. Vaughn Moss.

#2 6<sup>th</sup> Rangers



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I must apologize for the very seri-  
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of the new POW year. As is my cus-  
tom, I had a devotion ready to  
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precious people waiting to hear the  
words of the Lord. I was quite  
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happenings of the convention and  
ready to start toward home. The  
starting time of the devotional  
came and passed and I was asked

for a prayer only. Do want every-  
one to know that in spite of the  
turmoil that seemed to overwhelm  
us, the convention finally settled  
down and many good things were  
accomplished. This is what we  
come together for and it is my hope  
and prayer that everyone will do  
their share in keeping our prom-  
ise. Understand with love and con-  
cern that "We exist to help those  
who cannot help themselves." Af-  
ter things settled down, I did feel  
the presence of the Lord. May He  
continue to be with us during the  
New Year.

**Let us pray:** Dear Heavenly Father,  
look down upon us as Your people  
and nation with love and kindness  
as we come into the New Year. May  
Your blessings that lead and guide  
us continue to flow from your holy  
throne. May we place in Your hands  
the things that we do as we in our  
own way worship and service you  
and the true and living God. Please  
Lord, remember those who stand  
in harm's way as they do what they

can to preserve peace on earth. We  
remember and pray for those still  
listed as POW/MIAs and pray for  
their safe return. Now Lord, please  
forgive us our sins and may we find  
in You the perfect peace in our  
lives. In Your Holy Name we pray.  
AMEN.

## Thought for the New Year:

A Happy New Year  
To dare go forth with purpose true  
To the unknown tasks of the year  
that's new  
To help others along the road  
To do their work. And lift their  
load.  
To add your gifts to the good  
world's cheer  
Is to have and to give a Happy New  
Year!



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**January 2008**



# taps



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**AMREY, Jack** of Holdenville, OK passed away Nov. 2, 2007 at the age of 85. He was shot down over Austria on April 17, 1943. For the next 25 months, he was a POW in Stalag 17B. Survivors include his wife, Marie, one niece and one nephew.

**AQUINO, Joe** of San Francisco, CA died Aug. 24, 2007. He was a Philippine Scout, survivor of the Bataan Death March and POW in Camp O'Donnell. Joe was a life member of the John Lay Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves two sons and grandchildren.

**BLACK, Cole**, of Escondido, CA, who by his own count spent 2,428 days, 18 hours and 35 minutes as a POW in Vietnam, died Nov. 9, 2007. He would have turned 75 on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. He was flying in a Piper Aerostar twin-engine plane from Oregon to Carlsbad. He had visited Roseburg, Ore., to speak to students about his experience as a prisoner of war. Black, a former Navy captain, spent seven years as a POW. He was flying an F-8 Crusader on a mission over North Vietnam in June 1966 when a MiG fighter downed his plane. He ejected from the plane and tried to hide in some tall grass. "I was captured almost instantly," he told *The San Diego Union-Tribune* in a 2003 interview. He was held in four prisons, including the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" until he was released with other POWs in February, 1973. Cole served for four years as president of NAM-POW. In addition to his wife, Karen, he is survived by 2 daughters, 3 sons, 1 brother, 1 sister, 9 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

**BROSS, John Martin**, of Livingston, TX died Oct. 27, 2007 at age 92. He served in the Army, Co. A, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Recon. Btn.; he was captured in North Africa. From Capua, Italy, he was held in Stalags 7A, 3B,

Schunlen Work Camp, 3B & 3A, Luchenwald and Frankfort on the Oder. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Lucy, 1 son, 1 daughter, 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**CRITTENDEN, Gerald P.** of Kodiak, AK passed away Nov. 14, 2007 at the age of 93. He served in the Army during WWII, with the 603rd Tank Bn. They entered France at Omaha Beach in 1944 and he was subsequently wounded and captured by the Germans. He spent the rest of the war in a POW camp at St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands. He was released on 11 May 1945. He was a member of AXPOW. He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

**CODE, Ella**, a member of the Middle GA Chapter, AXPOW died Oct. 13, 2007. She was 72 and lived in Macon, GA. She was the loving wife of Charlie, a POW during the Korean War. Ella is survived by her husband and three children, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**COLLEY, Alfa Toole**, of Madison, WI died Nov. 1, 2007. Her husband, Robert, was a POW in the Korean War. Alfa was a master gardener and member of numerous gardening associations. She was also a member of the Wolverine Chapter, AXPOW. In addition to her loving husband, she is survived by two daughters, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**CORE, Ben**, 82, of Ft. Smith, AR passed away Aug. 15, 2007. Ben was captured while serving with the AAC during WWII; he was held in Germany until liberation. He was past commander of the Old Ft. Smith Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife, Polly Anna, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 2 sisters.

**DELLER, Francis**, of Lauderdale Lakes, FL died July 10, 2007. She was the wife of Chester, who was a POW of the Japanese for 3 ½ years. Francis

was a member of the Oakland Park Chapter, AXPOW. She is survived by her beloved husband, Chester, two nieces and many friends.

**DeLUCA, John** died November 16, 2007, in Michigan. He was a Korean War Veteran who served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, Company E, 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment. He was held in Camps 3, 1, and 5 in Korea and was also held in a camp in China. He is survived by his wife Marlene.

**DENTON, Jane Maury**, the wife of former Vietnam prisoner of war and ex-U.S. Sen. Jeremiah Denton Jr., died Nov. 22, 2007. She was 81. In the 1960s, she helped organize the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, after her Navy pilot husband was shot down and captured in 1965. He was held for nearly eight years in a North Vietnamese prison. Jane Denton's advocacy work was credited for the group's efforts in obtaining humane treatment and the ultimate release of American prisoners. In addition to her husband, she is survived by 5 sons, 2 daughters, 14 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 1 sister.

**DRAPEAU, Albert Edward**, 83, of Seekonk, MA passed away April 9, 2007. During WWII, he served in the Army, 28<sup>th</sup> Div., 112<sup>th</sup> Reg. Co. L. He was captured in the Hurtgen Forest and held in Limburg, Neubrandenburg, Donnewald and Schlemmin. Albert was a member of AXPOW and the 28<sup>th</sup> Div. Assn. He leaves his wife of 42 years, Eleanor, 6 children, 13 grandchildren, 3 brothers and 21 nephews and nieces.

**FRIES, Harvey E.**, 89, of Trenton, MO passed away Sept. 28, 2007. He served with the 168<sup>th</sup> Inf., 34<sup>th</sup> Div. during WWII. He was captured at Faid Pass and held for 27 months. Harvey was a member of the Pony Express Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, three children and nine grandchildren.

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**GEHRING, Dean Edward**, of Port Orchard, WA died Nov. 17, 2007. He was captured during the Korean War. After escape and liberation by the Marines, he was kept at the Tokoyo Hospital before being sent home. His wife of 23 years, 4 children, 4 step-children, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other family members survive him.

**GOLDBRUM, Louis**, of Boca Raton, FL (formerly of Brooklyn, NY) passed away Nov. 2006. He served in the Army with Sig Co Aircraft Warning in the Philippines. He was captured and held at Cabanatuan and Fokeuka #17. Lou was a member of the Brooklyn Key and Oakland Park Chapters. He is survived by his wife, Florence, and two sons.

**GUESS, Odell C. "Bill"**, of Millsap, TX passed away Sept. 15, 2007. Bill enlisted in the Navy in 1939. Following the fall of Corregidor, he spent 42 months in a Manchurian POW camp. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Dortha, 1 son, 1 daughter, 3 grandsons, 2 great-grandsons, 1 brother, 1 sisters and numerous extended family.

**HAMMOND, Glen D.**, of Greenfield Center, NY died July 22, 2007. He was 75. Glen was captured while serving with Charlie Co., 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. He spent 27 months in Camp #5, Korea. He was a charter member of the NE NY Chapter, AXPOW, serving as Vice Commander. He is survived by his devoted wife of 52 years, Shirley, 4 sons, 1 daughter 12 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 1 sister and 1 brother.

**HAYES, Herbert W., Jr.**, of Tamarac, FL passed away Sept. 27, 2007. While serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> Army, 9<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div., 60<sup>th</sup> Inf., 1<sup>st</sup> Btn., Co. A in Normandy, he was captured and held in various camps. He ended up in Oflag 64. Herb was a Past Commander of the Oakland Park Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth, 3 sons, 2 daughters and numerous grandchildren.

**HENDRIX, Harland**, 84, of Shawnee, OK died Oct. 6, 2007. He served in the AAF during WWII; he was shot down and held for 17 months. Harland was an active member of AXPOW. He served as National Director in the early 1990s. He leaves his beloved daughter Jeannie and two grandchildren.

**HIRTH, Theodore A.**, 89, of Rockville, CT died Oct. 19, 2007. He served as a forward observer with the 229<sup>th</sup> FABN, 28<sup>th</sup> Div. He was a POW at Stalags 9B, 13B and 7B. Ted was a life member of AXPOW and the CT Chapter, where he served as Sr. Vice Commander. He is survived by one son, 2 grandsons and 1 granddaughter.

**HOLDCRAFT, Juanita**, of Garland, Texas, died in October, 2007. AXPOW life member #5102, Juanita served the Dallas Metroplex Chapter as adjutant for many years. She was the wife of Alvin Holdcraft (POW in Stalag 4B) for nearly 50 years.

**HOOD, John**, of Des Moines, Iowa, died in November, 2007. A survivor of the USS Houston, he was a POW in Java and Burma. He was an active volunteer in the Physical Therapy Department of the VA Hospital for nearly 9 years.

**HOYLE, Merl F.**, 84, of Canfield, OH passed away Oct. 14, 2007. He was a B-24 copilot with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 466<sup>th</sup> BG, 787<sup>th</sup> BS. He was shot down over Germany and held 8 months. Merl was a member of the Steel Valley Chapter 13, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, 2 sons, 6 step-children, 16 grandchildren and 1 sister.

**KUJALA, August**, of Mt. Iron, MN, died October 31, 2007. August was an engine mechanic and a B-17 gunner. Shot down on his 22nd birthday, he was held captive for 8 months.

**MACON, Richard**, of Detroit, MI passed away Oct. 9, 2007. He was shot down while serving with the elite WWII pilot group The Tuskegee Airmen. He later helped organize their national organization. 63 years after WWII, he received the Medal of

Honor at a ceremony at the White House. Survivors include his wife, Eleanor, 2 daughters, 2 stepsons, 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**MARKER, Lloyd F. "Jack"**, of Neodesha, KS died Oct. 1, 2007 at the age of 87. As a member of the 60<sup>th</sup> Inf., Co. D., 9<sup>th</sup> Div., he was part of the D-Day invasion of Normandy. It was there he was taken prisoner and held until liberation. He is survived by his wife, Velma Mae, 1 son, 1 daughter, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**MARKWORTH, Julia E.**, 70, of Annville, PA passed away Aug. 10, 2007. She was the wife of Ex-POW Maurice J.A. Markworth (captured near St. Lo while serving with the Army). She was a life member of AXPOW. Survivors include her husband, 4 children, 5 step-children, 28 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

**MAULDIN, Cecil**, of Artesia, NM died Aug. 26, 2007. He served in the Army during WWII; he was captured on Bataan, endured the Bataan Death March and 3 ½ years of captivity. He leaves his wife, Wilma, 3 daughters, 2 step-daughters, 16 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren and 1 sister.

**MICHETTI, Marino M**, member of the East Central Florida Chapter, AXPOW, died July 30, 2007. During WWII, he served in the Army Air Corps. He was captured and held in Stalags 13 and 4 B.

**MONELL, Maryon**, of Fairmont, WV died Oct. 19, 2007 at the age of 81. She was the wife of Frank, who has been a long-time member of the Barbed Wire Mountaineers Chapter, AXPOW. In addition to her loving husband, Maryon is survived by 1 son, 3 granddaughters, 4 great-grandchildren and 1 brother.

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**MORROW, Arthur D.**, of Cottonwood, AZ passed away Aug. 26, 2007 at the age of 86. He served with the Infantry, 36<sup>th</sup> Div. He was captured during a beach landing in Italy in 1943 and held in Oflag 64 until liberation. Arthur leaves his wife, Virginia, 6 children, 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**PERALTA, Felix**, of San Francisco, CA died Sept. 30, 2007 at the age of 86. He was a former Philippine Scout, survivor of the Bataan Death March and POW in Camp O'Donnell. Felix was a life member of Luzviminda Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 64 years, Lucila, 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**POWELL, Eugene Mondt**, of Valley Cottage, NY, passed away November 10, 2007. He was 84 years old. He served in the 106<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. and was a POW at Stalag 9B in Germany. Since 1988, Gene served the American Ex-Prisoners of War as Commander and Treasurer of the Hudson Valley Chapter, Treasurer and Commander of the Dept. of NY, National Director for the Northeast Region, and National Service Officer. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Neva, 1 son, 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren. He will be missed by his family and friends.

**PROCOPIO, Samuel A.**, 84, of Harrisburg, PA passed away Oct. 25, 2007. He was captured while serving with the US Army during WWII. Sam was a member of the PA Capital City Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**RENNERT, Fred**, 82, of Boynton Beach, FL died Sept. 24, 2007. He served with the 45<sup>th</sup> Div., 179<sup>th</sup> Reg., Co. F. He fought at Anzio and was in the invasion of southern France. Captured in France, he was a POW in Germany (his birthplace) until escaping 8 months later. He leaves his wife

of 57 years, Corinne, 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

**RIEKER, Thomas H.**, of Lecanto, FL passed away Sept. 28, 2006. His beloved wife, Anne, died 7 weeks prior to his death. He was captured while serving with the 91<sup>st</sup> BG; his plane "The Bride of Mars" was shot down over Berlin. He was held at Luft 1, Barth until liberation.

**SANTO, Ciro J.**, member of the East Central Florida Chapter, AXPOW, died Oct. 2007. He was captured in Korea while serving with the 24<sup>th</sup> Div., 19<sup>th</sup> Reg. He was held in Camps 5 and 7.

**SCHUTZ, George**, 88, of Dallas, WI died Sept. 13, 2007. He was assigned to the 392<sup>nd</sup> BG, 8<sup>th</sup> AF, flying B-24s out of England. He was shot down, captured and held at Luft 1, Barth for 18 months. George will be sadly missed by his wife, Marian, 1 son, 4 daughters, 6 grandchildren, 1 brother and many other relatives and friends.

**SEMYAN, Helen F.**, 86, of Youngstown, OH passed away Oct. 4, 2007. She and her husband, Ex-POW Michael, were active members of the Mahoning Valley Chapter, AXPOW. In addition to her husband, she is survived by 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons. She will be missed by all who knew her.

**SIEBERT, Vern**, 84, of Nipomo, CA passed away Oct. 11, 2007. During WWII, he was serving with the Blue Devils, 351<sup>st</sup> Inf. Co. F. They were captured and transported to Stalag 7A; in Feb., they were marched toward Hammerstein. He was liberated from Stalag 3A. He leaves his wife, Edith, children and grandchildren.

**SMITH, Elsie I.**, 87, of Susquehanna Township, PA passed away Sept. 28, 2007. She was predeceased by her husband of 60 years, O.A. "Bill" Smith, Jr. in 2006. Elsie and her husband were active members of the Capital City Chapter, AXPOW. She is survived by 1 daughter, 1 son, 2 grandsons, 1 sister and 31 nieces and nephews.

**STALEY, Edmund W., Sr.**, of New Haven, CT died Aug. 20, 2007. He was captured while serving with the 15<sup>th</sup> AF, flying B-24s out of Italy. Edmund was a member of AXPOW. His wife, Gloria, 1 son, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren survive him.

**TROXEL, Wayman D. "Bud"**, of Crawfordsville, IN passed away Oct. 2, 2007. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge while serving in the 106<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. He was in 4B, then sent to Dresden to a work camp (now known as Slaughterhouse Five). His 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Katherine, predeceased him; survivors include his wife, Joann, 5 children, 2 step-children, 12 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 2 sisters.

**VanDRAQT, Robert**, of Sebring, FL died March 5, 2007 at the age of 85. He was serving in WWII when he was shot down over Germany. He was held for 20 months in Luft III. Robert was a life member of AXPOW. He leaves his wife, Patricia.

**WATSON, Margie**, 77, member of the Greater Atlanta Chapter and wife of former POW Bill Watson, died Nov. 17, 2007. Bill was a POW in Germany, captured while serving with the 100<sup>th</sup> Div., 398<sup>th</sup> Reg., Co. A. Margie was a life member of National and the Dept. of Georgia. In addition to her husband, she leaves 1 son, 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**WELLS, Betty Jean** died September 29, 2007 at the age of 79. Born in Steubenville, Ohio on May 22, 1928, she had been a resident of Tacoma, WA since 1965. Betty is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, James. She is also survived by two daughters, one son, 6 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and two sisters. Betty was an active, loyal, and beloved member of the Tacoma Chapter, AXPOW.

**WELLS, Dallas Claude, Sr.**, of Red Oak, IA passed away Sept. 13, 2007. During WWII, he served in the Army. He was captured by the Germans and held for 27 months. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, 4 children, 11 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.



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Coeur D Alene, ID  
93 BG 19 BS  
Davao Yokkaichi Toyama  
3/10/42-9/6/45

Dorothy Thomas  
Louisville, KY  
Sister of James Bernard Tomas,  
ETO

Herman E "Red" Day  
Lillian L  
Lafayette, LA  
ARMY  
12A  
3/1/45-4/45

George H Bennett  
Columbus, OH  
15 AF 340 BG 97BS  
Luft 1  
9/13/44-5/11/45

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Donald M Austin  
Ruby E 38432 39385  
Sacramento, CA  
8AF 92 BG 326 BS  
Luft 1

Dennison "Bear" Bruno  
Ruby 39386 2492  
Abilene, TX  
429 BS  
4B

Bettye Biggs  
Lubbock, TX  
Widow of Tom Biggs, Jr  
Japan 3 ½ years

Gladys V Kujala  
Mt Iron, MN  
Widow of August E Kujala  
4D

Salvatore M Mione  
Rahway, NJ

Mary M Parisella  
Tucson, AZ  
Widow of Edwin A Suominen, 2B



Irene Klosowski  
Sturgeon Lake, MN  
Widow of Adam Klosowski  
Luft4, 11B

Betty Carroll  
Owensville, MO  
Widow of Harold W Carroll  
2B

Berenice Lothrop  
Towson, MD  
Widow of Oliver A Lothrop  
4B

Lu McNally  
St Cloud, MN  
Widow of Clyde McNally  
9B

William E Shay  
Punta Gorda, FL  
8AF  
Frankfort, Marched, Heyde Kreug,  
E Prussia

Edward J Kulas  
Port Richey, FL  
100 Div 397 Inf Co F  
Bad Orb, Berga Elster  
1/8/45-4/19/45

Naomi Goisovich  
Johnstown, PA  
Widow of George Goisovich  
2B, West Prussia

Alexander Bryant  
Blanchester, OH  
AAF  
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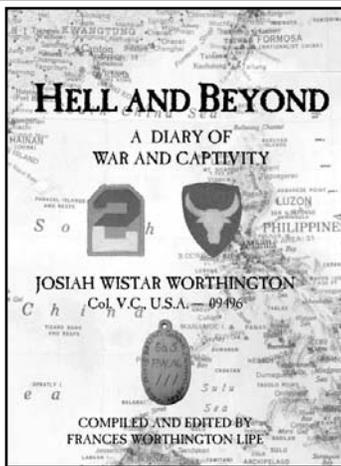
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Greensboro, NC  
Widow of David Boswell  
13B, Luft 3  
10/8/43-4/29/45

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Pinehurst, NC  
501AB 1BN 101AB Div  
12A, 4B, 3C  
6/8/44-2/4/45

Angus Lorenzen  
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Santo Tomas  
1/5/42-2/3/45

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Joan \*39403 39404  
Westminster, MD  
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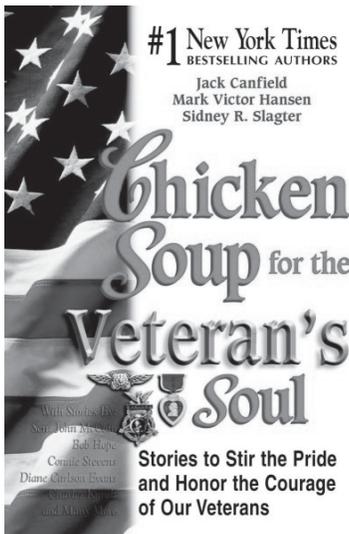
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Hammon School (OK) held its annual Veterans Day Program November 12, 2007. A meal of brisket and all the trimmings was served to over 75 veterans and their spouses in the school cafeteria before the program. A huge crowd attended the afternoon program. Besides the honored veterans, Rep. Purcy Walker and Sen. Tom Ivestor were also in attendance. Rep. Walker sang a medley of Patriotic songs and Sen. Ivestor gave a few remarks about Veterans Day. The elementary choir did a fantastic job with their songs and Riley McCallay, Abbey Morton, and Ashley Cole all did speeches or essays about veterans. The jr. high and high school choir honored the veterans with two songs. Mrs. Shelly Goodall unveiled the 2007 Veterans Quilt. Two Ex- POWs, PNC Jack Warner and E.L. Fowler, were honored for their service to our country, and several other presentations were done. One really touching moment was when the Missing Men Table ceremony was held honoring the missing soldiers and civilians in all wars. Jacy Dean sang the song "Colors" and members of the Oklahoma National Guard played Taps before the flags were retired. The "Local Heroes Wall of Fame" was on display in the auditorium foyer and there were over 90 new biographies added this year. Local Heroes Book III was available for purchase. All veterans featured in Book III were given books as a "Thank You" for their service. All veterans attending were also given caps with "Proud to Be a Veteran" on them.

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