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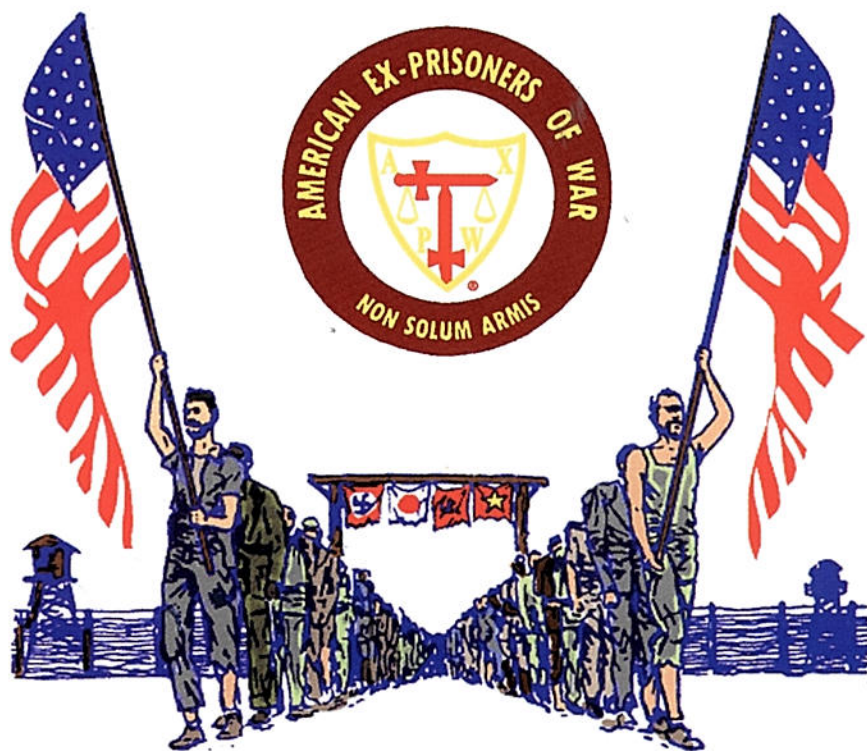
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Inside: ..POW Statistics...stories...Andersonville...national convention information...news, events...NSO success stories... and more

Midyear...Washington, DC...April, 2005



national commander



James Cooper

The Board of Directors voted to remove the AXPOW name from the Service Foundation at the MidYear meeting in Washington, DC. It was done regretfully, but was considered necessary. The financial problems were covered in my last column and so won't be repeated. The bottom line: in the 7 years since the formation of the Service Foundation, they took in \$3.7 million dollars. Our organization received \$54,000.

A number of agreements had been violated. The first was when the Foundation came to a Board meeting and requested \$100,000 for seed money. I argued for this as in my opinion we were not giving it away, merely taking it out of one pocket and putting it in another. The Foundation was to be a supporting organization controlled by AXPOW. Our auditors recommended that we not transfer such a large portion of our assets to the Foundation. After receiving the \$25,000 we were permitted to give, they organized as an independent foundation. This was a violation of the terms under which we funded them.

At our MidYear board meeting, Foundation director Bill Bearisto announced that all funds collected by the Foundation belonged to them. He also said they would no longer fund the service officers. The National AXPOW will fund the service officers for the next month and a half. After that we hope members, chapters and departments will help.

Members who have contributed directly to the Foundation should ask the Foundation what they will do with their money.

Following are excerpts from the joint resolution entered into in Atlanta on March 9, 2002. They have been repeatedly violated by the Foundation.

The organizations will move forward with a renewed spirit of cooperation, which will be supported by a more formal means of communication between the two organizations as more fully set forth below.

AXPOW and the Foundation agree that each organization will appoint a three-member liaison committee, which will attend directors' and budget committee meetings of the other organization. The liaison committee members will be designated as ex-officio members of the budget committee and board of directors of each party, and will be allowed to participate in board and committee meetings, but will not be considered voting members of the respective boards and/or budget committees. Each of the ex-officio liaison committee members will be appointed for a three-year term, with the terms of the initial liaison groups being staggered in terms of one year, two years and three years, respectively... Once selected, each organization shall provide the other with the names, addresses and phone numbers of the individual members of the liaison committee. Each organization shall provide written notice of Board of Directors and/or budget committee meetings, to liaison committee members, at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled date of each meeting of the budget committee and/or board of directors, indicating location, time and date of said meeting. VIOLATED.

The Foundation agrees to provide program funds through AXPOW for various programs, thereby not duplicating programs already in place through AXPOW. These programs will be funded through grant request forms... and in accordance with the provisions of these adopted resolutions. VIOLATED.

The parties agree to cooperate with regard to editorial content of both the Foundation Times newsletter and the AXPOW Bulletin. AXPOW agrees, in

good faith, to consider submissions from the Foundation officers and directors, and to provide editorial comment on the submissions as opposed to publishing re-written submissions. The Foundation agrees to provide the text of its bulletin to the AXPOW Board (of Directors) in advance of publication, and to consider, in good faith, any suggestions from the AXPOW board prior to publication. Through this aspect of the Joint Resolution, neither party is surrendering editorial control; however, the parties have agreed to make a good faith effort to ensure that both publications are used for the positive purpose of creating a better environment to raise funds for needed programs. VIOLATED.

We have never been invited to their regular meetings or to their budget committee meetings. Our meetings are open and dates and locations are published or otherwise made public. The Foundation president was notified by me by letter of our Board meeting and invited to attend. He originally declined, and came only after hearing of the Strategic Planning Committee report.

The Service Foundation Times has never showed us an issue prior to publication and despite agreeing to work for the good of both organizations has kept up a barrage of criticisms, many irresponsible and incorrect. I hear a great deal of talk of freedom of the press, but nothing about the responsibility to check the truth of statements made. I have seen periodicals in super markets that claim freedom of the press and then have headlines that say "Movie Star has Baby with Space Alien".

As I was preparing this article, I received ND Kirschoff's report of the MidYear meeting saying he was duped into voting for the Strategic Planning Committee as it was concealed. For his information, it was on the mail ballot sent out early this year, and, as it was a mail ballot, it was confirmed at the April Board meeting.



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June 25, 1950

At approximately 4 a.m. (Korean Standard Time) on a rainy Sunday morning Democratic People's Republic of Korea Army (DPRK - North Korea) artillery and mortars open fire on Republic of Korea (ROK - South Korea) Army positions south of the 38th Parallel, the line then serving as the border between the two countries. The opening barrage is followed shortly by tank/infantry attacks at all points along the Parallel. At 11 a.m. North Korea announced a formal declaration of war and what is now known as "**The Korean War**" officially began. In this announcement North Korea claimed ROK forces on the Ongjin Peninsula attacked North Korea in the Haeju area (west) and their declaration of war was in response to this attack. This claim was bogus.

U.S. President Harry S. Truman was notified of the invasion and returned from his home in Independence, Missouri, to Washington, D.C., arriving in early afternoon. Meanwhile the U.N. Security Council passed a resolution calling for the immediate cessation of hostilities and the withdrawal of North Korean forces to north of the 38th Parallel.

COVER:

The battle for Outpost Harry began on 10 June 1953 with the following units heavily engaged in its defense: 15th Infantry Regiment; 1st Battalion, 5th Regimental Combat Team; and the Greek Expeditionary Forces Battalion.

After nine days of repeated assaults, the Chinese bid to gain control of the critical terrain between the Chorwan and Kumhwa Valleys had failed. The entire Chinese 74th Division was committed to this operation and was rendered combat ineffective by 18 June. Estimated Chinese casualties were 1,673 dead and 3,800 wounded. United Nations casualties included 102 dead, 533 wounded, and 44 missing in action. In support of their attack, the Chinese fired approximately 88,810 indirect fire rounds in the Outpost Harry sector.

United Nations forces countered with approximately 368,185 rounds. By the end of the nine day battle, Outpost Harry resembled a cratered moonscape.

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The Editor has moved!

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New Address: 267 Main Street, South Dennis, MA 02660.
The phone, fax and email addresses have stayed the same.
Hope to hear from you soon.

Cheryl

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sr. vice commander



Gerald Harvey

At the MidYear meeting of the National Board of Directors in Washington, DC, our national treasurer gave us a financial report for the first seven months of our budget year. At that point, we had stayed within the budget that was approved at the last National Convention. However, we had not taken in as much money as we had anticipated. As a result, our receipts were more than \$26,000 less than our expenditures. Every year the amount of our receipts has been the largest during the first half of the year and has been smaller during the rest of the year, but the ex-

penses go on. Our budget year ends August 31st. Unless we increase our fundraising between now and the end of August, we will finish the budget year with a deficit. There are several ways we can increase our income.

During the year, we all receive the calendar, mailing labels and other things like seeds, pins or notecards. These are really reminders that our organization needs our financial support to carry on our various programs. When that reminder comes, let us all give what we can and increase the size of our gift if we are able. Our organization needs our help.

Twice a year, we have a 50/50 drawing. One is at the National Convention and the other at the MidYear meeting of the National Board of Directors. For the last drawing, we took in over \$5,000 from the sale of tickets. Half of that, \$2840.50, went to the organization and an equal amount pro-

vided the prizes. We help our organization when we buy tickets or sell them to our friends.

If you personally have, or your chapter or department has, some extra money in your treasury, this would be a good time to make a donation to the national organization. If you send a donation, send it to AXPOW National Headquarters, 3201 East Pioneer Parkway, #40, Arlington, TX 76010. Mark your check "donation". Your chapter or department might like to contribute part or all of your daisy sales to the national organization. Or you might just like to "pass the hat" at your meeting and donate the collection. Every donation, large or small, helps. You can always make your donations in memory of, or in honor of, one of your members or someone else.

We have a great organization and I am sure that when you realize the need, you will want to help in some way.

national adjutant



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It's summer!

State Department Conventions are in full swing! These meetings are a great chance to meet new friends and reacquaint yourself with old friends. Please make every opportunity to attend your state's convention. You'll have a wonderful time!

The label program went out in May. We thank you for your support of AXPOW and its programs. At our April MidYear meeting, Foundation Director Wm. Bearisto announced that the Foundation would no longer honor its commitment to the NSO Program. The Board of Directors then agreed to help fund this important program by earmarking all additional donations to the label fundraiser to NSOs.

An easy way to contribute to AXPOW is by getting/using the AXPOW Credit Card. Just call National Headquarters and we'll send you out an application. We get a fixed dollar amount on each application that's approved, as well as a percentage of all charges made by our members using the card.

The Denver Convention committee is working hard to make this year's convention an outstanding success. Get your registrations/room reser-

vations in soon as the hotel is filling up quickly.

Credential reports will be going out in August. Nominations for elected offices need to be in to ND Jim Clark this month for inclusion in the August election issue. If you would like to be on the agenda, please contact us at National Headquarters.

We hope to see you in Denver in September!

Enjoy June
Your National Headquarters
Clydie, Sally, Marsha & Donna



jr. vice commander



Richard Manners
Eastern Zone

I am going to touch upon the importance of a committee that is always in our sights but not often highlighted.

The MedSearch committee has been around a long time. In the early days, Chairman Garry Anloff practically lived at Stanford University studying the effects of depri-

vation suffered by former POWs. MedSearch, short for Medical Research, played a key role in getting PL 97-234 passed in the early 1980's. This was the legislation that established the presumptives for former prisoners of war - a groundbreaking law. It also mandated the establishment of the POW Advisory Committee.

Today, MedSearch offers medical findings to bolster the claims of former POWs when they file with the VA. The packets describing camp conditions can be found in most, if not all, VA medical libraries. The attending physicians use them as references when working with former POWs and diagnosing their conditions. The monthly articles keep the medical field updated as to new conditions and symptoms.

Packet #5, What Every POW Wife Should Know Before She Becomes a Widow, is worth its weight in gold. It is so well put-together and holds such valuable information and instructions that other service organizations use it for non-ex-POW veterans. A true and heartfelt thank you to Marlene Agnes for the work she put into Packet #5.

I believe that MedSearch, and the information it has gathered throughout the years, has helped many a service officer establish a claim and has shored up the efforts of AXPOW when we go before Congress asking them to recognize another presumptive.

Thank you to all those who have worked on the MedSearch committee, from Garry Anloff thru Stan Sommers and Al Bland to the present day committee.

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The Importance of Story Telling

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They say the art of story telling has gone by the wayside - its magic and wide eyed dreamy state of adventure and lore replaced by the raucous hammer of media and electronic attention. That is sadly true, but we, who speak with the great knowledge of our subjects, have a responsibility to bring that era back into focus. Man is responsible to gather tales from our historical past and share these with the universe. Who better, than the American military POWs and Civilians who were prisoners of the Japanese of WWII, to do the honors.

When we are asked by schools, military and business groups to relate our stories of war, don't decline the

invitation. Anyone can do this. Even *you* can do this.

Forget about the image we have of standing at a podium, scared stiff, in front of so many people with that terrible light shining up at our face from below and our jittery knees the main focus of attention. Let's try a new tactic - one that works every time for me and it is *the* best solution of all times.

Think "Talking Story" in the comfort of your own living room. You are relaxed, at home with these friends of yours and the flow of conversation comes easy. You sit in a big easy chair and the strains of the formality of standing in front of strangers vanish. Isn't that a lot better?

Just make a few requests to benefit your status as a "story teller" not a "speaker or a lecturer." Ask for a big easy chair with arms, to be put on the stage or on the floor in front of the group. Have the microphone adjusted to your height and curved into your head area. Leave your hands free to gesture and hold items of interest. Now sit

back and make yourself comfortable. Remind them to regulate the lighting to suit your preference - not a glaring spotlight. Come early and try it all out ahead of time.

I tell stories that hold their interests, which gives them a learning lesson. Chronology in story telling is not necessary. It becomes boring. Small personal tales and vignettes laced with some humor keep their attention and carry the points across leaving them wishing for more. Leave ample room for the Q&A period so you won't be rushed trying to wrap up your session.

We need to continue our personal stories to those who have never heard them. We need to be ahead of the historical revisionists and let the world know where we have been. The next time you are asked to speak, accept with grace and ease. Have Fun! BREAK A LEG !

on capitol hill



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We were seated at the witness table, with many Senatorial and Congressional eyes upon us...the Commander about to read his prepared testimony before the Joint Committees of the Senate and House Veterans Affairs Committees...when a note is thrust between us. I thought, "Oh, WOW, just like a Hollywood suspense thriller, much anticipated pertinent information coming through at the last minute!" The note read, "Our bill now has a number. It is HR 1598." Commander Cooper was introduced by Congressman "JD" Hayworth representing the 5th District of Arizona. At the appropriate time in his presentation, Commander Cooper was able to ask the assembled legislators for their support of a specific piece of legislation, exclusively for POWs, HR 1598, "Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2005".

When we began our MidYear meeting in April, we were not sure we would have a bill for our officers and directors to discuss when they visited their Congressional offices. Just two days before Commander Cooper's testimony, Representative Mike Bilirakis (R-FL) introduced the bill on the floor of the House - before we were to testify. It all came together with split second timing.

When the hearings adjourned, a buffet luncheon was hosted by the American Ex-Prisoners of War. Legislators, staffers, VA people, former prisoners of war and many friends witnessed the presentation of the Barbed Wire Award to Senator John

McCain. In his remarks presenting the award, Commander Cooper noted that this is the first time the award has been given to a person who had actually been held behind barbed wire. Senator McCain was truly appreciative of the honor and accepted it with appropriate remarks for the occasion.

Another honored guest, Jim Nicholson, our new Secretary of Veterans Affairs, was invited to the podium to speak. This was the first opportunity many of us have had to meet him. The Secretary stayed quite a while to talk and shake hands. Senator McCain was on a tight schedule. So much so he had his next appointment with him so they could talk while walking back to the Senator's office on the other side of the Capitol. He takes advantage of every minute of every day. Busy man!

Les

On April 13th, our great champion, Rep. Mike Bilirakis (FL) introduced in the House HR 1598, covering our last two presumptives - Diabetes and Osteoporosis. Original cosponsors are: Bilirakis (FL), Evans (IL), Filner (CA), Hart (PA), Foley (FL), Fossella (NY) and Whitfield (KY).

HR 1598, however, overlooked one issue: correcting the title of our presumptive "cirrhosis of the liver" to "Chronic Liver Disease". The National Academy of Sciences stated in writing that this title more accurately reflects their research findings. We understand the VA POW Advisory Committee meeting in Washington this past April agreed that the latter title is more desir-

able. It is expected that this issue will be corrected in the Senate companion bill now being considered by a couple of Senators and hopefully added to the House bill in conference, after we obtain a number of cosponsors. The POW Advisory Committee also supports HR 1598 and further states that osteoporosis is the result of calcium being drained from the bones during confinement in order to maintain vital body functions. The latter is the recognized consequence of the extreme deprivation and stress of the captive experience.

Your National Director has a copy of the bill and now we are asking all of you to immediately contact your Congressman and ask him/her to contact Rep. Bilirakis' office at (202) 225-5755 to cosponsor HR 1598. We need this done now and you are the ones to move it forward by having your Representative cosponsor the bill. It takes a lot of cosponsors on a bill before it can be voted on by the full House of Representatives.

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Many Former Prisoners of War and their families were treated to the most wonderful Former Prisoner of Recognition service in Hawaii, by our Nick Nishimoto, a Korean Former Prisoner of War.

He tirelessly labored on our behalf by arranging free military bus pick-ups by Hickman Air Force Base.

The first day he arranged for a tour of the Hawaii State Capitol Building.

The next day we were treated to a special private Navy barge tour to the Arizona Memorial, along with a Navy narrator pointing out other ships destroyed by the Pearl Harbor sneak attack, i.e. Utah, plus other points of interest along Pearl Harbor and Ford Island.

We were then bused to the Battleship Missouri where the treaty was signed to end WWII.

We were then taken to the Officer's Club at Hickman Air Force Base for lunch.

From there we were given a wonderful tour of the Central Identification Lab.

The next day Nick Nishimoto and his fellow Korean Veterans sponsored a wonderful picnic at Fort DeRussy Park.

Another day he had arranged a banquet at the military hotel in Waikiki. Generals, doctors, V.A. Regional employees, including the Former Prisoner of War Coordinator from Hawaii were present. Our own National Service Officer, Bill Stratis from New York, was one of the speakers.

Another day we were bused to a Repatriation ceremony at Hickham Air Force Base. The remains were from a World War II MIA veteran, to be sent to the Central Identification Lab for identification.

On April 9th, Prisoner of War Recognition Day, we were bused to the Punchbowl National Ceremony. The ceremony was very moving. Again Nick and his fellow Korean veterans provided everyone in attendance at the ceremony a wonderful lunch.

All Former Prisoners of War in attendance were richly and exceedingly blessed and should be eternally thankful, not only for our own Nick Nishimoto, but for all the Nick Nishimotos who quietly and dedicatedly labor in the fields for us each day.

In spite of some health problems, Nick vows this special program will continue next year. I'm sure everyone in attendance will say - "We love you, Nick. Many thanks".

Doris Jenks



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PACKET #5 (What Every POW Wife Should Know Before She is Your Widow) includes the most recent laws and benefits published. The packet (approximately 110 pages) may be purchased from National Headquarters. The cost of the packet is \$11.00 plus shipping.

Below...some excerpts from Packet #5.

In addition to DIC, there are other veterans' benefits a spouse may be eligible for.

1 - AID AND ATTENDANCE

Surviving spouses receiving DIC may be granted a special allowance to pay for aid and attendance if they are patients in a nursing home or require regular assistance of another person in addition to the DIC rate.

2 - HOUSEBOUND

Surviving spouses receiving DIC who are not so disabled to require the regular aid and attendance of another person but who, due to disability, are permanently HOUSE BOUND may be granted a special allowance in addition to DIC rate.

3 - SURVIVORS EDUCATION CHAPTER 35:

Surviving spouses awarded DIC may be eligible for education benefits. While attending school or training the spouse is eligible for an additional monthly allowance.

4 - TRICARE FOR LIFE (TFL)

Was passed by Congress as part of the FY 2001 National Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 106-398) and became Public Law on October 30, 2000. TRICARE For Life took effect on October 1, 2001.

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ELIGIBILITY TFL covers all uniformed services retirees, spouses, and other qualifying dependents and survivors (including certain former spouses) who are Medicare-eligible and enrolled in Medicare Part B, regardless of age. Retired National Guardsman and Reservists receiving military retired pay are eligible for TFL when eligible for Medicare Part A and also enrolled in Medicare Part B. TFL does not apply to Military Retirees who are not eligible for Medicare they remain eligible for TRICARE under all its options.

Uniformed Services Family Health Plan (USFHP)

Tricare care For Life has no affect on persons enrolled in USFHP unless they plan to relocate or disenroll from the USFHP. Enrollees 65 and older already receive the full TRICARE benefit. The USFHP contractor provides health care services through a network of hospitals and providers functioning like TRICARE Prime. The Department of defense (DOD) fully funds the USFHP annually through appropriations from Congress.

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TFL Information by Phone
DOD Customer Care Call Center: (888) 363-5433
Hours - M-F, 7am-11pm; Sat, 9am-8pm; Sun, 10am-5pm (Eastern time)

TSRX: Tricare Senior Pharmacy
Call Center: (877) 363-6337

Hours- M-F, 7am-11pm; Sat, 9am-8pm; Sun, 10am-5:30pm (Eastern time)

DEERS and Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO): (800) 538-9552

The best time to call the Telephone Center is between 9am & 3pm (Pacific time) Wednesday through Friday to avoid delays.

National Mail Order Pharmacy: (800) 903-4680

Hours- M-F, 8am-12 midnight; Sat, 8am-6pm; Sun, 9:40 am-6:30pm (Eastern Time)

Medicare: (800) 633-4227, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week

NOTE: TRICARE FOR LIFE does not pay Part B Premiums you are responsible for these monthly premiums.

5 - CHAMPVA FOR LIFE: (CFL)

CHAMPVA FOR LIFE (CFL) is not separate from CHAMPVA, it's an extension of benefits to certain individuals over 65. CFL was signed into law June 5, 2001 as part of the Veteran's Survivor Benefits Improvements Act of 2001, P.L. 107-14.

CHAMPVA is a distinct program and is governed by The Department of Veterans Affairs. To be eligible for CFL benefits over age 65, you cannot be eligible for TRICARE/CHAMPUS and you must be in one of these categories:

1- Spouse or child of a veteran who has been rated 100% perma-

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nently and totally disabled for a service-connected disability by a VA regional office.

2- Surviving spouse or child of a veteran who died from a VA-rated service-connected disability, or who at time of death rated 100% permanently and totally disabled.

3- Surviving spouse or child of a military member who died in the line of duty, not due to misconduct (in most cases, these family members are eligible for TRICARE, not CHAMPVA).

CFL and Helpless Children:

CFL provides benefits if the child is determined to be a Helpless Child by a VA Regional Office and if they meet all other eligibility requirements.

CFL and Remarried Widows/Widowers:

If you remarried after the first veteran-sponsor died, and the remarriage ended, you may be eligible for CFL or CHAMPVA. To be eligible, your first marriage must have been to a veteran who was 100% permanently and totally disabled or who died from a service-connected condition. It does not matter if the veteran was retired from the military.

CFL APPLICATION PROCESS:

1 - Application for CHAMPVA benefits form (VA Form 10-10d);

2 - Other Health Insurance Certification form (VA Form 10-7959c);

3 - Copy of the MEDICARE card (if eligible for Medicare). If not eligible for MEDICARE, but are 65 plus, copy of documentation from the Social Security Admin-

istration confirming that you are not entitled to MEDICARE benefits.

OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS USED TO SPEED THE PROCESSING:

1. Veteran and spouse marriage license.

2. Birth certificate/adoption papers for children.

3. Page from VBA rating decision that shows the veteran is 100% permanently and totally disabled or death rating for a survivor.

4. For remarried spouses who are once again single, copy of the legal document proving termination of the second marriage (divorce decree, annulment decree or death certificate).

5. The veteran's DD214 or Report of Separation. This form can be obtained from the sponsor's military branch.

6. School certification of full-time enrollment for children ages 18-23.

NEVER SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. SUBMIT PHOTOCOPIES ONLY

NEW CHAMPVA POLICY FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES

A new law reinstates health care benefits for some surviving spouses covered by the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) if they apply by February 4, 2004.

The surviving husband or wife who lost access to CHAMPVA benefits by remarrying before February 4, 2003, can be reinstated if they remarried after becoming age 55 and if they apply for reinstatement by February 4, 2004. Similarly, a surviving spouse who remarried after becoming age 55 and lost access

to Tricare benefits may now be eligible for CHAMPVA coverage.

Eligibility is limited to family members of veterans who have a permanent and total service-connected disability, who died of a service-connected condition or who were totally disabled from a service-connected condition at the time of death.

Surviving spouses who remarry at a younger age and lose their CHAMPVA benefits can have these benefits restored if their later marriage is annulled or ends because of death or divorce.

CHAMPVA covers most health care services and supplies that are medically and psychologically necessary. For more information, contact VA's Health Administration Center at 1-800-733-8387.

THE CFL OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION BENEFIT

CFL does provide an outpatient prescription benefit, something not provided under MEDICARE. Prescription drugs, if ordered through the CHAMPVA system, are received at no charge and are filled by a pharmacy located in Wyoming. If prescription is filled by a local pharmacy, a co-pay of 25% is required.

CHAMPVA FOR LIFE INFORMATION SOURCES

CFL Information by Phone:
RECORDED INFORMATION (888) 289-2411
Toll free line 24 hours a day.

To speak to a benefits advisor (800) 733-8387

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Hours-Monday-Friday 9am-1:30pm and 2:30pm-5:00pm (Eastern time).

CFL Information by Mail:
The Health Administration Center
P.O. Box 65023
Denver, Co. 80246-9023

CHAMPVA for Life - Eligibility
P.O. BOX 469028
Denver, Co. 80246-9028

NOTE: CFL DOES NOT PAY FOR MEDICARE PART B PREMIUMS.

You are responsible for these monthly premiums.

6 - LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE:

The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program is an important new benefit. It includes Federal and Postal employees and annuitants, members and retired members of the uniformed services and qualified relatives. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) contracted with John Hancock and Metlife, who formed a joint venture called Long Term Care Partners, to provide this insurance.

SURVIVING SPOUSES RECEIVING DEPENDENCY and INDEMNITY (DIC).

Surviving spouses are eligible to apply for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance. OPM considers DIC payments to be a survivor annuity.

Therefore, surviving spouses receiving DIC payments are eligible to apply for the Federal

Long Term care Insurance Program.

LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE (LTC)

INFORMATION SOURCES

LTC INFORMATION BY PHONE:
(800) 582-3337
TDD (800) 843-3557 (hearing impaired)
Hours Monday - Friday 8am-8pm (Eastern time)

LTC INFORMATION BY MALL:
Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program
204 Carter Drive
West Chester, Pa. 19382

7 - SPOUSES ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME LOANS:

Non-remarried spouses of veterans who served during a period which occurred between September 16, 1940 to present who died as a result of service-connected causes. Spouses are limited to one-time use of the GI loan.

8 - FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE:

Surviving spouses are entitled to veterans preference for federal employment if the veteran passed away from a service-connected disability.

NOTE: There are only a few states that recognize common law marriages. VA is bound by laws governing marriage in every state.

A common law marriage can be terminated except thru divorce, annulment or death of one of the parties. A valid common law marriage continues to be valid if the parties later move to a state that does not recognize common law marriages.

Should a couple enter into a common law marriage in a state that does not recognize common law

marriages the widow cannot establish entitlement to any VA benefit.

SOME OTHER PRESUMPTIVE DISEASES THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED FOR SERVICE CONNECTION FOR DIC:

EXPOSURE TO RADIATION:

Japanese POWs who suffer from types of Cancer due to exposure to radiation who were repatriated through the Port of Nagasaki during the period of August 6, 1945, through July 1, 1946, were interned within 75 miles of the city limits of Hiroshima or within 150 miles of the city limits of Nagasaki.

The list is not all-inclusive. VA has revised the Regulations so that it will consider claims based on diseases other than those listed in the Regulation, provided the claimant presents scientific or medical evidence showing the claimant's condition may caused by radiation exposure.

Leukemia (other than chronic lymphocytic leukemia), Cancer of the thyroid, Cancer of the breast, Cancer of the pharynx, Cancer of the esophagus, Cancer of the stomach, Cancer of the small intestine, Cancer of the pancreas, Multiple myeloma, Lymphomas (except Hodgkin's disease), Cancer of the Gall Bladder, Cancer of the bile ducts, Primary liver cancer (Except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated), Cancer of the salivary gland, Cancer of the urinary tract (means the kidneys, renal pelves, ureters, urinary bladder, and urethra).

PROSTATE CANCER IS NOT INCLUDED PER FEDERAL REGISTER.



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, Stalag 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.

POW Photos Order Form

These black & white 8x10" photographs are available from MedSearch. Please include a donation of \$5.00 per picture, or \$50.00 for the complete set of 12 with your order. Fill out the form below with selections.

Fill in the number of copies of each picture desired in the blank beside the picture's identification number:

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2. _____ 6. _____ 10. _____

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Set of 12 photos _____

Mail to:

MEDSEARCH, AXPOW National Headquarters

3201 East Pioneer Parkway, Suite 40

Arlington, TX 76010. PH: 817-649-2979; fax 817-649-0109; e-mail: marsha.coke@axpow.org

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pow-mia committee



PNC John Edwards, Chairman

889 Randall Road
Niskayuna, NY 12309-4815
(518) 393-3907 phone & fax

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

POW/MIAs - VIETNAM WAR:

There are still 1,836 Americans listed by the Defense Department as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War - 1,399 in Vietnam, 375 in Laos, 55 in Cambodia and 7 in PRC territorial waters. Still others have been ID'd, not yet announced by DPMO, perhaps due to delays in scheduling ID consultations with the primary-next-of-kin (PNOK)

WWII Missing in Action Serviceman Identified

On April 11, 2005, the Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced that the remains of a World War II Army Air Forces Staff Sergeant Robert W. McKee of Garvey, California, missing in action since December 17, 1944, have been identified and are

being returned to his family for burial with military honors. Staff Sergeant McKee will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery on April 12.

On Dec. 17, 1944, Sergeant McKee was an aerial gunner on B-24L *Liberator* and one of a crew of 11 that took off from Pantanella, Italy, to bomb enemy targets near Blechhammer, Germany. The aircraft crashed over Hungary, near the small towns of Böhönye and Felsősegesd. Nine of the 11 crew members survived the loss incident because they were able to parachute safely from the aircraft; however, two did not, and one of the two was Staff Sergeant McKee. Following the war, U.S. Graves Registration found and recovered the remains of the other unaccounted-for crewman in a cemetery in Felsősegesd.

In 1992, an undertaker recovered remains believed to be those of an American in the Böhönye, Hungary, cemetery but they could not be associated with a specific incident. However, in 2003, DPMO analysts obtained information from a Hungarian researcher that indicated the remains might be associated with Sergeant McKee's loss. Aerial gunner's wings were found in the grave, as well as other items worn by U.S. bomber crews in 1944.

Scientists of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory used a number of forensic tools, including mitochondrial DNA, to confirm Sergeant McKee's identity, matching his DNA with that of two known maternal relatives.

U.S. MIA Team Visit to North Korea Announced

The Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced that for the 10th consecutive year, teams of U.S. specialists have begun recovery missions of missing in action (MIA) servicemen in North Korea.

The 27-man team entered North Korea on April 16 and deployed to two base camps from which the remains recovery work will be done. One of the two primary areas where recovery operations will be undertaken is in Unsan County located about 60 miles north of Pyongyang. The other area will be near the Chosin Reservoir in the northeast part of the country.

In Unsan County, during the Korean War, U.S. forces battled Chinese units in the battles of Unsan and the Chong Chon River during November and December 1950. Approximately 300 U.S. soldiers are believed to be missing in this area from the intense battles in which they fought. During the Chosin Campaign, also conducted during November-December 1950, more than 1,000 Americans are missing from combat against Chinese forces.

Specialists from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) are scheduled to carry out their work during five month-long periods between April and late October. The current operation ended in mid-May.

Recovery operations in North Korea for 2005 were set during DPMO-led negotiations with North Korea in November 2004. U.S. recovery teams in the field number up to 13 men each, with 2 additional personnel positioned in Pyongyang to provide logistical and communications support.

The teams are comprised of both civilian and military specialists. The lead scientific officer at each site is a forensic anthropologist or archeologist from JPAC, who is supported by specialists in mortuary affairs, explosive ordnance disposal, medicine, vehicle maintenance, and linguistics.

Once remains are recovered, they are taken to JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory in Honolulu where they undergo detailed forensic examination to make positive identification.

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VA Outreach

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Before it's too late

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San Angelo, TX 76904
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ND Bill Richardson (910) 864-7318;
ND Bonnie Sharp (253) 565-0444.

Much Caring Outreach is Going on Now!

The VAMC in Big Spring, TX, did good. Their POW Coordinator Sheldon Schelling sent a letter to all POWs in their West Texas catchment area, giving my name and phone number to call for help with their VA claims.

Came a call from Angel in Monahans. He had 100% disability rating and wanted to know how I might help him. Among other questions, I asked if his wife had ChampVA. "What's

that?" I sent him a good Bulletin article by Betty Harlan, Texas NSO. Angel called Denver for forms. Then he wanted to drive to San Angelo for help in filling them out. "Angel, Monahans to San Angelo is 170 miles; we can do better than that."

So, AXPOW State Commander Morris Barker, just 36 miles away in Odessa, took the case. Now Angel and his wife will save \$400 a month they've been paying for Medicare supplement insurance.

My question: What did those Germans think when they captured an Angel!

Many are making it work - the AXPOW National Directory Outreach Project. Calls are being made, and letters are going out as sent by Gil Turley, Leon Horowitz, Betty Grinstead and others. Rudy Collins has personally gone to Montana's VARO, to find POWs who did not have 100% - 13 so far. And Louise Dunham in Phoenix recruited more help, with Jeanne Copeland in Mesa doing all the large AXPOW East Valley Chapter. And Jeanne called me at 7:20AM, Arizona time, to tell me she had also just sent 57 letters out to

all the POWs and/or widows in northern Arizona.

While there no doubt are former POWs out there who have never had a POW Protocol examination, our Outreach program is finding that most claimants do have some disability percentage rating.

Most of our activity is upgrading ratings, trying to get the 100% rating. And many POWs and widows may not realize that the October 7, 2004 ruling for expanded heart, hypertension and stroke presumptives opens up new potential for their claims. Some don't know they are eligible for ChampVA free Medicare supplement, if the 100% disability rating or service-connected death apply now.

Our VA OUTREACH PROGRAM is so important...for you and your spouse.

Please call us.

BECAUSE WE KNOW: Not all POWs and Widows have their due benefits, just because they are listed in the AXPOW Directory.

Patriot Run III

by Alice Booher

April 2, 2005, the Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club USA, North Carolina held their 3rd Annual Patriot Run with proceeds to benefit the Ft. Bragg Fisher House. Although the weather was not cooperative, the Vets continued their ride from The Fisher House to the Capital in Raleigh for the POW/MIA Ceremony.

They proceeded to the American Legion Post #382, Sanford, NC, to celebrate the event. The Club raised \$2,800 for the Fisher House. These Vietnam Vets have made the Fisher House their special project for several

years, but POW/MIAs have been their focus from inception. The Ft. Bragg/Fayetteville, NC locale is home to many former military men and women, including POWs, in retirement, and the community wholeheartedly supports myriad POW/MIA activities as an annual priority, from parades to forums, many of which include American Ex-POW members Bill Richardson, Paul Dallas and others.



The Fort Bragg Fisher House is a "home-away-from-home" for families and patients being treated at the Womack Army Medical Center and The Fayetteville Administrations Center. The house is a non-profit organization and receives most of its support from groups like these and donations from the local community. The house charges a minimal fee of \$10.00 per night for families to stay. In honor of casualties from Operation Iraqi Freedom we are waiving the fees for these families.

For more information contact the FHWAMC Manager, Paula Gallero at (910) 432-1486 or email: FHWAMC@aol.com.

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June 2-5, 2005. The Department of Florida will hold its annual convention at the Downtown Hilton Hotel, St. Petersburg, FL. For more information, contact SVC Bill Allen, 421 Fourth Avenue North, Tierra Verde, FL; 727-866-8337.

June 6 - 9, 2005. The Dept. of New York 21st Annual Convention will again be held at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa in Kerhonkson, N.Y. 12446. Contact: Eugene Powell, Commander, 456 Christian Herald Rd., Valley Cottage, N.Y. 10989; 845-480-5172; geneval@optonline.net.

June 9-10-11, 2005. The Arizona State Convention will be held at the Arizona Golf Resort, 425 S. Power Rd. Mesa, Arizona. For more information, Contact Commander Paul Shull, 480-985-9008. Hosted by East Valley Chapter of Mesa Arizona.

June 10-12, 2005. The Department of West Virginia Annual Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn, 100 Lodgeville Rd., Bridgeport, WV. Contact: Dept. Commander Norman Waldman, 126 Highland Ave., Waynesburg, PA 15376; 724-852-2543. Or Chapter Commander Annette Smith, 621 Front St., Brownsville, PA 15417; 724-785-8536.

June 11, 2005. Department of Alabama 21st Annual Convention will be held at the Four Points Sheraton Birmingham Airport, 5216 Airport Highway, Birmingham, AL. For reservations please call 205-591-7900. For further information contact Commander Wayne L. Watts at 205-553-8828.

June 13-19, 2005. Welcome Home...America's Tribute to Viet-Ex-POW Bulletin
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nam Veterans will be held in Branson, MO. Contact: Gary Linderer, 1756 Bee Creek Road, Suite F, Branson, MO 65616; 417-336-5719.

June 15, 2005. The 5th Army Association tour of Italy. They will be visiting Rome, Venice, Florence, Pisa, Sorrento and a special stop at the American Military Cemetery near Anzio. Please contact Sy Canton at 5277B Lakefront Blvd, Delray Beach, FL 33484; (561) 865-8495.

July 12-16, 2005. The 42nd Rainbow Infantry Division Reunion will be held in Indianapolis, IN. Contact: Pete Pettus, 1121 N. Desloge Dr., B1, Desloge, MO 63601; 573-431-6184; jrpazir@juno.com.

July 13-16, 2005. Second Battalion (2/4) Fourth Marines Association Reunion will be held in San Diego, CA. All or any attached personnel are also invited. Contact: Becky Valdez, 8221 E. Birch Tree LA., Anaheim Hills, CA., 92808; (714) 281-2846; fxala@hotmail.com.

July 17-23, 2005. The 4th Infantry (IVY) Division Assn. National Reunion. Contact: Gregory Rollinger, 8891 Aviary Path R-4, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077; www.4thinfantry.org.

July 21-25, 2005. The WWII PT Boats, Bases, Tenders 41st Annual Reunion will be held at the Hyatt Regency Wichita, Wichita, KS. Complete information may be obtained at PO Box 38070, Germantown, TN 38183; 901-755-8440; ptboats@ptboats.org.

July 28-31, 2005. Co. "B" 9th AIB 6th Armored Division 60th Annual Reunion will be held in Asheville, NC. Contact: Dee R. Williamson, 714 8th St., Newport, TN 37821; 423-673-5191.

August 18-21. Ohio Department AXPOW convention will be held at Comfort Inn (740-775-3500) in

Chillicothe. Registration \$30. Registrar DJVC Eleanora Morrow; 134 Kanawha Rd.; Lancaster, OH 43130-3476.

August 24-27, 2005. The 86th Annual Convention of the 80th Division Veterans Assn. will be held at the Marriott North, 6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus, OH 43229; (614) 885-1885. Chairman: Walter Spangler, 8275 Hagerty Rd, Ashville, OH 43103; (740) 474-5734.

August 26-28, 2005. Department of North Carolina Annual Convention will be held at the Woodlawn Inn and Conference Center, 212 W. Woodlawn Road, Charlotte, NC 28120. Room rate is \$55.50 plus tax. For reservations, call 704-525-8350. Contact Roy Hudnall, Dept. Commander, 704-841-2174.

Aug. 27-31, 2005. The 42nd and final Annual Reunion for Survivors of Bataan, Corregidor and Former Prisoners of War of the Far East will again be held at the Fontana Village. Reservations: 800-849-2258. For information, please contact Wayne Carringer, PO Box 46, Robbinsville, NC 28771; (828) 479-6205.

Sept. 7-11, 2005. The Mukden Survivors Annual Reunion will be held in Kingston, NY, at the Ramada Inn. We are working on a visit and possibly a seminar at West Point, as well as a Boat ride up the Hudson and a tour of Historic Kingston, First Capitol of NY state during the Revolutionary War. Our banquet dinner will be Saturday evening. For additional information- please contact: Sheldon Zimble 845-339-9960; email address: Shelzanne@aol.com, or write to: 90 Fairview Avenue, #7-8, Kingston, NY 12401.

Sept. 15-18, 2005. The Third Infantry Division Society and attached units will hold their 86th reunion at the Red Lion Hanalei Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108; 800-882-0858. Contact: Bruce Monkman, 818-343-3370;

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bruce monkman@earthlink.net, or Linda Irvine, 360-663-2521; info@TheReunionBrat.com.

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

Sept. 27-Oct. 2, 2005. AXPOW National Convention will be held in Denver, CO at the Doubletree Hotel, 3203 Quebec St. Registration forms and additional information will be in the Bulletin until convention.

September 29-Oct. 1, 2005. The New England Chapter of the Chosin Few Annual Reunion will be held at the Radisson Hotel, Milford, MA. For more information, contact John Gutermuch, 23 Kettering Road, Norwood, MA 02062; 781-769-5656.

Sept. 29-Oct. 5, 2005. The 45th Infantry Division Association (Thunderbirds) Reunion will be held in Oklahoma City, OK. Please contact: Raul Trevino, 2145 NE Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111; (210) 681-9134.

October 2-5, 2005. The Korean War Veterans Association Annual Reunion will be held at the Isle of Capri Hotel, Bossier City, LA. Hotel reservations: 877-465-3711. For more information, contact Steve dePyssler, RAO@barksdale.af.mil; 318-456-5976.

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I am trying to obtain information about my father who served in WWII and was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and held prisoner. His name was **Martin James Hannigan** of Medford, MA. He was buried in

Arlington National Cemetery in 1989. Thanks, Dennis Hannigan, 23 Islington St., Billerica, MA 01821; Dennis.Hannigan@bcbsma.com.

On December 19th in 1944 two US regiments, the **422nd and the 423rd of the 106 US Infantry Division** had to surrender to the German troupes near the village of Schönberg in the Ardennes (Belgium). For my research I am looking for a list of all soldiers and officers of these two regiments and especially for a **Mr. J.N. BESON**. I thank you in advance for your help and your support in this matter. Christian Winterstein, Basnhollenweg 31, CH-4143 Dornach, Switzerland; e-mail to: winterstein1@bluewin.ch.

Looking to correspond with **ex-Stalag LUFT III POWs**. I plan to write a book on the topic and have been gathering information from veterans for several years now. I'm especially looking for copies of YMCA logs, diaries, or self-published memoirs written for family members about your experiences at LUFT III. Please share with me any stories you have of your time there - the stories can be funny or sad, short or long. The stories can speak about your roommates, housing, sanitation, food, and/or camp activities including religious ceremonies, sporting events, theatrical performances, craft projects, and yes, even escape activities. No story is too short and no story is too long. I will pay for any cost involved in copying material. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all veterans for your service. Please contact me at: David Lesjak, Box 93016 Willowbrook P.O., Langley, British Columbia, Canada V3A 8H2.

I'm trying to locate information on the following men who were with me as members of the ten-man American Air Support team with the British First Airborne during the battle of Arnhem. **Lt. Johnson and Lt. Paul Geddes, 101st Airborne; Sgt. Jones, AAC**. Please contact: Paul Benton, 585 Alice St., East Palestine, OH 44413.

Recently in reviewing info that my mother had kept relative to my WWII POW days, I discovered **S/Sgt Sam Frank** had sent them a card on October 26, 1944, while in a Catholic Hospital located in Kosel near the Oder River where I was receiving excellent care. He stated that we were doing quite well and for them not to worry. I also find Sgt. Sam Frank's name and address in my small "Wartime Log" given to me while in the Catholic Hospital. His address as listed was 1118 7th St., Sacramento, Calif. I understand many years have passed, but should Sam Frank or his family be aware of my request, I would certainly like to hear from them and thank them. Henry E. Jernigan, (Ed), 212 Country Club Dr., Greenville, AL 36037 or email akj@alaweb.com or phone 334-382-3844. Thank you.

I am trying to trace any POWs or their relatives who were at **Camp 59, Servigliano, Italy** during WWII. Through my late father, I have become re-united with the area and would like to contact as many people as possible. I have opened a Charitable Trust in memory of my father and the kindness of the Italian people. I would like to organize visits and to develop the trust. Thank you. Brian Hilton, 16 The Eye, Barrier Road, Chatham, Kent, England ME4 4SD; tel: 01634817599; washroomman@aol.com.

The Comanche County Historical Museum, Comanche, TX needs a photograph of the headstone of **Lt. General George F. Moore**. He was the last commanding General of Corregidor during WWII. Lt. Gen. Moore was originally from Comanche, TX and the Comanche County Museum is developing a display honoring him. If you can help, please send copies of materials and photographs to Mr. Fain McDaniel, President, Comanche County Historical Museum, PO Box 22, Comanche, TX 76442.

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The **Honored Dead and Missing of WWII of Texas** names is being compiled and typed based on official records. This archival listing includes men and women who died or MIA while on active duty. Assistance is needed to identify the dates of death, units and awards of these WWII heroes who were buried in private and city cemeteries. Also, the names of Texans and their home counties who served in the RCAF and RAF Squadrons and buried in the UK is needed also. Thanks. Alfred Evans, 527 Cicero, San Antonio, TX 78218.

My husband and I are searching for an American soldier who was in Verviera (Belgium) in November 1944. We only have a little information about him. His name was Elvin Smith. He was a truck driver of explosive materials. He had a friend named Melvin White. Thank you for any information. Rene and Francine Demez, 13 Chemin dy Meunier, 4831 Bilatain, Belgium. geodemez@skynet.be.

News

POW memorial dedicated at APG

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

More than 200 attended the dedication of a monument to Maryland's former Prisoners of War during a ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground's U.S. Army Ordnance Museum April 9.

The monument becomes the second state memorial on APG, joining the Purple Heart monument, dedicated in August.

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The Department of Maryland American Ex-Prisoners of War, led by state commander John "Jack" Meyers, and Dr. F. William Atwater, museum director, hosted the program.

Guests included Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; George Owings III, secretary, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs; Orville Hughes, Maryland Veteran of the Year. Brig. Gen. Vincent E. Boles, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps and chief of ordnance, was the guest speaker.

In addition, Kathy Abey, district representative for Congressman Wayne T. Gilchrest, provided displays on the state's Veterans History Project, which documents veterans' stories in a state archive for future generations.

The 61st Ordnance Brigade color guard posted and retired the colors; the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) brass quintet provided musical support and members of Class 03-05 of the Officers Basic Course, Company E 16th Ordnance Battalion, led by 2nd Lt. L.S. Ferreira, served as escorts.

Meyers said that the American Ex-Prisoners of War paid for the monument through membership dues, and that it was an important investment for all Marylanders.

"That monument will be here long after we're gone, but people will al-

ways be able to come, look and think of the sacrifices we made," he said. Meyers explained why members and guests were given daisies to commemorate the occasion.

"According to the Geneva Convention, you can only give your name, rank and serial numbers if you're captured," he said. "Well, the Daisy is our symbol because it is the flower that never tells."

Edwin "Bud" Huson, junior vice commander, said that the placing of a state monument on the installation brings further recognition to former Prisoners of War.

"This site was our first choice because of that," Huson said, noting that April 9 is National Former Prisoners of War Recognition Day.

Meyers, Hughes and Huson were taken prisoner by the Germans during World War II.

Atwater said the ceremony went well thanks to "several individuals and organizations that worked together to make this happen," noting that Col. Kevin M. Smith, OC&S chief of staff, "was heavily involved from the start."

"Kim Ables of the OC&S protocol office, in particular, went out of her way to ensure everything was just right," Atwater said.

He thanked Charles Wadby of the Maryland Portable Concrete company which poured the concrete to fill the 36-inch deep hole and the staff of Engineering Documentation Systems, Inc., who transported three stones weighing 1,000 pounds each to erect the monument; in addition to Ed Heasley, museum curator, and staff members Alan Killinger, Steve Klein, Tim Tidwell, Judy Garrett, Randy Davis and Dr. Joe Ranier.



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Thoughts from a Volunteer by Trudi Hahn

On my second evening at Andersonville National Historic Site, I stepped out the front door of the guest house into the cool twilight to walk the few hundred feet to the Civil War prison site, now a serene swath of grass. I was living mere yards from history while volunteering at the park.

Though Andersonville's story starts with the Civil War, it was the story of Vietnam POWs that drew me to the park.

As an obituary writer for the past several years at the Star Tribune in Minneapolis, I have been privileged to glimpse a broad sweep of history by learning about people who made an impact from the 1940s to the 1960s. In July 2003, I got the chance to write the obituary of a WWII pilot whose son, also a military aviator, had been a prisoner of war in North Vietnam.

The obit connection gave me a chance to understand more about the troubled times of the Vietnam War. I wrote a feature package for Veterans' Day 2003 about several POWs with Upper Midwest roots (www.startribune.com/pow).

While reporting, I realized that few Americans know the POWs' stories. I looked for a widely searchable internet database dedicated to the POWs. A logical site to explore was Andersonville NHS, home not only to the Civil War prison site and an active federal cemetery, but also to the National POW Museum, honoring the U.S. captives of all wars.

In April 2005, I came to Andersonville intending to help transfer its 600 or so POW interviews from VHS tape to DVDs, one of many steps needed before the widely searchable database becomes a reality. Interns from Georgia Southwestern State University were being utilized for the project and I was asked to work on a pressing digital-photo project: documenting the condition of the monuments, buildings and other historic structures in the park.

In the slanting late-afternoon sun, I started taking photos at the prison site. When the sun dipped so low it transformed the blue-gray granite monuments to amber, I stopped for

the night and went home to the inviting cottage, with its books, videos, radio and comfy couch on which to enjoy them.

I was glad to have a kitchen at hand, though I worried about the caution from the park rangers that insects would invade if food crumbs were left out. In the morning, I didn't want to waste light for photography by doing dishes, so I stored my breakfast things in the refrigerator until I would have time to wash them.

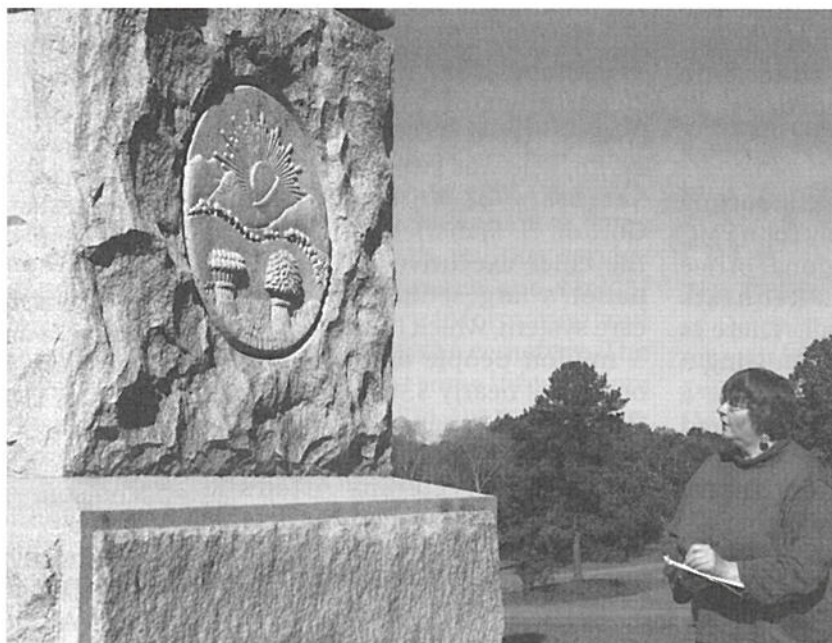
Soap waits; the sun doesn't.

Silver light was quickening the dew as I walked the rifle pits, angling my camera to catch the sculpted shadows that gave them definition. Amid the twittering birds, a tranquil morning was mine, though I saved my soft singing of Civil War camp songs for the cemetery. "Lorena" in particular seemed to fit there.

Anyone can stay in the handicapped cottage for two weeks, or hook up an RV behind it, in exchange for 16 hours of general volunteer work – those VHS interviews still need to be transferred to DVDs. Ex-POWs from any war are especially invited to talk with museum visitors about their experiences.

After 5:00 p.m., when visitors have left for the evening, all at the cottage can enjoy the rare treat of having an entire national park to themselves.

For more information on the guest-host program at Andersonville National Historic Site, please write or call the park.



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Presidential Memorial Certificates

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate, signed by the current President, to honor the memory of honorably discharged deceased veterans.

History

This program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by all subsequent Presidents. Statutory authority for the program is Section 112, Title 38, of the United States Code.

Administration

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program by preparing the certificates which bear the President's signature expressing the country's grateful recognition of the veteran's service in the United States Armed Forces.

Eligibility

Eligible recipients include the deceased veteran's next of kin and loved ones. More than one certificate may be provided.

Application

Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply for a PMC in person at any VA regional office or by U.S. mail only. Requests cannot be sent via email. There is no form to use when requesting a PMC. Please be sure to enclose a copy of the veteran's discharge and death certificate. Please submit copies only, as we cannot return

original documents. If you would like to request a Presidential Memorial Certificate, or if you requested one more than eight (8) weeks ago and have not received it yet, we ask that you either:

1. Fax your request and all supporting documents (copy of discharge and death certificate) to: (202) 565-8054, or
2. Mail your request and all supporting documents using either the U.S. Postal Service or a commercial mail service, such as one of the overnight or express mail delivery services, to: Presidential Memorial Certificates (41A1C), Department of Veterans Affairs, 5109 Russell Road, Quantico, VA 22134-3903

If you have any questions about a certificate you have received, a request you have already sent in, or about the program in general, you may call (202) 565-4964.

PLEASE NOTE: The above telephone number is for questions about the Presidential Memorial Certificate Program only.

Veteran Service Officers and Funeral Homes - Please contact (202) 565-4259 or (202) 501-2004 for information about submitting requests electronically. See <http://www.cem.va.gov/pmc.htm>.

Perlin Sworn in as VA's Top Doctor

Dr. Jonathan B. Perlin was sworn in on May 5, 2005 as the Under Secretary for Health in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Perlin, who was sworn in by Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs Gordon H. Mansfield, will serve as the chief executive officer of the nation's largest integrated health care system, which treats more than 5 million people annually with a budget of nearly \$30 billion.

"Dr. Perlin is a man of great skill and boundless compassion," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson. "America's veterans are lucky to have him lead VA's health care system."

A native of Maryland, Perlin earned an M.D. and a Ph.D. in pharmacology from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) in Richmond, Va. He later served on the staff at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals at VCU and continues to hold an adjunct faculty appointment there. "I'm honored by the trust shown by Secretary Nicholson, President Bush and the Senate," Perlin said. "And I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve our nation's veterans."

Perlin has held several appointments at Richmond VA Medical Center, and moved to the Department's Washington headquarters in 1999, serving as chief quality and performance officer, deputy under secretary for health, acting chief of research and development, and acting under secretary for health before his confirmation by the Senate on April 28, 2005 for the top job. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

VA's health care system includes 196,500 health care professionals, 125,000 volunteers, 80,000 health profession trainees and 25,000 affiliated medical faculty.

National Veterans Wheelchair Games Come to Minneapolis

More than 500 disabled veterans will compete in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games from June 27 to July 1, 2005, in Minneapolis. This year marks the 25th year of the event, which has grown to become the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world.

"We are proud of these talented athletes, our volunteers who make these Games possible, and the communities that open their doors and their hearts to these heroes," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson.

The Wheelchair Games, presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Paralyzed Veterans of

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America (PVA), are open to all U.S. military veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, certain neurological conditions, amputations or other mobility impairments. The Minneapolis VA Medical Center and the PVA Minnesota Chapter are hosting the 2005 games.

PVA National President Randy L. Pleva, Sr., said, "Year after year, the rehabilitative nature of the Games provides endless opportunities for our wheelchair athletes to pursue their athletic goals and dreams. The Games also serve as a stage where we can show the world what we can do — to soar far beyond any physical limitations we might have and reach previously unimagined levels of success."

Sports are important in the therapy used to treat many disabilities. VA is a recognized leader in rehabilitation, with therapy programs available at VA health care facilities across the nation. For many injured veterans, the Wheelchair Games provide their first exposure to wheelchair athletics.

At the Games, veterans will compete in track and field, swimming, basketball, weightlifting, softball, air guns, quad-rugby, 9-ball, bowling, table tennis, archery, hand cycling, a motorized rally, wheelchair slalom and power soccer. Trap shooting, golf and a power wheelchair relay will be exhibition events this year.

The 25th National Veterans Wheelchair Games begin June 27 with a wheelchair basketball exhibition at Peavey Plaza on Nicolette Mall in Minneapolis, as well as the 2005 Disabled Sports, Recreation and Fitness Expo. The Expo is among the largest exhibitions of products and services related to the health, well-being, sports and recreational needs of people with disabilities.

On June 29, a wheelchair sports demonstration will take place at the Mall of America, allowing the public to preview some of the sports taking place during the week. "Kids Day at the Games" is on June 30, when local children with disabilities can meet the wheelchair athletes, watch them compete and participate in their own wheelchair sporting events.

Many of the events will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center, also the site for the opening and closing ceremonies. Other venues include South Town Bowl, Eden Prairie Bowl, McMurry Field, Metro Gun Club, Braemar Golf Course, the University of Minnesota, the University of St. Thomas, Lake Harriett, the Ft. Snelling soccer fields and Como Park.

For more information about the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, or to follow events as they happen, visit the Games Web site at <http://www.wheelchairgames.org>.

VA Offers Nationwide Gravesite Locator

The VA has made it easier and faster for the public to get answers about family history, old war buddies or famous war heroes. The agency has put on the Web 3.2 million records for veterans buried at 120 national cemeteries since the Civil War. The VA's Nationwide Gravesite Locator also has records for some state veterans cemeteries and burials in Arlington National Cemetery since 1999 (<http://www.cem.va.gov/>). The navigator includes names, dates of birth and death, military service dates, service branch and rank if known, cemetery information and grave location in the cemetery. The VA will withhold some information, such as next of kin, for privacy purposes. As long as we speak of information locations here is the URL for checking on gravesites overseas. To locate U.S. military personnel buried overseas GO TO the following address: [http://](http://www.americanwardead.com/searchwww.htm)

www.americanwardead.com/searchwww.htm This does not list those brought home for burial. There you will see a choice of "War Dead" Click on that then click on the listing of the "War" you are interested in. Eg: World War II. That will take you to a SEARCH BOX. Type in the Last Name SPACE First Name Initial Eg: Hardy J (423/M Company Commander) Click on "Search" and it will eventually show the location the person is buried Or let you know that there is no such name on file. John Kline Editor, The CUB

Army System Assists in Awards Process

Army veterans and their families can have an easier time tracking and receiving medals and decorations thanks to an automated system used by the Clothing and Heraldry Product Support Integration Directorate (PSID). The Web-based system eliminates extensive paperwork, reduces processing time and has capabilities such as allowing each veteran the opportunity to find out the status of his or her request or make a request online. These types of inquiries that used to be handled telephonically or by letter can be entered online at <http://veteranmedals.army.mil>. Award criteria and background for the different service medals can also be found on the Web site. Requests for medals are initiated through the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis. Eligible veterans or the next-of-kin of a deceased veteran can request medals from NPRC at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>.

CRDP

The Office of the Undersecretary of Defense has responded to a letter sent by TREA National President LeRoy Riddle requesting status and DoDs policy on the 100% Disability compensation IU issue. The response signed by the Director of

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Compensation noted the new law was explicit in establishing eligibility for the acceleration of benefits as those compensated by the VA for a disability rated as 100%. However, those who are paid under the Individual Unemployability (IU) provisions are compensated at the 100% rate for a disability rated less than 100%. Thus, they would appear to have been excluded from this acceleration of benefits. Furthermore, there was no explicit statutory language or expression of clear legislative intent to cover these individuals. Nonetheless, since the VA pays these retirees at the same level as those who are actually rated 100% disabled, DoD has been pursuing within the Administration whether or not those with an IU rating might qualify. On April 14th, Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) and Senator Carl Levin (D-MI) introduced Senate Amendment 361 to the Defense Emergency Appropriations Act (HR 1268) which expresses the intent of Congress that those who are receiving 100% Disability from the VA by virtue of being Unemployable, should be treated the same as those who are rated at 100% by the VA. The text of the Amendment read, "It is the sense of the Senate that any veteran with a service-connected disability rated as total by virtue of having been deemed unemployable who otherwise qualifies for treatment as a qualified retiree for purposes of section 1414 of title 10, United States Code, should be entitled to treatment as qualified retiree receiving veterans disability compensation for a disability rated as 100% for purposes of the final clause of subsection (a)(1) of such section, as amended by section 642 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

New Handbook Updates Veterans Benefits

A new edition of the popular handbook Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) updates the rates for certain federal payments and outlines a variety of programs and benefits for American veterans. Most of the nation's 25 million veterans qualify for some VA benefits, which range from health care to burial in a national cemetery. In addition to describing benefits provided by VA, the 2005 edition of the 120-page booklet provides an overview of programs and services for veterans provided by other federal agencies. Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents includes resources to help veterans access their benefits, with a listing of toll-free phone numbers, Internet addresses and a directory of VA facilities throughout the country. The handbook can be downloaded free from VA's website at <http://www.va.gov/opa/feature/>.

MEDICARE Premiums Up

Statements made by agency officials on March 31st indicate Medicare plans to charge seniors 14% more for premiums next year and pay doctors about 4% less. The adjustments are meant to cope with unexpected increases in Medicare's spending on physician visits and outpatient care. Medicare chief actuary Richard Foster noted that outlays grew by 15% in 2004, not the 12% that had been projected. Medicare's payments to doctors are figured annually and based on four factors: medical inflation, enrollee growth, payment changes created by new laws or regulations, and projected annual growth in the gross domestic product. The March 05 Medicare Trustees report projected physician payment cuts totaling 26% from 2006 through 2011. A 2003 survey by the American Society of Family Physicians found that more than one in five family doctors no longer accepted new Medicare patients.

VA Health Education Library Available Online

The VA National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, partnering with VHA Patient Education and VHA Environmental Hazards and Public Health, has developed an educational and health promotion library of materials on certain health conditions to enable veterans to take control of their own health. Located at My HealtheVet, the library covers topics ranging from Age-Related Macular Degeneration to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. To access the Health Education Library, go to <http://www.myhealth.va.gov> and select "Health Info."

One-Stop Benefit Resource

Search online for benefits you may be eligible to receive. GovBenefits.gov is a free and confidential website that provides information on several government benefit programs. The website was launched in April 2002 as part of the President's strategy to use the Internet to make government more accessible to citizens. Ten federal agencies work together to provide a comprehensive benefits resource to the American public, including the U.S. Departments of Labor, Agriculture, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, State, Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration. To find out what benefits you are eligible for, visit www.govbenefits.gov.

VA Claim Processing

One of VA's critical measures on performance is the time necessary to decide an initial claim for disability benefits. At one time, it had a long-term goal to process claims in 60 days. It later increased that to 74 days, and then to 90 days. Average processing time instead ballooned to 223 days by 2002 before coming down slightly. Last spring, the VA told Congress it was "on track" to reach a processing time of 100 days by the end of 2004. It did not reach that target. Today, the actual time stands at 165 days.

AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR (POWs)

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“The men and women who suffered through the atrocious conditions of internment deserve our utmost gratitude and respect. Their fortitude serves as an example of placing the ideals of freedom and self-government above one’s own interests...”

President George W. Bush, from his first
Proclamation of National POW/MIA Recognition Day, April 2, 2001

Introduction

This report is based on original official battle reports and records on casualties, POWs and MIAs for WW I, WW II and Korea. Estimates of surviving WW II and Korean Conflict POWs alive at the end of calendar year 2004 are based on estimated male veteran deaths and population by period of service for that year (Source: VA Office of the Actuary, VetPop2004, Version 1.0, December 2004). For POWs of the Vietnam period, counts of surviving POWs alive at the end of 2004 are based as much as possible on records of individuals kept and followed under various auspices (please see acknowledgments and sources at the end of this report). Because the Defense POW/MIA Personnel Office (DPMO) does not officially keep track of the status of ALL repatriated POWs, this report assumes those of periods after Vietnam were alive at the end of 2004.

A comparison of data and estimates from the end of calendar years 2003 and 2004 shows notably that during 2004:

- The estimated number of living POWs decreased from nearly 36,000 to about 32,500, caused mainly by estimated death rates for WW II and Korean POWs of about ten percent and four percent, respectively.
- There were four reported deaths among Vietnam POWs, reducing their number from 591 to 587.
- Progress continued on reducing the number classified as missing in action (MIA) in Vietnam, from 1,858 to 1,842.

AMERICAN FORMER POWs

From

**WORLD WAR I, WORLD WAR II, KOREA, VIETNAM, GULF WAR (DESERT STORM),
SOMALIA, BOSNIA, KOSOVO, AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ**

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Table 1. SUMMARY OF ALL WARS

	Captured/ Interned	Died While POW	Returned to U.S. Military Control	Refused to Return	Alive at End of 2004
GRAND TOTAL	142,246	17,009	125,214	21	32,550 ^(a)
WWI	4,120	147	3,973	—	—
WWII	130,201	14,072	116,129	—	29,850 ^(b)
Korea	7,140	2,701	4,418	21 ^(c)	2,100 ^(b)
Vietnam	725	64	661	—	587
Gulf War (Desert Storm)	47 ^(d)	25 ^(d)	21 ^(d)	—	21 ^(d)
Somalia	1	—	1	—	1 ^(e)
Kosovo	3	—	3	—	3 ^(e)
Bosnia	—	—	—	—	—
Iraq	9 ^(f)	—	8	—	8 ^(f)

(a) Number rounded to nearest 50.

(b) Number alive at end of 2004 is based on mortality estimates derived from VA Office of Actuary data and rounded to nearest 50. Because of the advanced age of WW I veterans, estimates of those alive at end of 2004 would be too unreliable to report. However, the number might be zero. Estimated death rates in 2004 for "WW II only" and all "Korean War only" male veterans are used to estimate living POWs of WW II and the Korean War, respectively.

(c) While initially 21 Korean Conflict POWs refused repatriation, only one remained in China, one died and 19 left China for Western countries.

(d) The DPMO lists 47 captives (including Navy Captain Michael Scott Speicher, who is listed as "missing/captured"). Of the 47, 25 are listed as killed in action (the remains of 2 have not been returned because they were in aircraft lost at sea), and 21 were repatriated. The 25 killed in action are listed here as died while POW. Since DOD indicates that it does not officially maintain contact with ALL living POWs, it cannot say for certain how many are still alive. The assumption for this report is that those of this era were still alive at the end of 2004. Captain Speicher is not included in the number alive at the end of 2004, but this in no way is meant to suggest anything about his status.

(e) The assumption for this report is that those of this era were alive at the end of 2004.

(f) This number in the first column includes Spc. Keith Mathew Maupin, who is listed as "missing/captured." The number in the last column pertains only to those who were returned to U.S. military control; all are assumed to be alive at the end of 2004. Spc. Maupin is not included in the number, but this in no way is meant to suggest anything about his status.

Excluded from Table 1 are:

- The crew of the U.S.S. Pueblo, captured on January 23, 1968, because those captured were not considered POWs of the Vietnam War, the era in which the incident occurred. North Korea captured this naval vessel and held the entire crew as POWs. One died during captivity and 82 were held captive, including two civilians. Of the 80 military POWs that were repatriated, 70 were alive at the end of 2004.
- Merchant Marine casualties in WW II: 4,780 missing, 882 dead, including 37 POWs, and 572 released from captivity and one civilian POW accounted for. An estimated 150 were alive at the end of 2004 (applying estimated death rates of male WW II only veterans and rounding to nearest 50). Merchant Marines were granted veteran status after WW II, not during the time of their service. (Summary of Merchant Marine casualties, WW II, from U.S. Coast Guard report dated July 1, 1950.)
- Approximately 600 captured construction workers on Wake Island and American Airlines workers on Guam; an estimated 100 were alive at the end of 2004 (applying estimated death rates of male WW II only veterans and rounding to nearest 50). Construction workers on Wake Island

and American Airline employees on Guam were treated as veterans for purposes of VA benefit eligibility in accordance with DOD Directive 1000.20 (P.L. 95-202).

POWs from wars prior to WW I: during the Civil War, 220,000 were captured by the North, with 26,436 dying during confinement; 126,950 were captured by the South, with 22,576 dying during confinement. (*The Civil War*, Garden Press, New York, New York.) During the American Revolution, unofficial reports indicate up to 11,000 died during captivity, most while confined in prison ships in New York harbor.

Table 2. WORLD WAR II POWs by Status, Branch and Theater (for Army and Air Corps)

	Captured/ Interned	Died While POW	Returned to U.S. Military Control	Alive at End of 2004
GRAND TOTAL	130,201	14,072	116,129	29,850
Army & Air Corps - Total	124,079	12,653	111,426	28,800
European theater/ Mediterranean ^(a)	93,941	1,121	92,820	24,500 ^(b)
Pacific (Other than the Philippines)	1,885	457	1,428	350 ^(b)
Other Theaters of Operation	2,673	425	2,248	600 ^(b)
The Philippines ^(c) (Dec. 7, 1941 thru May 10, 1942)	25,580	10,650	14,930	3,350 ^(b)
Navy & Marine Corps - Total	6,122	1,419	4,703	1,050
Navy ^(d)	3,848	901	2,947	650 ^(b)
Marine Corps ^(e)	2,274	518	1,756	400 ^(b)

(a) Includes 23,554 captured during the Battle of Bulge (Ardennes, December 16, 1944 - January 25, 1945).

(b) The calculation uses an estimated 2004 death rate for male "WW II only" veterans and makes no distinction among WW II branches and theater with respect to death rate. Estimates of survivors are rounded to nearest 50.

(c) Also known as the Bataan-Corregidor combat zone. Data include Filipino Scouts. U.S. Forces captured included approximately 17,000 American nationals and 12,000 Filipino Scouts. During the first year of captivity, a reported 30% of the Americans and 8% of the Filipinos died. Data are unclear as to the number of each group surviving to repatriation, but a very rough estimate would be 11,000 Americans and 4,000 Filipino Scouts. This information is based on military records developed during the war, but no accurate breakdown was made after repatriation. In addition, some 7,300 American civilian men, women, and children were involuntarily incarcerated by the Japanese in 1941 - 1942. An additional 13,000 of mixed American and Asian parentage holding American citizenship hid out during this period and were never interned.

(d) Navy casualty data are allocated to naval vessels, not to theater of operations.

(e) Marine Corps personnel captured in the Philippines December 1941 - May 1942 totaled 1,388. Data on numbers dying during captivity, repatriated, and still living are not available for the Philippines.

Table 3. KOREAN CONFLICT POWs by Status and Branch

	Captured/ Interned	Died While POW	Returned to U.S. Military Control	Refused to Return	Alive at End of 2004^(a)
GRAND TOTAL	7,140	2,701	4,418	21	2,100
Army	6,656	2,662	3,973	21	1,900 ^(a)
Navy	35	4	31	—	^(b)
Marine Corps	225	31	194	—	100 ^(a)
Air Force	224	4	220	—	100 ^(a)

(a) The calculation uses an estimated 2004 death rate for male "Korean Conflict only" veterans and makes no distinction among branches with respect to death rate. Estimates of survivors are rounded to nearest 50.

(b) Less than 25.

Table 4. VIETNAM POWs/MIAs by Status and Branch

	Captured/ Interned ^(a)	POWS			MIAs	
		Dying in Captivity	Returned to U.S. Military Control	Alive at End of 2004	Remains Returned	Still MIA ^(b)
GRAND TOTAL	725	64	661 ^(c)	587	741 ^(d)	1,842
Army	168	29	139	119	125 ^(d)	585
Navy	160	9	151	135	155 ^(d)	379
Marine Corps	46	8	38	32	66 ^(d)	234
Air Force	351	18	333	301	383 ^(d)	610
Coast Guard	—	—	—	—	1 ^(d)	0
Civilians	—	—	65 ^(c)	—	14 ^(d)	34

(a) Includes "POWs Dying in Captivity" plus "POWs Returned to U.S. Military Control".

(b) Source: DPMO, *Vietnam-Era Unaccounted for Statistical Report*, 1-7-05, p.1. At the conclusion of hostilities, League of Families data indicated 2,583 were classified as MIAs (including 48 civilians).

(c) Civilians are not included in grand total for this column. Source of data: www.NAMPOWS.org.

(d) The sum of MIA "Remains Returned" by branch, including civilians, is 3 more than the grand total shown. The source of the branch data is DPMO, *U.S. Unaccounted-For from the Vietnam War* for each branch, 3-22-05, whereas the source for the total is the DPMO report cited in footnote b above.

Gulf War (Desert Storm)

The total number of American servicemen captured was 21 and all were immediately repatriated when hostilities ceased. See Table 1, note (d) for more details. Source: DPMO web site (www.dtic.mil/dpmo/gulfwar.htm)

SOMALIA/BOSNIA/KOSOVO

One U.S. serviceman was captured and briefly held prisoner in Somalia, none in Bosnia, and three in Kosovo.

AFGHANISTAN

No POWs / MIAs to date.

IRAQ (Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom)

9 POWs / One MIA to date.

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Number of Vietnam Era POWs still alive on December 31, 2004 provided by Mike McGrath, Historian, NAM-POWs Association (www.nampows.org).

Number captured and returned to US Military Control provided by the DPMO for Desert Storm, Somalia, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Updates on remaining MIAs provided by Ann Mills Griffiths, National League of Families (www.pow-miafamilies.org); and from *Subject: Vietnam Era Unaccounted for Statistical Report* as of May 21, 2004, p. 1. <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/pmsea/index.htm>.

Post-Vietnam Era Conflicts

DPMO web site: www.dtic.mil/dpmo/generalinfo.htm

USS Pueblo Incident

Don Peppard, President, USS PUEBLO Veterans Association (www.usspueblo.org)

Acknowledgements

This report continues the series of annual reports and updates on the status of Americans who were POWs during various wars. Charles A. Stenger, Ph.D., a veteran of WWII and former POW of the European theater himself, produced the series almost single-handedly from 1977 until 2003. Dr. Stenger worked at VA in the Mental Health and Behavioral Science Service from 1964 through 1980. He continued preparing the POW report long after retirement from VA. OPP&P assumed the task of updating the report in 2004 not only because OPP&P serves as a VA center for data collection, data evaluation, and analysis, but also to honor all POWs and MIAs and to acknowledge the enduring contribution of Dr. Stenger.

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NSO Success Stories

"We exist to help those who cannot help themselves". And AXPOW does. When we work together for good, SUCCESS happens. More recent "success" stories, because of AXPOW team work.

I'm addicted to Outreach. Sunday PM, trying to stay from it, I pick up the AXPOW Directory, find rural Oklahoma folks...call widow Chris near Lake Texoma, who says she has VA widow's benefits. ChampVA? What's that? I send her information and the toll-free number (1-800-733-8387). It's going to save \$200 a month premium for her limited Medicare supplement.

A couple in NW Oklahoma have 100%. The wife wants information on ChampVA. I send information.

Call to Southern Oklahoma, POW has 100%, the wife wants information on ChampVA.

A call to NW Oklahoma...widow with NO DIC; husband died of heart problems in 1985 - a VA claim challenge! The death certificate shows cause of death as Cardiac Arrest. I call the Muskogee VARO POW specialist who says, "Have her fax a copy of that to me and we'll pursue her widow's benefit."

In Enid, Oklahoma, out of three calls, two spouses with 100% husbands, never heard of ChampVA. Information sent.

AXPOW has no NSOs in Oklahoma, so there are MANY WITH NSO NEEDS! And they're right in our AXPOW National Directory, just waiting for a call they never expected.

Fred Campbell, NSO
San Angelo, TX

While I was in combat in Southern France, there was a soldier in my Rifle squad from North Carolina who became a friend. I'll call him Joe. This is not his real name. On November 28, 1944, our unit was overrun by a German tank unit and most of our unit was killed, but 28 of us were captured. Joe was included in the group that was captured.

Joe and I were sent to different POW camps in Germany. After the end of the war in Germany, I was in an Army hospital and a soldier from our unit was there and he told me that Joe had died in a German POW camp.

During the year 2002, one of the many former prisoners of war in North Carolina that I have filed claims for, called me and said he knew a POW in his town that needed some help with his claim and gave me his name (Joe) and telephone number.

I thought I had heard the name before. I called Joe and his voice sounded familiar. I asked him to tell me the branch of service that he served in during WWII. When he told me, he named my unit, including my squad. I asked him if he remembered the name of his squad leader and he said, "His name was Fred P. Dallas, but he died in a prison camp."

I had to tell Joe that Fred P. Dallas did not die, that I was very much alive. We were both real shocked to learn that we are both alive. We had a reunion for about an hour on the telephone.

Joe was rated 10% service-connected and had been denied an increase. His health is very poor. A County service office had handled his claim.

I reopened his claim within one week and filed it with the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in Winston-Salem, NC. Joe received a 100% service-connected rating within just a few weeks.

Doris and I visited with Joe and his wife a few weeks later. He is now a life member of AXPOW. This was a very rewarding experience.

I could write about so many heartwarming experiences that I have had since becoming a National POW Service Officer. I thank God every day that I have been able to help former prisoners of war receive the benefits that they deserve.

Fred P. (Paul) Dallas
National POW Service Officer

NSOs...send your success stories to Outreach Chairman Fred Campbell, 3312 Chatterton Dr. San Angelo, TX 76904. 325-944-4002; fredrev@webtv.net. YOUR story may help another NSO help another ex-POW get the benefits they deserve!



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Hi Clydie, Maurice and Cheryl....

I got a good laugh out of page 18 of your recent publication, the May 2005 issue. My old friend and classmate Paul Galanti writes about phony POWs on page 30, then I see our old Phony buddy, Fred J. Byrd is still at his old tricks on page 18. We've had him listed in our Phony POW files for quite some time.

Mary at POW Network has already received his records from the National Records Center in St. Louis. We even have him listed on the internet among about 1,000 Phony POW claimants at: <http://www.pownetwork.org/phonies/phonies1001.htm>

Byrd actually did serve in the military. Byrd's tour in Nam was from 21 Sept 68 to 14 Oct 69. [Had he been captured, he would have been sent out of country IMMEDIATELY upon his return to military control.]

On April 6, 1969 he went from Flight engineer, C123 to INSTRUCTOR with the 309 SOS Phan Rang AB in RVN.

A transcript of his court martial was "not in the file," but it is obvious that he received a court martial at some time.

He IS a highly decorated (DFC) 20-yr veteran. He served in the Corps from '52 to '61. USAF '61-'72. Why he has the need to lie about having been a POW is beyond comprehension.

Now comes the tough question. You guys at AXPOW don't have this phony listed as a Vietnam era POW and member of our organization, do you? How else is he qualified to write his trash in the "Looking For" section? Are non-members allowed to put articles in the Bulletin? You might remember about 8 years ago when I found 17 Phony POWs who were members of AXPOW. Claude Watkins and I got them removed. I can still recite their names if you want a review.

Remember, you can get the official Department of Defense list of all 661 Vietnam era POWs on the internet at: <http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/pmsea/files.htm>.

Or, you can just ask me. I'd be glad to help you with the Phony POW issues at any time.

Mike McGrath
AXPOW Member
NAM-POW Historian
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from the editor: No, Mike, we don't have him as a member, thank goodness. We get a lot of requests from our website. You don't have to be a member of AXPOW to request help finding someone.

Good morning, Editor,
Ex-POW Bulletin!

I thought you'd enjoy the following.

I am a 53 year old physical therapist who is the proud son of Harry Reuss, an 85 year old Ex-POW, who was a top turret gunner/flight engineer of a B-24 which was shot down by flak over Vienna on September 10, 1944. He was subsequently captured by the Germans, beaten by the Gestapo, taken to

Stalag Luft IV, and then marched on the 600 mile Black March across northern Germany in the winter of 1944-45. The ravages of that experience and of time have taken their toll but Dad is still alive albeit in a nursing home in Indianapolis. He still enjoys his family and knows who we are.

The following is a paper my 10 year old son just wrote for his class. It is presented in his unvarnished and sweet way of presenting the "facts" as he knows them. I've yet to ask Pop where he got the grapes!

Through smiles and tears and proudly,

Rick Reuss, P.T.
4th Grade -
Pope John Elementary School
Madison, Indiana
Feb 2005

PRISONER OF WAR IN WORLD WAR II

This is a story about a brave P.O.W. named Harry Reuss. Harry is still alive but he is old. This is how it happened. Harry Reuss was a tail gunner on a B17 bomber in World War II. One day while the Germans were on their tail, one of the Germans shot a machine gun at them and the left wing caught fire. "We're goin' down", Harry said. "Get your parachute and jump" he said. They all jumped out and landed safely. But not for long. They went into the woods. The Germans found them and took them to the P.O.W. camp. All they could eat were potato peelings, grapes and water. A few years later, the Germans decided to let the P.O.W.s go including Harry. But for a price. They would be flown over but only just. They had to walk to their own state, but Harry did it!

Alex Reuss



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The Secretary of Veterans' Affairs' Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War

Unofficial notes by Advisory Committee Member Paul Galanti

Our committee met during the week of April 13-15 which, unfortunately, coincided with the AXPOW midyear. I wish I could report that there's a lot going on but unfortunately, that's not the case. Also, unfortunately, all the "heavies" at the VA (The Secretary, the Undersecretaries and the powerlifters who do all the real work at the VA were on a leadership retreat with the new Secretary.

(Author's note: When you see the word "unfortunately three times in the first three sentences, you might think there are some unhappy campers among our committee. You would be correct.)

I had specifically asked about the Turbo-POWER claims processing initiative since it had been pushed hard by the committee for the last couple of years. This is a computer program that could assist family members to help POWs fill out claims forms or seek additional diagnoses *and, more importantly, ensure that nothing is missed and that the correct paragraphs in Title 38 CFR are referenced. It*

would basically make it quicker for a fledgling national service officer to come up to the level of a Doris Jenks or Carol Timar. It was to have been a training aid and not just for American Ex-POWs.

The rationale was that a similar program, *TurboTax* exists to simplify filling out taxes from a tax code that makes 38 CFR look like the See Dick & Jane primary school readers! If this works with the tax code, it would have been easy to do it with Title 38 CFR. As long time readers of this column might recall, I met with Secretary Principi early in his term as Secretary and described the process to him. He lit up! He understood what I had in mind and even mentioned that his company, before he became Secretary, was working on a similar thing to aid in diagnosis for young resident physicians. The idea was to bring them up to speed quickly with minimal patient risk.

Secretary Principi and his Chief of Staff ensured that I had contacts with the appropriate agency leadership and I thought, "This is going to be a piece of cake." Silly me. I'd forgotten that there is no piece of cake in DC. I also learned of the primary motto of career bureaucrats, "If you don't do anything, you can't do anything wrong."

Several years and many, many, many meetings later, we were finally told, basically, "This isn't going to happen. We have too many computer programs now, many of them aren't working, we have hundreds of consultants to try to straighten out the mess and there's no money to do anything else."

It is quite interesting the same organization that wasted \$472 million in the Bay Pines, Florida fiasco that was the most colossal tech calamity in the VA in recent memory. It may be that the VA leaders are gun shy. It might be that the techies in the VA bureaucracy are in hiding - waiting for the next change of administration. I know that the patient information system in effect in our local McGuire VAMC is state of the art and it has

been around for quite a while. It has patient information, pharmacy information, claims information in a fairly easy though definitely *not* state of the art format. Our adjunct physicians from the Medical College of Virginia/VCU rave about it. So what in the, uh, world was the VA thinking of when it spent \$472 million trying to re-invent a wheel that rolled fine with one that was egg-shaped?

The only reason I can think of for dragging their feet on this issue is that the authorities aren't interested in making it easier for individuals to file claims. Re-reading that, it sounds more cynical than I meant it to be.

I started this column as a summary of the entire meeting but we heard nothing new from anybody. We know the Secretary was tied up with the funeral of Pope John Paul but there was much less information forthcoming than has been typical in either of my tours on the Advisory Committee.

We did have a nice dinner one evening. Dr. Bob Hain, Director of the Mitchell Center for POW Studies in Pensacola, Florida updated the committee on the outstanding work being done on behalf of all POWs in the Mitchell Center. Dr. Hain introduced The Honorable Jeff Miller, Congressional Representative from Pensacola, who seemed quite sincere in his desire to integrate the DoD health assets (Mitchell Center) with the proposed VA "Super-Clinic" and use the Jackson, Mississippi regional office to process those claims. I hope it happens but have some doubts.

Next time, if I'm faced with a choice between sitting through three days like the three in April at the VA Headquarters or meeting with our fine AXPOW leaders and colleagues at the AXPOW mid-year, it will be easier to decide. Unfortunately, we'll have to wait and find out what's transpired at the VA's leadership retreat. That's four "unfortunates" in one article by one of the most positive people you're ever going to meet. Fortunately, I've finished.

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I cannot even imagine how much money that it would take to pay off the national debt. Trillions upon trillions just warp my brain. But to me, there is another debt that we can at least make small payments on each and every day. No! It is not the money we owe, it is another kind of "accounts payable". It is a difficult task for many of us to even keep up with pay-

ments on the interest on lessons learned on patients. Human warmth from family and friends. Doctors and nurses who take care of us when the need arises. The smiles and cheery hellos we get as we walk down the street. It would be a very difficult task to pay the interest to family and friends who share our lives. I look back for over sixty years and remember sharing a crust of bread with those comrades so willing to reach out to help each other. With the help of the true and living God, may we try each day to at least pay on the interest we owe these people with our concern for one another. Our kindness, our helpfulness, our love. This is the kind of payment that our God blesses, respects, insists on and regards as our moral duty.

Let us pray: Dear Lord, our God and our Redeemer, may we learn and use Your type of love and concern for those precious people who are a great part of our lives.

May what we say and do help them to face life in a loving and caring way. We do pray for forgiveness when we fall short of Your love and concern for others. May Your blessings be with us as well as those still listed as POW/MIAs and those standing in harm's way as they try to spread freedom throughout the world. Let Your way and will be done in all things as we face the trials and tasks of each day. In Your holy and blessed name we pray. AMEN.

Thought for the month: Life is like banks; they go broke if we take out more than we put in.



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ADAMS, Harlan L., member of Central Wisconsin Chapter, AXPOW, died Dec. 17, 2004. Harlan served with the 8th AF, 452nd BG out of England. He was shot down over Hamburg, Germany and sent to Stalag 3A, Luckenwald. Survivors include his wife, Joan, 3 daughters, 1 son, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

ALLEN, James R. Sr., of Florence, AL passed away Feb. 12, 2005. He was 81 years old. He was a POW during WWII. He is survived by his wife, Betty, 1 daughter, 1 son and 2 grandchildren.

BATTE, Elizabeth Goodlett, of Southern Pines, NC died April 5, 2005. She was 88. Her husband, Ed, was a POW in Oflag 64. In addition to her husband, she leaves 1 daughter and 2 grandchildren.

BEGOLE, George L., 82, died March 20, 2005 in Morrice, MI. He served in the Navy and participated in the liberation of Santo Tomas Internment Camp there. Interestingly, he had three cousins interned in the camp. Survivors include his wife, Carol, 5 sons and 1 daughter.

BORZELLA, Belgium Augustino, 89, of College Park, MD passed away Jan. 29, 2005. Serving with the 260th AntiAircraft Artillery, he participated in the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge. He was held prisoner in IVB, VIIIA and XIB. Belgium was a member of the Chuck Williams Mid-Maryland Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Josephine, 2 daughters, 1 sister and 3 grandchildren.

CAMPBELL, Carl G. (Jerry), 80, of Florence, SC died Dec. 19, 2004. He was captured while serving with the 79th Inf. Div. and was a POW for five months. He leaves his wife,

Josephine, 1 daughter, 1 son, 2 sisters, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

CASTON, Ruth E., of Fair Lawn, Ohio died recently. She and her husband, ex-POW Earl, were active members of the Yellow Creek Chapter, AXPOW.

CLOANINGER, Francis A., 83, of Williamsburg, VA passed away Feb. 27, 2005. He was shot down over Germany while serving with the 454th BG out of Italy. He was a POW in Stalag Luft III until liberation. He was a member of the James L. Hale Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Margie, 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 1 brother.

CRAGO, Charles, of Chillicothe, Ohio died April 14, 2005. He was a life member of AXPOW. During WWII, he was a S/Sgt in the 388th BG. He was held prisoner in Luft 4 and Luft 1. He is survived by his wife Faye.

DEAN, Donald L., 80 passed away March 16, 2005. During WWII, he served in the 8th AF, 384th BG, flying B-17s. He was shot down over Germany and held until liberation. Don was a member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 55 years, Gladys, 3 daughters, 1 son, 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

DeVITO, Michael, of Woodlake, NC passed away Mar. 19, 2005. A veteran of WWII, his plane was shot down during Operation Crossbow and he spent 14 months in a POW camp. He was an active member of the Brooklyn "Key" Chapter, AXPOW. Surviving are his wife, Cecilia, 1 niece and 5 cousins.

FORETICH, Gerald F., of Gulfport, MS died March 18, 2005. Survivors include his brother, John.

FREDRICKSON, Charles Bruce, 80, of Woodland Hills, CA died Feb. 26, 2005. He was a member of the 455th

BG, 743rd BS (The Vulgar Vultures). He was shot down over Hungary and held in Luft III, Stalag XIII D and VIIA. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Jeanne, 2 sons and 2 daughters.

FULLERTON, Frederick M. Jr., 84, of Tyler, TX passed away Nov. 6, 2004. During WWII, he served with the 75th Ordnance, attached to the U.S. Army Philippine Ordnance Depot. He was a Prisoner of War for 42 months. Initially captured in the Philippines, he survived a death march plus transport to Japan until freedom in 1945. He is survived by a daughter, Joan Burckle and two grand-daughters.

GREGORY, Romie C., of Goldsboro, N.C. died May 3, 2005. By falsifying his age, he joined the Army at 16. In the Pacific, he became a POW at 17. Romie, better known as R. C., served several times as a NC State Officer as well as Commander of the Coastal Plains Chapter, of which he was a charter member. He is survived by his wife Myrtle, 1 son, 1 daughter, 4 step-sons, and 5 grandchildren.

GUILOTTE, Robert, a resident of Hampton, VA and member of the James L. Hale Memorial Chapter, AXPOW, died Feb. 19, 2005. While assigned to the 365th FG, 388th FS, he was shot down and held POW in Luft III and Stalag 7A.

HAMILTON, Joyce W., 79, of Marlboro, VT passed away Feb. 20, 2005. She was a life member of the Vermont Chapter, AXPOW. She is survived by her husband of almost 60 years, ex-POW Richard H. Hamilton, Commander of the Vermont Chapter, 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

HEUER, John A., 90, of Crookston, MN passed away Nov. 9, 2004. During WWII, he served with the 606th

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Tank Battalion, 82nd Armored Corp. and 134th Inf., 35th Div. John was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held until liberation. He was a life member of AXPOW and the Red River Chapter. He leaves his loving wife, Doris.

IVEY, JC, of Reagan, Tennessee, passed away September 14, 2004. He served in the 331st Inf. 83rd Div. He was a POW captured in Czechoslovakia for 312 days. He leaves his wife of 58 years, Dortha; 1 son and 2 daughters.

JESMONTH, Walter Edward, Jr., 82, of Gulf Breeze, FL died March 5, 2005. He served in the Army during WWII with the 329th Eng. Bttn., 104th Inf. Div. - Timberwolves. He was a POW in Germany. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marilyn, 1 son, 1 daughter and 4 grandchildren.

KERSCHNER, Jesse O. Sr., of Newport News, VA passed away Feb. 15, 2005. He was taken prisoner while assigned to the Anti Tank Co., 423rd Reg., 106th Div. During his confinement he was held in Stalag 9B and 9C. He was a member of the James L. Hale Memorial Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Irmgard, 1 daughter, 2 sons, 1 brother, 1 sister, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

KING, Jay V. of Lubbock, TX passed away March 18, 2005. He served with HQ CO 1st BN, 327th Inf., 101st Airborne. He participated in the Normandy Invasion Day-2 Omaha Beach, going in by ship because there were not enough gliders available for all. He participated in the Holland invasion going in by glider. He crash-landed and was captured; held in Stalag 12A, 3C and 13C. Survivors include his wife, Lucille, and two sons.

KNIGHT, Ercell R., 82, of Lebanon, MO died Sept. 10, 2004. She and her husband, ex-POW Charles, were life members of AXPOW. In addition to her husband, she is survived by 1 son, 1 daughter, 2 brothers, 1 sis-

ter, 5 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and many other relatives.

LARSEN, Lewis G., 68, of Oakland, CA passed away April 7, 2005. Lewis was an active member of the BACE-POW Chapter, AXPOW. He was a child when he was captured; held at Santo Tomas Internment Camp until liberation. He is survived by many friends.

LAUSHANCE, Dorothy E., 83, of Claremont, NH passed away March 18, 2005. She was a veteran of the Women's Army Corps. She was also a member of the Vermont Chapter, AXPOW. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, ex-POW James, 2 stepsons, 2 brothers and 2 sisters,

LEA, Charles T., 79, formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Jan. 1, 2005, at his home in Lillian, Alabama. Charles was Commander of the Emerald Coast Chapter of Pensacola for many years. (His wife, Mary, serves as Adjutant). He also was a member of the O.K.I. Chapter of Cincinnati, Ohio. Charles served with F Company in Germany. He was a POW for 240 days before being liberated by the Russians. He leaves his wife, 4 children, 10 grandchildren, relatives and many friends.

LUDWIG, MaDeen R., of West Bend, IA died on January 25, 2005 at the age of 79. He was assigned to the 773rd Squadron, 463rd BG at Foggia, Italy. He was a POW in Stalag VIIA. He was a life member of AXPOW and was the Dept. of Iowa Commander at the time of his death. Survivors include his wife, Pat, several children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

NORDIN, Carl S. of New Richmond WI died April 3, 2005 at the age of 91. Stationed on the Island of Mindanao in The Philippines he was captured May 10, 1942, and interned at Camp Casising and Davao Penal Colony (Dapecol) for 2 ½ years before shipment to Japan via three "hell-ships", where he spent the last year at Yokkaichi prison camp. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Fay, 2 children, 2 brothers, 5 sisters,

4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

OLEKSA, John, 87, of Girard, Ohio passed away March 26, 2005. He served in the Navy in the Philippines during WWII. He spent 3 ½ years in Japanese POW Camps. A member of the Mahoning Valley Chapter, AXPOW, John was JVC, SO and Chaplain. He leaves his wife of 59 years, Mary, 1 son, 2 daughters, 3 siblings, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

PELOQUIN, Edwin, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, died March 30, 2005. He served in the 99th Inf., and was a POW at Stalag 2D and 4B. He is survived by his wife, Nina, and three daughters.

RANDER, Donald J., 66, who spent five years and two months in a North Vietnamese prisoner-of-war camp and then made a career in Army counterintelligence work, died April 21, 2005. CWO Rander was the assistant special agent in charge of the Army's field office in Hue when the Vietnamese city was overrun during the Tet Offensive in January 1968. He was part of a small group of soldiers who held off the attack for two days, until they ran out of ammunition. Survivors include his wife of six years, Demetra, of Palm Coast; 3 children.; two stepdaughters.; a stepsister; and 21 grandchildren.

SAWYER, William, a resident of Virginia Beach, VA died Feb. 25, 2004. While assigned to the 508th PIR, he was taken prisoner and held in Stalags 4B, 4F and 12A. He was a life member of AXPOW and member of the James L. Hale Memorial Chapter. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie.

SHEDDY, Donald L., member of the 49ers Chapter - AXPOW, Sacramento, CA, passed away March 3, 2005. During WWII, he served with the 92nd BG, 327th BS, flying out of England. He was shot down Dec. 24, 1944 and evaded capture for 3 days.

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He was held in Nuremburg and Moosburg. He leaves his wife of 60 years, Lucille, 1 daughter, 2 sons and 5 grandchildren.

SPICER, Richard (Dick), 81, of St. Marys, OH died March 9, 2005. He was serving with the 5th Div. when he was captured. He was held in Stalag 7A. Survivors include his wife, Gloria. Both were active members of the Northwest Central Chapter #7, AXPOW.

STORTS, Arthur, of Peoria Heights, IL passed way Oct. 11, 2004. He was 86. During WWII, he served with the 200th CA - Med. Detachment. He was a Bataan Death March survivor and a POW of the Japanese for 3 1/2 years. Arthur was a member of the Heart of America Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marilyn, 1 daughter, 3 sons, 1 brother, 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

VanSICKLE, Emily, 94, of Rockville, MD died March 10, 2005. In 1935, she moved to the Philippines with her military family and married. She and her husband were captured in the Philippines at the start of WWII. They were held more than 3 years at Santo Tomas Internment Camp. She leaves one sister, Mary C. Oliver.

WALLACE, David E., 66, of Rutledge, TN passed away June 7, 1989. He served with the 457th BG, 750th BS. He was shot down over Germany and held at Lufts IV and VI for 14 months. He was a life member of AXPOW and the Smokey Mountain Chapter.. He is survived by his wife, Ethel and 3 sons.

WEBER, Harold, 86, of Brooklyn, NY passed away March 23, 2005. Harold was a life member of AX-POW and longtime member of the

Brooklyn "Key" Chapter. During WWII, he served on B-17s. He was shot down over Italy and captured. Harold is survived by his beloved wife, Sydelle, 2 children, 3 stepchildren and 7 grandchildren. "He is forever in our hearts."

WEBSTER, Donald W., 80, of Barre, VT passed away Feb. 27, 2005. He was a member of the Vermont Chapter, AXPOW. During WWII, he served with the US Army, 101st Airborne Div. and was a POW at Stalag XXIIA. Among survivors are his wartime sweetheart of England, his

longtime companion of Barre, VT, 3 sons, 1 daughter, 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and 2 sisters.

WING, Carlton P., age 79, of Falmouth, ME died Feb. 8, 2005. He served as a medic with the 106th Inf. Div., 423rd Reg. and was captured in the Battle of the Bulge. He was liberated from Stalag 9B on Apr. 1, 1945. Survivors include his wife, Vivian, 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



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September 16, 2005

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taps continued

He was held in Nuremburg and Moosburg. He leaves his wife of 60 years, Lucille, 1 daughter, 2 sons and 5 grandchildren.

SPICER, Richard (Dick), 81, of St. Marys, OH died March 9, 2005. He was serving with the 5th Div. when he was captured. He was held in Stalag 7A. Survivors include his wife, Gloria. Both were active members of the Northwest Central Chapter #7, AXPOW.

STORTS, Arthur, of Peoria Heights, IL passed way Oct. 11, 2004. He was 86. During WWII, he served with the 200th CA - Med. Detachment. He was a Bataan Death March survivor and a POW of the Japanese for 3 1/2 years. Arthur was a member of the Heart of America Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marilyn, 1 daughter, 3 sons, 1 brother, 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

VanSICKLE, Emily, 94, of Rockville, MD died March 10, 2005. In 1935, she moved to the Philippines with her military family and married. She and her husband were captured in the Philippines at the start of WWII. They were held more than 3 years at Santo Tomas Internment Camp. She leaves one sister, Mary C. Oliver.

WALLACE, David E., 66, of Rutledge, TN passed away June 7, 1989. He served with the 457th BG, 750th BS. He was shot down over Germany and held at Lufts IV and VI for 14 months. He was a life member of AXPOW and the Smokey Mountain Chapter.. He is survived by his wife, Ethel and 3 sons.

WEBER, Harold, 86, of Brooklyn, NY passed away March 23, 2005. Harold was a life member of AXPOW and longtime member of the

Brooklyn "Key" Chapter. During WWII, he served on B-17s. He was shot down over Italy and captured. Harold is survived by his beloved wife, Sydelle, 2 children, 3 stepchildren and 7 grandchildren. "He is forever in our hearts."

WEBSTER, Donald W., 80, of Barre, VT passed away Feb. 27, 2005. He was a member of the Vermont Chapter, AXPOW. During WWII, he served with the US Army, 101st Airborne Div. and was a POW at Stalag XXIIA. Among survivors are his wartime sweetheart of England, his

longtime companion of Barre, VT, 3 sons, 1 daughter, 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and 2 sisters.

WING, Carlton P., age 79, of Falmouth, ME died Feb. 8, 2005. He served as a medic with the 106th Inf. Div., 423rd Reg. and was captured in the Battle of the Bulge. He was liberated from Stalag 9B on Apr. 1, 1945. Survivors include his wife, Vivian, 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



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New Annual Members

Redmond, WA
98 BG 415 BS
PG Chiet, Italy, ZA,
Luft 3
4/11/43-4/29/45

New Life Members

* denotes new member



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ETO

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Luft 1
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Mary

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4/2/44-6/45

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Formosa, Nichols Field,

Clark Field

5/6/42-9/45

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North Korea, Pyongyang

1/23/68-12/23/68

George R. Harsh
Nancy B.



Gilbert H. Cate *38918 Frank D. Murphy *38925

Atlanta, GA
8 AF 100 BG H
Navigator
Dulag Luft, Luft 3, ZA
10/10/43-4/29/45

Donelson M. Houseman *38919

James Luther Parsons
Lois D *38926 38927
Bessemer, AL
Inf Co C 8 Div 28 Reg
Brest

Augie Moschitto *38920

Louis R. Guzardo
Virginia B *38928
38929
Nederland, TX
AF
Luft 4
7/7/44-4/16/45

Leon Estes *38921

Alfred H. Agnew
Rena T *38930 38931
Mullins, SC
Recon Attack Sqd 13
(RVAH-13) USS Enter-
prise
Hanoi Hilton, the ZOO
12/28/72-3/29/73

Walter R. Whitcomb *38922

Redondo Beach, CA
Army
Death March in Korea
Nona A. Ballard
Clark T *38932 38933
Stelecoom, WA
Daughter of Arthur
Christensin, PAC

Sam D. White *38923

James L. Green
Mary Ellen
Warren, MI
AAF
Kemp Tai Omori

Joseph Chapman *38924

Freeport, PA
Co A 319 Inf Reg 80
Div 3 Army
7A, Landshut Work
Commando
9/9/44-4/29/45

Marion "Mikie" Ray *38917

Bethalto, IL
Co D 424 Inf Reg 106
Div
12A, 2D, 2A
12/17/44-4/28/45

Thora Oss Blaine *38916

Novato, CA
Civillian
Santo Tomas

Clinton A. Sather *38915

Moorhead, MN
AAF
Luft 6,4,1

Nance Miller *38914

Elkhart, IN
Widow of Charles M.
Miller
Dulag Luft, 7A, Luft 3

Barbara 23152 *38913

Boca Raton, FL
44 BG
Luft 1



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SAT OCT 1

SUN OCT 2

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LUNCHEON-NATIONAL CONVENTION CALL TO ORDER-REUNION NIGHT

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"America The Beautiful"
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 September 27-Oct. 2, 2004
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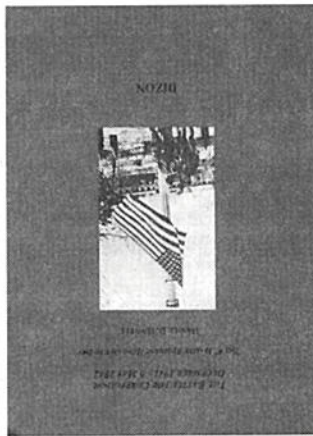
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