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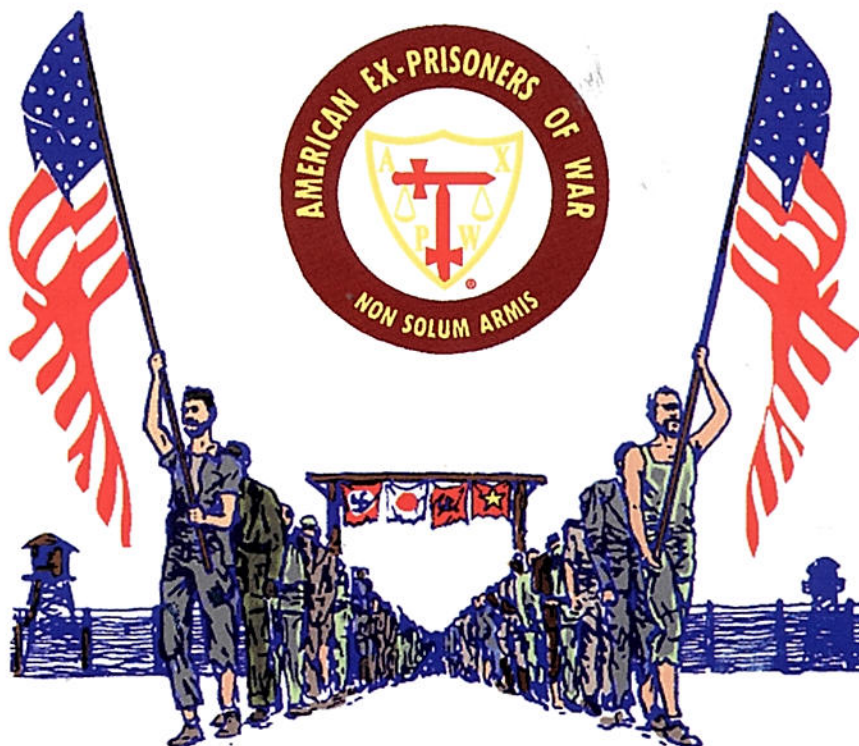
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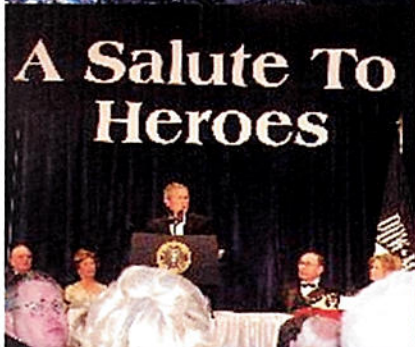
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We exist to help those who cannot help themselves



*On March 3, 1931, the Star Spangled Banner
was made the US National Anthem*



Clockwise from top left. 1 & 2: Brooklyn "Key" Chapter AXPOW. Commander Harold Radish presents a check for \$3,000 to Thomas Smith, Director of Recreation Services at the Ft. Hamilton VAMC. Commander Radish and Adjutant Ralph Mottola present a \$10,000 check to John Donellen, Jr. Director of New York Harbor Health Care system for a long-term recovery room at the Ft. Hamilton VAMC; Students from throughout Maine interviewed veterans of all wars in the Cole Land Transportation Museum. Teachers, students and veterans all agree to the great value of this learning experience; New Matamoras, OH students observed National POW/ MIA Day with poems and letters honoring soldiers' virtues. Ex-POWs Eugene Parker, Gifford Doxsee, George Klare, Tom Ryan, Gordon Pape and Ray Morris were among those recognized for their sacrifices; 2004 Inauguration pictures.



national commander



James Cooper

I realize the editor of the Foundation Times wrote a serious article and deserves a serious reply. But some of the comments reminded me of a map I saw many years ago, entitled "A New Yorker's Idea of the United States". The part from Boston to Washington was in a large scale, California and Florida in medium scale and the rest of the country in a small scale. Pennsylvania was a city in Philadelphia and Illinois was a city in Chicago. In the middle of the country were the twin cities of Indianapolis and Minneapolis.

I suggest a look at a map of the country would show that Washington is not centrally located. And Arlington, which is located between Dallas and Fort Worth, is not in the middle of nowhere. It is easily accessible by air or ground transportation.

Another point I could not understand was that the civilian internees would be left behind to run the organization. Have the civilian internees discovered the secret of eternal youth? Are the veterans the only ones aging? The internees are not much younger than the veterans.

At least this year, no one person is running the organization. The executive officers carry out the policies of the Board of Directors.

Bringing up non-existing problems to complain about is setting up straw men. I saw more than a few in the excerpt I was sent. I did not receive a copy.

We have more than one hundred members dating from Vietnam and later. Why not let them decide the future of the group. WWII POWs set up the current AXPOW; let's turn over to the younger members a viable organization. As to the move to Washington, we have not heard from the committee. Once we have the facts, we can decide. The Times is putting the cart before the horse in asking members to vote now before we have the information.

Both the American Legion and VFW have officers in Washington, yet their headquarters are elsewhere. The Legion is in Indianapolis; the VFW in Kansas City. The DAV is in Cincinnati. If there are advantages in having the headquarters in Washington, why aren't these organizations moving there?

There are a number of questions that must be answered.

Who will sign a lease or guarantee we will be able to stay there for a number of years.

Washington is a high-cost area. We already have money in the budget for taxis, parking and staff. How much will this increase? Will we have to include a cost-of-living increase in salaries?

It is apparent the idea is to eliminate the Quartermaster. False statements were made in an earlier edition of the Times. It referred to the salary and offices expenses reducing the net income. The Quartermaster draws no salary - it has always been a volunteer effort. The expenses are part of the office costs. Eliminat-

ing the position would save nothing.

The sales from this area are being reduced because we can buy only so many caps, vests, etc. But over the years, the Quartermaster has brought in much more money than the Foundation and with lower costs. Just one of the responsibilities of the Quartermaster is supplying daisies to Departments and Chapters. Who would take on this chore? I can't even estimate the amount of money raised locally through these sales. Our small chapter has raised close to \$30,000.00 in the last 18 years. How many others have done the same?

I repeat. Let's get all the facts before we decide.

Jim



Our Mid-Year Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 10-14, 2005. It will be held at the Sheraton Pentagon South Hotel, 4641 Kenmore Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304; phone (703) 751-4510.

Please contact the Washington Office if you wish to attend.

Also, the 60th Anniversary Pins celebrating the end of WWII were recently mailed. Please donate generously and wear your pins proudly. The funds raised by these programs are used to run our general programs.

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I am writing this article because I am troubled with the publication of the Holiday issue of the Service Foundation "TIMES" and I felt the need to respond to some of the articles I personally take issue with, and things I feel our members should be aware of.

First of all, Our National Organization has an excellent vehicle to inform our members and it has been most effective in that effort for many years.....our National Bulletin. It is informative for our members, covers many topics and goes to great lengths to be sure that everything that is printed is accurate and truthful. In addition, a "Members Forum" has been introduced so that our members can send in their thoughts and questions. Our first and only magazine for the American Ex-Prisoners of War IS and ALWAYS WILL BE our NATIONAL BULLETIN.

In extreme contrast, is the Service Foundation "TIMES" who in their recent issue seem to find fault in many areas of our Ex-Prisoner of War Organization. A Committee has been selected by the National Board of Directors to look into the pros and cons of moving our National Headquarters to Washington, D.C. Without any final report for the Board to vote on, the "TIMES" has chosen to try and convince our members that this is a great idea with no apparent downside (premature statement to say the least). Quartermaster sales have contributed greatly to our organization. Yet, the "TIMES" chooses to indicate that the results of these sales are "insignificant" - absolutely incorrect!

The civilian internee article was nothing less than a rude and uncalled for put-down of our members for their contributions to our organization, and it was not difficult to recognize that the remarks were directed to specific persons. In my eyes, a prisoner of war is a prisoner of war and doesn't suffer less just because they do not wear a military uniform. The uncomplimentary hints and statements regarding our next-of-kin are inexcusable. Were it not for our next-of-kin, we would not have become the great organization we know today and they do not deserve to be insulted.

I totally agree with Paul Galanti that the Headquarters Staff do an excellent job for our organization and ask for little in return and yet are willing to work for very small salaries (Quartermaster works for free). It is entirely insignificant that they are family, as long as they get the job done. To condemn either their work or their salaries is completely out of line.

The American Ex-Prisoner of War Foundation was originally set up for one very good cause....and that was to support the National Organization with needed funds. However, it seems that the idea has gone by the wayside to a certain degree, and more emphasis is placed on putting out a newspaper downgrading our Ex-POW Organization and it's members, rather than offering our members information on *what efforts are being made to raise funds for the Foundation.*

I would ask that the Editor of the "TIMES" reconsider the type of message that is included in future issues of the Service Foundation "TIMES" and that it not be used as a vehicle to spew venom in regard to the Ex-Prisoner of War organization.

PNC Maurice Sharp, Publisher - EX-POW Bulletin

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sr. vice commander



Gerald Harvey

For some years the American Ex-Prisoner of War membership has been decreasing. As this continues, we can expect to see a corresponding decrease in the amount of money that we raise from donations and our various fund-raising activities. The American Ex-Prisoner of War Service Foundation was created to raise funds outside of our American Ex-Prisoner of War organization to help fund some of our programs.

The Service Foundation now has funds available to help us. At present they are helping with the National Service Officer program and in Education. We appreciate very much what they are doing to help us financially. They want to

help us in more ways, but we have to turn in requests for grants.

At the Board of Directors meeting prior to the 2003 national convention, the duties of the National Senior Vice Commander were amended to make the Senior Vice responsible for receiving requests and forwarding them to the Foundation. This is part of the work of the Senior Vice as chairman of Budget and Finance Committee. This is the committee that prepares the budget for the coming year based on what we can reasonably expect to take in during the year.

Grants from the Foundation can help our national committees do what you are already doing, or help you start a new program that you see is needed. A grant can support your budgeted activities even if money from other sources is less than we expected. Contact your committee members for their ideas. If you think that the Foundation might be able to fund some part of your work, write up a request and send it to me. Do not spend any of the money until you know that it has been granted.

State departments can request grants for some programs. For example, the Foundation has said they would like to assist departments with student essay programs and scholarship programs.

Requests for grants from the Foundation must be very specific. You must include in the request how much you need and how you will use it. All funds from the Foundation will come through our National Treasurer. You must keep receipts and an accurate record of how the money is spent. The Foundation has to report to the IRS to whom they gave money and for what purpose. They have to have receipts that show how the funds were used.

Remember that the IRS has regulations as to what grant money can be used for and what it cannot be used for. I have grant request forms and will be happy to help you find out if the Foundation has funds that can be used for your project. If you have questions, write me or call me. If I don't know the answer, I'll do my best to get it.

Gerald

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It's March...and almost spring in many parts of the country. Here in Texas, we're already heading into our Spring/Summer.

We have been getting a lot of people who are sending their direct mail donations to Headquarters, some even stating "I want all the money to go to the organization" instead of a percent going to the fundraising company. We try to put something out every year about AXPOW's fundraising programs. Basically, we pay for the product (labels, pins, calendars) and the postage to mail them. The fundraiser doesn't work on a percentage. They give us all the donations you send in. 100%, after product/postage costs. So you can be confident sending your money into Hollis, NH. The organization receives - and gratefully uses - everything you send in. And we thank you for your generosity.

Many of you may be interested in the History Channels spring/summer lineup: Beginning in mid-Feb-

ruary, the History Channel will begin a 26-part series titled "The Last Days of WWII", which will chronicle highlights of the war in Europe and the Pacific for the final six months, beginning Feb. 1945 and running through mid-August 1945. Please check local listings.

From the Quartermaster. Daisy drives are beginning in the south and soon moving into the north. Please get your orders in as soon as possible for speedy delivery in time for your drive.

Next month, we'll be in Washington, DC for our MidYear meeting. If you would like to be on the agenda, please let me know as soon as possible.

Clydie, Sally, Marsha and Donna
YOUR National Headquarters

jr. vice commander



Richard Manners

Eastern Zone

While I was on the Board of Directors in 2000, Dr. Berit Lakey, Pd.D, of the National Center for Non-Profit Boards spoke with us. She had done a review of AXPOW's Governance and Management structures and practices. Her recommendations were presented to the Board and to the National Convention membership. One of the

findings and recommendations focused on the Board of Directors itself.

Since the high average age of the members indicates that the membership will continue to decline and at an accelerating pace significant challenges are presented to the organization in the years ahead.

The Role of the Board of Directors: The Board appears to spend little or no time on consideration of strategic issues that may impact on the organization's future. As a result, the organization's work does not seem to be guided by a sense of vision or strategic direction at this time. Without a sense of direction, it is difficult to make effective use of the energy and other resources available. One of the most impor-

tant things the Board could undertake this year would be to develop a shared vision for the future of the organization.

And so was the Strategic Planning Committee formed.

Five years later, the Strategic Planning Committee is still hard at work.

As Chairman of the Suggestions Committee, I am asking for your ideas for the future of AXPOW. Please send them to me at: 190-10 Gibson Blvd. Clark, NJ 07066. I will present them to the Committee for consideration and submission to the membership at the next National Convention in Denver, CO this September.

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MacArthur Memorial Liberation Plaque Dedication, 23 April 2005

On 23 April 2005, a plaque commemorating the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Santo Tomas, Los Banos, and Baguio internment camps, that incarcerated allied civilians in the Philippine Islands during World War II, will be dedicated at the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, VA. Donated to the MacArthur Memorial by the Manila Liberation Committee, the plaque was fabricated at Norfolk's Berkeley Machine Works and Foundry. Their craftsman used a line drawing of prisoners behind barbed wire under Japanese guard and masterfully sculpted the image in high relief on red bronze measuring 20" x 24." Upon its dedication, the plaque will become the centerpiece for the MacArthur Memorial's special exhibit *Behind Barbed Wire: Japanese Internment Camps in the Philippines, 1941-1945*. After the

exhibit ends in February 2006 the plaque will be mounted on a granite slab donated by the family of former Santo Tomas internee, Earl Carroll, and set on the MacArthur Memorial's grounds.

The liberation of the Philippine internment camps was a special memory to General Douglas MacArthur. He described the liberation of Santo Tomas as "a wonderful, never to be forgotten moment - to be a life saver, not a life taker." Commemorating that memory will be a special occasion for the MacArthur Memorial and Norfolk, VA. The dedication will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2005, and be followed by a reception sponsored by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation and the local Philippine Community of Hampton Roads. Former internees, veterans, families, and friends are all welcome to join in this celebration of freedom. No place could be more fitting than Norfolk's MacArthur Memorial, final resting place of General Douglas MacArthur who ensured the safety of thousands of innocent lives with these words to Major General Verne D. Mudge, com-

mander of the First Cavalry Division.

"Go to Manila. Go around the Nips, bounce off the Nips, but go to Manila. Free the internees at Santo Tomas."

Norfolk, Virginia is a beautiful city on the east coast of the United States enjoying the benefits of its recent sweeping renovation. Hotels, restaurants, shopping, historic tours, and outdoor activities are all easily accessible from the downtown area. Please contact the MacArthur Memorial Archivist for hotel information, maps and help coordinating your attendance this April. Persons interested in attending the dedication of the liberation plaque can contact the MacArthur Memorial Archivist at the contact point below. We look forward to seeing you all this spring.

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on capitol hill



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It was in all the papers with lots of stories and pictures. Perhaps you saw it on television; all the networks carried it live. It was BIG – with colorful floats, many marching bands from all over the US. People came from far and wide to witness and participate in the Inauguration of President Bush. And it was cold. After he had time to thaw out and reflect on the day, PNC Paul Dallas said he had not been so cold since he was a POW in Germany. Thousands of citizens stood in long lines in the icy cold for over an hour to pass through the security check point to enter the reserved section for a view of history – the swearing-in ceremony at the Capitol. PNC Dallas came to Washington when he learned that the American Ex-Prisoners of War would not be represented by an elected officer of our organization at the various functions. The “big deal” was the Veterans Reception, followed by the “Salute to Heroes” Banquet and Ball honoring recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, hosted by the American Legion and 13 other veterans service organizations, including AXPOW. Paul Dallas was seated at the head table with the officers of the host veterans organizations. The newly elected President came by with Mrs. Bush. After speaking for ten to twelve minutes, the Presidential party moved on to the next Inaugural Ball.

That's not all! There was a breakfast hosted by the Reserve Officers Association at their National Headquarters building. A lavish

luncheon was served at the Ritz-Carlton hosted by the Joint Chiefs of Staff (who were all there) honoring the Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients. The day before the inauguration, we were invited to farewell ceremonies in the new “Sonny” Montgomery Conference Center at VA Central Office to say goodbye to our good friend “Tony” Principi. We all had an opportunity for personal goodbyes at the reception that followed. It was a busy couple of days. Paul Dallas was heard to say “attending the Inauguration and all the other activities was one of the highlights of my life.” Hopefully, the weather was more “friendly” when he got back to North Carolina.

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Most of our work on Capitol Hill is with the two Veterans Affairs Committees that includes the professional staffs for both the Majority and Minority members, and there are three subcommittees on the House Veterans Affairs Committee. There are 45 Senators and Representatives, with their staffs, who are key to the whole process of legislation. With so much going on in Washington the past couple of months, it is no wonder forming the committee did not get done in a timely manner. As a matter of fact, the Representatives on the House Veterans Affairs Committee have not been announced; however the Chairman has been selected. He is Steve Buyer, Congressman from Indiana, who has been a member of the committee for 12 years, since he was first elected to Congress.

We are very anxious to get started because we have unfinished busi-

ness that requires new legislation. Even though the members have not been named, we are working with the staff of members continuing on the committee. Florida Congressman Mike Bilirakis has been a long-time good friend of the American Ex-Prisoners of War. He is considering introducing a new bill to add diabetes and osteoporosis to the presumptive list. We also need to revisit the presumptive for liver disease. What we have now is cirrhosis of the liver. What we need is liver **disease** as a presumptive.

The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee is formed and as its first official business, it considered the confirmation of our new Secretary. The vote was unanimous. In early January, Senator Larry Craig (R) Idaho, who has served on the committee for ten years was elected Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee. The Ranking Member is Daniel K. Akaka (D) Hawaii. Returning to the committee on the Republican side are Arlen Specter, PA; Kay Bailey Hutchison, TX; Lindsey O. Graham, SC; and John E. Ensign, NV. Returning to the committee on the Democrat side are John D. Rockefeller, IV, WV; and Patty Murray, WA. James Jeffords, VT, returns as an Independent.

Newly elected Senators who were chosen to serve on the committee are: Richard Burr, NC; John Thune, SD; and Johnny Isakson, GA on the Republican side. On the Democrat side we have Barack Obama, IL and Ken Salazar, CO. These are the Senators who will be hearing and acting on the needs of veterans.

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**Confirmation of
Jim Nicholson
Secretary of Veterans Affairs**

On Monday, January 24, 2005, confirmation hearings were held by the Senate committee on Veterans Affairs for VA Secretary-nominee Jim Nicholson. Nicholson was nominated by President Bush last December to replace Anthony Principi. Two days later, he was unanimously confirmed to his new post by the US Senate.

For the past three years he has served as the US Ambassador to the Vatican. He is a graduate of West Point and served 8 years as an Army Ranger. In Vietnam, he earned the Bronze Star Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry and two Air Medals. After 22 years in the Army Reserve, he retired with the rank of full Colonel.

In 1999, he was honored by induction as a Knight in the Sovereign Military Order of Malta - one of the highest honors awarded to a Roman Catholic. Nicholson has a Masters degree in Public Policy and a Law degree.

A successful Colorado businessman and community volunteer, Nicholson was elected Chairman of the Republican National Committee, a post he held until his appointment to the Vatican.

Senator Larry Craig, Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee, speaking on the Senate floor said: "The President has asked Jim Nicholson to accept one of the more difficult jobs in Washington - running the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). In the best of times, this is a tough assignment. In times like the ones we are entering now - times within which the rate of growth in VA's budget will likely slow but also within which the needs of service members re-

turning from Iraq and Afghanistan must and will be met - it is a tougher assignment still. I am highly confident, however, that the President has found the right person for the job...VA needs the steady hand that Jim Nicholson will provide.

"This is not to suggest that the VA has lacked a steady hand at the tiller. To the contrary, the stewardship as VA Secretary of former Naval Officer Anthony J. 'Tony' Principi has been by any standard one of exceptional merit and distinction. It is a rare Secretary indeed who departs from a sensitive post with plaudits from the veteran service organizations, leaders from the Hill from both bodies and both parties, and the President he served - but Tony Principi has managed just that feat."

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PACKET #5 (What Every POW Wife Should Know Before She is Your Widow) has been updated again -- August, 2003 -- to include the most recent laws and benefits published. The new packet (approximately 110 pages) may be purchased from National Headquarters. The cost of the updated packet is \$11.00 plus shipping.

An Example of One Approach Into The Understanding the Psychological Problems Associated With the Prisoner of War Experience

Background

A few months ago, while at a meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on POWs, I had the privilege of meeting for the first time with former WW II and Korean War former POWs. I never fully appreciated the fact that most of you were told to not speak to anyone about your experiences and basically "suck it up." As you all know by now, that may not have been the best advice in the world.

Today all the Services, along with the VA, are actively engaged in investigations that ultimately lead to help the former POW adjust to life after captivity.

Below is one example of a study conducted at the Mitchell Center in Pensacola to further understand the complex psychological aspects of being a POW. We will never go back to the time when we tell a returning POW to not say anything about what happened to him or her. We

have come a long way and will continue to move forward with our care of former POWs.

Jeffrey Moore, Ph.D., is a brilliant Neuropsychologist who is one of the leading authorities in the field of posttraumatic stress disorder or PTSD. He works at the Mitchell Center and I am proud to call him a colleague.

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The Relationship Between Psychological Reactions During Captivity and Chronic PTSD Symptoms Among Military Aviator POWs

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In order to better understand the psychological effects of captivity and torture on Prisoners of War (POWs), such as Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), researchers often address two groups of variables: the kind of experience the person has and the kind of person who has the experience.

The first group of variables includes information such as length of captivity, length of solitary confinement, subjective torture ratings, physical illness/injury

and weight loss. The second group of variables focuses on pre-captivity data pertaining to personality, psychiatric illness, training, education and other experiences that might inoculate against or predispose toward captivity-related psychological difficulties.

One predisposing personality factor that tends to vary among individuals is the development of dissociative symptoms in response to an extreme stressor. Dissociation is defined as a defensive alteration in consciousness that allows the individual to strategically disengage themselves from the stressful situation through such phenomena as amnesia, derealization and depersonalization (e.g., feeling detached from the self/body or detached from one's feelings).

These pre-trauma dissociative experiences and psychiatric illnesses vary across study populations, however military aviators are screened for psychiatric illness prior to training and during each subsequent physical examination. Psychiatric illness disqualifies the aviator from duty involving flight until the condition is in remission, at which time a waiver to resume flight duties may be considered.

The term "Right Stuff" has been used to emphasize the following aviator personality features: confidence, extraversion, self-discipline, conscientiousness, active coping style, low harm avoid-

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ance, and low psychological vulnerability. Trait anxiety is low among successful aviators and "compartmentalization" is the purported defense mechanism that allows the aviator to adapt to the fast-paced, stressful, aviation environment by focusing on the task at hand and leaving other problems "on the ground." Personality styles that preclude dissociative responses to stressors are therefore considered to be incompatible with aeronautical adaptability.

Careful psychiatric screening and the absence of dissociative reactions to stressful situations may combine to produce a lower risk of PTSD among military aviator POWs. The purpose of this study was to clarify whether military aviator POWs exhibit increased peritraumatic dissociation relative to other combat-experienced aviators and whether their level of dissociation predicts chronic PTSD symptoms.

Two hundred and thirteen Vietnam-era Repatriated Prisoners of War (RPW) and seventy-seven military aviator comparison subjects (CG) completed the 10-item, self-report, Peritraumatic Dissociative Experience Questionnaire (PDEQ-SR) as part of an ongoing medical follow-up program at the RE Mitchell Center for POW Studies, Pensacola, Florida. When initially formed, the CG was matched with the RPW group on variables such as age, education, ethnicity, marital status, military rank, aircraft type, and combat flight-time.

Scores on the PDEQ-SR may range from a low of 10 (never experienced any symptoms) to 50 (experienced all symptoms to a severe degree). The instrument in-

cludes such trauma-related reactions as "blanking out," sense of slow motion, mental confusion, feeling as if dreaming, disorientation and feeling like a spectator watching the event happen to someone else. Current PTSD symptoms were assessed using the revised Impact of Events Scale (IES-R), which gives not only a total score, but also scores in each of the three symptom clusters: re-experiencing, avoidance/emotional numbing and hyperarousal. For the RPW group, captivity duration (2 to 96 months, Mean = 54 months), length of solitary confinement (0 to 268 weeks, Mean = 32 weeks) and subjective torture severity (0 to 72, Mean = 30) were also obtained.

The average PDEQ-SR scores were significantly higher for RPW (15.7) than for CG (12.0), as were rates for current Vietnam-related PTSD (16.4% RPW versus 1.3% CG). Forty-eight percent of the CG reported never experiencing any Vietnam-related dissociative symptoms (only 5% had a score of 17 or higher), whereas only 21% of the RPW group reported never experiencing any Vietnam-related dissociative experiences (31% had a score of 17 or higher). RPWs with PTSD obtained higher PDEQ-SR scores than RPWs without PTSD (average scores: PTSD+ = 21.7; PTSD- = 14.5). Two-thirds of the PTSD+ group obtained PDEQ-SR scores of 17 or higher and it was rare for the PTSD+ RPWs to report never experiencing any Vietnam-related dissociative symptoms. PTSD+ subjects obtained higher scores than PTSD- subjects on nine of the ten PDEQ-SR items. Using PDEQ-SR scores alone, it was possible to correctly identify 98% of the PTSD- group and 29% of the PTSD+ group (Positive Predictive Value = 0.77, Negative Predictive Value = 0.88).

Using additional statistical analyses it was demonstrated that Vietnam-related dissociative symptoms as measured by the PDEQ-SR and solitary confinement duration were independent predictors of both number and severity of PTSD symptoms. Within the RPW group, correlations between PDEQ-SR score and IES-R Intrusions (+0.58), Avoidance (+0.49) and Arousal (+0.48) were also highly significant.

Military aviators will continue to be at risk for capture in future conflicts. The duration of their POW status and their potential mistreatment by captors will vary and it will therefore be difficult to fully anticipate the exact nature of the experience they may have. Through careful selection, realistic training and recurrent psychological assessment of aeronautical adaptability, it may be more beneficial to understand the type of person who has the experience, anticipate the factors from that experience that predict long-term psychological problems and develop effective remediation measures.

Although trauma-related dissociation and PTSD may be infrequent among military aviators due to their selection and training, their reported dissociative reactions increase dramatically with severe trauma and are independently predictive of chronic PTSD symptoms. Dissociation and solitary confinement are more robust predictors of RPW PTSD than are captivity duration and subjective torture severity. Future research may also be able to associate aviator personality clusters, specific coping styles, and recently identified biologi-

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cal markers with dissociative tendencies and increased PTSD risk.

A Few Final Thoughts on PTSD From Dr. Moore

Our conceptualization of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder has a rich history and a short past. The formal diagnosis of PTSD did not exist prior to 1980. Officially no civilian, combat veteran or repatriated POW (RPW) had PTSD prior to 1980. Unofficially, of course, plenty of people had the condition prior to 1980; they just had to wait for the diagnostic system to find them. Unfortunately, some individuals failed to meet the diagnostic criteria for any existing condition or perhaps were reluctant to seek help for ailments they felt ashamed of due to societal misunderstanding. These people may continue in a state of "silent suffering."

At the other end of the spectrum, the most fortunate patients received what would have been an accurate diagnosis using a previous diagnostic system, received an effective treatment for that condition and only later came to understand the full meaning of their symptoms when formulated as PTSD.

Since its' inception, there has been considerable research regarding the diagnosis and treatment of PTSD. The diagnostic rules have been refined, for example with changes to the nature of the traumatic event, and a variety of effective medical and psychological have been recognized.

There is a much richer history regarding the psychological effects of trauma. The history recognizes both that traumatic events are unfortunately commonplace in modern society and that fortunately only a few individuals subsequently develop a chronic psychiatric condition.

The rich history also recognizes that trauma may be physical and psychological in nature. Above all, the rich history perhaps owes its' greatest debt to the various formulations regarding combat-related reactions that have been promulgated over the years. Terms such as Soldiers Heart (Civil War), Shell Shock (WWI), Traumatic Neuroses (WWII) and more recently Combat Stress Reaction varied in their specific focus but ultimately resulted in an appreciation of how normal people deal with abnormal situations.

The various conceptualizations compelled the military medical professional to seek effective ways to recognize and managed these individuals. In addition, the recognition that, no matter how conceptualized, the conditions were predictably related to issues such as combat intensity and unit cohesiveness.

These two systematic approaches to understanding similar issues may be combined as long as one is very careful to avoid certain pitfalls in logic.

Not everyone exposed to combat experiences a combat stress reaction and not everyone who experiences a combat stress reaction will develop PTSD. Most personnel do not receive an actual psychiatric diagnosis and not all psychiatric conditions that manifest themselves subsequent to combat are PTSD. These

subtle distinctions must be made in the theater by an experienced military mental health professional. The "buddy system" or a comparable unit-level recognition program may be better prepared to recognize military personnel with combat stress reactions than PTSD.

Some PTSD symptoms are more difficult to detect than others and the actual diagnosis requires a constellation of re-experiencing, avoidance/numbing and arousal symptoms. Any experienced military mental health professional has had numerous patients who finally admit that they had exerted considerable effort to hide or otherwise minimize their symptoms, only to have them "pop-up" later at inopportune times. The good news is that those individuals were physically and psychologically "healthy" enough to adopt that tactic. The bad news is that, without recognition and intervention, the trauma continued to fester and sore, detracting appreciably from the patient's quality of life.

Until next time, Semper Fi.

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



10. POWs at Cabanatuan Camp 3 beaten with clubs.



11. Bilibid POW hospital ward, Philippine Islands.



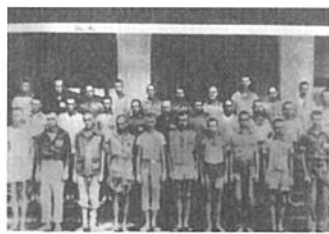
12. Bataan Death March, April 1942.



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



3. Pfc. Robert Brandon rations Red Cross parcels, 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.

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If you need an application for ChampVA or have questions, you can call 1-800-733-8387 from 8:15

to 7:00 P.M. Eastern Time. You can also of course, call me..

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In his January 2005 *Bulletin* column, National Commander Jim Cooper commended the Foundation for its generosity in funding National Service Officers, but stated that the AXPOW National Board of Directors was "bypassed in the process." He said that as head of the Budget and Finance Committee, he had a problem preparing a working budget, because he didn't know how much the Foundation paid for NSO expenses until he read our column in the September *Bulletin*.

The deadline for the September 2004 *Bulletin* was July 25, 2004, two months before that issue of the *Bulletin* was distributed. Since the fiscal year for the Foundation is the same as National's, August 31st, the amount of "about \$20,000 for NSO expenses," was projected. Our audited financial statement would not be available for several months afterward, the same as National's audit.

Jim, you served on the Foundation Board for a year so you are familiar with our financial procedures. All NSO expenses are paid by the National Treasurer, who then bills the Foundation, which in turn promptly reimburses National. If you ever have a question about the current status of any such item, a phone call to your Treasurer will result in a quick answer, because Sonny Bill knows the amounts covered by our commitments before we do. And it goes without saying that I am always as close as your telephone if I can help in any way. I, too, look forward

to a friendly and cooperative working relationship this year for the benefit of all Ex-POWs.

As a reminder to those who want to submit a grant request to the Foundation, all grant forms must be sent to National Senior Vice Commander Gerald Harvey. Your request will be reviewed, then sent on the Foundation Board for consideration. Grant forms may be obtained by writing to the Foundation at the above address.

With every new edition of the *Foundation Times*, we get calls and letters from members who say their friends got copies, but they never received one. If you get the *Ex-POW Bulletin*, the *Times* is sent to you also, because we use the exact same mailing list. The format of the *Times* resembles a tabloid newspaper, which also resembles the supermarket ad that appears in your mailbox each week. Maybe you're mistakenly tossing it out, so be on the lookout for the next issue.

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Your VA Regional Office Needs to Reach Out Likewise!

LIKEWISE? By this time you should have received a letter from your VA Regional Office telling of the new POW presumptives - heart and stroke, etc. - and inviting calls to the POW Coordinator in that office. The Waco, TX VA Regional Office Director, Carl Lowe, sent such a letter to 800 POWs in that region on Jan. 3, 2005. In the first three days 150 calls came in to POW Coordinator Gin-

ger Raney for claims handling or upgrade. Some POWs and widows are now eligible for POW and DIC (widows) benefits who were not before. This can make VA OUTREACH real for many people.

NOW THE BAD NEWS. There have never been enough well-trained National Service Officers, knowledgeable about POW claims. Director Doris Jenks has her work cut out for her. Our present NSOs average age is 82 and we won't all live to be Methuselahs (Genesis 5: 27 "...all the days of Methuselah were 969 years; and he died.") Attrition! Some of our new NSOs are younger spouses and that will help a lot...because the need to handle widows' DIC claims will grow! That's bad news for some of us. But more trained NSOs will fill that need which will exist for many more years. AND THE GOOD NEWS. Thank God for our spring chicken spouses who have been and will be NSOs trained by that wonderful pullet Doris Jenks!

OUR AXPOW DIRECTORY OUTREACH. Because you're in our National Directory, you may be receiving a call from an NSO to make sure you are receiving the VA benefits due you. As this is being written, Bonnie Sharp and Lloyd Gabriel, Frank Kravets and Don Lewis, Bill Richardson and Paul Dallas, Leon Horowitz, Coleman Jacobsen, WT Jones, Tut Tawwater, Jorge Guerra, Bill & Margaret Fabian, Gordon Larson, Bill Roberts, Linda Hodges and Fred Campbell, Beth Brooks, Charlie Hill, Charles & Stella Webb, Doris Jenks, Walter & Violet Peterson are directing efforts in their areas.

And the plan grows. Because we know: Not all POWs and Widows have their due benefits, just because they are listed in the AXPOW Directory.

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news, events and information



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

April 29-May 7, 2005. 60th Anniversary of the liberation of Italy will be hosted by the American Legion Post 50. Contact: Kenneth G. Kraetzer, Jr. (914) 381-5353; kgk914@aol.com.

May 1-4, 2005. Stalag 17B Reunion will be held at the Radisson Opreyland, Nashville, TN. Contact Pat Moulis, 37376 N. US 19, # 101, Palm Harbor, FL (727) 937-7499.

May 3, 2005. The Department of Colorado will have a one-day convention at the Holiday Inn, Denver West Village, 14707 West Colfax Ave., Golden, CO 80401. Reservations: 800-729-2830. Contact PNC Richard Throckmorton, 303-422-2941.

May 4-6 2005. 4th Marine Regiment (Bataan and Corregidor) Reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn, Arlington, TX. For information, please contact Martin Christie, 23424 Mobile St., West Hills, CA 91307-3323; retiree539@yahoo.com.

May 10-12, 2005. The Minnesota State Convention will be held at the Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, MN. Reservations: 320-253-0606. For information, contact Earl F. Miller, Commander, Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter, 1941 Ford Parkway #107, St. Paul, MN 55116; 651-698-4321.

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May 15-16, 2005. Dept. of Mass. Annual Convention will be held at the Tewksbury Holiday Inn. For more information, contact Irving Lerner, 508-757-4051.

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 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.

August 24-27, 2005. The 86th Annual Convention of the 80th Division Veterans Asn. 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.

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. 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; 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 next Bulletins.

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.

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I am looking for information on my late husband, **Albert C. Johnson (Corky)**. He was a 2nd Lt/Bombardier with the 379th BG, 524th BS, flying B-17s out of (I think) Huntingdonshire, England. He was shot down over water on July 25, 1943 and captured the next day. He was kept in Stalag III for 22 months. If you have any information about him, please email me at mnkj@friendly.city; PO Box 7290, Tifton, Georgia 31793; (229) 382-1014.

I would like to get in touch with any family member of **Sgt. Frank G. Koska**, Houston, TX. Frank was the tail gunner on my crew. We were shot down over Germany on March 23,

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1944. Thank you. Sanders B. Walker, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 132, McRae, GA 31055.

I am working on an article for VFW Magazine that will cover the **10 Most Daring POW Escapes** in Military History. I wanted to include successful escape statistics from each war, beginning with the Revolutionary War. I appreciate your help. Contact: Robert Widener, Art Director, VFW Magazine, 406 W. 34th Street, Suite 523, Kansas City, MO 64111; (816) 968-1173; Fax (816) 968-1169; rwidener@vfw.org.

My name is Stevin Oudshoorn. I live in The Netherlands. I research the lives and deaths of all Allied soldiers that were KIA in the Netherlands during WW2 and/or are buried here. I write you about the case of **Lt. George K. Beine**. Together with the historian of the 14th Armored division, I am trying to find out what happened to him. Lt. Beine joined the Army from Marin County, California and became a 2Lt with the HQ Company, 19th AIB, 14th Armored Division. He was captured on January 1, 1945 near Baerenthal in the Vosges on the first day of the German operation NORDWIND. He was taken to POW camp STALAG 12B, Limburg, Germany. His POW card and rumors within the division state that he was killed while trying to escape from this Stalag on March 22, 1945. He was also in Stalag 9B, Bad Soden, which was the Hospital Stalag of Stalag 12B. Please email me at stevin@basher82.nl, or write me at: Roelof Hartstraat 13-1, 1071 VE Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

I'm trying to obtain information about one, **John Johnson** of Savannah, Georgia. He was in the Philippines sometime during WWII. I don't know if he was military or civilian. I have a Philippines One Peso "Victory" Note that Mr. Johnson signed on the back. It has been in our family for as long as I can remember. I don't know how or when my father, Joseph P. Machuga, obtained the note because he was a POW in Europe. Perhaps Mr. Johnson worked in the Washington, D.C. area in construction after the war. Any help finding Mr. Johnson or his family would be appreciated. Chris

Machuga, 1439 Rose Garden Rd., Cape Coral, FL 33914-8036; (239)549-8452.

My mother was reading the book "Fly Boys", which engendered thoughts of a navy serviceman she knew in WWII. We would like to obtain any information available on a man named **Warren Collins** who was from Nutley NJ. Warren was a gunner on a navy plane shot down over Iwo Jima. He was captured by the Japanese and held prisoner up to the end of the war. Any information you have would be appreciated. Contact either Gloria Williams, at gaw121@aol.com, David Williams at dave_edw@earthlink.net or mail the information to: PO Box 277, Dunnellon, FL 34430.

I am trying to find info on my father-in-law. He was a POW in Germany during WWII. He refused to talk about anything. All I know is that he was in the army and was discharged from Indiantown Gap in Harrisburg Pennsylvania. His name is **Otto John Brady** and his date of birth is 5-10-1925. He was only 4'11" (cute little guy), had blonde hair and blue eyes. Had a tattoo that said "Mother" on his right forearm. Can you help me find any information about him? Pam Brady, Tiellady@aol.com, 527 Hankey Farms Dr., Oakdale PA 15071.

I am searching for my family member, **Moses J. Lovenstein**, who was born in Richmond, VA in 1916. He signed into the service from TN in 1943 and became a co-pilot in the 92nd, 326th. He flew B-17 43-38290 and he was shot down 9/11/1944. It crashed at Groet, in The Netherlands. His crew members were: Lt. John E. Glasco, pilot (POW); Lt. Aame O. Karvonen (N) KIA; Lt. Albert P. Knight (B) POW; S/Sgt. Glenn E. Edwards (TT) KIA; T/Sgt. Robert D. Heare (RO) POW; S/Sgt. Charles J. Wild (BT) POW; S/Sgt. Chester S. Hinds (RW) POW; T/Sgt. Ernest M. Heidt (TG) POW. I have read that Lt. John E. Glasco was in Stalag Luft, I. I am hoping someone from the camp will remember Moses and perhaps write me with some information on him. Linda Lovenstein, 16601 Negaunee, Redford, MI 48240' cyers@aol.com.

Hi, I have a set of WWII dog tags with the name **Andrew J. Sopko** 15374724. His mother's name is also listed - Mary

Sopko 5615 Grand Ave. Cleveland, OH. On the chain there is a another rectangular tag with Stalag VII/A #112276. I have found some info on the Stalag, but none on Andrew. Thanks for any help. Chris, cdstarkey2003@yahoo.com.

My fiancé's father was a POW in WWII. We have the Prisoner of War medal and the Purple Heart. I am very interested about learning more about him does anyone have any information on **Ralph Gordon Waffle** or pictures? I would love to know more about his life. Thanks for any help. Kimberly; Daveandkimberly@aol.com.

My name is Dain and I'm doing some research for a man named Ken Axelson, who was held at **Stalag 9b** at Bad Orb for three months. He was released 4-5-45. He has mentioned some photos being taken, and I was wondering if anyone knew of any **photos taken at the compound**. Thanks for your time. Dain; ife@redwing.net.

I am looking for information about **PG 21 Chieti Italy**. My grandfather, Lt. Sam Webster, was captured outside of Tunis around December 1942. He spent most of his time as a POW in PG 21. I can be reached at my office email at swh@huttolaw.com. Thanks for your help. Scott Webster Hutto.

While in Stalag 17B I drew **cartoons for log books**. Benny Longworth went about the camp taking orders and we divided the D bars or cigarettes or whatever we were willing to take in pay. I don't remember all the cartoons, but do recall a series of crew positions on a B-17. If there is anyone out there with said drawings, would you mind mailing or e-mailing copies to: Roy Butler, 103 E. Palace, Hobbs, NM 88240-7727; or jrlb2@aol.com.



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POW/MIAs - VIETNAM WAR: There are now 1,842 Americans listed by the Defense Department as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War - 1,403 in Vietnam, 377 in Laos, 55 in Cambodia and 7 in PRC territorial waters. SGT Joseph Pietgzak, USA, from OH, was listed KIA/BNR February 10, 1971, in South Vietnam; his remains were jointly

recovered June 7, 1994, and ID'd nearly a year ago, but the ID only recently released, likely due to family considerations. MSGT Kenneth Hanna and MSGT Charles Lindewald, both USA, were listed MIA February 7, 1968, both in South Vietnam; their remains were recovered jointly and repatriated January 15, 2004, and recently ID'd. 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).

VIETNAM WAR REMAINS RETURNED: on December 17th, a repatriation ceremony was held at Hickam AFB, Honolulu, HI, to honor remains that may be those of US personnel previously unaccounted for from the Vietnam War and WWII. Teams from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, headquartered at Hickam AFB, recovered the remains during operations in Burma, Laos and Papua New Guinea.

US OFFICIALS SURVEY SRV VESSELS: US Navy specialists from the US Pacific Command (PACOM) and JPAC and DPMO officials recently participated in an effort with the Vietnamese Navy and central government authorities to find common ground and reach agreement on a safe and effective method for underwater surveys and recoveries of US incidents along the coast of Vietnam. Despite assurances by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defense during visits to the US in 2003, the Vietnamese Government is now balking about using US Navy vessels, insisting on the use of its own ships, augmented by US personnel and equipment. This method was previously tried with nearly disastrous results, and all know that it is NOT the safest nor most efficient or effective way to proceed; however, if compromise is required, it MUST include visible US military participation in all aspects.

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"The CCC at Andersonville"

by Don Pettijohn, Park Ranger

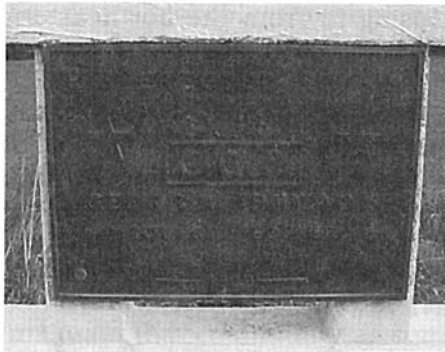
The generation of Americans who fought in and won World War II also had to endure the hard economic times of the Great Depression of the 1930's. Outside of the American Civil War which gave birth to Andersonville, the Great Depression was probably the most cataclysmic event in American History.

America had seen hard time before. The Panics of 1857 and 1873 had draped themselves around the Civil War. However, in the 1930's unemployment levels reached 25%, one in four Americans was searching for work. The new industrial age centered in the city meant that family and community were no longer as available as in previous times to be of assistance.

The election of 1932 brought Franklin Delano Roosevelt to the Presidency and FDR brought his New Deal to America. The alphabet soup of agencies he created was meant to lessen unemployment. Some of those agencies were the WPA, Works Progress Administration, PWA, Public Works Administration, and the CCC, Civilian Conservation Corps. Today, most historians agree that these agencies did not end the

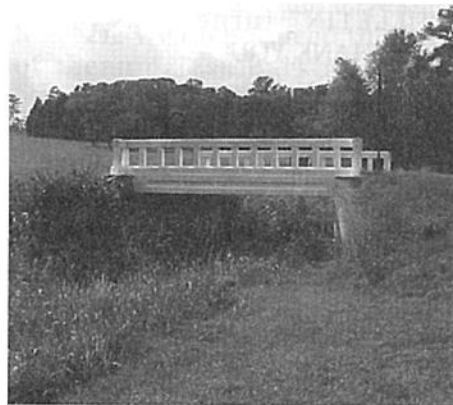
Great Depression but did lessen unemployment and give hope to the American public. The Great Depression didn't end until American industry was put to work to assist a beleaguered Europe in the late 1930's.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) also known as "Roosevelt's Tree Army" was the agency most associated with parks on the national, state, and local levels. The legislation initiating the CCC was passed by Congress on March 31, 1933. The program was designed to employ men 17 to 24 who were out of work. The pay was \$30 per month with \$25 sent directly home to the family. The Department of Labor was to recruit and enroll the applicants. The Departments of Agriculture and Interior were to provide the plans and projects to be accomplished. The Army was to run the camps by providing leadership, housing, food, clothing, medical care, and educational opportunities for the enrollees. The projects whether it was planting trees to control erosion or building a picnic shelter were designed to be accomplished in six months because men and materials were only guaranteed for that long. Larger projects had to be broken down into parts that could be finished in six months.



Although Andersonville Prison Park was under the control of the United States Army during the 1930's it was eligible for a CCC camp and projects. The Andersonville camp was known as Camp 1411. The camp existed from November 1934 to the end of 1935. The small camp of about 200 was primarily drawn from young men living in the imme-

diate Georgia area. The camp site which was just across the highway from the National Cemetery consisted of barracks, recreation hall, mess hall, officers' quarters, and a recreation and drill field. The projects accomplished by the CCC were 1)planting, pruning, and thinning the landscape, 2)drainage and terrace work on the prison site, 3)construction of roads and bridges, 4)controlling the flow of water at Providence Spring, and 5)restoration of the eight earthworks. A number of these projects are still visible today. The National Park Service is now documenting these CCC projects and the site of the CCC camp for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Properties.



The CCC was terminated nationally on July 30, 1942, as America had now entered World War II in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor. The legacy of the CCC can still be seen in many of our local, state, and national parks today. However, another legacy was the 3.6 million men who went through the camps. These men provided the disciplined, skilled, and educated manpower that enabled the United States to prevail on the battlefields of Europe and Asia during World War II.

1. Plaque on bridge honoring CCC camp at Andersonville.
2. Bridge over Stockade Creek.

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Members'

forum



Cheryl,
The article pg.27-28 January 2005
"BULLETIN" turned out pretty
good.THANK YOU!

... however pg. 5, second
paragraph, first sentence was
inadequate !!!

There were 3 Torpedo Boats, 2 SO1
Subchasers, and 2 MiGs overhead!
not: "... a NorthKorean
patrol boat," as was published.
Check it out at:
www.usspueblo.org/

Not to critique, but to clarify, ...
they did not just pull up and board,
and were not just handed the keys
to the ignition.

It was several hours of attack and
evasion, with no help, and under
orders of low profile regarding the
2 poor quality machine guns that we
did have. Plus, the orders Captain
Bucher had been given: "...do not
create an incident that would lead
to another war!"

Dale E. Rigby
Ivins, Utah

Editor's Note: Dale is absolutely cor-
rect. Here is the story on the Pueblo
site:

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"The clouds had thickened during
the morning (of January 23, 1968)
and the day had become dreary and
was getting colder. Lunch in the
ward room was interrupted by a call
to the captain from the bridge that
a ship 8 miles out was headed to-
wards PUEBLO. Three minutes later
another call came saying the ship
was 5 miles out and closing rapidly.

It was a North Korean subchaser,
S0-1, approaching at 40 knots.

The two civilian oceanographers
went on deck to take ocean obser-
vations and the signal flags so indi-
cating were hoisted. The ship's po-
sition had been verified by radar
when the subchaser was first
sited. As the subchaser neared it
became obvious that its crew was
at battle stations. At 1000 yards it
asked PUEBLO's nationality and the
captain responded by raising the U.
S. flag.

A message was intercepted at 1210
by U. S. sources from the S0-1 to
shore: "The name of the target is
GER-2. I judge it to be a
reconnaissance ship. It is American
guys. It does not appear that there
are weapons and it is a hydrographic
mapping ship." (Moody, et al)

Three torpedo boats were sighted
closing in from the northeastern
coast.

The subchaser moved to 500 yards
and signaled HEAVE TO OR I WILL
FIRE. PUEBLO was already dead in
the water? After re-checking that the
distance from the nearest land was
15.8 miles, PUEBLO replied I AM IN
INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

There were now four North Korean
vessels of war menacing the
PUEBLO, the subchaser with her
57mm and the three torpedo boats
with their machine guns. And to
make matters more onimous, two
North Korean MiG's did a low flyover
and a forth torpedo boat and sec-
ond subchaser were sighted head-
ing towards PUEBLO."

Dear Cheryl:

It is not possible but to admire the
fine, extended work Norm and
Melanie Bussel have done for POWS
and the AXPOW Service Foundation.
Therefore, it is difficult to
understand the recent diatribe by
Mr. Bussel printed in the Holiday 2004
issue of the AXPOW Service
Foundation Times directed at one
or more "civilian internees".

It may be technically true by
definition that civilian internees are
not "POWs", but it is equally true that
those of us civilians interned by the
Japanese in the Philippines in WWII
were, in fact, "prisoners" of the
Japanese where we all slowly
starved, some died of malnutrition,
and some were killed by our captors.

This is not to contrast our suffering
with that of the military POWs, as
that sort of discussion proves
nothing. We unarmed civilians were
forced from our homes, some at
the point of bayonet, and most had
nothing to return to in the city of
Manila after liberation as homes and
lives were destroyed. My mother
lost her mother in Manila during the
Japanese occupation. She was
permitted to leave camp with a
polite, but armed, escort of two
Japanese soldiers and an officer to
attend the lonely burial of her
mother in a plain pine box. Some
two months later, her severely
disabled, elderly father was
consumed in flames early in the
conflagration that was the Battle of
Manila. We all lost a comfortable way
of life, which was forever erased
by force of arms, never to be seen
again - in effect, gone with the
winds of war.

That the military POWs suffered and
died in great numbers is not
contested. We civilians have great
respect for all military POWs of all
conflicts of the United States,
including those of the War Between
the States, where Americans on
both sides exhibited cruel and
unusual punishments to captured
combatants. I personally assist POW

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veterans with their claims for additional VA benefits and have had some success for which I am quite proud. It is an honor to be of assistance. We civilians sometimes wince with a modicum of envy when we sit in meetings with military POWs and hear details of the various benefits available to them when we have a pitiful, desultory, inadequate, difficult, dental benefit dating from the War Claims Act of 1948 and never updated. We do not begrudge the military POWs one cent or one benefit for their service and indeed wish them additional benefits.

If the piece by Mr. Bussel is directed at specific individuals, then it would appear he would be more propitious to direct his fire at a more distinct target rather than paint all civilian internees as enemies.

We are certainly not enemies of military POWs. We have been there together with them; how can we be enemies? Let's work together, communicate and get along. Why create dissension when there are battles to be fought and won in other arenas with real adversaries? We need not tilt at windmills. It serves no purpose.

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Internment Camp, Manila, Philippines,
1942-1945

Dear Editor,
In the Holiday 2004 issue of the American Ex-POWs Service Foundation Times, Mr. Norman Bussel the President, decries what he claims are the influence and control of the civilian members of AXPOW on the organization. He does so in caustic and strident terms and at considerable length. His comments are al-

most without substance. He claims the civilian membership is determined to fix its own agenda, whatever that is, on the organization. He states we have our own organization, the Center for Internee Rights, involved in a claim against Japan, which he asserts military Ex-POWs should not support. He need not worry, that claim has died in the Japanese courts, and the CFIR is now dissolved. The comments of Mr. Bussel appear as the irrational deprecations of someone out of touch with his responsibilities. They are out of place and out of order.

We are all in this together, military and civilian members, and we need to shoulder the burdens and tasks of the organization so that its plans and aims are all achieved as best they can be. It is simply nonsense to waste time ranting at each other like a bunch of crabby elders in a nursing home. We, the members and the organization deserve far, far better. We respect enormously those members of the Armed Forces whose military experience included being made POWs. In particular, as with the members of the forces who liberated us, we hold in utmost reverence those upon who fell the terrible burden of defending the far-flung outpost of American influence that were the Philippines. They suffered unspeakable abominations for which they have never been fully compensated by their country and its people.

In turn, the American civilian community was an integral and irreplaceable part of that American representation. We now know that it was our government's definitive policy to maintain that community as complete as possible in the face of the growing Japanese threat. No warnings were given, no effort made to assist departures; indeed it now appears that deliberate and covert steps were taken to hinder departures in the face of this danger.

In the tidal wave of Japanese military aggression that followed Pearl Harbor we were caught in the invaded areas, rounded up and in-

terned behind barbed wire and bayonets. We lost nearly everything, our homes, possessions, in many cases family members, relatives and friends. We experienced starvation, degradation and disease. Throughout this dark period of occupation, internment and deprivation, the presence in the heart of Manila of this prisoner community represented the continuing bond that connected the Islands with the American nation, with two great people in their common struggle against tyranny and oppression. The hope, the faith, never died and remains a legacy that holds two people together as few have been and few are.

We support the AXPOW in all its functions and goals, and have since it began. We do not need this kind of meaningless backbiting and internecine conflict that Bussel indulges in. We need to set our goals, make them realistic, set forth programs for all members and then work together to see them accomplished.

There is inspiration and dedication aplenty in the AXPOW and its members, let's use these talents to good and proper ends. Not waste them.

Sincerely,
Curtis B. Brooks

Dear Commander Cooper:
In the January Ex-POW Bulletin, you state that having more members, no matter whether or not the Bylaws allow some of them, is a good thing. I cannot agree; indeed, I cannot disagree more. Your statements, I must assume, were intended to respond to my repeated request for justification—if there is any—for violation of the Bylaws concerning membership in the AXPOW.

Perhaps I need to start with the reasons for my calling the Board of

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Directors' attention to the fact that the spouses (please italicize) of blood relatives of the former POW are being accepted as members. These individuals are not included in the Bylaws list of persons eligible for membership in the AXPOW. Basically, they are not included because the American Ex-Prisoners of War is a veterans service organization. Under such designation, many of us are accredited national service officers. We represent veterans and veterans' families (parent, child, surviving spouse) before the Department of Veterans Affairs. The spouse of any blood relative has no legal standing before the Department, and therefore, the AXPOW cannot offer them the support of its National Service Officers.

As a second consideration, since these persons are given a full membership vote, their votes have the effect of canceling the votes of legal members.

I do not question that this practice has existed for some time. However, when a wrongful act is exposed, the act should terminate. I have never asked that these memberships be terminated. Instead, I have asked repeatedly (since March 2004) for information and possible action that might be recommended to the Board of Directors. I have received no such direction.

Under these circumstances, I offer the following: Since these persons were wrongly entered on the membership rolls of the AXPOW (they had no legal standing to become members), the membership status of those enrolled as "life" members should be grandfathered—in other words, remain unchanged. However, annual memberships would not be eligible for renewal. No new memberships, either life or annual, from this group would be accepted.

Bylaws of an organization are a form of protection to its members. The Bylaws determine actions that are acceptable to the group, and members of the group refer to the Bylaws for guidance when working within the group. A violation of the Bylaws whether it is by an officer, by a member, or by an employee is a serious matter. All too often, officers neglect to base their actions and opinions on the Bylaws. If our elected officers disregard the Bylaws, is it any wonder that our employees also do so? I cannot believe that the membership would choose to give no guidance to each elected officer. To fail to do so would create a climate of distrust and instability.

In the past few years, the membership has corrected behaviors that were in violation of the Bylaws (or Roberts' Rules of Order, Latest Revision). These behaviors were not in the best interest of the group. First: the votes are now counted by reliable persons not involved in credentials. Votes are tallied as they are submitted. No longer should the membership hear statements such as: "We corrected a number of ballots" when the vote count is announced. Second: the ballots are retained until the last gavel is sounded to close the convention. Previously, the ballots were destroyed prior to the voting results being announced. A recount was an impossibility.

In the interest of fairness to all members, I ask that you, Mr. Commander, and the Board of Directors carefully consider my recommendation. Reaching out to what is, in effect, the "general public" to swell membership in the AXPOW is a shortsighted Band-Aid on a serious wound. We need to return to our roots: the AXPOW is a veterans service organization and should proudly remain so.

With all respect,
Mary F (Beth) Brooks
Roanoke, VA

Dear Cheryl,

In reading National Commander Jim Cooper's column in the January issue of the Ex-POW Bulletin, I was rather puzzled by the inconsistency of his reasoning regarding his admirable insistence on the rule of law in the conduct of the affairs of this organization.

On the one hand, he states that "...no officer should set policy or attempt to change policies set by either the (National) Convention or the Board (of Directors)." On the other hand, he dismisses Mary Beth Brooks' contention that the spouses of Next of Kin are illegally being accepted into membership in AXPOW, giving his opinion that "If spouses of descendants wish to join, it should be permitted. We need as many members as we can get." He goes on to say that "This has been voted on more than once by the members at National Conventions".

Regardless of Commander Cooper's perceived need for more members, our Bylaws, the document by which we are legally obligated to conduct our affairs, states very clearly and categorically who shall be eligible for membership. There is no mention of spouses of descendants. Therefore, the multiple times that the Commander says the issue has been voted on at National Conventions has apparently resulted in the current language concerning membership.

There are provisions for amending the Bylaws. If we are concerned that some of its provisions need to be changed, we should be following the procedures for doing so and not asserting opinions reflecting what is desired, rather than what is actual fact.

Sincerely
Gene Powell
Valley Cottage, NY

RESPONSE: There are currently 129 spouses of life members who are not spouses of former POWs.

News Briefs

Concurrent Receipt Update

At press time, and despite rumors to the contrary, the Pentagon has made no final decision on paying full concurrent receipt of military retired and disability pay to veterans with non-combat disabilities rated at 100% solely because they are unemployable.

An e-mail circulating among military retirees claims there was an announcement from the Defense Department that retirees who are rated fully disabled solely because the Department of Veterans Affairs has determined they are unable to work will not get full concurrent receipt that will go to other disabled retirees who have formal 100% disability ratings. Defense personnel, finance center, and public affairs officials said that there was no such announcement and that no decision has been made.

Since late October, Pentagon officials have been trying to decide how to apply a provision of the 2005 Defense Authorization Act (now Public Law 108-375) that promised to immediately end the offset in retired pay for all 100% disabled military retirees, without forcing them to wait the nine remaining years of an originally planned 10-year phase out of the offset. One clear result, which appeared in retiree paychecks in February is that veterans with non-combat disabilities rated at 100% no longer have their military retired pay reduced because they are also receiving veterans disability compensation. About 15,000 retirees received extra money in their retirement checks because of this change.

Still to be determined is what happens to the additional 15,000 retirees who have formal disability ratings of less than 100% but are considered unemployable by the VA. In December, defense officials sent a letter to the White House saying that unless the White House objected, they intended to treat veterans with what the VA calls "individual unemployability" the same as other 100% disabled veterans. The White House Office of Management and Budget, which received the notice, did not raise any objections, but a final policy decision still has not been made and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, which cuts retiree paychecks, has not received any order to make payments.

In December and early January, defense officials working on the unemployability question were optimistic that the retirees ultimately would receive the payments. Now, as the final decision has lagged, they are less sure. One official working on the issue put the odds at 50-50 either way. He said that if this were a sure thing, the pay order would already have gone out. If a decision is made to cover the unemployable disabled retirees, they would be entitled to payments effective Jan 1, 2005, the same as other disabled retirees. There appears to be no timetable for making a final decision. Officials said there is some talk among policymakers about punting the issue back to Congress because it was a lack of clarity in the 2005 Defense Authorization Act that led to the current impasse. If Congress has to pass a new law clarifying coverage, officials say that would likely delay payments.

VA Compensation Levels Inconsistent

New VA Secretary, Jim Nicholson, pledged he would work to ensure that veterans across the country are given the same treatment, regardless of where they live. During the Senate hearings he said it was a "real issue" that veterans in different states are awarded different levels of compensation. The reasons for

those differences, however, are still something of a mystery. Responding to questions Nicholson said he was still examining the issue and was waiting for the inspector general's assessment on the topic. He made the comments in testimony to the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee.

The issue of state-by-state variation stems from figures compiled by the VA that show veterans in some states getting far higher annual payments than veterans in other states. For example, according to the VA's most recent annual the average payment for disability compensation is \$7,861, yet veterans in New Mexico receive an average of \$10,851 and veterans in Ohio only receive an average \$6,710. The regional differences have erupted as a significant issue in Illinois, which ranks near the bottom of the average payment lists. There is an annual difference of \$5,000 between average disability compensation to veterans in Illinois versus payments to veterans in Puerto Rico, which has the highest average payments. Chicago media, led by the Chicago Sun-Times, have reported extensively on the issue, and Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., has flagged it as a major concern. The department's inspector general also has launched an examination of the issue.

Knight Ridder Newspapers, in a report last summer, also highlighted such disparities, particularly the percentage of veterans in each state who are part of the disability compensation system. Across the country, their analysis of VA data found, an estimated 572,000 U.S. veterans may not be receiving the compensation to which they're entitled from the federal government for disabilities suffered in the service of their country. There was also wide variation by state in the percentage of veterans who participate

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in the program. At the high end are states such as Alaska, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas, where 12% to 16% of veterans receive disability compensation payments. At the low end are Illinois, Iowa, Connecticut and Michigan, where 6% or 7% of veterans get compensation. The national average is 9.9%. Many state governments have taken it upon themselves to find these uncompensated veterans. After Knight Ridder's story, legislation was introduced in July by Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., to require the VA to educate all veterans about the benefits due them. In the last Congress, no action was taken on Coleman's bill. But his spokesmen say that the measure will be reintroduced. Disability payments, which now go to about 2.5 million veterans, are designed to compensate veterans who suffer physical or mental injuries while serving in the armed services.

Veterans' experts say that demographic issues, over which the VA has little control, may explain some of the variation. Another possible explanation is that VA workers may be trained differently and therefore determine a veteran's level of disability differently. Nicholson stated that it would be a "high priority" to better understand the regional disparities.

Atomic Veterans Information

In the late forties, all through the fifties, and into the early sixties the United States exploded many nuclear devices into our atmosphere. Information regarding these tests was formerly classified which made it difficult for many vets to pursue claims against the government. Much has now been declassified and is available. If you are a vet who has had even one exposure to atmospheric testing of

nuclear devices you may be eligible for a service connected disability, or in some cases a lump sum settlement of \$75,000.00 from the Department of Justice.

Macular degeneration has now been recognized as a possible effect of ionizing radiation exposure. If you are an Atomic vet looking for advice on how to proceed with a claim Richard U. Conant [health permitting] can get you started in the right direction. Richard was very active in pursuing veteran entitlements related to radiation exposure for many years and is a wealth of information on the effects of radiation exposure to vets as a result of his extensive research over the years to file claims. He is an Atomic vet himself, visually challenged, and a survivor of some cancers. He can be reached at rucon1@juno.com.

James Garner, Buzz Aldrin team up to support Korean War Museum

Actor James Garner has joined Astronaut Buzz Aldrin, PhD, in a drive to build the Korean War Veterans National Museum & Library (KWVNM&L), which will honor the more than 500,000 troops they served with in America's "Forgotten War."

"What people may not know is that before I became an astronaut, I was a combat pilot who flew 66 missions in Korea, and before James Garner redefined the private eye on television, he earned two Purple Hearts in Korea," Dr. Aldrin said. "Unfortunately, a lot of Americans do not know about the contributions and sacrifices soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines made fighting aggression in Korea."

To address this oversight, Dr. Aldrin and Mr. Garner are lending their support to building a state-of-the-art Korean War museum at the former Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, IL.

The facility opened its temporary quarters in Chanute's Grissom Hall with a ribbon cutting ceremony in

November. Groundbreaking on a 50,000 square foot permanent home in Rantoul is scheduled for this summer. The construction timetable has been pushed up due mainly to the efforts of Dr. Aldrin and Mr. Garner, President O'Brien said.

The museum will be the main national repository housing Korean War artifacts, including books, manuscripts, maps, photographs and other documents associated with the war in which more than 36,000 Americans were killed from 1950-1953. The museum, which is the only facility of its kind devoted to a particular war, will also record and preserve the personal stories of veterans in their own words.

The museum is funded through private contributions, mostly from individual veterans and veterans' organizations, as well as donations from both individual citizens and corporations. They are also looking for material donations from veterans of the Korean War.

The KWVNM&L is located at:

1007 Pacesetter Drive
Chanute Air Force Base
Rantoul, IL 61866
888-295-7217

<http://www.kwvm.com>

E-mail: kwvm@kwvm.com

VA Improves

"My HealtheVet" Web Site

Under the latest improvement to VA's "My HealtheVet" Web site, veterans will be able to update personal information and record medical data such as prescriptions.

A new capability now added to the site allows veterans to record their personal information and medical data - including emergency contacts, health care providers and insurance, prescriptions, tests and allergies - in a private, secure Internet environment. The site is located on the Internet at www.myhealth.va.gov.

Burial Options

By CPT Tara Rooney
III Corps Legal Assistance

The purpose of this article is to provide general information and contact numbers. This article addresses burial in the VA National Cemetery, burial in a State Veterans' Cemetery, burial in Arlington National Cemetery, burial in a Department of Interior National Cemetery, burial in the West Point Cemetery, and burial at sea.

The most common location for military and former military burial is at a VA National Cemetery. Generally, to be eligible, you must either (1) die on active duty (2) as a citizen of the US, served during a war and your service ended honorably, or (3) be a veteran and received a discharge other than a dishonorable discharge. In addition, others, like spouses and minor children, are also eligible for burial in a VA National Cemetery.

For a list of those eligible, see below or log on to www.cem.va.gov/eligible.htm. To confirm your eligibility, call your Veterans Benefits Counselor at 1-800-827-1000.

Gravesites in VA National Cemeteries cannot now be reserved (reservations before 1973 are honored). Instead, the executor of your estate or your funeral director must contact the VA National Cemetery to arrange a burial. To help ensure your burial in a VA National Cemetery, notify the executor of your estate of your desire and give the executor all necessary paperwork and contact numbers. These include: your full name and rank, branch of service, Social Security number, service number (if different), VA claim number (if applicable), date and place of birth, date of retirement or last separation from active duty, and copy of military separation documents (e.g., DD Form 214). Collect these documents and information and keep them in a safe place along with your will to assist your executor in carrying

out your desire for burial in a VA National Cemetery.

There are currently 119 VA National Cemeteries located in 39 states and more on the way. There are six VA National Cemeteries in Texas, including Dallas, Fort Bliss, San Antonio, Houston, and Kerrville. The Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act of 1999 requires the VA to establish six additional National Cemeteries in areas of the United States in which the need for burial space is greatest. For a full list of all the current VA National Cemeteries, log onto www.cem.va.gov/listcem.htm.

In addition to VA National Cemeteries, many states have state VA Cemeteries. Eligibility for state VA Cemeteries is similar to VA National Cemeteries, but may also include state residency requirements. Texas has no state VA Cemetery. For a list of all state VA Cemeteries log onto www.cem.va.gov/lsvc.htm.

Individuals desiring burial in Arlington National Cemetery must contact the cemetery directly. Although Arlington National Cemetery is a National Cemetery, it is one of two cemeteries maintained by the Department of the Army, not the Department of Veterans Affairs. For information and eligibility, see below or contact (703) 695-3250.

The Department of the Interior's National Park Service maintains 14 national cemeteries, including Gettysburg National Military Park. For a list of these 14 cemeteries log onto www.cem.va.gov/doi.htm or call the Department of the Interior National Park Service at (202) 208-4621.

Another option for burial is the West Point Cemetery. To be eligible, you must be a graduate of the United States Military Academy, a family member of a graduate, or key post personnel. The West Point Cemetery is not a National Cemetery. For further information contact the Academy at (914) 938-2504.

Finally, for those interested in a burial at sea, contact the Department of the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Naval Office of Medical/Dental Affairs at 1-800-876-1131 ext 629.

As a veteran, you also have burial benefits to include headstones, military funeral honors, burial flags, and possible burial allowance. For further information on these benefits, contact the Casualty Assistance Office or a National Service Officer,

Persons Eligible For Burial In Arlington National Cemetery

32 CFR Ch. V § 553.15

For Further Information Or Clarification Call 703- 607-8585

(a) Any active duty member of the Armed Forces (except those members serving on active duty for training only).

(b) Any retired member of the Armed Forces. A retired member of the Armed Forces, in the context of this paragraph, is a retired member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or a Reserve component who has served on active duty (other than for training), is carried on an official retired list, and is entitled to receive retired pay stemming from service in the Armed Forces. If, at the time of death, a retired member of the Armed Forces is not entitled to receive retired pay stemming from his service in the Armed Forces until some future date, the retired member will not be eligible for burial.

(c) Any former member of the Armed Forces separated for physical disability prior to 1 October 1949 who has served on active duty (other than for training) and who would have been eligible for

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retirement under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. 1201 had that statute been in effect on the date of his separation.

(d) Any former member of the Armed Forces whose last active duty (other than for training) military service terminated honorably and who has been awarded one of the following decorations:

- (1) Medal of Honor.
- (2) Distinguished Service Cross (Air Force Cross or Navy Cross).
- (3) Distinguished Service Medal.
- (4) Silver Star.
- (5) Purple Heart.

(e) Persons who have held any of the following positions, provided their last period of active duty (other than for training) as a member of the Armed Forces terminated honorably:

- (1) An elective office of the United States Government.
- (2) Office of the Chief Justice of the United States or of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.
- (3) An office listed in 5 U.S.C. 5312 or 5 U.S.C. 5313.
- (4) The Chief of a mission who was at any time during his tenure classified in class I under the provisions of 411 of the Act of 13 August 1946, 60 Stat. 1002, as amended (22 U.S.C. 866, 1964 ed.).

(f) Any former prisoner of war who, while a prisoner of war, served honorably in the active military, naval, or air service, whose last period of active military, naval, or air service terminated honorably and who died on or after November 30, 1993.

(1) The term "former prisoner of war" means a person who, while serving in the active military, naval, or air service, was forcibly detained or interned in line of duty—

(i) By an enemy government or its agents, or a hostile force, during a period of war; or

(ii) By a foreign government or its agents, or a hostile force, under circumstances which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs finds to have been comparable to the circumstances under which persons have generally been forcibly detained or interned by enemy governments during periods of war.

(2) The term "active military, naval, or air service" includes active duty, any period of active duty for training during which the individual concerned was disabled or died from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty, and any period of inactive duty training during which the individual concerned was disabled or died from an injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty.

(g) The spouse, widow or widower, minor child and, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, unmarried adult child of any of the persons listed above.

(1) The term "spouse" refers to a widow or widower of an eligible member, including the widow or widower of a member of the Armed Forces who was lost or buried at sea or officially determined to be permanently absent in a status of missing or missing in action. A surviving spouse who has re-married and whose remarriage is void, terminated by death, or dissolved by annulment or divorce by a court with basic authority to render such decrees regains eligibility for burial in Arlington National Cemetery unless it is determined that the decree of annulment or divorce was secured through fraud or collusion.

(2) An unmarried adult child may be interred in the same grave in which the parent has been or will be interred, provided that child was incapable of self-support up to the time of death because of physical or mental condition. At the time of death of an adult child, a request for interment will be submitted to the Superintendent of Arlington National Cemetery. The request must be accompanied by a notarized statement from an individual who has

direct knowledge as to the marital status, degree of dependency of the deceased child, the name of that child's parent, and the military service upon which the burial is being requested. A certificate of a physician who has attended the decedent as to the nature and duration of the physical and/or mental disability must also accompany the request for interment.

(h) Widows or widowers of service members who are interred in Arlington National Cemetery as part of a group burial may be interred in the same cemetery but not in the same grave.

(i) The surviving spouse, minor child, and, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Army, unmarried adult child of any person already buried in Arlington.

(j) The parents of a minor child or unmarried adult child whose remains, based on the eligibility of a parent, are already buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

[42 FR 25725, May 19, 1977, as amended at 59 FR 60559, Nov. 25, 1994]

Persons Eligible for Burial in a VA National Cemetery

To confirm your eligibility for burial benefits, please call a Veteran's Benefits Counselor at: 1-800-827-1000

VA national cemetery directors have the primary responsibility for verifying eligibility for burial in VA national cemeteries. A determination of eligibility is usually made in response to a request for burial in a VA national cemetery. VA Regional Offices will also assist in determining eligibility for burial in a VA national cemetery. The toll-free number for the nearest VA Regional Office is 1-800-827-1000.

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a. Veterans and Members of the Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard)

(1) Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who dies on active duty.

(2) Any veteran who was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. With certain exceptions, service beginning after September 7, 1980, as an enlisted person, and service after October 16, 1981, as an officer, must be for a minimum of 24 continuous months or the full period for which the person was called to active duty (as in the case of a Reservist called to active duty for a limited duration). Undesirable, bad conduct, and any other type of discharge other than honorable may or may not qualify the individual for veterans benefits, depending upon a determination made by a VA Regional Office. Cases presenting multiple discharges of varying character are also referred for adjudication to a VA Regional Office.

(3) Any citizen of the United States who, during any war in which the United States has or may be engaged, served in the Armed Forces of any Government allied with the United States during that war, whose last active service was terminated honorably by death or otherwise, and who was a citizen of the United States at the time of entry into such service and at the time of death.

b. Members of Reserve Components and Reserve Officers' Training Corps

(1) Reservists and National Guard members who, at time of death, were entitled to retired pay under Chapter 1223, title 10, United States Code, or would have been entitled, but for being under the age of 60. Specific categories of individuals eligible for retired pay are delineated in section 12731 of Chapter 1223, title 10, United States Code.

(2) Members of reserve components, and members of the Army National Guard or the Air National Guard, who die while hospitalized or undergoing

treatment at the expense of the United States for injury or disease contracted or incurred under honorable conditions while performing active duty for training or inactive duty training, or undergoing such hospitalization or treatment.

(3) Members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the Army, Navy, or Air Force who die under honorable conditions while attending an authorized training camp or on an authorized cruise, while performing authorized travel to or from that camp or cruise, or while hospitalized or undergoing treatment at the expense of the United States for injury or disease contracted or incurred under honorable conditions while engaged in one of those activities.

(4) Members of reserve components who, during a period of active duty for training, were disabled or died from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in line of duty or, during a period of inactive duty training, were disabled or died from an injury or certain cardiovascular disorders incurred or aggravated in line of duty.

c. Commissioned Officers, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

(1) A Commissioned Officer of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (formerly titled the Coast and Geodetic Survey and the Environmental Science Services Administration) with full-time duty on or after July 29, 1945.

(2) A Commissioned Officer who served before July 29, 1945, and,
(a) Was assigned to an area of immediate military hazard as determined by the Secretary of Defense while in time of war, or in a Presidentially declared national emergency; or,
(b) Served in the Philippine Islands on December 7, 1941, and continuously in such islands thereafter.

d. Public Health Service

(1) A Commissioned Officer of the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service who served on full-time duty on or after July 29, 1945. If the service of the particular Public Health Service Officer falls within the meaning of active duty for training, as defined in section 101(22), title 38,

United States Code, he or she must have been disabled or died from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

(2) A Commissioned Officer of the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service who performed full-time duty prior to July 29, 1945:

(a) In time of war;

(b) On detail for duty with the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard; or,

(c) While the Service was part of the military forces of the United States pursuant to Executive Order of the President.

(3) A Commissioned Officer serving on inactive duty training as defined in section 101(23), title 38, United States Code, whose death resulted from an injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

e. World War II Merchant Mariners

(1) United States Merchant Mariners with oceangoing service during the period of armed conflict, December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946. Prior to the enactment of Public Law 105-368, United States Merchant Mariners with oceangoing service during the period of armed conflict of December 7, 1941, to August 15, 1945, were eligible. With enactment of Public Law 105-368, the service period is extended to December 31, 1946, for those dying on or after November 11, 1998. A DD-214 documenting this service may be obtained by submitting an application to Commandant (G-MVP-6), United States Coast Guard, 2100 2nd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593. Notwithstanding, the Mariner's death must have occurred on or after the enactment of Public Law 105-368.

(2) United States Merchant Mariners who served on blockships in support of Operation Mulberry during World War II.

f. The Philippine Armed Forces

(1) Any Philippine veteran who was a citizen of the United States or an

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alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States at the time of their death; and resided in the United States at the time of their death; and,

(a) Was a person who served before July 1, 1946, in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, while such forces were in the service of the Armed Forces of the United States pursuant to the military order of the President dated July 26, 1941, including organized guerilla forces under commanders appointed, designated, or subsequently recognized by the Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, or other competent authority in the Army of the United States, and who died on or after November 1, 2000; or,

(b) Was a person who enlisted between October 6, 1945, and June 30, 1947, with the Armed Forces of the United States with the consent of the Philippine government, pursuant to section 14 of the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945, and who died on or after December 16, 2003.

g. Spouses and Dependents

(1) The spouse or surviving spouse of an eligible veteran is eligible for interment in a national cemetery even if that veteran is not buried or memorialized in a national cemetery. In addition, the spouse or surviving spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States whose remains are unavailable for burial is also eligible for burial.

(2) The surviving spouse of an eligible veteran who had a subsequent remarriage to a non-veteran and whose death occurred on or after January 1, 2000, is eligible for burial in a national cemetery, based on his or her marriage to the eligible veteran.

(3) The minor children of an eligible veteran. For purpose of burial in a national cemetery, a minor child is a child who is unmarried and:

(a) Who is under 21 years of age; or,
(b) Who is under 23 years of age and pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution.

(4) The unmarried adult child of an eligible veteran. For purpose of burial in a national cemetery, an unmarried adult child is:

Of any age but became permanently physically or mentally disabled and incapable of self-support before reaching 21 years of age, or before reaching 23 years of age if pursuing a full-time course of instruction at an approved educational institution. Proper supporting documentation must be provided.

g. Others

Such other persons or classes of persons as designated by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (38 U.S.C. § 2402(6)) or the Secretary of Defense (Public Law 95-202, § 401, and 38 CFR § 3.7(x)).

Persons Eligible for Burial at West Point

GRAVESITES ARE STILL AVAILABLE in the West Point Cemetery. There also is a columbarium (a gift from a member of the Class of '42) located in the lower level of the Old Chapel. There are 150 single niches remaining of the 432 gifted.

Eligibility for interment or inurnment at the USMA Cemetery is restricted. Any requests for exception to policy must be made in writing to the Office of the Superintendent, USMA.

EXCERPTS FROM REGULATIONS FOR BURIAL IN THE USMA CEMETERY

There are two options: interment and inurnment in the columbarium. The following regulations apply to both.

Interment / Inurnment
Regulations for the USMA Cemetery
*Eligibility for Interment / Inurnment
at the USMA Cemetery, West Point, NY*

A graduate of the United States Military Academy, provided he/she also:

1. Served in the U.S. Corps of Cadets as a U.S. citizen, was also a citizen at the time of death, and subsequent service in the Armed Forces of the United States, if any, terminated honorably, or

2. Served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and such service terminated honorably, or

3. Served during time of war in the Armed Forces of a nation allied with the United States during such war, provided he/she was a United States citizen at the time of entry into such service, at time of death, and provided such military service terminated honorably.

4. Persons having bona fide reservations assigned by the Superintendent under previous regulations and policies. However, eligibility of members of families of plot assignees is not automatic and must be determined on an individual basis.

5. The wife, husband, widow, widower, minor child and dependent unmarried child (including those who have never been married, widows, and divorcees) of eligible persons enumerated . . . above.

Persons who, at the time of their death, are dependents of active duty military personnel assigned to the United States Military Academy are also eligible for burial . . . Eligibility of wife or husband, established in this paragraph, is terminated by divorce.

Likewise, eligibility of widow or widower, established by this paragraph, is terminated by remarriage to a non-eligible person.

There are no cemetery charges at the West Point Cemetery.



NSO Success Stories

NOTE: Names have been changed

"We exist to help those who cannot help themselves"

And AXPOW does. When we work together for good, SUCCESS happens. Some recent "success" stories, because of AXPOW teamwork..

ELLY...read the Dear Abby column about possible POW/Widows VA benefits in a Nov. 11, 2001 newspaper. She wrote Dear Abby who sent her letter to me (writer of that Dear Abby POW Benefit letter). Elly lived in rural Pennsylvania; her husband, Dave, had died 15 years before of heart trouble, and had never been to the VA. They knew nothing of POW benefits. I called her, got a claim to the Philadelphia VARO in Feb. 2002. As a Texas NSO, I made little headway with the Philly VA, so NSO Don Lewis (who worked regularly with the Philadelphia VA) took over. They denied Elly's DIC claim more than once, but Don pushed, and finally it went to Washington DC Appeals Board where it sat. In August 2004, Secretary Anthony Principi came to Big Spring TX VAMC. I met him and presented this claim to his liaison, Jay Vargas, who looked it over, affirmed and took it to expedite. Then our Washington, DC pros got involved. Charlie Stenger chided Appeals and Les Jackson rode herd on it through the Appeals process. Elly got her widow's benefit, retroactive 2 1/2 years. I encouraged her to join AXPOW, since she was rich. She did, and called me recently to thank me and the AXPOW team. Then she said,

"I am so glad I joined. I like that magazine I get. It always makes me think of Dave." How 'bout that, Editor Cheryl!

OHLIE... in rural Iowa read POW Benefits Alert in the Sept. 2002 VFW Magazine and called me. I sent him necessary papers to start a claim. He went to his county veterans officer who knew nothing about POW presumptives. A year later, Ohlie sent papers to me and VA gave him 30% DC. He should have had 100% as he had had heart bypass surgery recently. Bob, helpful Des Moines AMVET service officer, found Ohlie had denied twice having swollen feet as a POW. Des Moines VA could not affirm his claim. Enter AXPOW JVC Robert Fletcher, of VA's POW Advisory Committee. Bob called Des Moines VARO Director and with his subtle, gentle persuasion asked him to review Ohlie's claim for 100%. Ohlie's Post Traumatic Stress put him over the top and he got his 100%. Ohlie is a happy Hawkeye. AXPOW teamwork does it again!

MRS. MERINO...Midland, TX. Her former POW husband died of cardiac arrest. Her language - Spanish only. Her income Social Security only. Her husband had been a sheepshearer. The daughter read POW License Plate Alert letter sent from Arlington AXPOW to all Texas POWs/Widows and called. DIC form and copies of the death certificate and marriage certificate were sent to Waco VARO. This 80-year-old widow has her full benefit now and ChampVA. Doubled income!

And the American Ex-POW still has much OUTREACH work to do! "...to help those who cannot help themselves".

Fred Campbell, AXPOW NSO, San Angelo, TX

PEGGY B...A friend of Peggy B contacted me and gave me a group of papers including a picture of a handsome young man holding a

chalked sign reading "90380 Stalag VIIA." The former POW died in 1999. His surviving spouse is Peggy B.

I contacted Peggy B., got her power of attorney and checked for her late husband's VA record. Not too promising: cause of death "unknown." service connected disability "pleurisy" and it was at 0%. All other records could not be located, in all probability destroyed. Peggy sent the death certificate. Cause of death: "carcinoma liver" and "carcinoma lung."

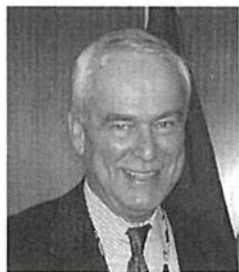
Using the Internet, I researched "pleurisy" as related to "cancer" and found several promising records giving cancer as a reason for pleurisy. With some hope, I approached Dr. James Kim, POW Physician at Salem (Virginia) VAMC. He accepted the challenge, did his own research, and found that there existed a high possibility of a link between the former POW's service-connected pleurisy and his cause of death as carcinoma of the lung.

Dr. Kim's letter reads: "I have researched the literature concerning pleurisy and have come to the conclusion that it is as likely as not that (the former POW's) pleurisy could have been symptomatic of or related to carcinoma of the lung."

Peggy's claim is "in the works," so I cannot predict the outcome. However, having worked claims since 1986, I think we will be celebrating together.

Peggy and I are both deeply indebted to Dr. Kim who took the time to research and to give his professional opinion. His work made this claim possible.

Mary Beth Brooks, AXPOW NSO, Roanoke, VA



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The Infamous Double-Edged Sword

There are various ways to say it. What goes around comes around. The back side of a double-edged sword is just as sharp as the cutting edge. There are two sides to every story.

Over the last few decades Congress and the VA have been bending over backwards for POWs. The number of diagnoses which are considered presumptive for a former POW has grown substantially. It's obvious since very few of us had anything approaching "medical records" in the POW prisons and, after decades of hassling the WWII and Korean POWs, the powers-that-be decided to make it easier for ex-POWs to file successful claims for compensation due to service-connected causes. But, as has been stressed repeatedly, don't apply fraudulently and play by the rules. The entire rating process is very complicated and there is much subjectivity allowed on the part of the rating personnel and therein lies the rub.

Since the percentage of various disabilities added up often asymptotically approach but never get to 100%, filing compensation claims is often frustrating and it's

tempting to go for IU with the idea of just cutting back on the income earned. Many are advised to get 60% and go for unemployability. But, WHOA, horse. You can't have it both ways.

The preamble to VA Form 28-8940 clearly states: ***NOTE: This is a claim for compensation benefits based on unemployability. When you complete this form you are claiming total disability because of a service-connected disability(ies) which has/have prevented you from securing or following any substantially gainful occupation. Answer all questions fully and accurately.***

And the first question on the form reinforces the preamble: ***What service-connected disability prevents you from securing or following any substantially gainful occupation?***

Recently, several ex-POWs have been notified by the VA that their individual unemployability has been rescinded since they "earned substantial income" three or four years ago. The VA checks with the IRS in a fairly simple social security number match and, if you've made more than "marginal employment" you're employable and the VA taketh away what it hath given. What's that? Nobody knows for sure but one such review came from Philadelphia and used the poverty threshold for one person.

And that's exactly what the 38 CFR 4.16 states: "For purposes of this section, marginal employment generally shall be deemed to exist when a veteran's earned annual income does not exceed the amount established by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, as the poverty threshold for one person.

In one such case, the income earned was only \$10,000 but that was deemed sufficient to remove

the unemployability, lower the total disability to below 100% and have an obviously terrible consequence to someone who'd been counting on the 100% and CRSC.

Re: the double-edged sword. Make certain you have exhausted all possibilities when filing a claim before going the IU (Individual Unemployability) route. And, if you're granted IU, don't plan on working. Otherwise you might discover that the second side of the sword is indeed much sharper than the first.

And a little fighter pilot humor... Almost Perfect

It seems that a young man volunteered for Navy service during World War II. He had such a high aptitude for aviation that he was sent right to Pensacola skipping boot camp.

The very first day at Pensacola he solos and is the best flier on the base. All they could do was give him his gold wings and assign him immediately to an aircraft carrier in the Pacific.

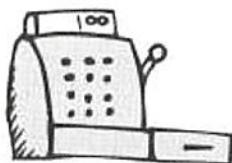
On his first day aboard he took off and single-handedly shot down 6 Japanese Zeroes. Then climbing up to 20,000 ft. he found 9 more Japanese planes and shot them all down, too.

Noting that his fuel was getting low, he descended, circled the carrier and came in for a perfect landing on the deck.

He threw back the canopy, climbed out and jogged over to the captain. Saluting smartly he said, "Well sir, how did I do on my very first day?"

The captain turned around, bowed, and replied, "You make one velly impolant mistake!"

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I cannot help but be reminded now
and then of how people react to dif-
ferent things and situations. At a
meeting a few months ago, I was
asked about where the flag was to
be displayed. After the ceremony
was over, a person dressed in full
American Legion uniform came over
and really chewed me out for being
very wrong in flag protocol. I listened,
but could stand only so much and
informed him that I cared less about
where it was as long as it was there
to be seen and appreciated.

Could not help but shed a tear when
I read an article that let it be known

we should get rid of "next of kin" and
"internees" and move our HQ to
Washington, DC. If I am remembering
right, some very precious mothers
and then family and friends started
our organization. It seems as though
some of us have forgotten about the
God-centered reasons we exist as a
very unique organization. Being
caught up with the hellishness of
mortal combat and then spending
time in an enemy POW camp taught
most of us to know what it is to sur-
vive only "by the grace of the True
and Living God". Then coming back
home knowing that God is and will
ever be in charge. And showing His
love every day in every way. We must
do the same.

Let us pray: Almighty and loving
Heavenly Father, Lord of Heaven and
earth, may what we say and do glo-
rify Your Blessed and Holy name.
Forgive us our misunderstandings.
Our selfishness. Our own desires.
Help us to look to You for guidance
as we in our own way serve you by
loving, sharing and helping those who
need a kind and helping hand. For-
give us when we fail to represent
You as we face the trials and tasks
of each and every day. Please, Lord,
remember as we do those who are

hurting in any way, those still listed
as POW/MIAs and those standing in
harm's way. May Your richest bless-
ings continue to be upon our great
nation as we seek peace on earth
and good will toward all people and
nations. AMEN.

Thought for the month: True liberty
that we fought and died for consists
of enjoying our precious rights. Not
destroying the rights of others.

**"Lord, hold our troops in
your loving hands. Pro-
tect them as they pro-
tect us. Bless them and
their families for the
selfless acts they per-
form for us in our time
of need. Amen."**

James
Navy FROGMAN

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Albares, Bill (Vernon), 80, of NE Minneapolis, MN died Dec. 25, 2004. He served as a gunner/radio operator on a B-17 during WWII. He was shot down on his second mission, captured and spent 18 months in Stalag 17B. Liberation occurred on May 1st, 1945 following a 286 mile, 18 day forced march to the American Army. He leaves behind his son, Paul, and 3 grandchildren. To the end, he was of the mindset that there was someone else worse off than himself. He will be remembered for his leadership, sound judgment and humor.

ALLEN, Andrew L. of Morrisville, VT passed away Jan. 11, 2005. He was 84 years old. During WWII, he was a gunner in the Air Force. He was a POW for 13 months in Stalag XVIIIB. Andrew is survived by his wife of 57 years, Arlene, 2 daughters, 3 sons, 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He was a life member of AXPOW and Vermont Chapter #1.

CONWAY, Thomas F., of Cranford, NJ died Jan. 2, 2005 at the age of 81. He served with the 36th Div., Company B, 141st Inf. during WWII. He was captured at the Rapido River and spent 14 months in a POW camp. He was a member of Chapter 3, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Agnes, 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

COSTIGAN, Harold E., of Blue Springs, MO died Dec. 26, 2004. He was 88. Harold was a survivor of Bataan/Corregidor, serving with the 194th Tank Battalion, Co. A. He was a member of the Heart of America Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Merle, 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

DAVES, John H., of Enterprise, AL passed away Dec. 1, 2004. He was 72. He served with the 7th Inf. Div. in Korea where he was captured and held for six months. John was a life member of AXPOW and a member of the Boll Weevil Chapter. He leaves his beloved wife of 51 years, Dorothy, 1 daughter, 1 son, 1 grandson, 3 granddaughters and 2 great-grandchildren.

DAVIS, Harold W., of Bald Knob, AR passed away Oct. 29, 2003 at 73. He served in the US Army in both Korea and Vietnam. He was assigned to the 2nd Inf. Div., 38th Field Artillery, B Battery during the Korean War, where he was captured and held 33 months. He leaves his loving wife of 49 years, Wanda, 1 daughter, 3 granddaughters, 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

FRELINGHUYSEN, Joseph, of Far Hills, New Jersey, died January 8, 2005. He was captured by a German paratrooper regiment and was held 10 months until escaping Sept. 23, 1943. He authored the book "Passages to Freedom," a book published in 1990.

GOTT, Elsie M., of Salina, KS passed away recently. Survivors include her son, Tom.

GRIFFIN, John B. Jr., age 81, of Pascagoula, MS died Sept. 1, 2004. He served with the 1340th Combat Engineers in WWII. He was captured in the Huertgen Forest battle and held until liberation. John is survived by his wife of 51 years, Martha, 4 children and 10 grandchildren.

HANEL, Kenneth G., 82, of Oil City, PA died July 5, 2003. He was captured at Kassarine Pass while serving with the 805th Anti-Tank Battalion. He was held at Villagen, Hammerstein and Moosburg. His wife, Olga, predeceased him; survivors include 1 son, 1 granddaughter and 2 great-granddaughters.

HARRIS, Theodore R., of Gresham, OR passed away in Sept. 2003. He became known as the "last man out" after the Korean War because of his stubborn patriotism. He was shot down and taken prisoner in July, 1952. He was the last POW released. Survivors include his wife, Betty.

HARTMAN, Martha Cox, 82, of Catonsville, MD died Dec. 20, 2004. Martha was a member of the Albert J. Bland Maryland North Chapter, AXPOW. Her husband, Howard, served in the 15th AF, 456th BG, 735th BS. He was held in Stalag Luft I, Barth. Other survivors include 2 daughters, 1 son, 1 brother and 8 grandchildren.

HELSABECK, David Sr., of Rock Hill, SC passed away Aug. 16, 2004 at the age of 83. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII, flying 23 missions before his B-17 was shot down over Germany. He was the widower of Dorothy Lee. 3 sons, 2 brothers, 1 sister and 4 grandchildren survive him.

HENDRICK, Harry B., of Antigo, Wisconsin, died October 11, 2004. Harry served with Co F, 309th Reg., 78th Div. and was held in Stalags 12A and 9B. He was a member of the Central Wisconsin Chapter. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine.

HENSON, William C., 79, of Spring Hill, FL passed away July 13, 2004. He was a member of FL Chapter #1, AXPOW. During WWII, he served with the 37th Tank Battalion, Co., C. Later he joined the 4th Armored Div. He was a POW in Stalag 7A. He leaves his loving wife of 54 years, Mildred (Nancy), 3 sisters and 1 brother.

JEHLEN, WILLIAM, 81 of Singer Island, Florida died on December 8, 2004 after an extended illness. He served with the Air Corps in World War II and was a radio Operator/Gunner in the 8th Air Force, 95th

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Bomb Group. He was shot down on his 7th mission and became a German POW in Stalag 7A and Stalag 17B for 20 Months. He was a life member of the American Ex-Prisoners of war and the Suncoast Chapter.

KNOWER, Edward "Jake" Jr., a member of the South LA Chapter, AXPOW passed away Jan. 1, 2005. He was 89 years old. Jake was a gunner in the AAC during WWII. He was a POW in Stalag 7A and 17B for more than two years. He leaves 3 daughters, 1 sister and 1 granddaughter.

LADIG, Lavinia Rubyalid, 83, of Colorado Springs, CO passed away Dec. 29, 2004. Lavinia was an active member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter and Dept. of Colorado, AXPOW. Her husband, Robert, predeceased her; he was a POW in Luft 111 during WWII. She is survived by two sons and two sisters.

LEAZER, Roy E., of Salisbury, NC passed away April 23, 2000. During WWII, he served with the 376th Inf., 94th Div., Co. K. He was held in 10B, 10C and 12A. Survivors include one son, Ken.

LIS, Chester, member of the Western New York Chapter, AXPOW, died Sept. 10, 2004. He was a member of the 80th Division. He was a POW in Stalags XIIA and IIIA. He is survived by his wife Eleanore.

MARSHALL, Harley R., 82, of Van Wert, OH died Dec. 2004. He served in the Army with the 99th Inf. Div., 3rd Bn., 394th Inf. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and was a POW in Stalags XIIID, XIIIC and VIIA. He was a charter member of the Northwest Central Ohio Chapter #7, AXPOW. He leaves his beloved wife, Mary, 2 daughters, 1 brother, 1 sister and 4 grandchildren.

MATTHEWS, John Daniel, of Birmingham AL passed away Dec. 8, 2004. He served as a tail gunner on a B-24 with the AF, 450th BG, 723rd BS. He was shot down over Roma-

nia in 1944. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, 2 daughters, 2 sisters and 4 grandchildren.

MILBRODT, George L., 83, of Sioux City, IA passed away October 23, 2004. He was a member of the Tri-State Chapter. He served with the 106th Inf. Div. during WWII and was captured during the Battle of the Bulge, Dec. 19, 1944. He spent six months as a POW in Germany. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie, 1 son, 4 daughters, 1 stepdaughter, 1 stepson, 14 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 1 step-great-grandchild, 2 brothers and 5 sisters.

MOIR, David Jr., 84, of Norwood, MA, passed away January 6, 2005. During WW II he served with the 12th AF, 310 BG, 380th BS as a B-25 pilot in the Mediterranean TO. He was shot down by flak over the Sicilian Channel and taken prisoner on 23 Feb 43. He was liberated after 26 months from Luft III by 3rd Army, 29 Apr 45. Predeceased by his beloved wife Ethel, and survived by one daughter and one grandson.

MONLUX, Harold DeLoss, of Tulsa, OK passed away Jan. 6, 2005. He was a member of the Tulsa, OK Chapter, AXPOW. Harold served in Vietnam with the 559th TAC FS, stationed in Cam Rahn Bay, South Vietnam. He was shot down on Nov. 11, 1966 and was a POW in Hanoi for 6 years and 4 months. Harold is survived by his mother, his wife of 41 years, Carol Lynn, 1 daughter and 2 grandchildren.

MORROW, Thomas H., 83, of Lancaster, OH passed away Nov. 22, 2004. Tom was a member of the Fairfield Barbwire Assn., Chapter 4, AXPOW. He was a past state commander, past chapter commander and past chapter treasurer. Serving with the 45th Inf., 44th Div. in France, he was captured and held for 10 months in Germany. Tom is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Eleanora, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 3 step-children and 5 grandchildren

NAWROCKI, Alexander, a member of the Western New York Chapter,

AXPOW, died Oct. 19, 2004. Serving with the AAF during WWII, he was shot down over Hanover and held in Germany for two months. He is survived by his wife, Rose Marie and 1 son.

PARKER, Ruth E., loving wife of Ex-POW Eugene E. Parker, passed away on Jan. 5, 2005. She was born on March 18, 1923 in Brocton, New York and grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio. She married Eugene E. Parker on April 27, 1946, in Cincinnati. She was a life member of AXPOW - #1838. Along with her husband, survivors include a daughter, two sons, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

PATTERSON, John R., 89, of Springfield, MA died Nov. 1, 2004. Jack served with the 4th Division during WWII. He was captured in Feb. 1945 and held until liberation. He was a member of AXPOW. Jack was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Mary, 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

PEARSON, Raleigh H. Jr., age 82, died Nov. 10, 2004. While serving in the Army with the 106th Infantry, he was captured in the Battle of the Bulge. Camps included Stalag 9B, Bad Orb. He leaves his wife, Glenice, 2 daughters, 3 step-children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

PEPPE, Isadore, died on January 7, 2005 at the age of 79 in Lakewood, Washington. He was a member of HQ Battery, 52nd Field Artillery Battalion, 24th Inf. Div. He was captured on July 5, 1950 in Korea. He leaves behind his devoted wife Haechung (Okee), one son and two daughters. He was a long time member of AXPOW and a member of the Tacoma, Washington Chapter.

PHILLIPS, Frank P., age 83, of Ft. Myers, FL died July 13, 2004. He served with the 8th AF, 44th BG, 506th BS as a radio-aerial gunner on a B-

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24. He was shot down over France and held at various Lufts until liberation. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia, 1 daughter, 2 step-daughters, 3 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 1 sister.

RICHARDS, Valmore "Val" J., of North Oxford, MA passed away Sept. 29, 2004. He was 84. Val served with the 1st Div., E Co., 16th Inf. He was captured in North Africa and spent 25 months in POW camps - including Stalag Luft 3. Val was a member of Central MA Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Robea, 2 sons, one brother, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

ROSE, Ella May, 73, Lawrence, IN, beloved wife of National Director Leonard, passed away Jan. 21, 2005.



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RUSSELL, Marvin C., of Green Forest, AR, died June 28, 2004. He was 84. Marvin was serving in the Philippines when he was captured. He spent 3 1/2 years in Bilibid Prison in Manila. He is survived by his wife, Laverne, 1 son, 1 daughter, 2 brothers, 1 sister, 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

SCALZO, Salvatore "Sal", of Secaucus, New Jersey, died December 9, 2004. He served with the 106th Inf., 422nd Medical Detachment. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held in Stalag 4B. An active member of Garden State Chapters 1 & 3, he is survived by his wife, Grace.

SCHWARTZ, Abraham, of Florida's Peace River Chapter died November 27, 2004. From Port Charlotte, FL, he was with the 95th Inf., US Army. He was a POW in Germany, one of the "Iron men of Metz". He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary, 1 son, 4 daughters, 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

SEGEL, Ronald Ralph, of Los Angeles, CA passed away Jan. 12, 2004. He was captured while serving in the 42nd Rainbow Infantry Division in Alsace, France. He was an NSO with AXPOW. Survivors include his brother, Donald. He and Donald were the only pair of twins captured together during WWII.

SHELTON, Newbill P. "Bill", 86, died December 15, 2004 at his home in Wickliffe (Cleveland) Ohio. He served in H Company, 157th Infantry, 45th Division and participated in the invasions of Sicily and Salerno. He was captured at Anzio in February, 1944 and held at Stalag 7A until May, 1945, when the camp was liberated by the Russians. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Nancy, two sons and four grandsons.

SHRECKENGOST, Thelma M., 79, of Milear, OH, passed away Dec. 20, 2004. She was a member of the Mahoning Valley Chapter, AXPOW. She is survived by her son, Rick, 1 sister, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ex-POW Clarence.

SZERSZEN, Alfons P. "Whitey", age 82, of Trumbull, CT died Jan. 2, 2005. He served with Co. C, 26th Inf., 1st Div. He was captured in Africa and held at Stalags 2B, 3B, 7A and PG66. Whitey was a life member of the Connecticut Chapter, AXPOW. He was predeceased by his wife, Rose;

survivors include 1 daughter, 1 son, 2 grandchildren, 1 brother and 2 sisters.

WINTTER, Archie Herman, age 84, of Bessemer, AL, died January 10, 2005. He was a WWII veteran in the 15th AF. He was a POW in Germany in Stalag Luft 4. He is survived by his wife, Eloise, a daughter, a son, grandchildren, and a brother. He was a member of American Ex-Prisoners of War.

YORK, Franklin F., 82, of Greencastle, Indiana died November 17, 2004 in Sebring, Florida. He served in the Air Force during World War II, flying out of England on a B-17. He was shot down over Germany and became a prisoner of war. He was a member of the West Central Indiana Chapter of AXPOW. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Myrdell, a daughter, two sons, two sisters, 8 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

ZUKOWSKI, Chester S., a member of the Western New York Chapter, AXPOW, died Nov. 4, 2004. He served with the 15th AF, 450th BG during WWII. He was a prisoner in three POW camps in Germany. He leaves his wife, Ruth, and 1 son.

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When you awaken in the
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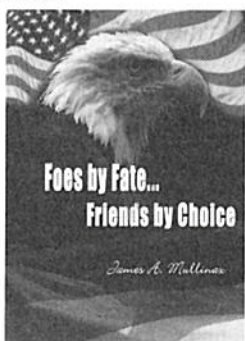
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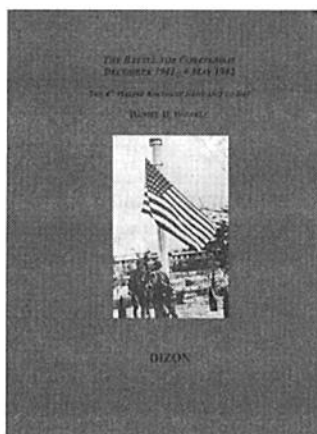
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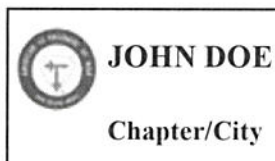
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