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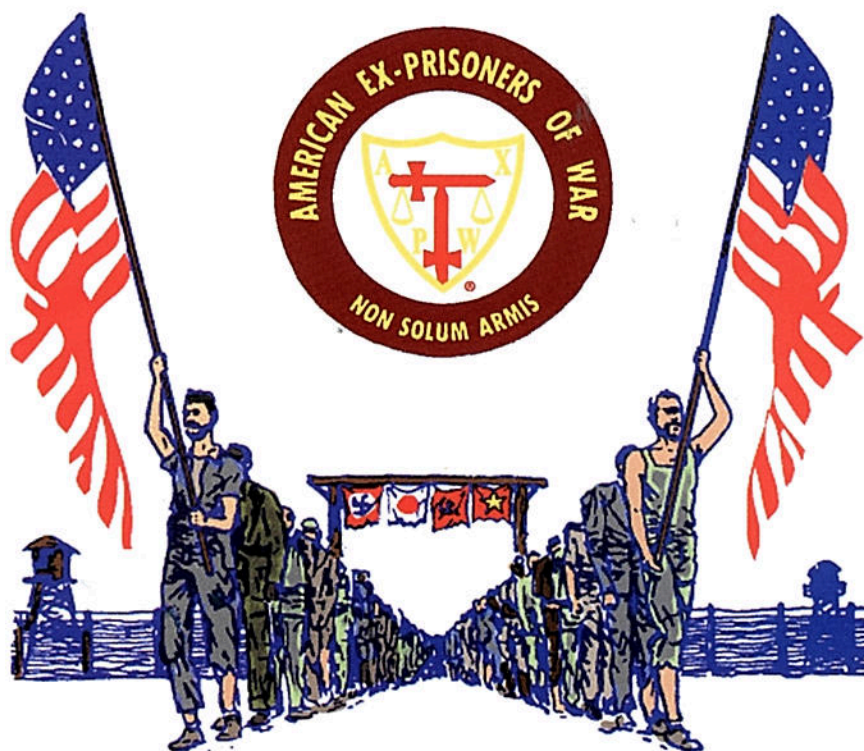
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NSO success stories...and more*

national commander



James Cooper

This will be my last column as National Commander. By the time you read this, our National Convention in Denver will be nearly over

and we will have elected a new National Commander.

It has been my distinct honor and pleasure to represent the American Ex-Prisoner of War Organization this past year. Both Chonita and I were blessed by the warm welcome we received as we traveled across the country representing AXPOW. We visited with chapter and department members who don't make it to National events. In every case, we were received with friendship. I know it was those who supported me that made me look good.....from our Board and Officers, Committees, National Headquarters, Bulle-

tin Editor and many others. I especially want to thank PNC Maurice Sharp for his wisdom and guidance throughout the year. Thank you to those who questioned and disagreed with me; I learned something from them as well.

If we want our great organization to continue, we must make every effort to work together. Our shared experiences as POWs, our loving families and friends have helped us accomplish great things in the past. With harmony and consideration, we can continue.

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The National Commander and the Board of Directors of
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From the Editor~

As I was finishing up this month's Bulletin, horrific images were coming out of the Gulf in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Louisiana...Mississippi...Alabama...whole cities destroyed. And unlike four years ago, there was no handy terrorist target on which to vent our grief and frustrations. We have chapters in the area...friends and family...all out of reach. Frankie Petty is safe in Georgia. Sandi Beaudoin is in Mobile, but her momma was in a nursing home in Biloxi - one of the hardest hit areas. We haven't heard word about Sid and Belle Hecker and the hundreds of others who were in the wake of the storm.

We can only hope they made it to safety.

Then, too, there are the thousands others who we may not know personally - parents and children who were evacuated to other states. Their grief and fear is etched on their faces as television cameras bring the devastation home to the world.

No matter what our differences...no matter what our beliefs...please pray for them all.

Cheryl

Front Cover: New Orleans, LA, August 31, 2005 - Members of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Force begin their mission to assist residents affected by Hurricane Katrina. New Orleans is being evacuated due to flooding caused by hurricane Katrina.

Photo by Jocelyn Augustino/FEMA

CORRECTION:

BYRNE, John (Jack), formerly of Detroit, MI, now of Punta Gorda, FL died June 20, 2005. He was 84 years old. During WWII he served with the 376th BG (Heavy), 515th BS, stationed in Italy. After being shot down, he spent 15 months in Luft 1. He was a member of the Peace River Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Shirley, 1 daughter, 1 son and 6 grandchildren.

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Gerald Harvey

Our National AXPOW Convention is upon us. I hope to see you there. Denver is in a beautiful part of our nation. I hope you will have a chance to do some sight seeing.

At the last four department conventions that I have attended, it was obvious that we are all getting older and we are finding it difficult to find officers to do the necessary jobs. We are recycling more people all of the time. If present or former officers are willing to fill an office, vote for them. If necessary, combine or eliminate some of the jobs.

I am trying to make it easier for you to get in touch with me when you need to.

national adjutant



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When you read this, our National Convention in Denver, CO will be nearly over. New officers will have been elected, and they will be charged with working for the good

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(1) 660-827-2178 is my telephone number. This is a direct line and has an answering machine.

(2) 660-826-7801 - **This is a new number.** It is a direct line that goes only to the fax machine.

(3) My Email address is gereun@iland.net. We have a spam and virus filter that causes the computer to reject some email. Questionable mail may go to the Spam Box for us to decide if we want to open it. We do not open forwarded mail even if we know who it is from. We do not know where it came from. There are some enclosures that our computer can not open. This is usually because we do not have the software in which it is written.

(4) If all of these fail because we are not at home, contact headquarters at 817-649-2979. When I am away, they will know where I am and how to get in touch with me.

I want you to share with me your needs and those of your chapter and your state department.

of our organization and our members. Seek them out as they travel throughout the country. Ask questions. And thank them for their service to AXPOW. Their dedication and spirit of volunteerism keeps us strong.

As this is being written, a devastating Act of God in the form of Hurricane Katrina has virtually destroyed sections of the country. Family, friends and members lost everything - in some cases, even their lives. Please keep them in your prayers as they rebuild. If you know of anyone who was affected, please drop us a line to let us know if they are safe. Frankie Petty and Sandi Beaudoin managed to get out in time; we haven't heard from many others. We received word from our direct mail house that the 2006 calendars cannot be mailed to zip

The Heart of America Chapter which has both Kansas and Missouri members meets in Kansas City, Missouri. They have recently set up a chapter web site. Their web address is www.heartofamericapow.com. They are interested in knowing if other chapters or departments have web sites. If you do, let others know. Many of our people use the internet and this is a good way to learn about other chapters and what they are doing. The contact person for the Heart of America web site is George Lesko, phone 816-246-0022, email george@georgelesko.com. You can also get a lot of information about our national organization on the official AXPOW web site. That address is www.axpow.org.

Let's all hang in there and keep on going. We have a great organization. Every day we have remaining is a great day.

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codes in the affected areas. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families.

If you are an annual member, please get your dues in for next year. The January 2006 issue of the Ex-POW Bulletin will be your last issue if you have not renewed your dues.

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*"Welcome to America, folks!"
"You are now on U.S. soil!"*

With this wonderful refreshing welcome, we stepped on the property of the United States Embassy in Manila, the guests of Ambassador Francis Ricciardoni and his staff.

The fifty something group of ex-internees, POWs, liberators and veterans with family members, were in Manila for the 60th Anniversary of the Battle for Manila. We were thrilled with our invitation and our tour was a surprising and fulfilling journey into the past.

The forerunner of the U.S. Embassy in Manila was the American High Commission Office built on this same property on Manila Bay - an outstanding edifice on the famous Dewey Blvd..

Completed in 1940, it stood, without apology, as an American Federal Government building, as American in character as it could be. It was built as a modern development of the old colonial design, suggesting strength, dignity, stability and purity of line. Referred to as "indestructible" of fire, typhoon, earthquake and bombing, she was a queen among the grandest of dames. To the U.S. High Commissioner, Frances P. Sayre, it was simply called, "The House."

On this day, as we strolled these cool halls in this magnificent structure worthily representing American presence and influence in this our adopted country, we were learning many things.

Just last year, The Embassy saw fit to dedicate some rooms of historical presence at "the house," by paying tribute to four extraordinary civilian individuals. We'll talk about two of them this month; the next issue will complete the tribute.

In choosing them, the staff considered three criteria. Since this is the U.S. Embassy, they had to be American. Secondly they wanted those selected to be great Americans, not famous ones. They wanted to honor those who were not as well known as General MacArthur, but none the less deserving of this great recognition.

Lastly, they wanted these individuals to have a special connection and bond to the Philippines.

When we arrived at this elegant, but simply appointed ball room, we were reminded of great people in time who graced these Romblon halls. Many Presidents, high Military heroes, artists of note, literary geniuses, sports figures and common men have passed through. Here too was the sight of General Yamashita's famous war trial, ultimately sentencing him to death. Today, we learn, this historical ball room has been dedicated to a civilian, well known for his heroic deeds during WWII.

"Chick Parsons."

Charles Parsons, Jr. (Chick) came from America to the Philippines in his fifth year. Throughout his adult years his highly developed business interests took him on an extensive journey in his newly adopted country making Chick the reigning expert on Philippine history and lore.

On the start of WWII, he and his family managed to get back to the United States. But, Chick couldn't sit still. He had to get back to the Philippines and volunteered to return. His numerous secret submarine missions and vast knowledge of the intimacies of the Philippines was a plus in his return. His net-

working with local contacts enabled Chick to support and communicate effectively with country wide guerrilla units. Chick was a household word in the Far East and in the annals of U.S. history. He is a strong reminder of those heroes of WWII who selflessly gave to two countries. After the war, he continued his businesses in his beloved Philippines where he chose to live out his life.

Claire Phillips - "High Pockets."

When Manila was under the Japanese Imperial Army in 1942, a woman by the name of Claire Phillips owned and operated a cabaret not far from the High Commissioner's Office, named, "Club Tsubaki." To save the man she loved, and with a burning desire to be part of the war effort, Claire immediately switched gears forward. Her determination to extract valuable information from the enemy and pass it on to U.S. intelligence and Filipino guerrillas, was paramount.

Using her club to spy on the Japanese customers proved to be a huge bonus for the war effort. She dipped deep in the well of information Tsubaki afforded her, thus she accomplished much and was known by her code name, "High Pockets." This code name was bestowed upon Claire as a euphemism for her brassiere, where she would hide coded messages.

Her double life eventually caught up with her when she was arrested and tortured by her captors.

After the war, Claire co-authored a book about her war time experiences and later her book was dramatized into a movie of note. We found ourselves in the prestigious Claire Phillips Room which stands today as the Chancery Conference Room.

to be continued...

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on capitol hill



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I remember Peter Jennings. I remember our conversations when I spent the better part of a day with him over a year ago while we were taping an interview about prisoners held at Guantanamo Bay. I remember how impressed I was with his knowledge of the Geneva Conventions and most particularly his knowledge of The American Ex-Prisoners of War; so much so, at one point I commented, "You certainly did your homework. Where did you learn about our organization?" His quick reply, "The Internet." "Of course", I muttered. Because he felt this subject was of such great importance, he was not going to cover it in his evening broadcast World News Tonight". He was going to expand it into a full one-hour special. He went on to say that the European media was giving it much more coverage than the American press and television and he was going to do a little "catching up" with an in-depth study of the situation.

He was thorough. He asked tough questions. He was as prepared as he could possibly be. He was completely familiar with the Supreme Court cases. He was familiar with all 24 *Amici Curiae* (Friend of the Court) briefs that had been filed on behalf of the prisoners, especially mine. He was tough. He would read a passage from my brief, then look me right in the eye and say "What did you mean by that?" Or "Why do you believe that?" He wanted to

get inside my head, and he did. With all his toughness, he was the consummate gentleman, careful not to offend but determined to "get the story". That is the hallmark of a professional. When we were done, he invited me to join him and his producer for lunch at Kincade's, a nearby restaurant, which was much more relaxed indulging in small talk and a hamburger.

Over the next few days as the footage was being edited, the producer kept me posted. After about the third phone call, I was told "The Guantanamo story just got hotter with the disclosure of allegations of mistreatment and torture of some of those prisoners." To make room for bigger, more timely news, I ended up on the cutting room floor. Peter Jennings not only knew where the news was, but also where it was going to be. He was working on this story before it broke.

Our organization is The American Ex-Prisoners of War and the care and welfare of American former POWs is our primary thrust, but that does not preclude us from coming to the assistance of POWs of other nations where we may be able to help. We did just that with a group of Moroccan POWs (See page 8, July Bulletin). Hundreds of Moroccan soldiers who had been held as prisoners of war for decades were returning home. The first of two US military chartered aircraft brought 404 former prisoners of war to freedom. The second filled to capacity followed a day later, August 19. They were being flown home under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross. The transfer

was overseen by Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The next day, Johnnie told me to take the call on line #1; it is the Moroccan Embassy. "Mr. Jackson, Ambassador Mekouar wishes to speak with you". He was a most gracious gentleman as you would expect an Ambassador to be. His extreme happiness came through the phone, not only in words but the joy with which he spoke them. He thanked The American Ex-Prisoners of War for the part we played in getting his people released. It is a great boost when a Service Officer receives thanks for a job well done on an individual claim. I call that "psychic income". What is it when a whole Nation gives you thanks?

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Rachel Brink, the Former Prisoner of War Co-ordinator of James Haley V.A. in Tampa has informed us of the following:

The newest patient medical record software CPRS (Computerized Patient Record System), is being utilized now by VA Hospitals and Clinics nationwide.

This software system allows physicians and other clinicians to have instant access to all patient information, including progress notes, x-rays, labs, medications, etc. Patient medical records from other VA facilities can be accessed as well. This will hopefully prevent the loss of valuable patient information and will eventually replace the need to mail patient records when veterans transfer from one facility to another.

As remarkable as this system is, it is bound to have some difficulties.

One of the problems is that there is a limited amount of administrative information that can be accessed at this time.

For veterans that are 60% or 70% service-connected with Individual Unemployability, their IU designation is not included. Therefore, when accessing their record, it may appear they are not 100% service-connected. This is

particularly important to those individuals who are 60% Plus IU, as they may appear to not be eligible for certain benefits, including long-term care. It is important to be aware of this shortcoming in the system, so if a former POW is questioned about his level of compensation, he may direct the care provider to check the older patient record software program, VISTA. VISTA does include all registration information, including the IU designation.

Rachel also informed us, shortly the new V.A. cards being issued will be able to include "POW" under your photo as well as "service-connected."

Some other points I have received questions about:

1) The check which is deposited on the 1st of every month, whether for the veteran or a widow, is for the previous month. Therefore, if a veteran dies on the 3rd of the month, for example, this check does not have to be returned to the VA as it was for the previous month and he was alive on the 1st of the month when the check was received or direct-deposited.

2) Nursing Care - veterans with at least 70% service connected compensation or at least 60% with Individual Unemployability are entitled to nursing care with a VA contracted nursing home. To access the list of eligible nursing homes in your area, ask the Former POW Co-ordinator or a Social Worker at the nearest VA Medical Center or Outpatient Clinic.

3) SBP, Survivors Benefit Protection - Those widows whose husbands were retired military and paying for SBP for them and are then awarded DIC from the V.A., are entitled to a full refund of the premiums their husbands paid for SPB. This refund will be subject to taxes.

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

Agent Orange and type 2 diabetes

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes. In type 2 diabetes, either the body does not produce enough insulin or the cells ignore the insulin. Insulin is necessary for the body to be able to use sugar. Sugar is the basic fuel for the cells in the body, and insulin takes the sugar from the blood into the cells. When glucose builds up in the blood instead of going into cells, it can cause two problems:

- Right away, your cells may be starved for energy.

- Over time, high blood glucose levels may hurt your eyes, kidneys, nerves or heart.

Finding out you have diabetes can be frightening. But don't panic. Type 2 diabetes is serious, but people with diabetes can live long, healthy, happy lives.

Vietnam veterans with type 2 diabetes are eligible for disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) based on their presumed exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides.

In 2000, the VA added type 2 diabetes to the list of "presumptive diseases associated with herbicide exposure." That action followed a report from the National Academy of Sciences that found "limited/suggestive" evidence of an association

between the chemicals used in herbicides during the Vietnam War, such as Agent Orange, and type 2 diabetes.

The evidence of a link between exposure to Agent Orange (or dioxin, the problematic contaminant in Agent Orange) and diabetes is modest. Most of the association between Agent Orange and diabetes comes from studies of people who lived near or worked at manufacturing plants that produced large quantities of Agent Orange dioxin.

In those cases, there appears to be some relationship between Agent Orange exposure and increased insulin resistance, the precursor to type 2 diabetes.

In general the exposure that Vietnam veterans had to Agent Orange was much less than in the populations studied by scientists. Still, the VA has added diabetes to the list of conditions for which Vietnam veterans are eligible for disability compensation.

What is Agent Orange and what is dioxin?

Agent Orange was a herbicide used in Vietnam to kill unwanted plants and to remove leaves from trees which otherwise provided cover for the enemy. In the 1970s some veterans became concerned that exposure to Agent Orange might cause delayed health effects. The concern about Agent Orange focuses not on the active ingredient, an herbicide with little or no effect on animals, but on a trace contami-

nant in the herbicide, dioxin. Studies have shown that dioxin and dioxin-like compounds (DLCs) can cause a variety of illnesses in laboratory animals. More recent studies have suggested that the chemical may be related to a number of types of cancer and other disorders.

In 1978, the Veterans Administration set up the Agent Orange Registry health examination program for Vietnam veterans who were concerned about the possible long-term medical effects of exposure to Agent Orange. Vietnam veterans who are interested in participating in this Agent Orange program should contact the nearest VA medical center for an examination.

Veterans who participate in the Agent Orange examination program are asked a series of questions about their possible exposure to herbicides or Agent Orange in Vietnam. A medical history is taken, a physical examination is performed, and there is a series of basic laboratory tests.

If medically required, consultations with other health specialists are scheduled. However, no special Agent Orange tests are offered since there is no test to show if any individual veteran's medical problem was caused by Agent Orange or other herbicides used in Vietnam.

There are tests that show body dioxin levels, but such tests are not done by the VA because there is a serious question about their value to veterans. The VA simply makes a presumption of Agent Orange exposure for Vietnam veterans.

In its 1994 report on Agent Orange, the National Academy of Sciences

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(NAS) concluded that individual dioxin levels in Vietnam veterans are usually not meaningful because of background exposures to dioxin, poorly understood variations among individuals in dioxin metabolism, relatively large measurement errors, and exposure to herbicides that did not contain dioxin.

Benefits of the Agent Orange examination

The veteran is informed of the results of the Agent Orange examination during a personal interview and gets a follow-up letter further describing the findings. Each veteran is given the opportunity to ask for an explanation and advice. Where medically necessary, a follow-up examination or additional laboratory tests are scheduled. The examination and tests sometime reveal previously undetected medical problems.

These discoveries permit veterans to get prompt treatment for their illnesses. Some veterans feel they are in good health, but are worried that exposure to Agent Orange and other substances may have caused some hidden illness. The knowledge that a complete medical examination does not show any problems can be reassuring or helpful to Registry participants. All examination and test results are kept in the veteran's permanent medical record. These data are entered into the VA Agent Orange Registry.

Vietnam veterans can get medical treatment for Agent Orange-related illnesses. Under Section 102, Public Law 104-262, the Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996, the VA shall furnish hospital care and medical services, and may furnish nursing home care to veterans exposed to herbicides in Vietnam. There are some restrictions. The VA

cannot provide such care for a 1) disability which VA determines did not result from exposure to Agent Orange, or 2) disease which the NAS has determined that there is "limited/suggestive" evidence of **no** association between occurrence of the disease and exposure to a herbicide agent.

The VA pays disability compensation to Vietnam veterans with injuries or illnesses incurred in or aggravated by their military service. Veterans do not have to prove that Agent Orange caused their medical problems to be eligible for compensation. Rather, the VA must determine that the disability is "service-connected."

A Veterans Services Representative, at a VA medical center or regional office, can explain the compensation program in greater detail and assist veterans who need help in applying. For more information about the VA's Agent Orange Program, call the toll-free helpline 1-800-749-8387. For disability compensation program information, call toll-free 1-800-827-1000.

We would encourage any veteran with in-country Vietnam service and diagnosed diabetes mellitus to contact his or her local VA office for information and assistance on applying for benefits. Or you may apply: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>.

Compensation & Pension Examination

Diabetes Mellitus

When a Diabetes Mellitus examination is requested, begin with this worksheet. For each diabetic complication manifested by the veteran, complete appropriate additional worksheets.

Chronic complications from diabetes include vascular and nonvascular complications. Vascular complications include microvascular (eye disease, neuropathy, nephropathy) and macrovascular complications (coronary artery disease, peripheral vascular disease, cerebrovascular disease). Nonvascular complications include gastroparesis, sexual dysfunction, and skin changes.

Reference: Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine, 2001, page 2119.

A. Review of Medical Records:

B. Medical History (Subjective Complaints):

As pertains to Diabetes Mellitus or its complications, comment on:

1. Age of onset.
2. Frequency of ketoacidosis or hypoglycemic reactions.
3. Hospitalizations per year for ketoacidosis or hypoglycemic reactions.
4. Restricted diet.
5. Weight loss or gain since last exam.
6. Describe any restriction of activities on account of the diabetes (e.g., avoiding strenuous activity to prevent hypoglycemic reactions).
7. Treatment - oral hypoglycemic, insulin (frequency of injections).
8. Frequency of visits to diabetic care provider.
9. Other symptoms, such as anal pruritus, loss of strength.

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10. Visual problems
Refer to examination worksheet: Eye examination, if indicated.
11. Vascular (including hypertension, if appropriate) or cardiac symptoms.
Refer to examination worksheet(s): Hypertension, Heart, Arteries, Veins, and Misc., etc., if indicated.
12. Neurologic symptoms.
Refer to examination worksheets(s): Peripheral Nerves, etc., if indicated.
13. Bladder or bowel functional impairments.
Refer to examination worksheets(s): Genitourinary, Rectum and Anus exam, etc., if indicated.

C. Physical Examination (Objective Findings):

Assess for chronic complications of diabetes mellitus. Complete appropriate additional worksheets.

1. Cardiovascular examination to include blood pressure and status of peripheral arteries, presence of peripheral edema.
2. Neurologic examination.
3. Eye examination.
4. Skin examination.
5. Examination of extremities, including feet.

D. Diagnostic and Clinical Tests:

Provide:

1. Fasting blood sugars, or other laboratory evaluation

if necessary to establish the diagnosis.

2. Blood sugars.
3. Evaluation for kidney function including: urinalysis with urine for microalbuminuria; blood urea nitrogen (BUN) and creatinine (Cr).
4. Include results of all diagnostic and clinical tests conducted in the examination report.

E. Diagnosis:

1. State whether the veteran has diabetes mellitus. Indicate type.
2. Specifically list each identified complication of the veteran's diabetes. Indicate these conditions as "complications of the veteran's diabetes". If the veteran has peripheral edema, indicate whether it is a consequence of diabetic kidney disease or other non-diabetic related etiology.
3. For each identified complication of the veteran's diabetes, provide a brief rationale for your conclusion. You may base your rationale on such things as the duration of the veteran's diabetes, whether the veteran's diabetes has been poorly controlled, the onset of the condition that you deem to be a complication of the veteran's diabetes in relation to the onset of the veteran's diabetes, the severity of the complication, or anything else you consider relevant.

4. Where the veteran has visual impairment, cardiovascular disease (including hypertension), kidney disease, neurologic disease, ampu-

tations, or any other disabilities which, in your opinion, are not complications of the veteran's diabetes, please state so and provide a supporting rationale as to the basis for your conclusion.

5. Where the veteran has a condition that is worsened or increased by the veteran's diabetes but is not a diabetic complication, discuss the relationship between the condition and the veteran's diabetes. In particular, discuss what the degree of disability is of the condition over and above the degree of disability that existed prior to aggravation/worsening by the diabetes. Provide your rationale. Indicate if this is not possible to do without resorting to speculation.

Could you have diabetes and not know it? There are 18.2 million Americans with diabetes - and nearly one-third of them (or 5.2 million people) don't know it! Take this test to see if you are at risk for having diabetes. To find out if you are at risk, write in 5 points next to each statement that is true for you. If a statement is *not* true, write a zero. Then add **all the points to get your total score.**

My weight is equal to or above that listed as normal for my age and bone structure?

I am under 65 years of age and I get little or no exercise during a usual day?

I am between 45 and 64 years of age?

I am 65 years old or older?

I am a woman who has had a baby weighing more than nine pounds at birth?

I have a sister or brother with diabetes?

I have a parent with diabetes?

TOTAL: Scoring 10 or more points **You are at greater risk for having diabetes. Only your health care provider can determine if you have diabetes. At your next office visit, find out for sure.**

POW MEDSEARCH CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

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

JAPANESE CAMPS	DONATIONS
Akenobe #6	\$.70
Batavia, Java	.90
Beppa	.50
Bilibid Prison	1.30
Bridge House Jail, China	.50
Burma	.40
Cabanatuan #1	.50
Cabanatuan #3	2.10
Camp O'Donnell	.60
Changi, Singapore	.70
D 12, Hitachi	.90
Davao Penal Colony	.70
Fengtai, China	.50
Fukuoka #1	.90
Fukuoka #2	.90
Fukuoka #3	.90
Fukuoka #10	.70
Fukuoka #11	.50
Fukuoka #17	.70
Fukuoka #22	.70
Hakodate Branch Camp #2	.70
Hoten, Juken, Manchuria	.70
Initial Phase - Philippines	1.10
Jinsen, Korea	.50
Kiangwan, China	.70
Manila, Port Area	.40
Mitushima, Tokyo Camp #2-D	.70
Makaishima, Honshu	.70
Mukden, Manchuria (temporary)	.50
Nakhon Pathom, Thailand	.50
Naval POW Camp, Shanghai	.40
Notogawa #9-B	.50
October Ship (Hellship)	.90
Omine	.50
Osaka #3, Oeyama	.70
Osaka #5-B	.70
Osaka #12-B	.70
Osaka Group, Sakurajima, Osaka	.70
Palawan Barracks	.90
Rangoon Prison, Burma	.90
Roku Poshi	.70
Saigon POW Camp,	.50
French Indo-China	.70
Sendai Camp #6, Hanawa	.50
Sendai Camp #11	.50

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Southeast Asia-Saigon, Port Area	.50
SS Oryuku Maru (Hellship)	.90
Sumatra	.90
Thailand (Siam)	.50
Tientsin, China	.40
Umeda Bonshu	.70
Utashinai, Hokkaido	.50
War Road Jail, China	.50
Woosung	.50
Zentsuji Headquarters	1.10
Taiwan Formosa, includes Camps 31,	
Taihoku: Camp V, Taihoku: Camp VI,	
Taihoku, Kinkaseki: Camp II, Taichu:	
Camp III, Heito: Camp IV, Kagi & Tako	2.10

GERMAN CAMPS

Camp Conditions (general)	.70
Dulag Luft	.40
Hohemark Hospital & Luckenwalde	.90
Marlag und Milag Nord	.90
Oflag 13-B	1.50
Oflag 64	
Reserve-Lazaret Obermassfeld	.70
(the orthopedic hospital)	
Rumania	.50
Stalag 2-B	1.50
Stalag 3-B	1.70
Stalag 7-A	1.50
Stalag 9-B	1.10
Stalag 17-B	1.50
Stalag Luft 1	1.50
Stalag Luft 3	1.50
Stalag Luft 4	.40
Stalag Luft 6	.40
Transit Camp - Section of Dulag Luft	1.10
German Orders Governing Prisoners	
of War in Europe	2.30

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POW/MIAs - Vietnam War

Of the 88,000 Americans missing in action from all conflicts, 1,815 are from the Vietnam War, with 1,381 of those within the country of Vietnam. Another 768 Americans have been accounted for in Southeast Asia since the end of the war. Of those, 540 are from within Vietnam.

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced the identification of the remains of 12 U.S. servicemen missing in action from the Vietnam War. Five of those identified are being returned to their families for burial, and the remaining seven will be buried as a group in Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington, D.C.

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The men who were individually identified are: Cpl. Gerald E. King, of Knoxville, Tenn.; Lance Cpls. Joseph F. Cook, of Foxboro, Mass.; Raymond T. Heyne, of Mason, Wis.; Donald W. Mitchell, of Princeton, Ky.; and Thomas W. Fritsch, of Cromwell, Conn., all of the U.S. Marine Corps. Additional group remains are those of: Pfc. Thomas J. Blackman, of Racine, Wis.; Paul S. Czerwinka, of Stoughton, Mass.; Barry L. Hempel, of Garden Grove, Calif.; Robert C. Lopez, of Albuquerque, N.M.; William D. McGonigle, of Wichita, Kan.; and Lance Cpl. James R. Sargent, of Anawalt, W. Va., all of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Additionally, the remains of U.S. Army Sgt. Glenn E. Miller, of Oakland, Calif. will be included in the group burial.

The Marines were part of an artillery platoon airlifted to provide support to the 11th Mobile Strike Force, which was under threat of attack from North Vietnamese forces near Kham Duc in South Vietnam.

On May 9, 1968, the Strike Force had been directed to reconnoiter an area known as Little Ngok Tavak Hill near the Laos-Vietnam border, in the Kham Duc Province. Their base came under attack by North Vietnamese Army troops, and after a 10-hour battle, all of the survivors were able to withdraw from the area.

Six investigations beginning in 1993 and a series of interviews of villagers and former Vietnamese soldiers led U.S. recovery teams in 1994, 1997 and 1998 to specific defensive positions within the large battle site.

Additionally, maps provided by American survivors helped to locate some key areas on the battlefield. Three excavations by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) in 1998 and 1999 yielded human remains, personal effects and other material evidence.

JPAC scientists and Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory specialists used mitochondrial DNA as one of the forensic tools to help identify the remains.

US-Russia Commission

On Monday, August 15, 2005, Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), co-chairman of the Vietnam War Working Group of the US-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs, met with General Vladimir Shamanov (ret), newly named Chairman of the Russian Interagency Commission on POWs, Internees, and MIAs. General Shamanov, also Assistant to the Prime-Minister, reportedly was struck by the passion with which the US pursues its accounting mission, and indicated his pride in being appointed to this position by Russian President Putin.

Most importantly, General Shamanov indicated that there should be no limits to US-Russian cooperation on POW/MIA accounting and reaffirmed support to making available Vietnam-era documents pertaining to missing U.S. service members. Before departing, Senator Chambliss offered to host a future plenary meeting in the US.

Joint Operations

JPAC Commander BG Michael Flowers, USA, recently hosted annual POW/MIA consultations with Cambodian officials in Hawaii. LTG Pol Saroeun led the Cambodian POW/MIA Committee delegation; he and Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Interior Sieng Lapresse also met with Commander, US Pacific Command, and Admiral William Fallon. Though circumstances in each country vary widely in terms of actions needed for success in achieving POW/MIA objectives, Cambodia continues to set the standard for cooperation on accounting efforts. Twice yearly POW/MIA consultations with Laos will be held.

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

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AXPOW Outreach Happens In Good Ways, for the Ageless!

The article in the August Smithsonian magazine had about 15 responses to "Where were you on August 15, 1945 when Japan surrendered and World War II was over?" Two of them on that day had been prisoners of war, one in Japan, one in Germany. With their names and towns only; I got their phone numbers off the Internet. To Milton in California who had VA's 100% disability rating, I sent needed ChampVA information. Then I called Harold in Michigan. He was captured in December before the Battle of the Bulge and held five months as a German POW. "Harold, do you have your POW benefits from the VA?"

"No, I don't have any problems I need to go to the VA for."

"Harold, in that cold winter, forced marching in ice and snow, you must have had frostbite."

"Oh yes, I did have that. But I'm okay now. I get along real good for my age."

"Harold, you sound strong. How old are you?"

"I'm 91. Yesterday I went to our neighboring town and took part in the American Legion parade. Last year, I walked the mile and a half carrying my carbine on my shoulder; since there was a half-track there this time, I just rode."

"Harold, was it a scary time when you were captured?"

"It was. I was a 1st Lt., and when this German tried to take my Sergeant's new shoes off him, I pushed him away and said 'you can't do that; it's against the Geneva Convention.' Then he pushed his rifle into my stomach and I thought I was a goner, but he didn't shoot me. Yes, it was scary."

I went down the list of POW presumptives with him. He would not acknowledge any problems. I said, "Harold, I'm sure you have residual frostbite damage, plus post traumatic stress; if we could get you at least 60% service-connected, you would be eligible to apply for 100% due to unemployability."

"Oh, I wouldn't qualify for that. I work 55 to 60 hours a week. We have a jewelry store my son manages; but I'm a watchmaker and still do all the watch repairs, six days a week."

I said, "Harold, I think you're going to live to be 100."

His retort was, "As a matter of fact, I did buy a new American Legion shirt last week."

I gave up. FC, a snookered NSO.

Success Stories

We had talked to Jack Shaffer several times about applying for compensation for being a POW, but he never got around to doing anything about it. Several years ago, he got very ill and still was not getting any compensation. He died on Oct. 8, 2004.

We read in the POW Bulletin about some widows getting DIC even though the husbands never got compensation. So we called Jack's wife, Gertrude, and asked her if she would like us to help her get DIC. The answer was yes, I really could use the money.

We called Doris Jenks' office and were given NSO Ann Sill's phone number. We told her of Gertrude's problem. Ann called Don Lewis, NSO in PA. He contacted Gertrude, sent her forms to fill out and assisted her with the paperwork.

We're happy to say Gertrude is getting her DIC as of May, 2005.

We want to thank everybody that was involved in this success story.

From: Frederic and Patricia Miller, Green Bay, WI

NSO Success brings amazing surprises.

It was an Outreach call to an AXPOW member in Smalltown, Oklahoma.

"Mrs. D., do you have your widow's benefit?"

"I didn't know I had any coming. When my husband died in Oct., 1996, the service advisor told me I wasn't eligible for a widow's benefit."

"Mrs. D., what did your husband's death certificate show as the cause of death?"

"Chronic liver disease. When he had heart bypass surgery in 1981, there were hemorrhages and they had to give him 55 units of blood; from that he got hepatitis C, which plagued him the rest of his life."

"Mrs. D, please send me a copy of that death certificate, along with the VA forms I'm sending you to complete, so we can apply for your Dependency and Indemnity Compensation. Cirrhosis of the liver became a POW presumptive less than two years ago."

Two months later, an email from Mrs. D: "I got a letter from the VA

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saying I got my widow's benefit." I called her and she said "Now I can help my church more. I'll get \$82.75." "Mrs. D, the basic widow's benefit is \$993 a month." "Oh, I thought that \$993 was annual!"

Two days later, another email from Mrs. D: "I got a check from the VA for a considerable amount. Surely a mistake. Then I read the accompanying letter. They went back to November, 1996."

"Mrs. D, was that check close to \$100,000?"

"Close to it. It was for \$94,000. I can't believe it! And all because you called me, out of the blue."

"No, Mrs. D, AXPOW has a great motto about helping those who need help and information. That's where we National Service Officers come in, to make that happen. And there's a lot more to it."

Most of us don't realize how hard our Washington DC AXPOW staff works for us. Executive Director Les Jackson and Legislative Co-Chairmen Charles Stenger and Mary Rolen work in the congressional system to get things done. Just as they pushed so hard to get cirrhosis of the liver POW presumptive approved two years ago. Our thanks to them!

Another factor: Mrs. D's husband's death certificate showed Malnutrition also as a contributing cause. That's been a POW presumptive for many years. Whoever advised Mrs. D when her husband died in 1996 did not know about VA's POW benefits. Unfortunate, but a common problem, because we former POWs are a small minority of the veteran population. AXPOW NSOs know POW VA benefits and can help.

Fred Campbell, NSO

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Members' forum



Cheryl:

Here we go again. Another "Veterans Disability Commission" formed to review benefits going to disabled veterans. Every so often, the officials, whoever they are, come up with the idea that all the money being wasted in this country is going to disabled veterans.

They name a committee (always there has to be a committee) to start poking around in what's "appropriate" for veterans benefits. How asinine that some bureaucrats who have never stepped foot on a battlefield, never flew a plane dodging flak or an enemy plane, never had a ship torpedoed from under them, are qualified to determine what's appropriate for veterans. How much less are they able to judge an Ex-POW fairly?

Instead of wasting time and money to make sure veterans aren't misusing taxpayers' money, why didn't they stop the "Big Dig" in Massachusetts; rein in on the "King of Pork" in WV; or cut down on the millions for highways in Alaska icelands? One could go on and on with this list.

As for veterans' healthcare, some is good and some not so good. But for a lot of veterans, who would have none without the VA, it beats nothing. How can anyone be averse to good healthcare for disabled veterans? Instead of cutting back, we should be improving.

Some veterans of earlier generations have worked a lifetime to re-

ceive benefits only to be threatened with losing them. A lot of POWs have worked a lifetime and never received a dime. This is to say nothing of POWs widows and orphans who never even received food stamps.

I have a message for the "Investigators": Just hold up a while longer and save the government a lot of money investigating. In a few years, you won't have WWII and Korean vets to worry about. However, there are still the Vietnam guys and an increasing number of very seriously wounded boys coming home from Iraq. Along with the widows and orphans of some who are not coming back at all, these will need your help. Give them all the help you possibly can, then don't be threatening to take it away every time you want to show the taxpaying voters how well you're watching over their money.

Bea Smith
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Dear Editor:

I just read (Your Stories) on page 27 in Aug. Bulletin on Stalag IV. My husband, Lloyd W. Allen was in Stalag IV. He as an engineer gunner on a B-24 Liberator, shot down on his 37th mission. They were known as the Cottontails. He was shot down over Budapest, Hungary and rode in box-cars and ran miles with guards bayoneting them and dogs biting them. He is 81 years old now.

He talked about "Big Stoop", said he had very large hands and sometimes he'd hit the men on their ears, causing deafness. A very mean man.

Just thought you'd like to hear that others knew "Big Stoop" and his mean ways. I thank God your Barber put you two men together after all these years.

Ms. Lloyd W. Allen
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news, events and information



Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2005. The 48th FS, FIS & FTS Association annual reunion will be held in San Antonio, TX. For information, contact: Joe Onesty, 455 Galleon Way, Seal Beach, CA 90740; 562-431-2901; jonesty2@adelphia.net.

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

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

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

October 11-15, 2005. The Second Schweinfurt Memorial Association Inc.(SSMA) will be hosting their 62nd Anniversary Reunion of "Black Thursday" at the St. Petersburg Hilton, St. Petersburg, Florida. The SSMA membership includes men of the 8th Air Force who flew Mission 115 or "Black Thursday" to Schweinfurt, Germany on October 14, 1943. Contact HB Associates, 419 N. Ring Ave., Tarpon Springs, FL 34689 (727) 937-3232 or email: info@hbassociates.net.

Oct. 19-22, 2005. 35th Infantry Division Reunion will be held in Springfield, MO. Contact: Bob Dalton, 785-267-3295. Children and orphans of 35th Division members

are invited to join and spend time with their fathers' WWII comrades.

April 2006. Dept. of Tennessee Annual Convention will be held at the Carnegie Hotel, Johnson City, TN. Contact: Commander Ruth M. Lewis, 105 Hughes Road, Watauga, TN 37694; 423-543-4391.

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

I am searching for people who were in the **B-17 with me, Aug. 16, 1944**. Also a group of Air Force men walked along a country road on Aug. 16, 1944, about noon, and received some German hospitality. I am also looking for another group that were **interned with me in Stalag Luft III** at Sagan, Germany in 1944/45, and the four or five other men that I walked from Nuremburg to Moosburg with in 1945. My name is Edward Kasner. I was the navigator on a B-17 that went down on the above date. I am looking for any survivors of my crew. Are **William McNabb**, our bombardier, Robert Williams, our pilot, or any other members of our crew alive? In my

room at Sagan, Germany were: **George P. Korb**, navigator; **Jack H. Culp, Sr.**, P-51 pilot; **Fred A. Morley**, B-24 co-pilot; **Paul F. Noonan**, B-24 pilot; **George L. Ott**, B-17 pilot; **K. Robert Peel**, B-17 bombardier; **Sterling T. Strange, Jr.**, B-17 bombardier; **Raymond Uhrich**, B-17 navigator; **Edwin L. Livingston**, aerial gunner; or any others who lived in Room 2 of Barrack 167, Stalag Luft III. Please contact: Edward Kasner, 2377 Landings Circle, Bradenton, FL 34209; ekasner@tampabay.rr.com; 941-792-6791.

I am looking for anyone who knows about **POW column strafing on June 6, 1944, 1 mile northeast of St. Mere Eglise**. This was a column of US POWs, mainly 507th PIR men being marched south by German Guards. This occurred on a dirt road just past a slight curve. At least 3 men were killed in this strafing, but probably many more. **Glenn Ball** and **Donn Cummings** were killed in this strafing both 507/F and **Elmer Siddall** 307/B. **Carl Letson** and **Joe Pliss** (both POW's) were also in this strafing both 507/F. I am also looking for any information about a **Private Moses DeSouza**. He was 307/B and listed as KIA June 12, 1944. If anyone remembers having any contact with him or this POW strafing, any information would be greatly appreciated. My contact information is Brian Siddall 607-275-8080, Mailing address is P.O. Box 3897, Ithaca, NY 14852 and my e-mail is bsiddall@twcny.rr.com.

I am looking for information on my dad, **Edward Elmore Ord**, PFC, United States Army. He was from Osborne Mills, WV. He was born in 1919 and died in 1975. He served with Company D, 509th Parachute Infantry. He was engaged in the American Fifth Army's attack on Italy at Salerno. He was captured by Germans on Sept. 15, 1943 and held POW at Stalag 2B Hammerstein,

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West Prussia. He returned home July 26, 1945. Please contact: Ord E Elmore, Jr., 2030 Martins Branch Road Lot #13, Charleston, WV 25312.

On June 6, 1944, after jumping from the last plane of H Company, 507th Parachute Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, I joined up with my company commander, Captain Allen W. Taylor. We remained together through captivity, and he was standing next to me when I was hit in the head by a German rifle grenade. I ministered first aid to Captain Taylor after our capture and know information which his family would certainly enjoy knowing. **Captain Allen W. Taylor was from South Carolina** before WWII and likely returned there after the war. Please help me pass along information to Taylor's family about his being a great soldier and American hero. Robert L. Bearden, 5950 Lakeside, Belton, TX 76513; 254-698-6099; bearden@vvm.com.

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

information

Angel Flight America

Angel Flight America is working around the clock bringing in emergency workers, agency staff, volunteers and supplies into hurricane and flood-ravaged Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and more importantly, bringing OUT America's refugees to temporary shelters, to food and water and to basic human sanitary conditions.

More than 6,200 Angel Flight America pilots, using their own planes and paying for their own fuel are available to fly the sick and injured to hospitals and resettlement areas around the country and give a "lift" to starving, dehydrated, stranded Americans.

Angel Flight America has been on calls with FEMA, coordinating efforts and contacting pilots. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) asked Angel Flight America to participate in the evacuation of the hurricane refugees as a provider for the Homeland Security Emergency Air Transportation System.

Angel Flight America is a 501 (c) (3), tax exempt charitable organization, with over 6,200 private pilots taking time from their jobs and families to assist in these efforts. Each pay over \$5.00 a gallon for airplane fuel, pay for their own airplane maintenance and literally risk their lives to help evacuate New Orleans. Angel Flight America is on the front line in saving thousands of American lives.

If you make a donation of \$400 you will help fill an airplane with fuel. \$100, \$50, \$25 - whatever you can afford - will all be used to help these selfless pilots make more flights - and save more lives. Please go to www.angelflightamerica.org and click on "Donate Now" to help these private pilots by making a generous donation. All funds are earmarked

for purchasing airplane fuel and air ambulance transports for the relief effort. Thanks, as always, for your help. **Edward R. Boyer**, Chairman, *Angel Flight America, Inc.*, 4620 Haygood Rd., Suite 1, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

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Caterpillar Club

Applications for the Caterpillar Club & Caterpillar are available for those who qualify. The 14K GOLD caterpillar pin with RUBY eyes is also available for those who qualify. Send a business size self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Joseph P. O'Donnell, 20 ORourke Dr., Robbinsville, NJ. 08691; e mail jpodpow1414@aol.com.

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Asking the Visitor ~ What is a POW?

By: Fred Boyles, Superintendent

Remember the story about the perfect dog food that the company spent years to perfect. It had all the right nutritional requirements that would meet the physical needs of dogs like no other food ever developed - there was just one problem, the dogs wouldn't eat it.

That is the problem that was identified with one of the exhibits not long after the National Prisoner of War Museum at Andersonville opened. Museum exhibits had been organized based on the themes that were common to all POWs. The first exhibit that visitors would see was one that asked the basic question - What is a POW? Planners had envisioned an audio-visual program that used the voices of former POWs, statistics from the nations wars and images that would drift in and out of view. All good ideas, they just didn't work. Nearly all visitors entering that space have seen just one of the parks excellent video programs. Another darkened room with more projectors and screens just seemed repetitive. Park Rangers observed that visitors would wander in and just keep going and

only pause for a few seconds before moving on.

After looking at some different alternatives, the staff sought to make a major change by developing a new exhibit that would ask the fundamental question - What is a POW? Most visitors to the park have rarely thought about that question. They have some exposure to the idea of POWs in WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf War. What they may not have pondered or been aware of is the idea of civilian internees, are terrorists POWs, military personnel held as hostages, and so on. This is where concepts such as the Geneva Convention and the Code of Conduct are introduced.



Once the decision was made to develop a new exhibit - just how would it be done? As in any project of this type, the biggest hurdle was the funding to do it. The park turned to a special National Park Service funding source, the fee demo program. Although Andersonville does not charge a fee, we are able to access the funds raised by other parks that charge entrance fees though this highly competitive program. After two years of waiting, the park was successful in receiving about one half of the necessary funds. The park came up with some other sources from the base budget and via Eastern National. Eastern National is our book store that generates profits that are returned to the park.

The next step was to select an exhibit firm. A statement of work was

written that outlined the needs of the project. It was sent to seven different exhibit contract firms and through the competitive bid process a firm in Atlanta was chosen. The company is Malone Exhibits. This company has been planning, designing and fabricating exhibits for 45 years in a wide variety of venues. They have done many nature oriented visitor centers but have also developed many historical exhibits including Gettysburg, Ellis Island, the Atlanta History Center and the Smithsonian. This company has also done many projects for the National Park Service and is familiar with how our agency goes about completing projects like this. You can see their work at their web site www.maloneinc.com. Currently we have just awarded the contract with the Malone group. Soon there will be meetings, planning sessions and in about a year we plan to have a finished product. The goal is to help the visitor expand their initial perception about the definition of what is a POW? Stay tuned to the Ex-POW Bulletin for updates as this project develops.

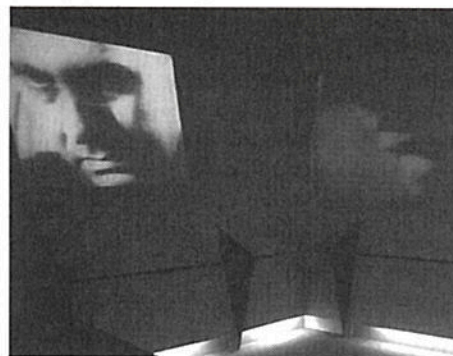


Photo #1: Each exhibit at the National POW Museum has an entrance panel. This panel is the introductory display for the **What is a POW** exhibit.

Photo # 2: The **What is a POW** exhibit is currently a series of three audio visual programs where voices of former POWs, historical quotes and statistics are presented to the visitors.

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PTSD Reevaluation

Vets awarded post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) ratings in the last five years by the VA are subject to reevaluation. The review of PTSD cases was released in May, part of a 200-page report on variances in VA disability compensation across the nation. Many more than 527 PTSD cases lacking documents to verify veteran-reported evidence contained in that study are at risk. The VA has announced that it will review documents of 72,000 PTSD cases - those awarded 100% disability ratings from 1 OCT 99 through 30 SEP 04. Over those five years, the number of vets given compensation for PTSD jumped 80%, from 120,000 cases in fiscal 1999 to 216,000 now. According to VA spokesman Scott Hogenson the planned review of the 72,000 cases likely won't begin until January. He commented that everybody talks about how PTSD is a very subjective diagnosis but this is not about diagnosis. This is about collecting the empirical paperwork that says, 'Yes, this individual was in this set of circumstances during this time in which these things happened, which may have led to post-traumatic stress.' Legitimate stress factors in a vet's record might be descriptions and dates of combat engagements or "de facto" indicators, such as a Combat Infantry Badge or Purple Heart. The aim is to verify exposure to conditions that might leave a vet with PTSD. The review suggested that claim examiners had been lax

in demanding documents. From 1999 to 2004, the review found, PTSD payments jumped 153%, from a \$1.7 billion total a year to \$4.3 billion. To show the potential cost of not seeking evidence of stress factors in PTSD cases, the review found that a 25% error rate would have caused "questionable payments" of about \$860 million for the VA in 2004 and about \$19.8 billion over those vets' lifetimes. If the VA experience with 2,100 PTSD cases is repeated in a review of 72,000 next year, one-quarter of the latter vets - about 18,000 - might feel their own stress levels rise as VA presses them to better document their claims.

To outraged veterans groups, the review smacks of a convenient way to cut costs during an increasingly expensive war and reflects reluctance by the VA department to take PTSD seriously. The executive director of the National Gulf War Resource Center said that what this boils down to is that veterans caught in the review are going to have to prove they were hurt all over again. He suggested that those who had a claim granted during this time period get out their military records and start calling their buddies for evidence of combat exposure.

Veterans groups say the VA simply has failed to train its own staff to evaluate PTSD consistently. They explain that this is one reason why the V.A. inspector general report in May showed that the department was so inconsistent in deciding under what conditions veterans should get maximum payments for mental trauma. Veteran advocates have noted that it is wrong for the VA to choose only to reevaluate cases where veterans received 100% PTSD ratings and not review the cases of those veterans who may have received a rating that was unfairly low or unjustly denied.

Source: Dailypress.com Hampton Roads VA, Tom Philpott article.

SBP Open Season

The Department of Defense announced on Aug. 19, 2005, that military retirees, who opted out of some or all their Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage, will have another opportunity to elect coverage during a one-year open enrollment period from Oct. 1, 2005-Sept. 30, 2006. Upon a retiree's death, SBP provides an annuity of up to 55% of the military retired pay. Until recently, the annuity for a surviving spouse age 62 or older was reduced to 35% to reflect the availability of Social Security benefits. This reduction will phase out by April 08, and the full 55% benefit will be paid regardless of the spouse's age in accordance with the Fiscal 2005 National Defense Authorization Act. Current non-participants will be able to elect any coverage they could have elected previously upon retiring from active service or upon receiving notification of eligibility for reserve retired pay at age 60. If they have a reduced election, they may increase their coverage. A participant with child only coverage may add a spouse or former spouse to their coverage, and a member may add child coverage to spouse or former spouse coverage. But those who took SBP coverage and later elected to terminate that coverage are not eligible to make an open enrollment election.

Open enrollment elections require a lump sum buy-in premium as well as future monthly premiums. The lump sum equates to all back premiums, plus interest, from the date of original eligibility to make an election plus any amount needed to protect the Military Retirement Fund. The latter amount applies almost exclusively to those paying fewer than seven years of back payments. The lump sum buy-in premium can be paid over a two-year period. Monthly premiums for spouse or former spouse coverage will be 6.5% of the coverage elected, the same premium paid by those currently enrolled. Reserve compo-

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nent members under age 60 and not yet eligible for retired pay do not pay back premiums or interest, but must pay a monthly SBP premium "add-on" once their retired pay starts. Elections are effective the first day of the month after the election is received, but no earlier than 1 OCT 05. An election is void if the retiree dies in the two years following an election and all premiums are refunded to the designated survivor. To make an open enrollment election, a retiree must complete and submit a DD Form 2656-9, "Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) Open Enrollment Election." The form is available electronically at www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/dd2656-9.pdf. For assistance with the form, retired members should contact the office managing the SBP for their Service. Air Force retirees should call toll-free 1 (800) 531-7502 anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Central Time, M-F except holidays. Mail the completed form to the address specified on the form. Applicants will be formally notified of their cost and have 30 days from the date of the notice to cancel the election by notifying the Defense Finance and Accounting Service or the reserve component, as applicable, in writing.

VA Activates

Surviving Spouse Website

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently activated a new website aimed directly at surviving spouses of military members who died on active duty and surviving spouses of veterans who died after serving their country. The website at <http://www.vba.va.gov/survivors> not only has links to the VA pages describing survivor benefits but also to other government sites that may offer valuable information and assistance. There is also

a link to Frequently Asked Questions that answers most questions. For more specific questions, the site tells how to contact the VA directly. The main VA website is at <http://www.va.gov/>.

Veterans Disability Benefits Commission

The Veterans Disability Benefits Commission was created through a provision in the 2004 Defense Authorization Act. It held its first meetings in May and June during which it took testimony from invited groups. The 13-member panel is tasked with issuing its final report to Congress in AUG 06. Congress has instructed the Commission to examine the appropriateness of:

- * Compensation for disabled vets and survivors of vets who died from causes related to military service.
- * The level of such benefits.
- * A standard for determining whether a disability or death of a veteran should be compensated.

VFW and other veterans advocates are concerned that the commission panel will attempt to roll back increases in benefits disabled vets and dependents of deceased veterans have gained since 1999 by suggesting current VA rating evaluations are too generous. The belief is that the commission's goal is to cut future benefits and remove veterans from VA compensation rolls. Some issues under review that would do this are:

- Changing the definition of when an active-duty service member is actually on active duty. Last year Dr. David Chu, the Pentagon's undersecretary for personnel and readiness, questioned whether active-duty GIs who get hurt while participating in activities during their free time—like weightlifting or other forms of physical training—should be eligible for service-connected benefits.

- Consideration of a controversial proposal to offer lump-sum

payments to veterans with current disability ratings of 20% or less. Proposed by VA's Inspector General (IG), the payments would disqualify disabled vets from future compensation or appeals and supposedly allow Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) employees to concentrate on more complex claims.

- Consideration of an IG suggestion during their June meetings that the VBA review post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and individual unemployability claims for errors or evidence of fraud. The plan is for 10 VBA staffers to review an initial batch of 2,100 cases before moving on to the main task of inspecting 100,000 of those ratings.

VFW will be monitoring all of the commission's open meetings in order to keep their membership informed of the Commission's progress and potential impact of their decisions.

National Cemetery Burial

No special forms are required when requesting burial in a VA national cemetery nor can requests for burial be made via the Internet. The person making burial arrangements should contact the national cemetery in which burial is desired at the time of need. Scheduling can be done seven days a week for interments on Mondays through Fridays. If possible, the following information concerning the deceased should be provided when the cemetery is first contacted:

- Full name and military rank;
- Branch of service; Social security number;
- Service number; VA claim number, if applicable;
- Date and place of birth;
- Date and place of death;
- Date of retirement or last separation from active duty; and,

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— Copy of any military separation documents, such as the Department of Defense Form 214 (DD-214). The discharge documents must specify active military duty and show that release from active duty was under other than dishonorable conditions.

A headstone or marker will be ordered by cemetery personnel upon inscription approval by the next of kin and a burial flag will be provided. Upright headstones are standard in most national cemeteries; however, some have both upright headstone and flat marker sections. Be sure to discuss these options with the cemetery director prior to burial. The same procedures are followed if the veteran's eligible spouse or dependent predeceases the veteran. In most cases, one gravesite is provided for the burial of all eligible family members and a single headstone or marker is provided. When both spouses are veterans, two gravesites and two headstones or markers may be provided if requested. Military honors are not provided by the national cemetery. These honors must be arranged in advance by the family or their representative with groups that provide the honors.

"Thunder on Plymouth Rock"

"Thunder on Plymouth Rock!", the November 2003 National Veterans Day Concert of music and readings, will be re-broadcast nationwide on The Discovery Channel Sunday morning November 6, 2005 (Veterans Day Sunday). The one hour broadcast airs at 6:00 AM (in some markets it starts one hour earlier, at 5:00 am Sunday). The musical features Tonight Show's Ed McMahon, movie stars George

Kennedy, James Avery, and James McEachin, Miss America 1965 Vonda Van Dyke, and "Good Morning Vietnam's" Adrian Cronauer - with the 300-member chorale and symphony orchestra of the VA-National Medical Musical Group (VA-NMMG) directed by VA physician Victor S. Wahby, MD.

VA-NMMG is the premier medical chorale and symphony orchestra in America. Its musicians are doctors, nurses and others from VA and other medical centers all over the USA (visit www.vetday.org).

More information is available at www.vetday.org or call 1-888-6-DoReMi (1-888-636-7364) or 202-797-0700.

COLA 2006

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that inflation broke out of its summer doldrums with a half-point jump in July. So far this fiscal year, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has risen 3.2%. The final amount will not be announced until mid-October pending data from August and September. The 2006 COLA will be determined by dividing the three-month average CPI for July, August and September 2005 by the average CPI for the same three months of 2004. New COLA rates will take effect on December 1 and will be reflected in retiree and other inflation-pegged benefits in January, 2006 federal checks. Even if inflation is flat for the remaining two months, that would make the 2006 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) the largest retirees have seen since the 3.5% 2001 COLA, and the second-largest since the 3.7% COLA in 1992. While some may like the bigger retired pay increase, that only means that living expenses already have gone up more rapidly than usual, and retired pay, Social Security, SBP and other annuities are only chasing those expenses after the fact. Lower inflation with lower COLAs would be more beneficial to retirees.

Veterans' Records Accessible Online

The National Archives now has a webpage at www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html where veterans can request a copy of their DD-214. A military veteran, or the next of kin of a deceased, former member of the military can use this webpage. The next of kin can be any of the following: surviving spouse that has not remarried, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, or brother. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online website.

CRSC

The Army CRSC Division has announced that \$1 billion has been awarded to retirees with disabilities across all military uniformed services through the Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) program. The Army CRSC Chief stated that all eligible retirees should submit a claim as \$21 billion dollars is still available to approved retirees. CRSC is a \$22 billion program that provides tax-free monthly payments to injured retirees from all uniformed Services. Payments are retroactive and supplement a retiree's Veteran Affairs (VA) disability pay and Service retired pay. CRSC is an application-claim based program versus the Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments (CRDP) program, which is an automatic entitlement from DFAS for any Retiree with a combined 50% or higher VA disability rating. It is important to note that retirees cannot receive both CRSC and CRDP and must elect one each year through an annual "program election."

For more information or to receive a claim form, call CRSC toll free at (866) 2813254 M-F from 0800-1900 hours (EST). Retirees can submit a claim online or download our CRSC claim form or www.crsc.army.mil.

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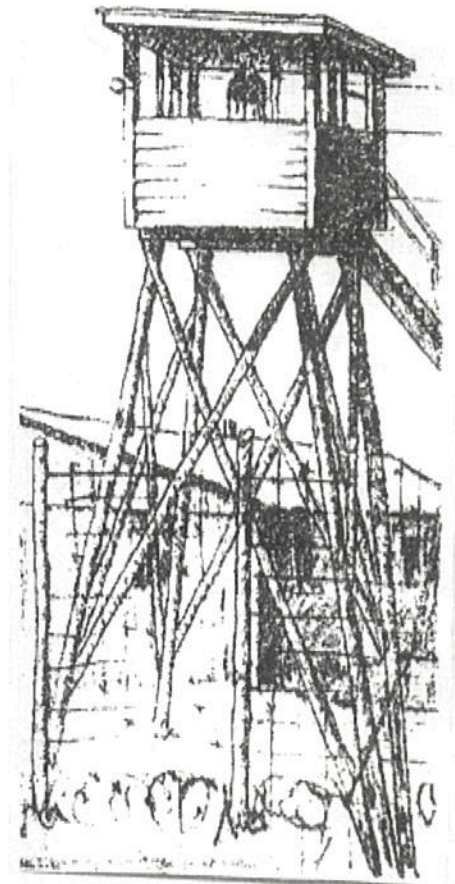
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And the Beat Goes On...

Yesterday I visited NAS Oceana where I happily was reminded that, in the 22 years since I retired from the Navy, the institution hasn't gone to hell, after all. I met with a LTJG (Lt., junior grade) who was doing the same thing I'd done in my squadron - aircraft division officer - for about 80 sailors. He even looked like I did back then - although I didn't tell him that as I didn't want to ruin his day. The purpose of the visit was to solicit help getting an A-4 Skyhawk painted to look like "my" airplane did in 1966. He shrugged and said, "No problem," just like I would've back in 1966 or even in 1982 before I retired. Made my day. Friendly sailors everywhere on the base - in stark contrast to the nasty attitudes I see in daily life elsewhere *from people who have no cause to be nasty*.

On the 100 mile drive home, my mind raced. The LTJG reminded me of *me*. He was positive about the good things we could get done, he'd have no trouble finding volunteers to help and they'd be glad to do it. Wow... A young Naval officer making the day of an olde, uh, Fudd and not even realizing why this geezer was getting a little misty-eyed. The beat goes on.

I remembered meeting Denny Landrum, a WWII Pacific POW for whom our local AXPOW Chapter was

later named, and his telling me that I looked so young. (I was 37) Ed Davis, another long-term Vietnam POW, a year longer than I was, and I were visiting Denny in McGuire VAMC in Richmond (see photo).

We chatted about many things and the years went away. Denny was suddenly young again and we were regaling each other with sea stories. Denny had been captured when his submarine was forced to surface and detained under miserable conditions.

Denny had been chosen by his fellow POWs to carry the flag as the newly-repatriated POWs exited the camp under the Japanese Torii gate. He was chosen because of his height, 6' 4." The artist's rendering of Denny carrying that flag appeared on the cover of *National Geographic* and has graced every copy of this Bulletin for many years. Denny was skin and bones but the pride showed through as he stood tall and led the group out of the camp to freedom. It had been a rough time.

And yet Denny Landrum had one of the most positive attitudes I've ever observed on anybody. Nothing got Denny down including his fatal illness. I learned a lot from Denny and have tried to pass it on. He thanked *me* for making his day just for visiting him. The beat goes on.



So let's see... Denny was a Navy submariner. He had a rough time as a POW but survived. Nobody remembers

hearing anything negative from Denny after he returned to the U.S. (except, I suppose, when it took him 10 years to get into the VA system because he didn't have his medical records from the POW camp).

After returning from Vietnam 7 months on cruise, six years, eight months as a POW, I felt the same way Denny did. There just wasn't a lot to complain about in comparison to what we'd endured in POW camps but we seemed to be surrounded by negative people.

I guess bad news sells but the mainstream media is full of bad news. All the *bad* news that's fit to print - paraphrasing the New York Times motto to bring it more in line with said newspaper's current philosophy. (Although in light of several internal problems, it might be more appropriate to say, "All the News that's Fit to Create!")

So that's why you won't hear me complain often - except about those individuals who are perpetual whiners. It occurred to me that I hold them in contempt just like Denny Landrum did!

Then I visit a Naval Air Station, meet a young LTJG who's had more deployments to more countries and been in harm's way more times than any of us has been and he's got the same positive attitude. We - all of us - have a lot to be grateful for and for things we sometimes take for granted.

LTJG Greg Doison, his boss, LCDR John Wood, their skipper, FA-18 pilot and Squadron commander, CAPT Steve Brennan have spent much more time away from home than any POW I know. And yet they have the same very positive attitude I've observed in fellow POWs.

So the beat goes on. And we're lucky that it does.

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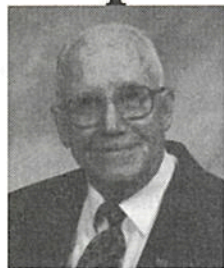
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The story is told that a young intern
asked an old doctor what he thought
was the greatest medication that he
had ever used in his years of prac-
tice. The old doctor thought for
awhile about all the new drugs that

had come on the market and looked
the young intern in the eye and said,
"The most wonderful medicine is not
compounded of rare, expensive
drugs, but very commonplace and in-
expensive things. You can spell it
with just four letters: L-O-V-E." It is
my greatest hope and prayer that
this kind of remedy worked at the
2006 National convention to cure the
virus that would have changed or
perhaps destroyed our very unique
organization. "Love" is the true and
living God's way of curing ailments
of all kinds. We must always use this
kind of medication because it is
God's perfect remedy for what ails
our way of life.

Let us pray: Almighty God, the lover
and keeper of all there is or ever will
be. Please, Lord, be with us we be-

sech You as we face the problems
of everyday life here on this earth.
Give us the proper ability to enjoy
and share the blessings that come our
way. Forgive us our sins and short-
comings as we in our own way reach
out to share Your kind of love. Life.
And happiness with others. Be with
us and those still listed as POW/MIAs.
Be with our very unique organization
as we pray for peace on earth and
good will toward all people and na-
tions. AMEN.

Thought for the month: All of us
have the ability to cause trouble at
any time, anywhere. But happy, God
loving people refuse to use this abil-
ity.

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BADER, Willard "Bill" of the Brevard Space Coast Chapter, AXPOW died May 20, 2005. He was SVC of the Chapter. Bill was an Army Air Corps veteran. He was a POW in Germany for 15 months. Survivors include his wife, Grace.

BLUM, Gilbert T. bravely entered a new world fit for heroes, August 30, 2005. He was deeply adored by his family - wife Betty, 2 sons, 3 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 1 sister. Gilbert fought courageously with Darbys Rangers in WWII until he was captured at Anzio. He endured under grueling conditions for 1 1/2 years as a POW in Northern Germany.

DRAPER, Beverage Houston, of Nashville, Tennessee, died May 18, 2005. He was with Co C, 261 Inf. Div. As a member of General Patton's Third Army, he was taken prisoner of war. He was an active member of the Alvin C. York Chapter. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Sarah.

DUPONT Jr., Joseph Emile, "Mr. JE", resident and native of Plaquemine LA died July 5, 2005. He was 83 and a retired Iberville Parish veterans' service officer. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and Japanese prisoner of war in the Philippines during World War II. He is survived by his four daughters, three sons and two sisters.

GALLOWAY, CHARLOTTE MAE,



age 76, of Apopka, FL passed away August 5, 2005. Charlotte graduated from Ogden High School in Ogden, Iowa. She graduated with a registered nursing degree from Iowa Lutheran School of Nursing and worked for 30 years at various hospitals. Charlotte was a life member of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, life association member of American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor. She was married to PNC Alfred (Joe) Galloway for 50 years until his passing. Both Charlotte and Joe were very active on both the national and local levels of AXPOW. She is survived by her daughters, Karen (Jack) Lewis of Rockledge, FL, Ruth E. Galloway of Apopka, FL, Marty (Charley) of St. Marys, GA; granddaughter, Stephanie A. Bowyer and husband Joe Cleveland of Nederland, CO; grandson, Adam Bowyer of Nederland, CO.; sister-in-laws, Mary Johnson of Des Moines, Iowa, Barbara Bouton of Janesville, Wisconsin, and Helen Fullerton of Independence, Missouri. She was a good friend to everyone she met. We all love and miss her.

GRZBOWSKI, Bernard R., member of the Western NY Chapter, AXPOW, died July 2, 2005. He was captured while serving in the Philippines during WWII and was a survivor of the Bataan Death March. He spent 3 1/2 years in POW camps, including a coalmine near Hiroshima. His wife, Jane, and 3 daughters survive him.

HICKMOTT, Edward W., of Amarillo, TX passed away Dec. 18, 2004. During WWII, he was shot down over Munich. He was a POW at Stalag Luft IV for 4 months. He leaves his wife of 61 years, Ruth, 3 daughters, 1 son and 11 grandchildren.

HIRTH, Winifred A., age 90, of Vernon, CT passed away July 13, 2005. She was the wife of Theodore (28th Div., 229th FABN, Stalags 9B and 7A). Both were active members of the CT Chapter, AXPOW. Ted is currently SVC of the Chapter. In addition to her husband, one son and three grandchildren survive her.

HUFSTUTLER, Raymond, of Ingram, Texas, died October 15, 2004. A prisoner of the Japanese for over 44 months, he was captured at Corregidor. He also served 16 months in the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Iva Dell.

JONES, Joel, 90, of Crystal Springs, MS passed away May 25, 2005. Joel was stationed in China when the Japanese captured him. He and his group became known as the North China Marines. He spent more than 3 years in POW camps. His wife of 59 years, Bonnie Lee, survives him; he also leaves 1 daughter, 1 son, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

KANNER, Louis, member of the Mission Valley Chapter, AXPOW passed away July 30, 2005. During WWII, he served with the 15th AF, 2nd BG, 96th BS. He was a POW in Lufts I and IV.

KELLEY, Woodrow, of Burleson, Texas, died August 20, 2005. "Woodie" was a charter member of the Fort Worth Chapter, and LM #773 of AXPOW. He served as a medic, and was a POW in Stalags 2B and 3B. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Fay.

PACER, Henry, member of the Western NY Chapter, AXPOW died March 3, 2005. Henry served with the Army Signal Corps in Manila. He survived the Bataan Death March and 3 1/2 years of imprisonment at O'Donnell, Cabanatuan and Yowata Steel Plant, Japan. He is survived by his wife, Alice, and four sons.

PICKENS, Ruth, beloved wife of Olin, passed away May 13, 2005. She was 82. Ruth was a member of the Mid-South Chapter, AXPOW. She was serving as secretary to the Dept. of TN. In addition to her husband, Ruth is survived by 2 sons and 3 grandchildren.

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RINGER, Justine, of Bend, OR, passed away in May, 2005. Justine was a long time life member of both the Tacoma WA Chapter and the National American Ex-Prisoners of War.

ROOF, Stanley M., age 79, passed away Jan. 20, 2005 in Tomah, WI. Stanley served with the 8th AF, 388th BG, 361st BS. He was a POW in Luft III and 7A until liberation. His wife of nearly 59 years, Alyce, and one son survive him.

SCHLEGEL, Sr., Robert Lee, of Tacoma, WA died July 5, 2005 at the age of 81. He is survived by Elsie, his loving wife of 57 years, 4 daughters, 3 sons, 32 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Bob served in Europe in WWII and was held as a prisoner of war until just shortly before the war ended. He was an active member of the Tacoma, WA chapter, serving two years as Chapter Commander. He was also a long-time member of the National American Ex-Prisoner of War Organization.

SHAFFER, William E. "Jack", of Ligonier, PA and Zephyr Hills, FL passed away Oct. 8, 2004. He was 85. He served in the 80th Div., 317th Reg., Co. C. He was captured after participating in the Normandy invasion and held in Stalags 12A, 3B, 3A. Jack was a member of the FL Gulf Coast Chapter, AXPOW. His wife, Gertrude, 3 children and 6 grandchildren survive him.

SIEBERT, Arnold L., 73, of Neenah, WI died July 3, 2005. He served with the 2nd Division, 38th Field Artillery during the Korean War and was a POW for 33 months. JoAnn, his wife of 39 years, survives him; he also leaves 3 sons, 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren.

SMOKSTAD, Keith "Smokey", died August 5, 2005. He was a member of the American Ex-Prisoners of War and a member of the Agua Fria Chapter, Arizona. He served in WWII, with the 168th Inf., 34th Div. in North Africa, Tunisia, Sicily, Capua and

Newstetten. Smokey was captured and interned in 3B Stalag 111B Furstenberg on Odor. Keith's wife, Mary Jane, was in the Navy. She died March, 2001. He is survived by his daughter Jody Warner of Mulvane, Kansas.

STOCK, Evelyn G., 79, of Jasper, IN died May 9, 2005. She was a member of the Fox Valley Chapter, AXPOW. Evelyn is survived by her husband of 55 years, Ex-POW William K., 3 children, 2 grandchildren, 1 sister and 3 brothers.

STRINGER, EDWARD J., of Port Angeles, WA died at the age of 81 on March 9, 2005. He is survived by his wife Evelyn. Edward was a radio-gunner in the 8th AF, 388th BG, 563rd BS. He was shot down May 28, 1944. He was a prisoner of war in WWII and incarcerated at Stalag Luft IV and Stalag Luft 1. He also served in Korea and Vietnam. Edward was a long time member of the National American Ex-Prisoners of War.

TRENT, KENNETH, of La Mesa, CA died August 14, 2005 at the age of 84. He was a radio operator on the B-17 "Little Girls." His plane was shot down during his sixth mission and he spent the last 16 months of the war as a prisoner of war at Stalag 17B in Krems, Austria. Ken was a long time member of the San Diego County Chapter 1 AXPOW. Survivors include Toni, his wife of 62 years, 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 1 sister and 1 brother.

WALKER, Jr., Sanders B., of McRae, GA, age 82, passed away August 28, 2005. He was a WWII Army Air Corps Veteran and a Prisoner of War - survivor of the Heydekrug Death March. He leaves his wife, Irene, two sons and six grandchildren.

WARD, Norman "Pat", of Enfield, Connecticut, died May 27, 2005. He served with the 228 Signal Operations. After surviving the fall of Bataan & Corregidor, he was held as a POW by the Japanese for 42 months. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Leslie.

WEBSTER, Kenneth "Sam", of Springfield, OH, died June 16, 2005. Sam was the 1st pilot of a B-24. He flew 22 missions before being shot down over Germany. He was interned in Luft 1, Barth, until liberation. Survivors include his wife, Ruth.

WEIMER, Grace K., of Jackson, MI passed away recently. She was a member of Wolverine Chapter, AXPOW. Grace was the widow of Ex-POW William Weimer.

WEISKOPFF, Donald A., member of the Western NY Chapter, AXPOW died June 18, 2005. During WWII, he served with the 79th Div., 315th Inf. Co. B. He was a POW in Stalag 12A. His wife, Alice, and 7 children survive him.

WESCHE, Christopher P., 81, of Stratford, CT passed away Dec. 28, 2003. While serving as a gunner on a Flying Fortress, he was shot down over Germany. He spent nearly two years in Stalag 17B. He leaves his wife of 60 years, Kathleen, 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

WINTER, Elsie Ann, 79, of San Diego, CA died May 23, 2005. She was the beloved wife of Richard, Adjutant of ADBC. Elsie and Richard were members of AXPOW. In addition to her husband of nearly 60 years, Elsie leaves 1 daughter, 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

WOOD, Robert Murray, of Orange, TX passed away Dec. 20, 2004. He was captured while serving with the 8th AF, flying out of England. He was held more than one year in Luft 1, Barth. He leaves his wife of 58 years, Billie Ann, 1 son, 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren.

ZITO, Fran, member of the Western NY Chapter, AXPOW died May 16, 2005. He served with the 4th Inf. Div. He was a POW in Stalags 3A and 12A. He is survived by his wife, Marian, and 6 children.

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Stella
Fresno, CA
USS Pueblo

Marion D. "Jay"
Jaycox
Sanborn, IA
100 Inf Div 398 BN
Co E
12A, 5A
2/19/45-4/29/45

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AF
Stendal

Robert S. Storms
Kathryn Jeannette
Avon Lake, OH
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Grp Troop B
11B
12/17/44-4/20/45

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Bornhauser

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Fusner
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Kathleen, GA
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Luft 3, 7
*38986

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320 BG
Luft 4
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Joy *38991 38992
Chehalis, WA
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Virginia
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One Soldier's Story

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This is a very strange story. Strange because, although it is true, there is only one witness to verify it - myself. I tell this story now for I am of an age when time is short. Memory plays tricks on the mind. There are flashes of things past, but no remembrance of events in their proper order. I will state those flashes of the past and attempt to tie them together in logical sequence without any embellishments.

What do I remember?

In early December, 1944, E Company of the 78th Division was one of the first outfits to be in Germany. The sky was overcast and snow covered the whole region. The army jacket was insufficient for the icy wind that blew across the snowy field. We stepped around the dragon's teeth (cement barriers against tanks) and walked alongside the hedgerows. I do remember my shock at seeing bodies in the snow with blood on the white ground. At nineteen, death was still something eerie and unreal. How acquainted with death would I become!

I do recall a briefing of the platoon in the darkness. We were to take the town of Kesternich. I close my eyes and can see sixty years ago - two rows of us slushing through the one street of Kesternich. Fear must have been paramount and that M1 rifle must have weighed a ton. Apparently there was resistance because all I can recall was that I was in a basement,

freezing, with two German prisoners on the coal bin.

How to describe in words the events of the next hour that still haunts me? Beamed lights lit up the town in the early dawn. Were they klieg lights? And then came the noise of giant tanks riding down the cobbled street. Looking out of the little basement window, I could not believe the size of those tanks and the giant German Wehrmacht soldiers. There was this bedraggled group of GI's being marched to the interior. I had a terrible head cold and dysentery. Where did I get that raw turnip that I was chewing on that long bitter walk?

There was the interrogation by the German officer whose English was impeccable. In retrospect, how silly to blurt out, "Rubenstein, Private, 12221184" when he knew more about the Division from stateside to Bournemouth, England to France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. There was the lineup of the few of us who were left of E Company. A little German soldier eyed each of us and finally pointed a finger at me. How terror-stricken I must have felt! Were there two other "lucky" ones, too?

Sitting in a German truck with a Ukrainian driver, I had no idea where I was going. It was a large POW camp in Bonn. How I do remember the cement cell with a wooden cot and a pail. I don't know how often I was marched upstairs to a large room. German officers were seated around a table. How clean they looked! I was ordered to sign a paper whereby I would admit to having shot German POWs in Kesternich. All I remember is refusing and picking up my glasses from the floor. Was I beaten?

It was freezing and lonely in that cell. How did I pass the time? Was I threatened with a firing squad? What was going through my mind? Did being nineteen help me to survive?

Tremendous explosions rocked the POW camp. Apparently, an RAF Pathfinder plane dropped his flares on the camp and succeeding planes dropped their bombs. I crawled out

of the cement wreckage and it seems I was in the midst of horrific chaos. Noise of bombs, fires, screaming POWs, blood and limbs all over. Remember that vividly!

Mixed in with a small contingent of American POWs and put into a boxcar. A group of English POWs were huddled around the only high window - singing?? Was there any strafing? Found out this all occurred on Feb. 4, 1945. It goes without saying, a date I never forgot.

Tremendous POW camp in Limburg! Hundreds of scraggly-looking GIs sleeping on the cold, cement floor. I would imagine that I didn't care and was only scared some German would pick me up again. Never happened! Starvation diet and cold. What's a care package? Never saw one!

By the end of March, rumors were flying hot and heavy. I was put in an isolation room with several others (including Russians) because I had some kind of pox. While the whole camp was marched out, we remained. The 9th Armored Division rode into camp and they were probably in shock to see us as emaciated skeletons. Hospital train (why was I screaming?) to Belgium - then, Paris - then a special flight home to Staten Island hospital.

Subconsciously, I have always felt proud that I did not sign that paper. Would I do the same today? Should the US Army have investigated these events in 1945? Probably not - with the chaotic happenings at the end of the war. Anyway, the strange story is true and I had to retell it for my own peace of mind. Since I did have a breakdown a few years ago, it stands to reason that something traumatic did happen to that nineteen year old!

Tribute to America

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stories, continued...

Oh America, wonderful America, it is time I pay my tribute to you. I have no words to express my thanks to you for being nurtured and raised in your bosom. I am one of now around 200 million that breathes the breath of freedom that you provide. There was never a day nor hour that I could not go where I pleased, worship where I pleased, nor marry who I pleased and have as many children as I could provide for. You, O beloved country, are the haven for anyone who wishes to do the same. When your need arose, I leaped at the opportunity to give back what you had so bountifully given me. I enlisted in the service of the government that you spawned in your own beginnings. The boundless freedom that I have always known is still mine to share with my countrymen. I can drive from one of your coasts to the other and see the bountiful harvests that you provide for your children. As I travel, there are thousands of businesses along the way that my fellow men have had the freedom to start and succeed in. I can stop at any one of them and partake of the services they provide. You, O Cherished Country, have provided a bond between every one of us that allows us to conduct business, build a church and even to burn your glorious flag or burn a cross if one's insanity has warped their mind to that extent. Yes, you are now experiencing some stress because of your freedom, but men of sound judgment and good will are arising to save the day.

And now, O Cherished Country, that same government that you spawned is providing for my every need. They are honoring their contract with me that I first honored by entering their service and serving during a time of great conflict. I would do it again so that I and others can continue with the quality of life that is available to every one of your citizens.

Yes, O Cherished Country, I have always loved you. I still do. Your faithful servant, Leo Curtis Matheny.

The Old Scrapbook

In memory of
husband David E. Wallace
Ex-POW Stalags 4 & 6
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Tucked away is an old scrapbook
Its' pages are yellowed with age,
A mother's love and heartbreak
Shows on every page.

She kept this book, hoping and
praying
That her son would someday be
home,
Though the telegram said "MISSING
IN ACTION"
She believed in God, and her faith
was strong.

Months passed and finally the
news came
He was someplace in Germany, in
prisoner of war.
What heartache and grief for a
mother

But again her prayers were that he
could be cared for.

She kept all the clippings from the
papers
And letters from all of their friends,
And pasted them in that scrapbook
With love and affection to the very
end.

The first letter from him was
censored
Must have been her happiest one.
Just to hear that he was alive and
well
And to witness the handwriting of
her son.

That letter is among many others
In that scrapbook yellowed with
age,
I know there were tears of joy
When she read, "With love, your
son, DAVE".

The war was finally over
All the waiting and worry was past.
She must have prayed a mother's
prayer
Thank you, Lord, my son is home at
last.

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