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National Convention...Nashville, TN Oct. 3-8, 2006



Top left to right: The Brooklyn "Key" Chapter dedicated a monument depicting the inception of the chapter. Shown: Anthony Vanacore, Vincent Camarda, Harold Radish, James Grey, Jack Tagiavia, Eli Linden, Alfonso Marino, Wm. Lee Birch, Ralph Mottolo and Salvatore Grasso; On Memorial Day 2006, the American Flag was carried by Frank Lewis, Vietnam POW - Bill Rolen Chapter. The AXPOW Flag was carried by Steve Czecha, WWII POW - Chuck Williams Chapter; Our National Chaplain John Romine and his bride of 60 years celebrated their anniversary; Rex Corsbie, PCC of the East Valley Chapter, Mesa, AZ and his wife Marge placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They traveled from Arizona to Virginia on June 24, 2006; NC Gerald Harvey and ED Les Jackson represented AXPOW on Memorial Day in Washington, DC.



national commander



Gerald Harvey

THANK YOU, Thank you, Thank you! I want to thank all of you for helping us raise money to pay for our ongoing expenses. Your contributions during the month of August decreased the deficit that we had reported at the end of July. As I write this, I do not have the final report but, as of August 31st, the end of our financial year, our deficit was approximately \$14,543 less than at the end of July. Our total expenditure for the 2005-2006 year was \$34,887 more than our income. This includes money paid to our lawyers. Because of donations to the legal expense fund, the deficit due to the court case has been reduced to \$34,162 and your donations have reduced the deficit due to our regular expenditure to \$725. This is the best we have done in recent years and donations are still coming in. Funds that did not get to the treasurer in time to be credited to 2005-2006 will be credited in September and will give us a good start on the new year. This week, the Ways and Means Direct Mail Project using the Logo Decals has brought in another \$10,000 in addition to what we received in August.

A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM has come as a result of Mr. Robert Fletcher's article in the Foundation Times and the letter dated August 16th which he mailed to Department and Chapter Commanders. He attached to the letter and inserted in his article in the Times copies of three AXPOW checks. The Foundation Times goes to more than 20,000 people. Now all of those people, and whoever else may see the paper, have access to the name of our bank, the name of our account, the account number, and the signatures of National Treasurer, Sonnie Bill Mottern,

PC James Cooper, and myself. This information in the wrong hands could easily be used to drain our bank account. At the least it is causing our organization to spend money contributed by our members to set up a new account, purchase new checks, etc. Please do not show the letter or the newspaper article to anyone; do not pass them on to anyone; do not throw them away without first destroying the copies of the checks. The checks were discussed in the letter and article. The check copies were not necessary to prove a point.

Do I have to sign the coupon to keep getting the Foundation Times in order to keep getting the EX-POW BULLETIN? The answer is NO. The American Ex-Prisoner of War Foundation Times is not a publication of American Ex-Prisoners of War. It is written, edited, and published by the Foundation. AXPOW has no control over what is published. The official voice of American Ex-Prisoners of War is the EX-POW BULLETIN. Every member of AXPOW automatically receives the Bulletin.

Is my Direct Mail contribution that I send to New Hampshire safe? Unfortunately, some of our members have been told not to send any money when they get the address labels or other items. They have been told things that are not based on facts. On page 5 of the July/August Bulletin, we explained how this program works. However, if you are uncomfortable with sending your donation to AXPOW at the New Hampshire address, you can send your donation to AXPOW National Headquarters; 3201 E. Pioneer Pkwy, #40; Arlington, TX 76010. Our gifts, large or small, through this program are the largest single source of income for AXPOW.

At the Mediation, why did we not ask for some of the money that the Foundation raised using our name?

The whole reason for Mediation is to settle the case, if possible, without the time and enormous expense involved in a trial. Mediation is not a hearing or a trial. It is trying to arrive at an agreement that will be acceptable to both parties. That means it involves give and take. Neither party gets their way in every issue involved. I knew that the most important thing for us was to take back the use of our name. I also knew that

the Foundation wanted to keep using our name because using our name had been vital in their fund raising. We also knew that our reputation as an organization was being marred by the bad reputation the Foundation earned.

Early in the proceedings, the Mediator came back from listening to the Foundation and brought a proposal for an agreement. The Foundation would stop using our name, get a new name that we would not object to, and would stop using our mailing list. Each party would be responsible for its own attorney fees and costs. This was the most important things we wanted, our name and our mailing list. I asked our lawyer if we could ask for some of the more than \$500,000 that had been raised using our name. He said that we could, but a discussion of that proposal would end in their telling us that they would see us in court. I asked the lawyer if we would win if we went to trial. He said that there was no doubt that we would win, but they could keep appealing for years. This was a hard decision to make. I considered the cost of even getting ready for a trial, the cost of a trial and the possibility of appeals and I realized that we could go bankrupt two or three times before the case was finally closed. Our name and our trademark are the most important things we have. I decided that no amount of money was as important as our name. I accepted their proposal and we worked from there. Judge Kinkeade's signature on the Agreed Judgment closed the case. The Judgment becomes final January 1, 2007. Both AXPOW and the Foundation are bound by this Agreed Judgment.

When did the Foundation separate itself from the American Ex-Prisoners of War? When our Board of Directors voted to take back our name and mailing list they were not disassociating from the Foundation. The Foundation disassociated from AXPOW in 1998, when they re-filed as a separate entity with no organizational ties to us.

If you have questions about any of the above, please feel free to give me a call. Let's all keep working together.

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Past National Commander Bill Schmidt sent the following after the recent Ohio State Dept. convention:

A Dangerous Falsehood...

*At the Ohio Department Meeting we heard a number of things that were not true. It was said not to support the mail out labels etc. that go back to New Hampshire and that that money does not go to the Organization. That was completely answered by Cmdr. Harvey. We need to support the address labels etc. and the money **does** go to our Treasurer.*

As Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, I would like to expand on this. SVC Robert Fletcher made this statement, despite knowing it was not true. At the National Convention in Denver, our vendor, John Hasychak, spoke about our direct mail programs...how the donations come in, are opened, counted and DEPOSITED IN THE BANK IN THE NAME OF AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR. They are then transferred to our National Treasury. Mr. Fletcher again made statements at MidYear in Washington, DC. He was again informed that he was wrong.

After working on AXPOW's direct mail programs for nearly 20 years with John Hasychak, I am angry that we have members of our organization who - for whatever reasons - wish to destroy our fund raising ability. I do not know what the reasons are behind it, but if they succeed, the end result will be that we do not have the operating funds to continue in business.

Over the years, we have brought in more than 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS INTO OUR TREASURY. THIS IS PROFIT RECEIVED BY AXPOW WITH NO EXPOSURE OR UPFRONT COSTS. This money is vital to the ongoing operation of our organization.

Without your generous donations, The American Ex-Prisoners of War would close.

I do not believe that our members want that.

Cheryl Cerbone
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Stalag XVIII A Military Democracy

Bound with Barbed Wire

By Ed McKenzie, guest columnist
Author: *Boys at War, Men at Peace*

"When thousands of American air-men noncommissioned officers, all sergeants, were crowded together in a camp far removed from any other American authority, how could they possibly organize and govern themselves under the eyes and gun muzzles of the enemy?" Many have wondered about this.

The German government segregated war prisoners by rank, as did the US and British governments. It was, perhaps, a holdover from the ancient feudal system. Officers could not be mingled with enlisted men, in spite of later portrayals on TV shows such as *Hogan's Heroes*. It had been agreed that noncommissioned officers could not be made to work outside the camp, and the Germans tried to bring together all Air Corps men wearing from three to six stripes.

They referred to camps for commissioned officers as Oflags, and leadership was established by rank and date of rank. Although there was a preponderance of lieutenants, then fewer captains, majors and colonels, date of rank would determine the level of authority of highest-ranking officers.

Col. Albert "Al" Clark was placed in charge of Americans at Luft III until another colonel, with earlier date of rank, was shot down and brought in. Then Al, pre-designated by Americans as "Man of Confidence" became

the rapidly expanding camp's "Big S" or security officer.

Also a Man of Confidence, Sgt. Kenneth Joseph "Kurt" Kurtenbach rose to the leadership position at Stalag 7A in Moosburg and when the air-men prisoners were moved to a separate camp in Krems, Austria, in Oct. 1943, he maintained the top position of responsibility. In April 1945, when most of the men were evacuated from the camp, he placed the marchers under leadership of his assistant, Sgt. Charles Belmer.

Sgt. Kurtenbach wore the same number of stripes as did hundreds of others at Moosburg. But he had some other things going for him. He had good ability with the German language and knowledge of the rules governing treatment of war prisoners, rules agreed to by Germany and the Allied Powers. Most had heard of the Geneva Conventions, but knew little about what was resolved there. Sgt. Kurtenbach emerged as the leader of the American group. Aside from his German language skills, he had a superior personality, great judgment and just plain "guts". He was a "natural".

When the number of air casualties continued to grow and many were taken prisoner, the Germans vacated several barracks of a Russian prison camp in the Krems-Gneixendorf area of Austria and shipped the American noncommissioned officers there in Oct. of 1943. "Our first challenge was to make the decrepit and vermin-ridden buildings sanitary and tight enough so that we might hope to survive the coming winter," Kurt said.

Under his direction, compound chiefs and barracks chiefs were chosen, with everyone participating.

Then within each barracks there were group leaders elected, each responsible for about twenty men. All authority was delegated through this structure, and regular staff meetings were held so that Kurt could exchange requests, complaints and orders with the German leaders, Oberst Kuhn and Major Eigl.

Kurt recalled, "It was important to become organized as quickly as possible. Many of the men had already formed themselves into small groups for sharing their food and looking out for one another and we simply built on that concept. The first order of business was to select a barracks chief. With assistants, the barracks chief would be responsible for discipline, allotment of food and blankets, and communications to and from me so that I could try and resolve problems as they arose..."

It was a democratic process and the men made excellent choices of barracks chiefs and group leaders, each of whom would take responsibility for fifteen or twenty men. In most instances, the chiefs were selected from the longer-term prisoners and they were, to a man, capable and tough when they had to be, yet also compassionate. They generally displayed true leadership qualities throughout their terms," Kurt concluded.

Of note: Paramount Pictures recently re-released on DVD a Special Collectors Edition of the four-star classic "Stalag 17". William Holden won the 1953 Best Actor Award.

*Thanks, Ed
Les*

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Congress has returned to Washington! Yes, they are supposedly back for 15 days of hard work on many items of unfinished emergencies for the country. Then, probably will not adjourn but again recess because of the election. They will then return for a "lame duck session" to finish out this session of the 59th Congress ending before Thanksgiving if possible. This is all the talk going around Capitol Hill.

HR1598 and S1271 haven't moved much but we are still pushing for action on this during the next few days. All the VSOs were notified in late August by House Veterans Affairs Chairman Steve Buyer that they would have an opportunity to be heard on actions and planning for the next year at a scheduled hearing on Sept. 21.

This we are doing and will report on this at the National Convention in Oct.

Also, regarding HR2369, the bill for the Purple Heart for POWs who died in captivity, on Aug. 8th we wrote letters to both Senators John Warner and Carl Levin, Armed Services Committee urging action on this bill. As of this writing, I have no reply as the Congress doesn't really get back until today. More at Convention.

On S2385, by Senator Reid and HR1366, Rep. Bilirakis, the Combat Related Special Compensation Act, Chapter 61 of the Defense Authorization Act, don't have anything to report just now. Again, more at the Convention, I hope.

More guests appearing on our program are still being invited and we expect to have an interesting program!

Be there!

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VA OFFERS COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS FOR LONG-TERM CARE:

Frequently Asked Questions:

What do VA's benefits include?

The benefits provide for a range of long-term services, including:

- .Nursing Home Care
- .Domicillary Care
- .Adult Day Health Care
- .Geriatric Evaluation
- .Respite Care

Who qualifies for nursing home care?

Any veteran who has a service-connected disability rated at 70 percent or more qualifies for nursing home care. Veterans who service-connected disability is clinically determined to require nursing home care also qualify. Care will be provided in a VA nursing home or contract nursing home.

If I want to go to a private nursing home, will VA pay for it?

In most cases, no. VA can pay for care only in nursing homes that participant in its contract program. About 10 percent of the country's nursing homes have VA contracts. In addition, most veterans are not eligible for direct placement to private nursing homes.

Can I be transferred from a VA nursing home without my consent? No. If you are in a VA nursing home and continue to have a medical need for nursing home care, you will not be transferred from the facility without your consent or, in the event

you cannot provide informed consent, your representative's consent.

What is domicillary care?

Domicillary care provides rehabilitative and long-term, health-maintenance care for veterans who require some medical care, but who do not require all the services provided in nursing homes.

Domicillary care emphasizes rehabilitation and return to the community.

What is adult day health care?

The adult day health care program is a therapeutic day care program, which provides medical and rehabilitation services to disabled veterans in a congregate setting.

Who is eligible for adult day health care?

Adult day health care (ADHC) is part of the basic benefits package. Veterans need to be enrolled in VA for their health care and meet the clinical admission criteria for ADHC.

What is geriatric evaluation?

Geriatric evaluation is the comprehensive assessment of a veteran's ability to care for him/herself, physical health, and social environment, which leads to a plan of care. The plan could include treatment, rehabilitation, health promotion, and social services. These evaluations are performed in inpatient Geriatric Evaluation and Management (GEM) Units, GEM clinics, geriatric primary care clinics, and other outpatient settings.

You must call your local VA Medical Center to obtain a list of VA contract nursing homes in your area. If there is a Former POW co-ordinator at your VA Medical Center, contact him or her first to get this list. If you suspect in the not too-distance future you may have a need for nursing care, why not get a list of those in your area, so they can be checked out in advance.

Doris Jenks

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VA Outreach

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Before it's too late

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We are indeed blessed!
Yes, Virginia, there is a free lunch.

And it begins with us, where we are.
Because these words are no empty
promise..."We exist to help those
who cannot help themselves".

Outreach is happening because of
people like these: Robert Jackson
in Vidor, TX...the Saturday call, "I
just came from the funeral of RG,
my POW friend, and here's his
wife's phone number." I wait until
the following week and call Mrs. G.
Her claim for DIC/Burial benefits
now in process in Houston VARO,
as he had 100% service connected
heart as cause of death.

Willis Young in Hanna City, IL calls
concerned about Mrs. S. in small
town near Peoria. Her husband died
in 1997 and she and her 49-year-
old handicapped son live on very
low income. A call to Mrs. S. gets
claim started, as husband died of
temporal lobe infarction (stroke);
Chicago VARO POW Coordinator
brings ray of sunshine for widow
and son, with retroactive year of
compensation for both; both now
eligible for ChampVA.

Don Griffin in Buffalo, NY calls,
POW buddy Leroy, in Houston area
nursing home has only 30%; wife
has Alzheimer's in same nursing
home. He was in Stalag Luft VI and
IV, spent 83 days on forced march,

with haunting memories of
Heydekrug run with dogs biting
legs and German Marine cadets
bayoneting those who faltered.
Claim now in process at Houston
VARO.

Les Jackson in Bethesda, MD sees
in Bulletin's TAPS column, death of
CM, resident of Bethesda. Les does
some detective Outreach and finds
phone number of widow. She lives
only three blocks from Les. Hus-
band was POW in Germany's Sta-
lag Luft III; had gone to VA for eye
treatments only, never knew about
VA disability compensation, died
of stroke, widow had no idea about
benefit possibilities for herself,
claim now in process.

Plus all these who followed up on
the 40 other new widows in latest
Bulletin TAPS column: Alan
Dunbar-NV, Rudy Collins-MT,
Melanie Bussel-NY & CT, Irwin
Stovroff-FL, Debra Hensley & Ken
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Grinstead-IA, Gil Turley-CO,
George McGray-GA, Bill Manda-AZ,
Frank Kravetz & Don Lewis-PA, Doc
Unger-OH, Robert Fletcher-MI, Walt
& Violet Peterson-WI, and Dottie
Vaughn in Dallas, TX.

All these are our AXPOW brothers
and sisters reaching out to those
who need guidance toward getting
their VA benefits. The "free lunch"
part? Those who work in the NSO
program of AXPOW receive no re-
muneration, with very limited ex-
pense reimbursement for phone,
postage, travel, etc. Unlike the ser-
vice officers of other veterans or-
ganizations such as DAV, VFW,
MOPH, AMVETS, etc who are paid
good salaries.

to tell you about the wonderful care
my husband Cecil got at the VA's
extended care facility in Bonham,
TX. The nurses and attendants
were so nice, making sure my hus-
band was comfortable and had
what he needed, right up to his last
breath." This quality care certainly
did ease the pain of loss of this
widow's loved ones.

It's 7:15AM, breakfast time, and
phone rings. "This is Al, POW Co-
ordinator in Houston, VARO. Please
tell Mrs. G. in Lufkin that we have
everything we need for her claim;
she doesn't have to do another
thing, her VA benefit is secure." I
said, Al, it's 7:15, what are you
doing there so early? "Oh. I get here
at 6:30 every morning." VA-Plus!

The VA eases the pain when it can.
Mr. N in Dallas nursing home, non-
ambulatory, wheelchair, weak, im-
possible to get to VAMC for POW
examinations, son in Alaska,
daughter in Europe, what to do?
Ginger Raney, POW Coordinator in
Waco VARO, with help of Dallas'
Med Center's POW doctor and Don
Stevenson, Med Center POW Coor-
dinator, arranges ambulance trans-
port from nursing home and return
for Mr. N. The 2nd Mile! VA helpers
like these make our care-network
work!

A thank you from Mrs. B. in Min-
nesota: "Dear Fred, thank you so
very much for helping me receive
the money I needed in a time in my
life when I've never needed it more.
I'm very grateful. I'm sorry this is
so late in getting to you, but as you
can see, I haven't been able to write
since my last stroke. I am recover-
ing, but it is slow."

Another thank you from Ruth in
Utah: "I want to thank you so much
for helping me get my DIC. I re-
ceived my check on the first of
June...retroactive back to Dec.
2005. I now have my ChampVA in
effect. And I have my form in for
schooling so I can learn to run my
computer." It's never too late!

Success Stories

ACCOLADES for the personnel of
the Dept. of Veterans Affairs who
help us former POWs and our de-
pendents more than we realize:
From a new AXPOW widow in
southern Oklahoma. "I've just got

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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.

Osteoarthritis

What Is Osteoarthritis?

Osteoarthritis is a joint disease that mostly affects cartilage. Cartilage is the slippery tissue that covers the ends of bones in a joint. Healthy cartilage allows bones to glide over each other. It also helps absorb shock of movement. In osteoarthritis, the top layer of cartilage breaks down and wears away. This allows bones under the cartilage to rub together. The rubbing causes pain, swelling, and loss of motion of the joint.

Over time, the joint may lose its normal shape. Also, bone spurs may grow on the edges of the joint. Bits of bone or cartilage can break off and float inside the joint space, which causes more pain and damage.

People with osteoarthritis often have joint pain and reduced motion. Unlike some other forms of arthritis, osteoarthritis affects only joints and not internal organs. Rheumatoid arthritis - the second most common form of arthritis - affects other parts of the body besides the joints. Osteoarthritis is the most common type of arthritis.

Who Gets Osteoarthritis?

Osteoarthritis occurs most often in older people. Research among combat veterans indicates that joint injuries at a young age can lead to osteoarthritis.

How Is Osteoarthritis Diagnosed?

Osteoarthritis can occur in any joint. It occurs most often in the hands, knees, hips, and spine.

Warning signs of osteoarthritis are:

- Steady or on-and-off pain in a joint
- Stiffness in a joint after getting out of bed or sitting for a long time
- Swelling or tenderness in one or more joints
- A crunching feeling or the sound of bone rubbing on bone.

No single test can diagnose osteoarthritis. Most doctors use several methods to diagnose the disease and rule out other problems:

- Medical history
- Physical exam
- X rays
- Other tests such as blood tests or exams of the fluid in the joints.

How Is Osteoarthritis Treated?

Doctors often combine treatments to fit a patient's needs, lifestyle, and health. Osteoarthritis treatment has four main goals:

- Improve joint care through rest and exercise
- Keep a healthy body weight
- Control pain
- Achieve a healthy lifestyle.

Osteoarthritis treatment plans can involve:

- Exercise
- Weight control

- Rest and joint care
- Pain relief
- Medicines
- Alternative therapies
- Surgery.

How Can Self-Care and a "Good-Health Attitude" Help?

Three kinds of programs help people learn about osteoarthritis and self-care and improve their good-health attitude:

- Patient education programs
- Arthritis self-management programs
- Arthritis support groups.

These programs teach people about osteoarthritis and its treatments. They also have clear and long-lasting benefits. People in these programs learn to:

- Exercise and relax
- Talk with their doctor or other health care providers
- Solve problems.

People with osteoarthritis find that self-management programs help them:

- Understand the disease
- Reduce pain while staying active
- Cope with their body, mind, and emotions
- Have more control over the disease
- Live an active, independent life.

People with a good-health attitude:

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- Focus on what they can do, not what they can't do
- Focus on their strengths, not their weaknesses
- Break down activities into small tasks that are easy to manage
- Build fitness and healthy eating into their daily routines
- Develop ways to lower and manage stress
- Balance rest with activity
- Develop a support system of family, friends, and health care providers.

What Research Is Being Done on Osteoarthritis?

Osteoarthritis is not simply a disease of "wear and tear" that happens in joints as people get older. There is more to the disease than aging alone. Researchers are studying:

- Tools to detect osteoarthritis earlier
- Genes
- Tissue engineering
- A wide range of treatment strategies
- Osteoarthritis in animals
- Pain relief medicines
- Medicines to prevent joint damage
- Acupuncture
- Vitamins and other supplements
- Injection of hyaluronic acid (a natural part of cartilage and joint fluid)
- Estrogen.

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## A National POW Conference —

### Challenging the "Lack of Understanding"

by R. Dana Charles

Many former prisoners of war have said that they've often encountered a lack of understanding - a lack of understanding not only about what they experienced as captives, but also about what life has been like for them after their liberation. It seems that such understanding is lacking virtually everywhere today in American society from the classroom to the hospital room, from the legislative chamber to the home of a son or a daughter, a niece or a nephew, a grandson or a granddaughter of some former POWS.

In England this past April, researchers, historians, archivists, authors and medical doctors gathered to challenge, in effect, any existing lack of understanding of

former British POWS of the Far East with a two-day international conference on former prisoners of war. "The conference was a huge success and we are already planning the next one in 18 months time," organizer Meg Parkes said recently in an email.

We should all take notice here in America of how a lack of understanding of POWs there was successfully challenged - and more; we should try to challenge the lack of understanding here and in a similar way.

AXPOW should sponsor a national conference on American Prisoners of War to be held concurrently during the next AXPOW convention (2007) - two events that complement each other.

What the conference would provide:

1. A time and a place for prisoners of war, researchers, historians, archivists, authors, medical doctors, VA officials, and lawmakers to share with each other information pertaining to all aspects of POW life.

2. A time and a place for family members of former POWS to learn, perhaps for the first time, about POW experiences of a loved-one, about the effects of such experiences. Researchers, historians, archivists, authors, medical doctors, VA officials, and lawmakers could provide families with much information.

3. A time and a place for all attendees to learn: where and how sources of information on former POWS can be obtained, where and how records are located, what research is ongoing, and what research is still needed.

4. A time and a place to learn from experts about psychological effects of war on combat veterans, on Holocaust Survivors and on POWS.

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5. A time and a place where all attendees can learn about various known effects on some wives and children of living with former POWS, or Holocaust survivors, or other survivors of war.

6. A time and a place to learn about the latest advances in treatment for depression, anxiety, PTSD and other psychological problems which have affected veterans, including ex-POWS, and some family members.

## Some Possible Topics for Discussion:

- What has been learned about postwar lives of Ex-POWS?
- What have been the effects of POW experiences on POWS?
- What research has been conducted on American Ex-POWS? On POWS of other nations?
- What wives/widows say about life with Ex-POWS.
- What children say about life with Ex-POWS.
- What affect does malnutrition have on POWS?
- What psychological/emotional effects have Ex-POWS had, and which treatment programs and medications have been effective?
- National archivists explain where POW Records are kept, and how to obtain copies.
- Representatives from Andersonville discuss their programs.
- Which wartime records, photographs, maps, aerial photographs, reports pertaining to POWS have been declassified, which have not, and why?
- What is the status of any legal cases against former enemy nations?
- Does torture of prisoners provide information?
- How many former POW guards were ever brought to justice?

· What doctors know about former POWS, and what they should learn.

## Such a conference would:

(1) Engage researchers, lawmakers, veterans affairs officials in discussions pertaining to POW issues, including medical (psychological, physical) issues, historical records issues, government policy issues, etc., and would encourage more efforts on behalf of POWS.

(2) Provide a special draw for the "next generations" — a widely publicized time/place to learn about their father's or grandfather's experiences from knowledgeable third parties. This would appeal to adult children whose fathers and/or grandfathers may never have discussed the war.

(3) Draw attention in the media to POW history, and POW issues. C-SPAN should be invited to televise the event since such programs would likely appeal to C-SPAN audiences.

(4) Draw attention to research materials, books, records on POWS, as well as AXPOW merchandise items that are available through AXPOW headquarters.

(5) Draw attention to books, DVDs, Videos available on POWS. Various authors should be invited to speak, and to sell their books at a special book fair area during the conference.

(6) Would showcase the ongoing need for support of the AXPOW organization, which NEEDS support more than ever — right now.

(7) A record of the event would most likely provide future historians with some valuable insights into how today's Ex-POWS have lived.

Plans and details should be worked out immediately.

Any lack of understanding of Ex-POWS can and should be challenged. If it were to continue unchallenged, one can easily imagine some profoundly negative consequences: Not only would society risk losing the understanding of the life experiences of American POWS both in wartime and afterward, but also among the things lost in the process would be the principles upon which understanding and caring for any American veteran, regardless of his service, is based.

"We exist for those who cannot help themselves," AXPOW's slogan proclaims. But, AXPOW can help no one unless people first understand what help is needed, and why.

According to organizer Meg Parkes, the recent conference in England was developed initially to help relatives of FEPOWS understand their family histories. I believe that such conferences provide even more understanding in unexpected ways, and on many levels. By drawing together at one time and place professionals with disparate areas of expertise and Ex-POWS and their families who have wide-ranging war and postwar experiences, human faces are attached to facts by all participants. It is at such moments that human interaction, which has such power in war to destroy, can also provide an awesome power to heal, to inspire, to embolden hope, and perhaps in the end to help improve life for future generations.

A national conference could address many needs, and could help many people now and in the future. For information on the "Researching FEPOW History Conference" in England, visit: <http://www.researchingfepowhistory.org.uk/index.html>



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## African Americans at Andersonville

By: Park Ranger Don Pettijohn

With the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln changed the course of the America's Civil War between the United States (Union) and the Confederate States (Confederacy). The Proclamation added the abolition of slavery to the preservation of the Union as a goal for the successful Union effort. However, embedded in the Proclamation is a paragraph that also irrevocably changed the course of the war and America's military.

*"And I further declare and make known, that such persons of suitable conditions, will be received into the armed service of the United States to garrison forts, positions, stations, and other places, and to man vessels of all sorts in said service."*

The Union was now committed to the use of African American soldiers and sailors to prosecute the remainder of the war.

African Americans from the north and the south came forward to enlist in the Union cause. Before the war ended approximately 180,000 African Americans enrolled in the United States military. Of this number approximately one third were freeman and the other two thirds were slaves when the war broke out in 1861. Ten percent of all Union forces at the war's end were African American. Although the regiments were recruited by state, the units were usually designated USCT, United States Colored Troops. However, a small number retained the state designation; most notably the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry. Most regiments were infantry, but there were also cavalry, light artillery, heavy artillery, and a few other miscellaneous. The regiments with few exceptions had white officers who competed for these positions. At first it was not certain if these units would be used in combat. However, by mid 1863 Colored regiments had seen combat at Port Hudson, LA, Milliken's Bend (Vicksburg campaign), and Fort Wagner, SC. The 1989 movie, "Glory," told the story of the 54<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Infantry from its formation until its unsuccessful storming of Fort Wagner in Charleston Harbor.

In 1862, Union and Confederate military representatives agreed on the Dix-Hill Cartel as the way to handle prisoners of war. The cartel agreement provided for parole first and exchange second. Under the cartel, a prisoner had to sign a parole agreement that he would not go back in ranks and return to fighting until he had been exchanged. A paroled prisoner might be given a pass that enabled him to return to his respective side. However, most prisoners were taken to check points and handed back to their respective side. Pris-

oners were usually back with their troops when the exchange took place. Both sides kept list of prisoners who had been paroled and then representatives would meet to go over the lists. The exchange was man for man and rank for rank. However, the cartel provided for a mathematical formula to handle all the odd numbers. For example one general was worth sixty privates.

In 1863, when the Union started using African American troops the parole and exchange process broke down. The Union insisted that all prisoners, Black and white, be treated the same for exchange purposes. The Confederacy insisted that the Blacks be treated as run-away slaves and returned to their owners. Generals Robert E. Lee and Ulysses Grant revisited this issue in October 1864 during the siege of Petersburg: Lee wrote to Grant, "negroes belonging to our citizens are not considered subjects of exchange," and Grant answered, "I have to state the government is bound to secure to all persons received into her armies the rights due soldiers. This being denied by you in the persons of such men as have escaped from Southern masters induces me to decline making the exchanges you ask." When the parole and exchange process broke down in 1863 the Confederacy was forced to move the multitude of Union prisoners it was holding in Richmond, VA, farther away from the battlefield. After examining several sites in south Georgia, the Confederate military located a suitable spot at Andersonville Station for Camp Sumter.

The stockade at Fort Sumter to hold Union prisoners was constructed during the winter of 1863-64 and opened February 25. Would Andersonville receive Black POWs and how would they be treated? The battle of Olustee, 50 miles west of Jacksonville, FL, on February 20, 1864, would quickly answer that question.

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When the gates of Camp Sumter at Andersonville Station opened on February 25, 1864, no one knew if African American Union soldiers would arrive as prisoners of war of the Confederacy. The battle of Olustee fought on February 20, 1864, would soon answer that question.

In 1864 the Union wanted to take control of Florida to halt the flow of foodstuffs to other parts of the Confederacy. The Union campaign led by General Truman Seymour with 5500 soldiers was to proceed from Jacksonville to Tallahassee. Seymour was opposed by Confederate General Joseph Finnegan and 5000 troops. Among the Union troops were three Black regiments; 8 USCT, 35 USCT, and the 54 Massachusetts Infantry. The 8 USCT was recruited in the Philadelphia, PA, area and was primarily freemen. The 35 USCT was established in the New Bern, NC, and almost all were slaves. The 54 Massachusetts was made up mostly freemen from Massachusetts and Pennsylvania and was the only unit of the three with combat experience. The two forces met about 50 miles west of Jacksonville on February 20 at Olustee or Ocean Pond. The Confederacy prevailed in the one day battle. Union losses were 1861 compared to just 961 for the Confederacy. Among the Union losses were a number of African Americans taken prisoner who would soon be headed to Andersonville.

The best source of information on African Americans at Andersonville is testimony given at the Wirz trial in the fall of 1865. Five men provided testimony relevant to Colored POWs at Camp Sumter. Frank Maddox (Mardix), Private, 35 USCT  
William Henry (C.) Jennings, Private, 8 USCT  
Lewis Dyer, Unknown Rank, Unknown Unit

Archibald Bogle (Boyle), Major, 35 USCT  
Alexander W. Persons (Parsons), Colonel, CSA

When the first Black prisoners arrived at Andersonville how would they be treated was an open question. Colonel Persons testified after the arrival of the first "negroes" he communicated with General Winder and Winder's reply as best he could remember was "until further orders treat them as prisoners of war." Two of the African American prisoners testified. Frank Maddox stated, "(The colored prisoners) were treated in no way differently from the white soldier." Lewis Dyer said, "I was treated just the same as any of the rest-just the same as all the prisoners were treated." However, equal treatment did not mean the absence of punishment. Both Maddox and Dyer reported that Isaac Hawkins of the 54 Mass. received 250 out of 500 lashes. Jennings stated that he received 30 lashes for "not going to work one morning." Jennings was also in the stocks for a day and a night.

The number of African Americans at Andersonville was probably around 100. Persons stated, "there were between sixty and 100 negroes..." Maddox testified, "When I left there were only fifty four." The Andersonville prisoner database yields at most 106 African Americans held prisoner. The number of deaths is no more than 33. The death rate for the 106 is 31% and very close to the overall death rate of 29%.

The African American prisoners were used on work details outside the stockade. Maddox reported "pulling stumps," "cutting wood," and helping to "enlarge the stockade." Dyer worked two months as a house servant for Dr. White and "digging the well in the fort." Jennings testified, "I was set to digging a ditch outside the stockade." Maddox reported Colored prison-

ers being used on burial detail beginning in September.

The "neighborhood" or location of the African Americans inside the stockade is given by only Maddox, "The colored prisoners were in a gang by themselves up towards the south gate."

The number of months the African Americans were held at Andersonville is quite long. The prisoners captured at Olustee were brought to Camp Sumter fairly quickly. Bogle states he arrived March 14. Jennings arrived in February or March. Maddox said he arrived April 1. Dyer and Maddox testified that their stays ended February 2, 1865. The earliest deaths for African Americans were in April 1864 and the latest were in February 1865. African American prisoners were probably not transferred out in September of 1864 when 18,000 others were moved to other prisons.

There were African Americans at Andersonville. There were African Americans who died at Andersonville. There were 12,920 Americans, Black and white, who died at Andersonville. However, there would have been no Andersonville if the Union had not insisted that all prisoners, Black and white, be treated the same for exchange purposes.

It is with great sadness that I tell you that Park Ranger Alan Marsh has left Andersonville for a Historian position with the US Air Force. Alan took the transfer to be closer to his home in middle Georgia.

Alan came to Andersonville in 1992 from Ocmulgee National Monument. Although we will miss Alan's skill as a historian and interpreter, we will most miss his positive approach to everything and his friendship. (Fred Boyles)

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# NamPOW news



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## Families of the Wounded Fund - the Way It Ought to Be

Background: I've been involved with many worthwhile non-profits and their fundraising subsidiaries including being CEO of three of them. Foundations for fund raising are typically begun to support parent organizations or constituencies. They usually act as a behind-the-scenes helper to free the board or the key officers of the primary association to attend to the organization's primary activities.

In short, foundations usually spring into being to help fulfill unfunded mandates. And, typically, those serving on the foundation board do it for altruistic reasons with only the good of the parent entity.

Here's the most worthwhile "charity" I've ever been involved with used here as an example of the optimal use for donated money.

The McGuire Veterans Hospital in Richmond is treating some of America's most severely wounded service members following their medical evacuations from Afghanistan and Iraq. McGuire is recognized as having unique capabilities

in the rehabilitation of those with head and spinal cord injuries. These neurological wounds are often horribly traumatic and sometimes complicated by the loss of sight, hearing or limbs. They would never have survived earlier conflicts.

But these soldiers weren't the only ones suffering. Coming to Richmond from Walter Reed Army Hospital or Bethesda National Naval Medical Center, they are usually accompanied by their primary next of kin and often other family members.

The families of these patients are typically in Richmond for 4-6 weeks, and, occasionally, more. While the government provides some degree of support, these families still find themselves in an unfamiliar city, often far from home, facing terrible hardships that are exacerbated by concerns for their wounded loved ones. In addition, too many of them find that while they are here, the bills pile up at home.

Consequently, in 2005 a group of us - all veterans representing all branches of service most of whom had been in combat - met to discuss what we as a community could do to help, and the Families of the Wounded Fund, Inc. became a reality. Cal Esleeck, a Vietnam Marine artillery officer and CPA "volunteered" to take care of the paperwork for which he was rewarded by being elected President. As we'd done before, we were going to take care of the troops.

These soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines have a long and very difficult road ahead. Most are young and their lives and the lives of their families have been forever changed. Regardless of their gender, race or ethnic heritage, these wounded Americans and their families clearly understand the high cost of freedom. They need and deserve all the support we can

muster. Simply put, helping the families is the right thing to do.

The purpose of the Fund is to raise money and assist these families while they are here in Richmond. We have been doing this since last fall, and for the community's generosity, we are most grateful. However, it is apparent that we need to increase our level of family support. This comes as patient loads are expected to rise and our funds continue to be depleted.

Our current modus operandi is to contact the families at the hospital and offer our help. With no paperwork other than signing a receipt, the family member is given a debit card in the value of \$3,000. In this case, and I've participated in five "awards." The obvious gratitude from these heroes' loved ones for having been bailed out of a difficult situation is wonderful.

It truly is much better to give than receive.

So why did I choose this month to write this terrific story? Frankly, I wanted to compare it to but, mostly, to contrast it with a situation most in AXPOW know too well. Where our local Families of the Wounded Fund is operated for virtually no overhead and strictly to benefit those for whom it was created, the Foundation that's caused so much heartburn for the elected officers and membership of our organization by the self-aggrandizing Foundation and its laughable *Foundation Times* paid for by the members of the organization it tears apart is a diametric opposite.

I'll close by simply saying that I suspect I sleep better at night than do the self-elected "officers" of the late, unlamented AXPOW Foundation. It's only been around for several years. Does anybody know anything they've done for the American Ex-POWs? And I very seriously doubt the Family of the Wounded Fund will ever be mentioned as a scam by FoxNews' Bill O'Reilly.



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## A Dream Come True~2

Catherine Cotterman Hoskins

The lounge, which is where the passengers spent most of their time in flight, was very comfortable. We all introduced ourselves and by dinnertime we had become very friendly and chatty. Meals aboard the Clipper were absolutely fantastic and food was always available on the buffet. Smoking was not allowed anywhere in the airplane. There were double-decker berths in the area between the lounge and the lavatory—which was located near the tail.

When the berths were made up for the night, the Steward assigned each of us to our own. By this time we had become acquainted with the officers in the crew. They were all personable and delightful men. Captain Turner made us feel safe and secure 10,000 feet up in the heavens. It was easy to fall asleep that night, but, around midnight, I woke up feeling quite cold. The curtains parted and I heard the Steward explaining that the Captain had to climb to 12,000 feet to get over a rain storm and that it would be cold for a while. He covered me with a couple of lovely, warm blankets and I was off to dreamland once more.

At 8 o'clock in the morning we landed at Pearl Harbor. The passengers could take ashore only one small overnight bag. We were escorted to the lovely Moana Hotel on Waikiki—next door to the Royal Hawaiian. The rest of that day we were on our own to explore Honolulu. We knew we had to be up, dressed, packed, and ready to leave for Pearl Harbor Terminal long before dawn. Because of all the coral in the lagoons at each Island along the way, the Clippers had to take off at sunrise in order to land safely at the next stop while the sun was still out and the pilot could avoid the coral.

How the Captain could find those tiny Islands down there in the vast Pacific Ocean was a mystery to me. But he did—and always in time! A launch came out to greet us and take us ashore when we arrived at Midway. The Pan American Hotels at each stop

along the way were attractive and so very comfortable. The delicious meals were beautifully served. On Midway, much to our surprise and delight, the Gooney Birds had arrived to start their families. What an unexpected treat!

Early the next morning, after a fine breakfast, we said goodbye to all the wonderful folks who looked after our every need, then returned by launch to the gallant Clipper waiting for us. Soon we were up and away heading for Wake Island.

That night we received more gracious hospitality from the Pan American staff on duty. Wake had a special charm and I loved it. When we left the next early morning, I knew I would be back and that made the leaving much easier.

The Island of Guam is large, lush and beautiful. It was important to deliver and pick up mail in the town nearest the Pan American Compound. I tagged along on the ride with the Skipper and was impressed with the scenery and with the people we met. Guam was our last stop before reaching our homeport—Manila. It was a starlit evening and perfect for a beach walk before bedtime.

Early the next morning as we waved goodbye to the people who had come down to the water to watch us take off, Chuck and I knew that in just a few hours we would be home once more! Our excitement began to build as time went by. Captain Turner assured us that he would circle Manila before landing out near the Terminal in Cavite. Oh, the thrill! It is hard to describe how Chuck and I felt as we scrambled from side to side and window-to-window to identify all the familiar landmarks below us! We shouted to one another and in the excitement, we even shed a few tears. All of a sudden we realized the Steward was trying to get our attention. In a very gentle voice he said: "Captain's compliments, Miss Cotterman and Mr. Butler, he understands your emotions but he asks that you please sit down, you're rocking his boat!!"

We took our seats quietly and in a few minutes we were on the water taxiing to the landing dock. The door of the aircraft opened and an official from Pan American Airways greeted me with a smile and an umbrella. It was raining. He escorted Chuck and me to where our folks were waiting for us with open arms. We were home!!

My dream had come true with this first thrilling and romantic flight on a Pan American Clipper. I did have two more flights to look forward to—the return trip to San Francisco at the summer's end and the last journey home to Manila in June of 1941. Each of those trips held adventures of their own. One was on board a Boeing which was much larger than the Martin and carried 12 passengers. Captain Robin McGlohn was the skipper of that ship named the California Clipper. Captain McGlohn knew how sad I was leaving home again, so he made sure I enjoyed some unexpected surprises. I soon stopped feeling sorry for myself and got caught up in the excitement of the journey. On the night we stopped over in Honolulu, the captain invited me to join him for dinner down in the gigantic kitchen of the Moana Hotel. He was a good friend of the chef who had arranged a delicious feast in his private glassed-in dining room where the three of us could share the meal and watch the activity in the kitchen. The chef kept his eye on everyone. The next day we took off for San Francisco. The skipper told me he would have the steward call me before sunrise so that I could join him up in the cockpit to watch the sun come up in all its glory. What a thrill that was to be sitting up there high in the sky experiencing the spectacular burst of color as the golden sun appeared on the horizon. Soon we would be touching down on San Francisco Bay and coming to the perfect end of an incredible journey! What a heart warming surprise it was to find that Captain McGlohn would be the pilot of my last journey home to the Philippines, once more on a Martin. That June, U.S. Marines were stationed at Midway, Wake and Guam and the Clipper passengers were not free to wander and explore. This was our first hint of war clouds gathering. Six months after our arrival in Manila, Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese. Soon after, the Philippines were bombed and invaded. American and Allied civilians were rounded up and placed in prison camps. We lost our material and personal possessions. But they could not take away our precious memories. All these years later I still cherish the treasured memories of my love affair with Pan American Airways!

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## events and information



Oct. 3-8, 2006. The 59<sup>th</sup> National Convention of AXPOW. See the Ex-POW Bulletin for more details.

# looking for



**NOTICE: Please include mail addresses and phone numbers. We will not print requests in the future with only an email address.**

I am Elizabeth L. Enriquez, a member of the faculty of the University of the Philippines. I recently successfully defended my doctoral dissertation titled "Appropriation of Colonial Broadcasting: A History of Early Radio in the Philippines, 1922-1946". My subject covered the war years in the Philippines from 1942 to 1945. I am writing to ask if you would consent to help me with my research to be able to write a paper about how KGST, which appeared to have been used as a substitute for the regular radio broadcasting one took for granted before the war, served a cultural and psychological purpose for the internees - that of being able to approximate some sense of order in a severe and chaotic situation. If you have kept any papers, pictures, clippings, objects or memories of the internment, particularly with regard the radio broadcasting activities in the camp, I would be so grateful if you would share them with me. I am certain that any of these will give me a

fuller understanding of the situation in STIC during the war, which should enrich my paper, and which should provide new knowledge about human experience of war. If you have digital **copies of pictures, manuscripts, letters, clippings etc.**, please send it to me via email at this address or any of the following addresses. If you know of any **STIC survivor** or his/her family whom I might approach similarly, I'd be grateful if you could give me their names and contact information, or if you would give them my name and contact information to let them decide whether they wish to communicate with me. Thank you very much. Elizabeth L. Enriquez, PhD, Associate Professor of Broadcasting, Department of Broadcast Communication, College of Mass Communication, University of the Philippines Diliman, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines 1101; [betsyenriquez@gmail.com](mailto:betsyenriquez@gmail.com).

I received a **photo album of a US unit**, that maybe with your help we can identify. The unit was attached to the British 8<sup>th</sup> Army in North-Africa, Sicily, than Italy, pictures of meeting up with British Tank crew who are going into Battle at Cassino, than Rome, lot of vehicles, than to France and finally ending up in Germany (Kaiserslautern and



Heidelberg), also shipment from Italy of France (Marseille). I couldn't find any good signs on trucks, the only sign I found is on the attached picture of the soldier. Also sometimes it is written the 299 is heading for home and also the 982 Sign Serv Co. It might be part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Army. Thanks. Hans J. Wijers, [wijers@planet.nl](mailto:wijers@planet.nl). (Note: Hans just has his email address because he is in Europe.)

I am seeking information on my uncle, **Thomas D. Reda**. He was a medic, possibly with the 422<sup>nd</sup>. He could have been assigned to any one of the line companies in the 422<sup>nd</sup>. Any information would be helpful. Robert J. Faro, [BobFaro@earthlink.net](mailto:BobFaro@earthlink.net).

Looking for **two Army officers who escaped on foot from Hammelburg** when Patton's armored column freed the POWs. The three of us followed the Maine River and were recaptured. Please contact Darwyn E. Walker. Call collect (417) 883-3305.

I'm trying to get information about my Luft IV roommate, **Harris John, of Crowley, LA**. His son, William, was born after he died. We don't know if Harris was in the 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> AF and St. Louis Personnel Records Center says his records were destroyed in the fire. Please write to: William John, 107 Sumter Ave., Broussard, LA 70518, or Ray Marcello (ex-POW in Luft 4) 119 Leuron St., Houma, LA 70360.

Looking for any information on my dad, **PFC Robert E. Chapel**, 31 380 668. I have him listed as 137<sup>th</sup> infantry, Co K, 35<sup>th</sup> Division as well as 142<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 36<sup>th</sup> Division. He was wounded at the Battle of Luxembourg and a POW in Germany, Stalag 4B from late December 1944-mid April 1945. Any info helpful. Thank You. Shirley Smith, 10 Nichols Lane, Waterford, CT 06385.

# Members' forum



## To the members:

I would like to comment on the article that Mary Beth Brooks placed in the most recent Foundation Times, where she chooses to attack articles in the National Bulletin and accuse those who write articles and columns for the Bulletin as giving *"warped, one-sided views in the belief that anyone reading the letters and columns will take it as gospel truth"*. Mrs. Brooks also states in her article: *"The magazine has become the source of misinformation if not downright failure to portray the truth"*.

I do not find it necessary to defend all of the valuable information that is printed in the National Bulletin as I feel, as so many other members do, it stands on its own merit. For this article to be written by Mrs. Brooks and printed in the Foundation Times, speaks volumes, since that magazine is well known for its criticism and condemnation of our membership.

Cheryl Cerbone as the Editor and myself as the Publisher, would never be a party to attempting to mislead our membership and would never intentionally print or convey anything but the truth in the National Bulletin. Our constant goal for the National Bulletin, is to provide our membership with a wealth of information that our members welcome, and look forward to reading.

I find it sad and disturbing when a member of the American Ex-Prisoners of War makes unfounded accusations against our organization. In recent months Mrs. Brooks has seemed to find fault with many aspects of our National Organization and finds it necessary to contact anyone who will listen and try to convince them of the organization's short-comings. The

American Ex-Prisoner of War Organization has functioned very successfully for many years and for Mrs. Brooks to come along and suggest that in many respects our organization is falling apart, is not something our membership is going to buy....they are much too intelligent and well informed. Our members strongly believe in our organization and they will not be bullied by a few disgruntled members.

It is my opinion that Mrs. Brooks should find more constructive ways to help and assist our organization and our members, instead of spending her time attacking members who work to help and advance the cause of our organization and its members. If that is not an avenue Mrs. Brooks cares to pursue, perhaps it is time to consider severing her ties with the American Ex-Prisoner of War Organization and moving on to other projects that would help bring her some peace in her life.

PNC Maurice Sharp  
Publisher, EX-POW Bulletin  
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## Dear Editor:

I read Mr. Bussell's statements in the Service Foundation Times with puzzlement and can only say that after all these years and all the conventions the representative of the AXPOW Fund Raiser has explained how the fund raising works it still amazes me how anyone could have a failure to understand it. Mr. Hasychak has come to convention a number of times in the last 15 years and has attended Midyears on a number of occasions as well. He has explained the fund raising programs both when he was at Brick Mill and now with his own company.

To the best of my knowledge the last commander to visit our fundraiser was PNC Bearisto back in 1994. PNC Joe Galloway, now deceased, used to come up to New Hampshire as he had a personal interest having started the programs at Brick Mill. PNC Paul Dallas knew the system as he was on the Ways and Means Committee for several years and got a regular copy of the program activity reports. The problem today is people coming up through the chairs don't work the important committees and don't know what is going on.

The Paralyzed Veterans Association at Brick Mill in Wilton, New Hampshire did our fund raising for many years. They gave this up about 5 years ago and sold our rights and mailing list to another company located in New York. We were forced to have to deal with this New York company until our contract expired. The last program we did with them was the calendar and it was nearly impossible getting a financial accounting - or our money - from them. We moved to another in Pennsylvania. We didn't have much better luck with the company from Pennsylvania either. That year was the worst profit we ever had in many recent years with our fund raising activities.

But it did put us back in touch with John Hasychak who had been our Brick Mill Representative for many years. John was getting ready to start out on his own and with his positive track record at Brick Mill and his old contacts that he had used for years, we went to him. Many people don't know this but John has a personal interest in the AXPOW. His uncle was a Prisoner of War during WWII.

The procedures used by John are the same as were used at Brick Mill. This was explained in Denver, at Midyear and again in the July/August 2006 issue of the Bulletin. We are getting an excellent return for our money - far above most other organizations. There is a comment on the caging of the checks in the Service Foundation Times. This was an apparent oversight and not an attempt to conceal a cost. Caging costs have always been there since the early days of Brick Mill back in 1985. Based upon the total profit, product costs and the postage incurred in 2004 the caging costs were 2.27%.

Caging includes but is not limited to the following items: Mailings, Bank Deposits, Accounting Procedures, Administrative Reports, Updating Computer Changes such as addresses, members who have moved, deceased members, Special Orders for people who want to use nicknames instead of birth names and Reprints of Orders. I believe the Service Foundation would

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probably call this an administrative handling cost, as all their costs seem to be of an administrative nature. The only difference is that our administrative costs are 2.27% and the Service Foundation administration costs would be about 90%, since that is what goes into the fundraiser's pocket. The fact that we break it out shows the membership exactly what is being spent where on a program.

I was associated with the fundraising for 10 years assisting with the calendars and the other fundraising projects to include Veterans Day 97 and have had very few inquiries over the years as to the accounting practices. I can assure you that not one penny of the money sent to the New Hampshire addresses over the years has gone anywhere except to the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc. As I have told some members in the past if you don't want to send the donation to New Hampshire then you can always send it to the AXPOW HQS in Arlington, TX.

Seems some members of the Board of Directors still don't understand the direct mail programs. I invite any member of the AXPOW Board of Directors to come to New Hampshire and I will personally set them up with Mr. Hayschak and he will go over all the procedures yet again.

Thank you for your time. I ask you to please continue to support the American Ex-Prisoners of War; National Headquarters in Arlington, TX.

Sincerely,  
Robert W. (Robbie) Bearisto  
Hyannis, MA

### Dear Editor:

In reviewing the whole context of the conflict between the Foundation and AXPOW, these issues have come to mind and must be evaluated.

Why, after being rated on the Scrooge list of South Carolina as the worst charity in the United States, did the President of the Foundation compare

it to being on the "worst dressed list" - an absurd comparison.

The second embarrassment to the National AXPOW name occurred when the Service Foundation was listed as one of the worst foundations by the Charity Navigator - Your Guide to Intelligent Giving. Charity Navigator gave the AXPOW Service Foundation ZERO STARS.

The most wide-reaching embarrassing publicity occurred November 16, 2005 when on national television, The O'Reilly Factor (FoxNews) called the Service Foundation a "BOGUS VETERANS CHARITY".

Most shameful was to have another veterans' organization publish a newsletter, Charity Givers Beware, from Director Rao Bauiro, Bulletin of January, 2006, Veterans Charities Review, again naming the AXPOW Service Foundation as one of the worst foundations...and warning donors to steer clear of them.

The money raised by the Foundation at its inception came from funding by the National AXPOW organization, and its generous members. The main purpose of the Foundation was to support the National AXPOW organization.

It was raised by using the American Ex-Prisoners of War name and mailing list. Morally and ethically, at the mediation meeting, this money should have been transferred to the National organization.

The Foundation's motives and ethics are questionable. What do they intend to do with the funds that were raised with AXPOW's money, mailing list and most importantly, AXPOW's name?

The big question and issue is why did the Foundation file a lawsuit when the National organization wanted to separate itself from the Service Foundation because of this disgrace and abuse of our name? In the present issue of the Foundation Times, President Bussel states that they HAD to sue AXPOW in order to keep giving us money. This is not true. They sued for use of OUR good name and they also sued for money from AXPOW.

Their actions were taken with total disregard of the welfare of our mem-

bers, forcing the National organization to hire legal counsel for its defense, at considerable expense.

There are four Past National Commanders and four Past National Directors who took an Oath of Office when they were installed. They should have known our Bylaws and Codes of Procedures. Section I - Disciplinary Action spells out the consequences of filing a lawsuit or being associated with the plaintiffs.

Filing this lawsuit was a flagrant disregard of the Uniform Codes of Procedures. If disciplinary action is not enforced, then the National Bylaws and Procedures are meaningless.

Sincerely, Steve Glowacki  
Garden State Chapter #1

### Dear Editor:

A letter has been circulated by Pat Benker, NSO from California, referring to the National Commander's article in the July/August Bulletin. The commander reported that some members and chapters were donating to the AXPOW General Treasury. Miss Benker makes it appear that any individual who has 100% service-connected disability and makes a donation is breaking the law.

This is not true. US Code Title 38 states that no one can charge, receive a fee or compensation for claims work. It does NOT say that members and chapters cannot voluntarily give money to our organization. The chapters and members who are making donations to our General Fund are doing so out of love for our organization and appreciation of the job that is being done.

I'm not sure what point Miss Benker is attempting to make. She appears to be trying to tie NSO work with donations to AXPOW. It almost sounds like she's trying to say that if you have an NSO help you with your claim, you can't donate to AXPOW.

It's a slap in the face to the membership who have supported our organization for the last 60 plus years.

Carol Timar  
NSO, Enrolled Agent  
Grand Junction, CO

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# News Briefs

## New York Legislature asks for reinstatement of "Prisoner of War" terminology

Adopted June 23, 2006...  
State of New York Legislative Resolution

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION urging the New York State Congressional delegation to recommend the Department of Defense reinstate the terminology of "POW" or "Prisoner of War" into the classification of military personnel

WHEREAS, For many years in the past, the Department of Defense used the terminology of "Prisoner of War" to describe a military personnel's casualty status and category for reporting purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense's current verbiage of "Missing/Captured" dramatically reduces the impact of reports and alters the responses from national and international organizations which have historically interceded in such cases; and

WHEREAS, The nature of war has changed markedly and permanently, rather than change accordingly to provide maximum protection of all we send in harm's way, our government has established requirements that too specific to be workable, too vague to be applicable, or too confusing to achieve understanding; and

WHEREAS, The protection which should be automatically accorded those in harm's way is seriously

eroded with the "Missing/Captured" classification; and WHEREAS, American service men and women are not disposable items, and their security and well-being are more significant than the concerns, goals, sensitivities, and idiosyncrasies of our enemies, or of any other nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the New York State Congressional delegation be and hereby is respectfully memorialized by this Legislative Body to recommend the Department of Defense reinstate the terminology of "POW" or "Prisoner of War" into the casualty status and category classification of military personnel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to each member of the New York State Congressional delegation.

## C-141 'Hanoi Taxi'

### Now on Display at Museum

The first aircraft to return Vietnam prisoners of war to the United States is now on public display at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

The "Hanoi Taxi" was one of several involved in repatriating more than 500 American POWs held by the North Vietnamese. The historic aircraft made its final landing at the museum May 6. A ceremony was held following the aircraft's arrival, and former Vietnam POWs and past crew members witnessed the event.

The aircraft joins seven other aircraft in the museum's outdoor Air Park. The museum is home to more than 300 aircraft and missiles. The National Museum of the United States Air Force is located on Springfield Pike, six miles northeast of downtown Dayton, OH.

## VA Data Privacy Breach

The VA announced Aug. 15, 2006 that it will be improving data encryption on its computer systems to make it harder to copy or misuse personal information. VA Secretary R. James Nicholson announced a \$3.7 million contract was signed Aug 1 with SMS Inc., which is a small business owned by a disabled veteran. Under the contract, all computers will receive encryption programs, starting with laptops and then desktops. Devices that transfer data, such as compact discs, portable hard drives and flash drives, also will have security encryption. The VA announcement said, two software programs will be used which are now undergoing final tests. Program installation on laptops could start as early as Aug. 18. The statement estimates it will take four weeks for installation on all VA laptop computers.

## VA Appeals

A Senate committee is pressing a federal court that handles veterans' benefits appeals to recall retired judges to handle a growing case backlog. Sen. Larry Craig (R-ID), chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee said the number of cases pending before the court has doubled in the past two years and is more than three times higher than a decade ago. If these trends continue, it is a reasonable projection that the number of pending cases may grow to almost 7,000 by the end of next year and to 10,000 within the next five years. The bottom line is that if something is not done soon to reverse these trends, veterans seeking justice from the court may have to wait in a line several years long to get their cases in front of a judge.

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Thank You! to everyone who has responded to the recent appeal letter from the Commander and many PNCs. As of September 1, 2006, we have a profit of more than \$25,000! Your generous donations in support of the American Ex-Prisoners of War is very much appreciated. As stated in the appeal letter, due to the lawsuit filed against AXPOW by the Service Foundation, the legal fees to defend ourselves needed to be paid. Thanks to your overwhelming support, they will be - without using the organization's operating funds!

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**ANNUNZIATA, Joan**, of West Haven, CT died Aug. 5, 2006. She was the widow of Richard, POW in Korea, Camps 5&6. Joan is survived by 1 son, 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

**ARNSPIGER, Barbara**, of Medford, Oregon, died May 17, 2005. She was the wife of Neil Arnsperger, a POW in Camps 5 & 3 in Korea.

**ASHPOLE, Robert Develan**, 81, of Minneapolis, MN passed away July 20, 2006. During the Korean War, he was a POW in Camps 1 and 4, from 1951-1953. His wife, Anna Mae, predeceased him; he is survived by 2 daughters, 1 son, 1 brother, 6 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

**AULT, Evelyn M.**, 82, of Oakland, MD died June 8, 2006. She was the beloved wife of Robert. Both were life members of AXPOW. Robert was a POW in Luft IV. Evelyn is survived by 2 sons, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**BARINGER, Paul S.**, 83, of Cornfield, OH passed away July 2, 2006. Paul served as a Flight Maintenance Gunner during WWII; he was a POW for 15 months. He was a member and former commander of the Steel Valley Chapter #13, AXPOW. Paul leaves his wife, Amelia, 1 son, 1 daughter, 6 grandchildren and 1 brother.

**BERNEY, Richard Cushman**, of Palm Desert, CA passed away May 20, 2006. Dick was captured while serving in the Air Force. He was

captured over Czechoslovakia and held until liberation. He is survived by 2 daughters, 3 grandsons, 1 great-grandson and 2 sisters.

**BOSIER, Harry William (Bill)**, age 84, of Eau Claire, WI passed away Jan. 20, 2006. He was captured while serving with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, over Nuremburg and held in Luft 1, Barth until liberation. Bill leaves his loving wife of 60 years, Margaret, 4 sons, 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**BRUNSON, M.E.**, of Claude, TX, died July 30, 2006. She was 88. M.E. was an active member of AXPOW and the Texas Panhandle Chapter. She is survived by her husband Warner, 1 daughter, 1 sister, 1 grandson, 3 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

**CAIONE, Ferdinando (Fred)**, age 96, of New Britain, CT passed away Aug. 23, 2006. He was captured in the Huertgen Forest while serving with the 9<sup>th</sup> Div., 37<sup>th</sup> Inf. He was a POW in Stalag 12A, work detail. Fred was a life member of the Connecticut Chapter, AXPOW. He was predeceased by his wife, Sophia; survivors include 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**CAMPBELL, Vern D.**, passed away July 25, 2006 in Prescott, AZ. He was 88. Vern was captured in Manila on Dec. 31, 1941. He survived the Bataan Death March, Hell Ships and 44 months of captivity. He leaves his wife, Lila, 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

**COMSTOCK, Benjamin F.**, Bellevue, NE died May 30, 2006 at age 87. He was among many civilians working on Wake Island

for the Pacific Naval Air Bases at the start of WWII. He was taken prisoner by the Japanese in Dec. 1941 and liberated Oct. 1945. Ben served AXPOW as Commander of Omaha Chapter #1, Nebraska State Dept. Commander and National Director. He was also an active member of ADBC and other veterans' service organizations. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Bonnie, 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

**COON, Sylvia A.** 73, of Beavercreek, OH passed away August 18, 2006. Sylvia and her husband, Harley, were active members of AXPOW. Harley is past NJVC. In addition to her beloved husband, she is survived by 2 daughters, 1 son, 6 grandchildren and 2 sisters. She will be missed by her many friends and family.

**DUGAN, Edward P.**, 83, of Indiana, PA died Aug. 6, 2006. He was life member of AXPOW. He served with the 8th AF during WWII as a gunner on a B-17; he was a POW in Europe for 15 months. He leaves his loving wife, M. Jean, 1 son, 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

**D'ELIA, Earl**, of Orlando, FL passed away Aug. 5, 2006 at the age of 81. He saw action in WWII with the 41<sup>st</sup> Infantry. He was captured at Leyte and sent to Bilibid Prison in 1943. Earl is survived by his wife, Leidy, 2 sons and 1 daughter.

**ESTEP, Horace W. (Bill)**, of Hampton, VA passed away July 28, 2006. He was captured while serving with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Div., 320<sup>th</sup> Glider Field Artillery; he was held until liberation. Bill was a life member of AXPOW and the James L. Hale Memorial Chapter. He

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leaves one daughter, three sons and eight grandchildren.

**FORSBLAD, Leland E.**, of Fresno, CA died Aug. 3, 2006. He served with the 91<sup>st</sup> BG, 8<sup>th</sup> AF during WWII. His plane was shot down over the English Channel; he was held in Stalag Luft III. While in camp, he wrote most of the music for their jazz band. Leland is survived by his wife of nearly 64 years, Mildred, and one daughter.

**GIDEZ, Melvin D.**, 84, of Randolph, MA passed away Aug. 7, 2006. Mel was a veteran of WWII. He flew B-24s before capture and was a POW in Luft 1, Barth. He was a life member of AXPOW and MA Chapter #1. He leaves his wife of 63 years, Miriam, 1 daughter, 1 son and 1 granddaughter. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

**HANSEN, William C. (Bill)**, of Naples, FL passed away July 19, 2006. He was 74. Bill was a life member of AXPOW and at the time of his death, he was Commander of the Collier Chapter. He was captured while serving in Korea with the Army, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chemical Mortar Battalion. He spent 33 months in a POW camp. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Yolanda, 4 sons, 1 daughter, 1 sister and 7 grandchildren.

**KARDOS, Lou**, 85, of Amarillo, TX died Aug. 1, 2006. Lou served in the AAC during WWII; he was a POW in Stalag 17B, Krems for two years. He was a member of AXPOW and the Texas Panhandle Chapter. He leaves his wife, Melva, 2 daughters, 1 sister and 4 grandchildren.

**KREBAUM, William J.**, of S. Lyon, MI died June 5, 2006. Bill was flying out of England when he was shot down over Holland. He was held in Stalag Luft III. His wife of 6 years,

Barbara, 3 children and 4 grandchildren survive him.

**MacARTHUR, Douglas J.**, of Edina, MN passed away July 18, 2006. He was 85. He served in the Army during WWII and was a POW. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Audrey, 2 daughters, 1 son, 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and grand-dog L'il Bear.

**McCORMICK, Acree**, of Hampton, VA passed away July 12, 2006. He was a US Army veteran and was captured in the Battle of the Bulge. Acree was a life member of AXPOW and the James L. Hale Memorial Chapter. He is survived by his wife, Joan, 1 daughter, 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and 3 sisters.

**PIERSON, Ellis R.**, of Pensacola, FL died Aug. 1, 2006. He was 82. Ellis served in the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 379<sup>th</sup> BG during WWII. He was shot down on his 29<sup>th</sup> combat mission and was a POW for seven months. He was a life member of AXPOW. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**POPE, Byron E.**, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, died July 8, 2006 in Maple Oaks, MN. He was 89. Byron was a survivor of the Bataan Death March and 3½ years captivity during WWII. He leaves 3 daughters, 1 son, 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**RONCARI, Raymond A.**, age 82, of Windsor Locks, CT died Aug. 3, 2006. He served with Co. E, 179<sup>th</sup> Inf., 45<sup>th</sup> Div. in the North African/Salerno/Cassino/Anzio campaigns. After capture at Anzio, he was held for 14 months. He was a life member of CT Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Madeleine, 6 children and 5 grandchildren.

**SCHWARZ Otto Carl**, 82, of Union, NJ passed away Aug. 3, 2006. As a teenager, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, followed in 1941 with enlistment into the U.S. Navy. Mr. Schwarz survived the sinking of the USS Houston (CA-30) on March 1, 1942, in Java. That was followed by 3 years as a prisoner of war in slave labor camps along the Burma-Thailand Railway. In the late 1940s, Mr. Schwarz founded the USS Houston (CA30) Survivors Association and Next Generation group. This was intended to maintain the bond of the survivors of the USS Houston and subsequent prison camp interment survivors, as well as perpetuate the memory of the legacy of this fine ship, her crew, and their accomplishments in serving our country. Mr. Schwarz is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Gertrude; 2 sons, 3 sisters and 5 grandchildren.

**SECRIST, John W. Jr.**, 80 of Cheswick, PA died Dec. 11, 2005. During WWII, he served with the 79<sup>th</sup> Div. He was captured shortly after D-Day and held in Stalags 12A and 7A. John leaves one daughter, one brother and two sisters.

**TROUPE, Robert (Bob) T.** passed away August 25, 2006 in Tacoma, WA at the age of 89. Bob was a lifetime member of AXPOW and a long time member of the Tacoma Chapter. He was a devoted and loyal chapter member, participating in chapter activities whenever possible. Bob's wife Mary, of 63 years, preceded him in death. He is survived by his daughter, one grandson, two great-grandchildren, his brother and numerous nieces and nephews.

**WILLIAMS, Lawrence**, 83, of Huntsville, AL died Aug. 13, 2006.



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He was 83. During WWII, he was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held until liberation. He was an active member of AXPOW and the North Alabama Chapter. Survivors include 1 son, 4 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**WEINSLOW, Henry S.**, of Whittier, CA died Dec. 11, 2005. During WWII, he escaped the Bataan Death March after six days; he was recaptured 14 months later and transported to Japan as slave labor for the Yamata Steel Mills. He leaves his wife of 59 years, Jayne,

4 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**WEISS, Eugene A. ("Skip")**, died July 9, 2006 at age 85. Skip joined the AAF. He was assigned to the 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force and flew on the well known "Tipton's Crew" in Italy. They were shot down over Yugoslavia on July 14, 1944 and imprisoned at Stalag Luft 3 until January 21, 1945 (his birthday) when the prisoners were moved to Mooseburg to avoid the nearing Russian troops. Skip was preceded in death by his wife, Violet, ("Jo"), and is survived by one daughter. He was a member of the 49ers Chapter of American Ex-Prisoners of War in Sacramento, California.

## TAPS

Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the hills, from the lake,  
From the sky.

All is well, safely rest,  
God is nigh.

Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,  
May the soldier or sailor,  
God keep.

On the land or the deep,  
Safe in sleep.

Love, good night, Must thou go,  
When the day, And the night  
Need thee so?

All is well. Speedeth all  
To their rest.

Fades the light; And afar  
Goeth day, And the stars  
Shineth bright,

Fare thee well; Day has gone,  
Night is on.

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## chaplain's corner



### National Chaplain

**John Romine**

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Over my desk while working were two pictures. They now hang on the wall of my neatly cluttered and messed up bedroom/study. One is a map of those hellish POW camps and the other is of two B-24 bombers.

One is flying straight and level while the other is on fire and the right wing is folding back.

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This is about what happened to our plane the day we were shot down. Along the bottom of each, I placed a strip of tape with these words: "Lest we forget what Hell is like". But there is another side to this story. I remember very well coming off the target; we got hit by flak and lost an engine and fell behind the main formation. Fighters swarmed us and I knew we would perhaps never make it out of enemy territory. I was overwhelmed when a bomber appeared right next to us and help us fight our way back to home base.

A few missions later, that plane was falling behind and we - breaking all rules by leaving the formation - fell in beside that wounded plane and help fight our way out. Isn't this what our organization is all about? Isn't this what the true and living God requires of us? To do things to help others.

### Let us pray:

Lord God Almighty, please help us to understand that we are very much involved with each other. Reaching out and helping where we are needed. Help us to really know that our main blessings come to us when we take care of someone

else's needs. Now may we pause to thank You for Your blessings that come our way. Please, Lord, continue to bless our unique organization as we in our own way help others. Be with those standing in harm's way and be with those that are still listed as POW/MIAs. Be with our great nation and guide her with Your holy ways. Touch the hearts of all of us and may we find peace and harmony with Your love as we pray in Your holy and blessed name. AMEN.

### Thought for the month:

Kindness and love make the golden chain that binds us together.

### And a smile:

A man was driving to work when a truck ran a stop sign, hit his car broadside, and knocked him cold. Passersby pulled him from the wreck and revived him. He began a terrific struggle and had to be tranquilized by the medics.

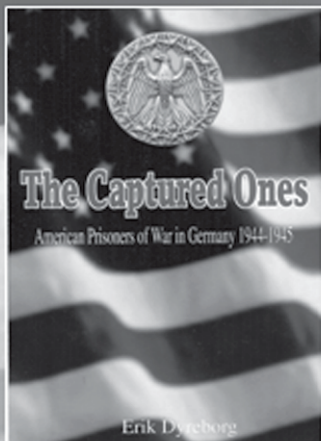
Later, when he was calm, they asked him why he struggled so. He said, "I remember the impact, then nothing. I woke up on a concrete slab in front of a huge, flashing 'Shell' sign...and somebody was standing in front of the "S"!

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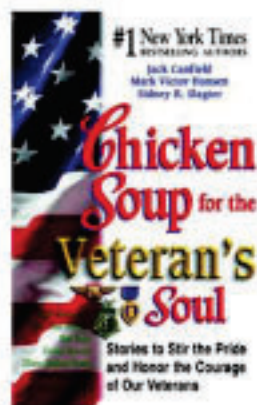
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