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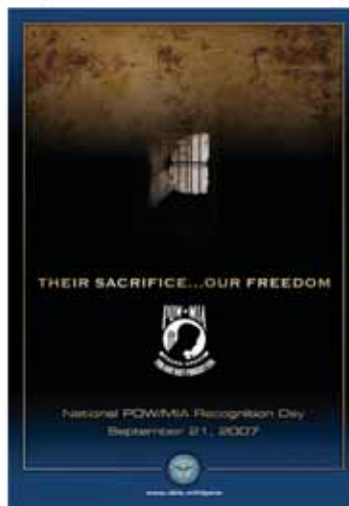
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*We exist to help those who cannot help themselves*

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**National POW/MIA Recognition Day**  
**September 21, 2007**





Clockwise, top left to right: Leonard J. "Len" Kovar, during one portion of the Memorial Day ceremonies in Capitol Park, Sacramento, CA. Len is wearing his original WWII Army Air Corps 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant uniform, which still fits him well today. This dress uniform was referred to as the the "Pink and Greens." He is pictured during the "Missing Man Table" ceremony next to the California Vietnam Memorial in Capitol Park; Vermont Chapter #1 hosted AXPOW chapters from New Hampshire and Massachusetts at their 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic at Camp Plymouth State Park, Plymouth, VT, on July 19th. Front Row, Left, Standing, Richard Hamilton, Francis Angier, Bill Busier, Ernest Murray, Jimmy Laushance, Wesley Wells. Back Row: Harry Howe, Arthur Peper, Tullio Zampiere, Vic Acebo, Jim Brouillette, Clarence DeGrave; Robert T. Booth, of Plattsburgh, NY receives the French Legion of Honor medal in a ceremony in NYC on May 8, 2007. Robert took advantage of a story printed in the Bulletin last year; Former Cambodian refugee George Y. Houy and Former Vietnam POW Giles R. Norrington. George managed to escape; Giles spent years in camp. They met and exchanged stories when taxi driver George drove Giles to the Nam Viet restaurant in Virginia in April. Inside the restaurant: George Pakidis, Executive VP of Red Top Cab; Nam Viet owner Ngoc Thi Tran; Giles Norrington; Wills Point, TX Purple Heart recipients at the first day issue of the Purple Heart stamp. Thomas Figg, (VN), Glen Ellis (WWII), Wylie Blundell (VN), Earl Clark (KOR), Jim Lollar (VN); Dale Minger, 87, of Wadena, IA was awarded an honorary bachelor of arts degree in business at Upper Iowa University on May 12, 2007. Dale was captured while serving with the 60<sup>th</sup> Coast Artillery D Battery on Corregidor. After liberation, he returned to college, but fell one week short of graduation.



## **national commander**



**Robert W. Fletcher**

Fellow Former POWs, Family Members, and Friends,

The annual convention is coming soon, so I want to devote most of this column to that event. As you know, it will be held in Springfield, Illinois. I hope that many of you are able to travel and are planning on attending.

### **Candidates for National Office**

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ND Southwest Ralph Kling

as of August 7, 2007

I have taken several actions related to the Board of Directors meeting at the convention. By the time you read this column, I will have sent out a more detailed letter to all of the Department and Chapter Commanders explaining what I have done and why. However I know my actions have generated many rumors, so I want to discuss them with you as well.

As you probably know, AXPOW has had a negative budget balance for a number of years. We have been able to get by because we had excess funds when our membership was higher. However our investments have been cashed in and we have no more financial cushion.

If AXPOW is to survive, it is time for the Board to make some hard decisions. And these decisions need to be made while considering all of our income and expenses at one time rather than piecemeal as has been done in the past. Our biggest single expense is for personnel. As the size of the organization has shrunk, our number of paid personnel has remained the same. Therefore I have notified all of our employees whose contracts expire this fall that their contracts will not automatically be renewed. I have also terminated, as of this fall, a contract that was to run another year.

Does this mean that these employees have been fired? No, it does not. What it does mean is that it will be up to the Board to decide whether all, some, or none of the contracts should be renewed, and if so, under what terms. The Board may decide that positions should be combined or that it would be more cost effective to hire persons outside of AXPOW to do some or all of the work.

There have also been concerns about the Bulletin. My intent is NOT to stop publication of the Bulletin. Clearly our members depend upon the Bulletin to keep updated

and in touch as they are less able physically to travel.

The Budget Committee will be meeting early in August. They will be looking at all income and expenses line by line, and will be making recommendations to the whole Board. It will then be up to the Board to decide whether to follow the recommendations.

My objective is to keep AXPOW financially viable, not to spend until we are broke. If you agree, you may want to share your thoughts with your National Director before the Board meeting.

On another matter, one of the proposals that will come to a vote at the convention is for the National Commander to have a chance to run for a second term. If it is approved I will not be eligible to run for another term - only the Commanders who serve after me will be affected. However I do support the proposal for the sake of continuity in the organization. It is very hard to accomplish long-term goals when you are in a position of leadership for only one year.

I want to close by saying my wife and I had a delightful time at the West Virginia convention. I attended the Iowa convention and participated in a lively debate about what is best for the future of our organization. We also planned to visit Vermont, but unfortunately that did not work out. We will be attending the Korean War Ex-POW convention early in August. It is important to AXPOW's survival that we try to establish closer links with that group. I also plan on visiting several other state conventions.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions, comments, and concerns.





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On August 11 or 12, 2007, AXPOW's National Headquarters was broken into and all computer hard drives were stolen, along with several days of mail, checks and cash awaiting deposit and assorted paper files and records. These records include service officer work.

The Arlington Police Department, IRS, Department of Veterans Affairs - Central Office, the United States Federal Attorney in Dallas, the USPS Postal Inspector and the FBI have all been contacted and are investigating the break-in.

Because the membership database was on the hard drives your personal data has been compromised. Please be alert for any fraudulent activities concerning your finances.

If you have mailed anything to National Headquarters since August 1, and have not received a response (e.g. merchandise ordered, membership cards or a general reply) please contact us. We do not know what was in the mail that was taken and we do not have a listing of the checks that were stolen.

We are deeply and sincerely sorry this has happened. In the 25 years I have been National Adjutant there has never been a breach of security concerning your database. We have never given it away or sold it to anyone. It has been used to send you this Bulletin and direct mails programs to support the organization. I thought it would be secure in an office with deadbolts on the doors.

Please accept our apologies and please call us if you have any questions.

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On the cover: 2007 National POW MIA Recognition Day Poster  
**HONOR THEIR SERVICE.....FULFILL THEIR TRUST**

September 21, 2007 will be proclaimed by President George W. Bush as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Over the past several years, all or most of the 50 states have proclaimed POW/MIA Recognition Day in conjunction with the national effort.

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The Oct. issue of the Bulletin will again contain a list of all the candidates we have to date who are running for national office.

Grover L. Swearingen, National Director/Chairman - Nominations Committee

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#### MEA CULPA

In the July/August issue, the inside front cover featured Memorial Day ceremonies in Washington, DC. There were photos of our National Commander and the Commander in Chief of the United States, President George Bush. I am so sorry that President Bush wasn't given special recognition at the amphitheatre at Arlington Cemetery. Thank you to Ruby and George Gray of Stanley, VA for pointing out that as President, he deserves this respect.

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# on capitol hill



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Hearings are a primary tool for congress to write legislation. It gives them the opportunity to hear varying views, beliefs and opinions on a subject, and question witnesses who are presenting their position on an issue. Hearings require much planning by the congressional committees and those who will testify. They are normally scheduled well ahead of time; however, the opportunity to testify can be thrust upon you with little time to respond or prepare.

Case in point: Norm Bussel received a call from his Congressman, John Hall (D-NY), inviting Norm to testify before the Sub-committee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. Congressman Hall apologized for such short notice, the hearing was in two days, on June 19, 2007. Without hesitation, Norm said "We'll be there." He and his wife, Melanie, jumped in their car and started driving south to Washington, writing testimony and strategy as they went down the highway. They called our office and spoke to Mary Rolen, who arranged hotel accommodations. His testimony was written, printed and copies hand delivered to the committee prior to the hearing date as required, thanks to Mary's assistance.

Norm's reputation as a Veterans Advocate preceded him to the witness table. He was introduced by Representative Hall. He thanked the committee for the opportunity to appear in support of H. R. 156

that is of vital importance to a small but select group of American citizens, widows of former prisoners of war, in their eighties, and in need of assistance now. He further said that this legislation is "time critical" to these survivors of POWs who died on or before September 30, 1999. Prior to that date, a POW must have died of a service connected disability, or have been rated 100% disabled for a minimum of 10 years before his death in order for his spouse to qualify for DIC.

The purpose of this bill is to amend the code for the payment of DIC to the survivors of former prisoners of war who died on or before September 30, 1999, under the same eligibility conditions as apply to payment of DIC to the survivors of former prisoners of war who die after that date. The POW would only have to have 100% for one year-not 10. He closed by saying the amount of funds needed to correct this injustice is trivial... " This bill deserves your approval because POW widows cannot survive on Social Security. No one will live lavishly on DIC benefits of \$1,067 per month, but to POW widows, it can mean the difference between worrying about paying the light bill or the rent, and living out their final years without constant anxiety. POWs suffered enough anxiety when they were captured while fighting for their country. They would be happy to know that their widows were being taken care of. Please, pass H. R. 156- in their memory."

This is a terrific example of action taken by a fellow member on behalf of this organization.

Thanks, Norm

Norman Bussel recently stepped down from his position as President of the Former POW Service Foundation to concentrate on writing his memoir, "Liberated Body...Captive Mind", soon to be released. A gifted author, he has contributed many stories and articles to publications. A recent story about Norm on the subject of PTSD appeared in the May/June edition of the Vanguard, the VA Magazine. He is an active National Service Officer and frequent speaker on various veterans subjects, particularly the captive experience he knows so very well.

*Les*

Our June days were extremely busy and now it is July 25<sup>th</sup> and the deadline for our September column. Things have been happening for sure! On June 27<sup>th</sup>, the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee called an early mark-up for all members to discuss their proposed bill S1315. In this proposed bill, Sec 601:

**Addition of osteoporosis to disabilities presumed to be service-connected in former prisoners of war with post-traumatic stress disorder." Section 1112(b)(2) is amended by adding at the end of the following new subparagraph: "(F) Osteoporosis if the Secretary determines that the veteran was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)."**

As you can see, our Diabetes condition was omitted. However, AXPOWs have always said, "We will

## on capitol hill continued...

take what we can get now, and try later.”

As of today, word from the Committee is that they do not plan to go to the Senate floor with their “Veterans Benefits for 2007” until after the August recess. They will do so upon their return in September!

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, Rep. Bob Filner, Chairman, House Veterans Affairs Committee called a mark-up meeting for all members to introduce his proposed bills for review:

HR 760, HR2623, HR2874, HR1315 and HR23.

The news coming from this meeting is that it was very “heated” and it was probably the longest mark-up ever with a great deal of disagreement! I understand from the material which I have received, however, our Osteoporosis was left in Title HR760 - Managers Amendment, Section 10. I also learned that the Committee may go to the floor before the August recess. We will see!

You must understand, now, why I cannot speculate on what may happen to our bills. I will stay on top of this and let you know as soon as possible the action taken by the Committees. I will say, however, the other VSOs are greatly disturbed with the proposed bills. We will just hope for the best for our bills!

Our National Convention plans are in the making for our legislative program on Thursday afternoon, Oct.18<sup>th</sup> at Springfield, IL. See you there - God Bless you.

Mary

### BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE CONGRESS

HR1197: Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2007 (Introduced in House).  
S848: Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2007 (Introduced in Senate).

#### Co-sponsors:

Representatives: Christopher Carney (PA); Sam Johnson (TX); Timothy Walz (MN); Bart Gordon (TN); Jeff Miller (FL).

Senators: Sherrod Brown (OH); Bernard Sanders (VT).

HR156IH: To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who died on or before September 30, 1999, under the same eligibility conditions as apply to payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who die after that date.

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S.71.IS: To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize certain disabled former prisoners of war to use Department of Defense commissary and exchange stores.

HR1710. IH: To modify the calculation of back pay for certain persons who were approved for promotion as members of the Navy and Marine Corps while interned as prisoners of war during World War II.

HR 1570 IH: Samuel B. Moody Bataan Death March Compensation Act.

S. CON RES. 27 ES: Whereas the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use; Supporting the goals and ideals of ‘National Purple Heart Recognition Day’.

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—*

(1) supports the goals and ideals of ‘National Purple Heart Recognition Day’;  
(2) encourages all people in the United States to learn about the history of the Purple Heart and to honor its recipients; and  
(3) calls upon the people of the United States to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for members of the Armed Forces who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

Passed the Senate July 16, 2007.

H. CON RES. 90 IH: Recognizing the dedication and honorable service of members of the Armed Forces who are serving or have served as military nurses.



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

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## Outreach Below! People are Working!

Outreach Orientation was the purpose as 18 interested folks gathered June 7, 2007 for a three hour evening session led by Ginger Raney, POW Coordinator of the Waco, Texas VA Regional Office.

It was a good way to begin the 2007 AXPOW State Department Convention in San Antonio, with skill-refreshing for NSOs Charles & Stella Webb, Jorge Guerra, Howard T. Ray, Dr. W.T. Jones, Betty Harlan and Fred Campbell, as well as Outreachers Shirley Fontes, Sally Morgan, Clydie Morgan, Marsha Coke, Debbie Lyon, Mary Boyett, Leander & Jo Pflughaupt, Edna Ames, Sina Chandler and Jack Fischer. For me as Outreach Chairman, it was indeed inspiring.

Already AXPOW Headquarters' Marsha Coke has provided up-to-date addresses and phone numbers for Texas Gulf Coast and Rio Grande Valley areas, and Gulf Coast chapter commander Leander and wife Jo Pflughaupt, Edna Ames and Shirley Fontes are checking

benefit status of all 250 members. Jorge Guerra on the Rio Grande is calling those in that chapter. And Marsha has provided the Louisiana list, so that former Red Stick chapter members Charles & Stella Webb, now of Ballinger, Texas are proceeding to call all those members. All of this to make sure all area former POWs and widows have their VA benefits. This sort of Outreach needs to happen all over the country.

Find members in your AXPOW chapter who are willing to do this Outreach in your own group, to make the necessary calls. Your newsletter won't get this done. It will take personal contact. If you have a caring chapter, it can be done, and you will do it. **Keep Contact. Keep Caring. Know Your Members!**

Networking makes for amazing Outreach. NSO Betty Grinstead calls from Iowa. She's helped unaware former POW Bill B get a 100% disability rating, and has gotten 2 more of Bill's unaware buddies their 100%; now 3 others unaware of VA's POW benefits are pending.

One, Archie who lives in Asheville, NC, does not have 100% and Betty wants contact help. I call POW Coordinator David George in Winston Salem VARO and he says, "That man has 80% and should have 100% due to unemployability; but he hasn't returned the necessary VA form."

I called NSO Paul Dallas in Fayetteville, NC and he has made the contact to send another form to the Asheville former POW with proper urging, so he can get his 100% VA rating.

Thanks to Betty and Paul and very helpful POW Coordinator David George in Winston-Salem, NC, networking has done it again.

Isaac of Castor, Louisiana, died May 7, 1972. Thirty-five years later, on

January 15, 2007, his daughter calls me to see if her mother might be eligible for a VA benefit. Former POW husband Isaac had died of a heart attack, so I proceeded with the widow's benefit claim to the New Orleans VARO.

Result: Retroactive check for over \$20,000 came in early July. Isaac's widow was pleasantly surprised. And so was I, for her award was much more than the standard benefit. Then I saw a copy of the award letter. Isaac had had his 100% VA disability rating for over 8 years when he died in 1972. When he died, his VA checks stopped. But nobody told his wife she was then eligible for a widow's benefit!

She should have had this 35 years ago! How so? POW Presumptives had not been legislated by Congress then. Our AXPOW system of trained National Service Officers had not been established. There are still no NSOs in Louisiana and elsewhere. They are needed more than ever. Castor is 11 miles west of Lucky, LA.

We have no NSOs in Oklahoma, so in 2004 as Outreach Chairman, I started calling as many as I could in Oklahoma, using our 2003 AXPOW Directory. Many got their benefits. One, Mrs. F, said her husband had a 10% rating and died of prostate cancer, with congestive heart failure as contributing cause. I told her neither were presumptives THEN, so she wasn't eligible for the widow's benefit.

On Oct. 7, 2004, a new ruling made changes; heart disease and stroke became presumptives. On July 6, 2007, Mrs. F called me. She read the Ex-POW Bulletin and wondered if she might be eligible. Yes, NOW she should be eligible and her claim is on its way to VARO in Muskogee.

**WIDOWS! If you have been denied years ago, you just might be eligible now. Call, find out!**



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## SUCCESS

NSO Don Lewis in Philadelphia area gets a call from former POW Carlton Jones in Bradford County, PA, near NY state line. A New York state service officer had submitted a claim for him, but VA had denied, with a zero rating. Discouraged, he gave up.

After two years, the Bradford County PA Veterans Service Officer Gene Osmun persuaded Carlton to apply again, and knowing of Don Lewis' VA claim successes there, he asked Don to help with the claim.

Don found the claim had been poorly prepared, citing several non-service disabilities but failing to claim several POW presumptive disabilities Carlton suffered. After many phone conversations with Carlton, Don Lewis sent a new claim, with careful explanation of botched previous claim, to the Philadelphia VARO. Shortly after his VA physical exams, Carlton got 100% disability rating, going back to the date of the denied claim two years before.

Result, retroactive first check came to \$37,000. Carlton Jones, a delighted veteran, very thankful for help provided by AXPOW NSO Don Lewis.

Another testimony that AXPOW's National Service Officers often provide unique advocacy to the VA for former POWs and their widows.



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Many National Service Officers have received or will be receiving letters from law firms referring to the new law H.R. 5549 which passed recently.

The letter a few of us have received already is the following:

H.R. 5549: Veterans' Choice of Representative Act 2006

*"Dear Service Officer:*

*As you may be aware, a new statute went into effect on June 20, 2007, giving claimants the right to hire an attorney after filing of a Notice of Disagreement. Prior to this new statute, claimants were not able to hire an attorney in the early administrative stage of their VA claims, but only after a denial from the Board of Veterans' Appeals.*

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*We ask you to consider our law firm in referring your claims for attorney representative following the filing of their Notice of Disagreement."*

I caution all Former Prisoners of War National Service Officers to contact me or other members of our committee before turning over a claim to any law firm. The law firms will take 30% of any award granted.

As you know, we work for free, so every award we get approved, our clients keep every dollar. By contacting a member of the NSO committee, we may be able to resolve the disagreement in their local VA Regional offices. Many of our Former POWs and their widows need every dollar they are awarded

Thank you.

Doris Jenks

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

## Eating Well As We Age

Many older people have trouble eating well. Here we tell you why. Then give ideas on what you can do about it. Using the food label is one way to eat well. There are others.

### **Problem: Can't chew**

Do you have trouble chewing? If so, you may have trouble eating foods such as meat, fresh fruits, and vegetables.

### **What to do: Try other foods**

**Instead of:** Fresh Fruit; **Try:** fruit juices and soft canned fruits, such as applesauce, peaches and pears.

**Instead of:** Raw Vegetables; **Try:** vegetable juices and creamed and mashed cooked vegetables.

**Instead of:** Meat; **Try:** ground meat, eggs, milk, cheese, yogurt and foods made with milk, such as pudding and cream soups.

**Instead of:** Sliced Bread; **Try:** cooked cereals, rice, bread pudding and soft cookies.

### **Problem: Upset stomach**

Too much gas and other stomach problems may make you stay away from foods you think cause the problem. This means you could be missing out on important nutrients, such as vitamins, calcium, fiber, and protein.

### **What to do: Try other foods**

**Instead of:** Milk; **Try:** foods that may not bother you, such as cream soups, pudding, yogurt and cheese

**Instead of:** Vegetables such as Cabbage and Broccoli; **Try:** vegetable juices and other vegetables, such as green beans, carrots and potatoes.

**Instead of:** Fresh Fruit; **Try:** fruit juices and canned fruits.

### **Problem: Can't shop**

You may have problems shopping for food. Maybe you can't drive anymore. You may have trouble walking or standing for a long time.

### **What to do:**

Ask the local food store to bring groceries to your home. Some stores deliver free. Sometimes there is a charge.

Ask your church or synagogue for volunteer help. Or sign up for help with a local volunteer center.

Ask a family member or neighbor to shop for you. Or pay someone to do it. Some companies let you hire home health workers for a few hours a week. These workers may shop for you, and do other things. Look for these companies in the Yellow Pages of the phone book under "Home Health Services."

### **Problem: Can't cook**

You may have problems with cooking. It may be hard for you to hold cooking utensils and pots and pans. Or you may have trouble standing for a long time.

### **What to do:**

Use a microwave oven to cook TV dinners, other frozen foods, and foods made up ahead of time by the store.

Take part in group meal programs, offered through senior citizen pro-

grams. Or have meals brought to your home.

Move to a place where someone else will cook, such as a family member's home or a home for senior citizens.

To find out about senior citizen group meals and home-delivered meals, call (800) 677-1116. These meals cost little or no money.

### **Problem: No appetite**

Older people who live alone sometimes feel lonely at mealtimes. This feeling can make you lose your appetite. Or you may not feel like making meals for just yourself. Maybe your food has no flavor or tastes bad. This could be caused by medicines you are taking.

### **What to do:**

Eat with family and friends.

Take part in group meal programs, offered through senior citizen programs.

Ask your doctor if your medicines could be causing appetite or taste problems. If so, ask about changing medicines.

Increase the flavor of food by adding spices and herbs.

### **Problem: Short on money**

Not having enough money to buy enough food can keep you from eating well.

### **What to do:**

Buy low-cost food, such as dried beans and peas, rice, and pasta. Or buy food that contain items, such as split pea soup, canned beans, and rice.

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Use coupons for money off on foods you like. Buy foods on sale. Also buy store-brand foods. They often cost less.

Find out if your local church or synagogue offers free or low-cost meals.

Take part in group meal programs, offered through local senior citizen programs. Or have meals brought to your home.

### Read Food Labels

Look for words that say something healthy about the food. Examples are: "Low Fat," "Cholesterol Free," and "Good Source of Fiber."

Also look for words that tell about the relation of food to a disease. A low-fat food may say: "While many factors affect heart disease, diets low in saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of this disease."

Most food labels tell what kinds and amounts of vitamins, minerals, protein, fat, and other nutrients are in food. This information is called "Nutrition Facts."

Find the % Daily Value. The numbers underneath tell how much of each nutrient listed is in one serving. About 100% of each nutrient every day is usually healthful. If you're on a special diet, such as a low-sodium or low-fat diet, use the % numbers to pick low-sodium and low-fat food.

### For More Information

If you have questions, you can call your nearest FDA office. Look for the number in the blue pages of the phone book. Or call the FDA's toll-free number: 888-463-6332.

The Food and Drug Administration is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that makes sure foods are safe, wholesome, and honestly labeled.

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# Andersonville



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## Archeology reveals Andersonville Clues to the Past

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Archeologists, Boy Scouts, and volunteers have descended on Andersonville National Historic Site, intent upon gathering details of what life was like both inside and outside of the walls of the infamous prison.

John Cornelison, an archeologist with the National Park Service's Southeast Archeological Center, is leading the team of researchers as they search for evidence of "shebangs," makeshift structures that Union prisoners dug into the ground to escape the heat and beating sun within the walls of the prison. "Archeology has a long history at Andersonville Prison," said Cornelison. "In the 1980s, excavations at the prison site identified the buried remains of the prison's main gate and portions of the stockade walls. Because those previous excavations established the locations of the major architectural elements of the prison, we are now able to look to the area within the stockade walls, in hopes of

learning more about the day to day lives of the prisoners held here."

To aid in their search, the archeologists brought a variety of computerized instruments and geophysical prospecting devices with them. They roped off an area approximately the size of two football fields and surveyed the ground surface using a gradiometer - an instrument that measures minute variations in the earth's magnetic field caused by buried archeological features - and ground penetrating radar. The radar and gradiometer readings are slowly collected by walking the machines back and forth in a series of lines, after which the collected data is processed using a computer to produce maps of the surveyed area that show the location of buried archeological features. "The results of the ground penetrating radar survey from Andersonville have been fantastic," Lawson continued. "We have identified over 120 likely house pits within the survey area and can clearly see the buried remains of the stockade wall."



The archeologists have put the results of the geophysical survey to quick use. Using the map produced by the ground penetrating radar, they have begun excavating two areas where the shebangs are thought to have been located. The digging is slow, painstaking work as earth is moved level by level out of one-meter-square blocks to a nearby area where it is screened and artifacts are recovered.

Cornelison is sharing what he knows about Andersonville and archeology with about two dozen Boy Scouts from Georgia and Florida. The scouts have come to the dig in hopes of learning more about the history of

the prison and earning their Archeology Merit Badge. They are learning about the importance of preservation of historic sites and are being taught proper archeological excavation techniques. They have been digging alongside archeologists in the test units and helping to recover artifacts in the screens. "We found part of a pocket watch and buttons from a Union soldier's uniform," said one eleven-year-old scout. "The scouts have been a blessing to the project," said Cornelison, "they have helped us get a lot more work done than we could have without them."

The project has also enlisted the assistance of volunteer metal detector operators in a survey of a nearby wooded area. The archeologists hope to recover metal artifacts that could help them pinpoint the location of one of the Confederate Guard camps that was known to have been constructed outside the prison walls. Though historic maps indicate the general location of the camp, actual physical evidence of its location has eluded historians. The archeologists will carefully map the locations of any artifacts recovered during the metal detecting survey, and then examine both the artifacts and where they came from to determine whether or not the camp was identified. "Historic documentation and maps are useful tools in understanding the past," says Lawson, who is directing the metal detecting survey, "but, sometimes the life experiences of individuals can be left out of such resources. Hopefully, archeology can help to fill in those gaps. That's why we're here; to learn about the lives of the Union soldiers inside the prison, and about those of the Confederate guards in the camp outside the prison walls." Lawson also noted that archeological resources are finite and irreplaceable, and that metal detecting within the boundaries of the National Park is a serious crime if not done with the blessing of the Park Service.

*Picture: SEAC Archeologists John Cornelison, Christina Jones, and Megan Hewitt working in two of the partially excavated Andersonville shebangs.*

# NamPOW news



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## Back to the Future

This article stems from a 2004 AXPOW Bulletin column but it started long before that when the former AXPOW foundation denied a grant request to develop a computerized aid to the claims process with the somewhat cavalier comment that, like Jose Jimenez, "It's not my job, Man."

We'd asked that foundation for \$80,000 to build a prototype to take to the VA as a fait accompli. Never happened. Mostly due to the sentiment that somebody else ought to do this - we don't want to.

TurboPOWER was the name chosen for a soon to-be-developed software application that allows easy but secure access to all files in the Department of Veterans Affairs on any disabled veteran who has been rated or is in the process of being rated by the Department.

So the requested funds were denied by the Foundation. What was TurboPOWER? A simple internet based application similar in operation to TurboTax that would automatically pull together all the information needed for a POW or a family member or a service officer to file a claim leaving no stone unturned. Period.

After we took it to the VA, the "techies," the same stalwarts who lose laptop computers with millions of patients' personal information, said there's no need because we're already doing it.

Say what?

Fast forward to 2007. The term, TurboPOWER is gone since POWs apparently weren't interested in making the process easier and seemed more concerned with internal food fights. TurboVet is in! Heartily endorsed by the Virginia Board of Veterans Services, TurboVet is being developed at lightning speed, the pilot program will be ready for prime time when the issue of the Bulletin hits the street.

More details as they become available but the process which our former "foundation" declined to subsidize will revolutionize the way Virginia's veterans will have their claims processed. Several other states have shown interest in the TurboVet concept and the concept is envisaged to assist in many other areas of state government in addition to Veterans Services.

TurboVet will bring to the VA the same efficiencies that TurboTax brings to harassed taxpayers and, in fact, to the IRS. Title 38 CFR, the law and regulations for the Department of Veterans Affairs, is very complicated making it extremely difficult for deserving veterans to file claims. If a service center or a competent, qualified service officer isn't easily accessible, it is virtually impossible for a disabled veteran to file his own claim.

The IRS code is much more complicated than the VA's laws and regulations yet, with each of several different consumer computer software programs, filling out and submitting tax forms has become much easier, quicker and more accurate than before. It should be

quite easy for the Department of Veterans Affairs to implement an equivalent program for its constituencies particularly since its model is being developed at the grass roots level. The program could be paid for by having to hire many fewer data entry clerks since, in most cases, the information will already be in the possession of the VA or will be entered by the claimant.

Meanwhile, the leadership of this organization insists on throwing darts at our very excellent national HQ staff while declining to hint at what the alleged problems are. It absolutely made my day when the Commonwealth of Virginia recognized what many nay-sayers couldn't. Observing that the system is broken, the Virginia Board of Veterans' Services elected to try to fix its systemic problem and simultaneously make it easier on the veterans who are the Department's "customers."

So a tip of the hat and hand salute to the innovative staff of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (and to the other states who are supporting this plan). And this humble, ink-stained wretch is having a difficult time not gloating to the nay-sayers, "I told you so."

But <gloat>, I told you so.



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### AMERICAN ANNOUNCED AS ACCOUNTED FOR

There are now 1,779 personnel listed by the Department of Defense as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. The identification of the remains of three Americans previously missing and unaccounted for has not yet been publicly announced; however, the statistics are included here.

The identification of Corporal Jim E. Moshier, USMC, CA was announced. CPL Moshier was listed as LIA/BNR on July 11, 1967, in South Vietnam. The accounting for these four US personnel brings to 804 the number of previously missing US personnel returned since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. Over 90% of 1,779 still listed as missing were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Laos and Cambodia under Vietnam's wartime control.

### UPDATE ON OPERATIONS

The 100th period of Joint Field Activities (JFA) in Laos, the fourth 30-day JFA this year, began June 26th and is expected to conclude July 31st. Again comprised of some 50 US personnel, four teams

are focusing on incident excavations. A Change of Command occurred on July 2nd, during which LTC Brandt Deck, USA, replaced LTC Wade Owens, USA, as Detachment 3 Commander. Both are Special Forces officers, as is JPAC's Detachment Commander in Hanoi, LTC Jim Saenz, USA.

The 89th JFA in Vietnam is ongoing and will continue over a 45-day period until July 25th. The roughly 100 US personnel are dispersed among one Research/Investigation Team (RIT), one Investigation Team (IT), one Phase 2 Testing Team (P2TT) and five recovery Teams (RTs).

The last JFA, March 8th- April 21st, was extended to include an Underwater Investigation Team (UIT) that included the Navy's Mobile Diving Salvage Unit #1 (MDSU1), operating along the coast of northern Vietnam, though without the US Navy ship as earlier agreed.

Worldwide, a survey and investigation of a WWII loss on the island of Iwo Jima took place June 17-27th, and an investigation is ongoing in South Korea June 1-30th.

While conducting the investigation of a possible burial site identified by an eye witness in the Republic of Korea, the US team recovered possible remains and other material evidence; therefore an immediate recovery operation was undertaken to prevent the possibility of disturbance by nearby South Korean personnel.

A JPAC historian recently returned to Hawaii after a brief visit to the Netherlands to observe salvage operations of a possible US aircraft and conduct interviews related to a WWII incident.

Finally, excavations on two WWII sites in Hungary and Austria are ongoing and expected to conclude on August 15th.

## POW/MIA Day

The 2007 National POW/MIA Recognition Day will be commemorated on September 21, the 3rd Friday in September. The Pentagon's ceremony will be held at 11:00 am on that day, and especially at military installations around the world, some commands will do recognitions and programs thru-out that week..

The Secretary of the Navy continues to carry Navy Captain Michael Scott Speicher, Gulf War, as "Missing, Captured" which is the same as the term "prisoner of war." Today, there is no new information on this case, and all officials from Saddam's former regime have not shed any light on him or his possible whereabouts.

As of this writing, the Army Secretary is statusing four soldiers as "Missing - Captured." The one longest in this status, captured, in April 2003, just after the overthrow of Saddam, is Army Staff Sergeant Matt Maupin, followed by Specialist Altaie, Specialist Alex Jimenez, and Private Byron Fouty. Also, as with Captain Speicher, no new evidence/information regarding Sergeant Maupin's whereabouts or condition.

A video passed shortly after his capture from which he has been clearly identified and he is clearly alive and in enemy hands; however, a short time following receipt of that video, a second video that was shot in poor light and was very grainy — it was a close up of a man being executed at close range — that it was Maupin being executed; however, the Army Secretary is not firmly convinced the execution is that of Maupin, and thus, continues to carry him in a missing, captured status (POW).

These men, most assuredly, will be part of the POW/MIA Recognition Day purpose.

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### September 21, 1944

## Nearly Three Years after the Fall of Corregidor, American Airpower Returns to Manila

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After the terribly somber defeats of 1941/1942, the war moved thousands of miles from the Philippines. For us civilians in the Santo Tomas Internment Camp in Manila, there followed years of waiting under ever more trying circumstances. We hoped, and wondered and waited some more. Hunger became our constant companion. By the middle of 1944, there were clear signs the Japanese were preparing the city for possible air raids. But the wait, and hunger, went on.

On the morning of September 21, 1944 we students went to class in the camp school as usual in the laboratory facilities on the 4th floor on the Main Building. These occupied part of what was essentially the roof of the building. The morning was marked by the intermittent test firing of an anti-aircraft gun over the bay that we had experienced before. We paid it no heed. About 9:30 in the morning, in geometry class with the popular and effective Father McSorely as teacher, we suddenly heard the whoop of one of the city sirens. Just

a whoop. Just one. It was enough, though, to cause some of the kids in the back of the class to start chattering about going downstairs as was the drill for any air raid warning. As Father McSorely started to calm the class, we became aware of the drone of many airplanes overhead. I looked out onto the roof of the building and just outside our classroom an internee was looking skyward with an expression of mixed surprise and awe. I became aware also that the AA fire was now continuing.

I rushed onto the roof where the internee was standing and looked up. The sky was full of single-engined airplanes, rapidly crossing the city headed for the bay area, weaving among themselves. I saw, also, there were now AA puffs over the city itself. There was pandemonium among us students; Father McSorely bellowing to one and all to get downstairs. We stampeded down the narrow stairwell that led from the lab area to the third floor. I ran for the front entrance, racing down the halls and down the main stairwells of the building. As I ran, I puzzled over and over how the Japanese could let so many airplanes arrive overhead without any warning at all. At this stage of the war, such a complete surprise hardly seemed possible.

When I reached the lobby at the front entrance there was pandemonium anew; it looked as if half the camp was trying to get out to see what was going on, while the other half was trying to get inside to get under cover. I was small and wiry and wiggled my way through the crowd until I reached the door. I looked out over the bay area; I could see no planes but the sky was speckled with puffs of flak. Just then, four planes came into view, directly overhead, diving in a long, shallow fast dive toward Nichols Field, the large military field at the southern edge of the city. I stared intently at those planes and wondered, can these really be Ameri-

can planes after all this time? Was this just a big drill on the part of the Japanese? As I watched, puffs of flak began appearing in the sky near the diving planes. No question, the Americans had returned.

In the afternoon we watched fires burning at the oil storage facility on the Pasig river known as Pandacan; we saw low flying planes pass over the bay and watched as bombs fell from them, though we could not see what the targets were. In the evening, with the attacking planes finally gone, the city had the air of a disaster zone. Water pressure was very low, fires were burning at the port area, and we could hear the distant booming of explosions out in the bay. The camp was in a fever of excitement; we all told stories of what we had seen, and some, I am sure, of what they thought they had seen. After curfew, and after nightfall, I sat on the small balcony of our room, listening to the distant rumble of explosions. Suddenly the city was lit up nearly as bright as day by a huge, brilliant flash. A Japanese soldier, seeing in the light of the flash, an internee outside where he should not have been, began shouting in the hoarse guttural angry tone we had grown accustomed to. Just then came a terrific boom, shaking the building. The shouting stopped. We had no idea what had exploded, but I remember feeling nervous about the possibility of debris landing in the camp.

So the Americans had returned, far more devastatingly than we had thought possible. They had achieved complete surprise and all day had dominated the skies over Manila and its Japanese bases. We were awed, almost stunned by the skill, bravery and effectiveness of the waves of planes as they came over the city. It was a day none of us ever forgot.

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## events and information



**Sept. 4-8, 2007. The 106th Div. Assoc.** 61st Annual Reunion will be held at the Crown Center, Kansas City MO. For more info, contact John Kline - 952-890-3155.

**Sept. 12-16, 2007. The Third Infantry Division's 88th Reunion** will be held at the Sheraton Colorado Springs Hotel. For reservations, call 719-576-5900. For reunion info, contact: Linda Irvine, 360-663-2521; [info@theReunionBrat.com](mailto:info@theReunionBrat.com).

**Sept. 27-Oct. 1, 2007. The 45th Infantry Division (Thunderbirds)** will be holding their annual reunion. For further information, please contact: Raul Trevino, 2145 NE Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73111; 210-681-9134.

**October 2007. The Second Schweinfurt Memorial Association, Inc.** (SSMA) will be celebrating the 64th Anniversary Reunion of "Black Thursday" (8th Air Force - Mission 115 over Schweinfurt, Germany on October 14, 1943) in Schweinfurt, Germany. (Tentative location for 2008 — Savannah, Georgia). For more information, please contact Julee and Bob MacDonald at 720-254-7418 or [juleemac@comcast.net](mailto:juleemac@comcast.net).

**Feb. 2-4, 2008. The next Civilian Philippine Liberation Reunion** weekend will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek, CA. Plans are in progress for this activity and additional information will be forthcoming. Please join us next year. We look forward to your attendance at this informative and fun gathering celebrating liberations in the Philippines in early

1945. For information contact: Sascha Jansen, [Mabuhayma@aol.com](mailto:Mabuhayma@aol.com).

# looking for



I am Lawrence Carastro, an Ex-POW, and am looking for a friend, **Frank H. Glass**, 0-669701, 2nd BG, 49th BS, whose plane was shot down February 24th. 1944. somewhere over Germany. I have searched for one of the last survivors of our group for a long time, but have no further information about him. I do know he was a POW. I hope that someone will remember 1st. Lt. Glass U.S. Air Force. Thank you, Lawrence T. Carastro, 1240 S. W. 84th. Court, Miami, Fl. 33144. Telephone (305) 264-9092; [jcarastro@yahoo.com](mailto:jcarastro@yahoo.com).

My father, **Oscar Thomas Gibbs, Jr.**, was a prisoner of war in Germany during World War II. I wanted to get some information on his comrades who endured the POW camps in Germany. If you could send me information on his camp and any information on surviving veterans for the sake of a possible reunion for my father, it would be greatly appreciated. He is now 82 years old and is not in the best of health, but this would be my tribute to him. Please, any information on his outfit, his POW camp, or any information, would be most helpful. With kind regards, Darrell Gibbs; (864) 855-3929; (864) 421-3378 cell.

I would like to get as much information as I can for my dad about my grandfather. His name was **Hugo A. Forte**. He passed away about 10 years ago, leaving my dad with many questions, because my grandfather was a quiet strong man. I know he suffered a heart attack while a prisoner and sub-

jected to many harsh things as I'm sure everybody was. He was captured on Dec. 22, 1944 while serving in the Infantry in Belgium. I know my father has been trying to recover misplaced awards such as the Purple Heart and POW medals and has had no luck. I hope you can help or point me in the right direction. I would be up most grateful! I hope to hear from you soon. Thank you Jason Forte, 585 413 3326 office; 585 305 3021 cell; [jforte\\_asap@yahoo.com](mailto:jforte_asap@yahoo.com).

My name is Amy Dunn and I am the niece-in-law of a World War II veteran named **Norman Nissen**. I was doing research for him regarding his forced march through Germany as a POW in the waning days of WWII when I came across the account of Albert Sidlovsky in the biographies posted on your website. Their accounts were remarkably similar. Uncle Norman believes he was acquainted with Mr. Sidlovsky and would like to contact him or his family. Thanks so much in advance, Amy Dunn, 312 Chantclair Dr., Apex, NC 27502; [amygdunn@gmail.com](mailto:amygdunn@gmail.com); 919-362-7143.

I am looking for some history on my uncle who was a POW in Germany in WWII. His name is **Marion O. Heilman**, S/Sgt tail gunner, bailed out of his B-17, (Los Angeles City Limits) on Oct 7, 1944 and was liberated April 26, 1945 by the 104th Infantry. His serial number is 37002856, and he was in Stalag Luft IV and was on the death march for 86 days about 605 miles. I am trying to find out if he was in Lager C, Barracks 4, and room 12. I think his POW number is either 4004 or 4045 but I can't find anyone to confirm that. I am writing history about his experiences for our family in honor of his passing in 1988. email address is: [geraldkernick@yahoo.com](mailto:geraldkernick@yahoo.com). Jerry Kernick, 22 King Rd, Weaverville, NC 28787; 828-645-6718.

# Members' forum



**Dear Cheryl:**

I am Edward F. Martel, TSgt USAF (Ret).

From 1946, I was awarded less than 10% disability and therefore no credit for same, although I have survived the four months of warfare by the Japanese, including the initial bombing by them on Dec. 8, 1941 in the northern central part of Luzon Island, Philippines. I also made the infamous Bataan Death March and was sent to camp O'Donnell and then Cabanatuan Camps 1, 2 and 3, then to Bilibid Prison in Manila. I then boarded a ship to Kyushu Island to work in the coal mines at Camp 17. After the liberation, I was capable of continuing active duty as a Personnel Technician and retired after 24 years of service. I worked as a police officer, night guard and in some restaurants after retirement.

An active administrator of AX-POW had me request a VA disability medical hearing which was done at Bldg 135 at the North Chicago VAMC on Feb. 13, 2007. The result from that hearing was 100% disability, which will help me a great deal to cover my costs and medical trips, housing, etc. I am fortunate in having adequate quarters with my daughter and family.

This is my chance to state how grateful I am to have the North Chicago VAMC and doctors. I es-

pecially would like to point out Dr. Lipson and the Eye Clinic personnel. They are always doing follow-ups and take time with each person to answer all questions with a smile. I also wish to state that the Pharmacy does a marvelous job in filling and mailing my prescriptions with great care. I am 88 years old and have seven pills, both AM/PM and 3 types of eye drops now. I want to say thanks to the staff of the VAMC.

Edward F. Martel  
Life Member, AXPOW

**Dear Cheryl,**

What a heart-warming story! "An Extraordinary Extended POW Family" by Alice Booher in the June issue. Such a beautiful and honorable tribute for Lori Ann Piestewa. To see how a friendship connected peoples from different cultures and background into a "family". What we humans are capable of.

In the Members' Forum of the same issue, Edward Cadwallader's letter to NC Fletcher suggesting that we ex-POWs take a stand against torture of prisoners seems a natural. We know from our experience that it doesn't work. In addition, it gradually "twists the soul" of the torturer (from *The Phenomenon of Torture* by William Schulz). No one wins. I don't believe that our nation was founded upon such dehumanizing and degrading behavior. Senator McCain expressed from his experience why it doesn't work. Do we want to teach our children that this is an acceptable way to treat one another? Might is not right. Would we be willing or want to admit to the child we are raising that we condone or would be willing to treat another person that way? Let us Americans return to our ideals. Let us find our moral compass and moral courage!

Leanne Blinzler Noe  
Life Member, AXPOW  
Santo Tomas Internment Camp  
Manila, Philippines

**Dear Editor:**

I am disgusted by the Members' Forum letter to Commander Fletcher from Edward F. Cadwallader asking the organization to condemn the current administration in Washington, DC with reference to the use of torture of prisoners held under the regulations, (Quote: "of the so-called war on terror").

Denying a war of terror is being conducted against the US and the UK in Afghanistan and Iraq is an insult to the fine American and British troops, and others from smaller countries, fighting the Taliban and Moslem insurgents, including Al Qaeda, in those countries.

While there is speculation in media reports that some terrorists prisoners have been held and secretly tortured by some foreign governments in camps outside the US, there has been no hard evidence presented by anyone these stories are actually true.

[We should not give license for advocating the organization become involved in condemnation of the US Government's policy in handling terrorist prisoners. At least, I have not seen any of those prisoners being beheaded on TV, as were a number of prisoners, including at least one American, by Jihadist Moslems, so who should we feel sorry for?

Donald E. Barton  
Life Member, AXPOW  
Portland, Oregon

*Editor's Note: This is obviously a hot button issue, and nearly impossible to edit sufficiently to leave out personalities. These will be the last comments published on the subject.*

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**October 17-21, 2007**

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**Tues. Oct. 16**

National Service Officer Training  
Tours

**Wed. Oct. 17**

National Board of Directors Meeting

**Thurs. Oct. 18**

Opening Ceremonies  
National Legislation Program  
Medsearch Seminar  
Commander's Reception

**Fri. Oct. 19**

Men and Women's Workshops  
Education Seminar  
Ladies/PNCs Luncheons  
National Convention Call to Order  
Reunion Night

**Sat. Oct. 20**

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Banquet & Installation of Officers

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The PNC Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.

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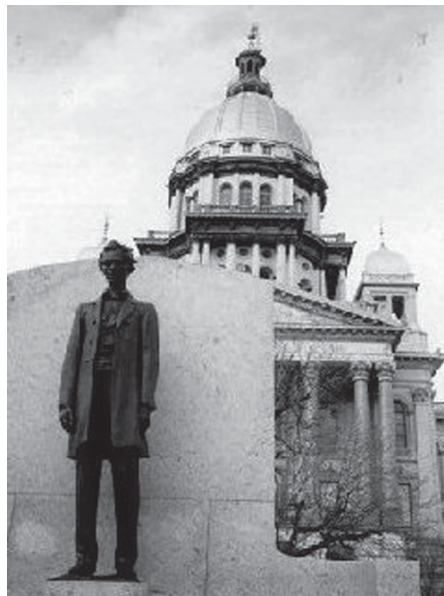
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Other attractions include the Dana-Thomas House, the Old State Capitol, the Illinois State Capitol and the Executive Mansion.

### Year-Round Festivals

Springfield offers hundreds of exciting events throughout the year, including: the Old Capitol Art Fair in May, the International Carillon Festival in June, the Illinois State



Fair in August and First Night Springfield on New Year's Eve, just to name a few.

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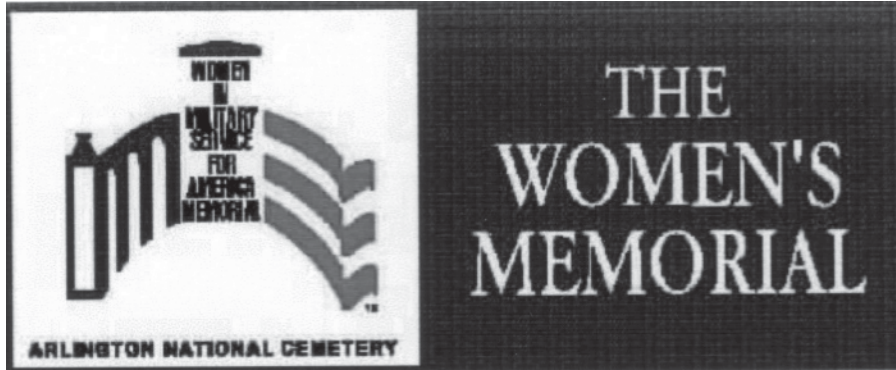
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# WIMSA at 10 Years: A Firm Commitment to POWs



...by Alice A. Booher

The Women in Military Service to America (WIMSA) Memorial, dedicated on October 18, 1997, celebrates its 10th Anniversary on 1-3 November 2007. WIMSA's primary mission is to identify and honor the 2,000,000+ women who have served in the U.S. military. Located at the ceremonial gate to Arlington National Cemetery, WIMSA operates a Memorial Education Center; manages a world-class archive; conducts a worldwide education program for children and adults; operates a speakers' bureau; and hosts a variety of seminars, programs, and activities at the Memorial. Since 501(c)(3) Foundation incorporation in 1985 by Brig Gen Wilma Vaught, USAF (Ret), WIMSA has made an aggressive, open and enthusiastic commitment to recognizing the special contributions of America's female military former POWs.



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Ceremonies/Participation: Many POW women generously contributed to the \$22 million fund raising. WWII POWs Hattie R. Brantley and Sally Blaine Millett and Mary Harrington Nelson attended the 1997 Dedication, along with several POW brothers from WWII and Vietnam POW Giles R. Norrington. A keynoter at the 1997 Dedication was Persian Gulf POW Rhonda Cornum, who participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony; then, the only one to do so alone, tossed rose petals into the Memorial fountain's reflecting pool for all former POWs. Cornum has since returned privately to the Memorial. Family members of Reba Whittle Tobiason received her POW medal at the Army reunion at the WIMSA Dedication. Many WWII female POWs were buried pre-1997 at Arlington, some in the Nurses' Section; hundreds at the WIMSA Dedication trekked up the hill to honor them. There are special ceremonies at WIMSA each Memorial Day and Veterans Day which always embrace POWs.

Recognizing the special affinity to their loved ones, POW families have focused on WIMSA for activities associated with their memorialization at Arlington National Cemetery [Doris Kehoe, Ruby Bradley, Ethel "Sally" Blaine Millett and Dorothy Still Danner]. Millett herself stood next to this writer on the WIMSA terrace and pointed out the site of her late Airborne hero husband's plot where she wanted to be buried. At

Millett's burial there several years later, before her family and friends, Brig Gen Barbara Goodwin, USAF (Ret) and WIMSA's Vaught presented the traditional long stemmed streamered red, white and blue POW flowers. Dorothy Still Danner's family (on 8/31/01) combined her and her late husband's joint full military honors burial with a celebration of her life and that of other POWs. Several hundred attended graveside services including WWII POW's Paul and Nikki Reuter, Leon and Maureen Berkovsky, Harold and Dot Jefferson, and Neal Harrington. BG Connie Slewitzke and RADM Mary Nielubowicz presented the flowers on behalf of all women POWs. Other Danner-service activities included a ceremony in the WIMSA theatre, and reception/hosting the end of a summer long exhibit "*Guests of the Emperor*", oil paintings of the Navy women POWs and their captivity by retired Navy physician, R. Thomas McLaughlin, M.D. [with funding from AXPOWs and others]. Dr. McLaughlin's paintings featured/honored POWs Cobb, Chapman, Evans, Gorzelanski, Nash, O'Haver, Paige, Pitcher, Still and Todd. BG Connie Slewitzke, with the help of SEN





Daniel Inouye, and notarized statements from other POWs, secured posthumous award of the DSM to the family of POW (and Chief Nurse at Santo Tomas) Maude Davison at a high profile ceremony/reception at WIMSA's Hall of Honor on 5/3/01.

Exhibits/Outreach: In WIMSA permanent, rotating or temporary exhibits, The "Overseas with the Military: WWII" exhibit has photos and uniforms of POW Doris Yetter; POW women's photos are featured in the WWII exhibit; Cornum and Melissa Rathbun-Nealy Coleman are in the Desert Shield/Storm exhibit; Johnson, Lynch and Piestewa in the OIF; The "Early Years" exhibit has photos and the handsome Dr. Mary Walker cane; OIF POW Lori Piestewa is featured in the "Native American Military Women" exhibit; her family attended its opening and her folks contributed her uniform, and "Faces of the Fallen", a 2-year exhibit which closed 6/20/07 and drew 700,000 visitors, featured individual portraits by 200+ renowned American artists to honor 1,319 American men and women who died in Afghanistan and Iraq included Piestewa. General Vaught and LTC Marilla Cushman, who

speak and travel widely on behalf of WIMSA are quick to focus on and reach out to the female military POWs, particularly when near their homes and in a special bond with the Piestewa/Whiterock family.

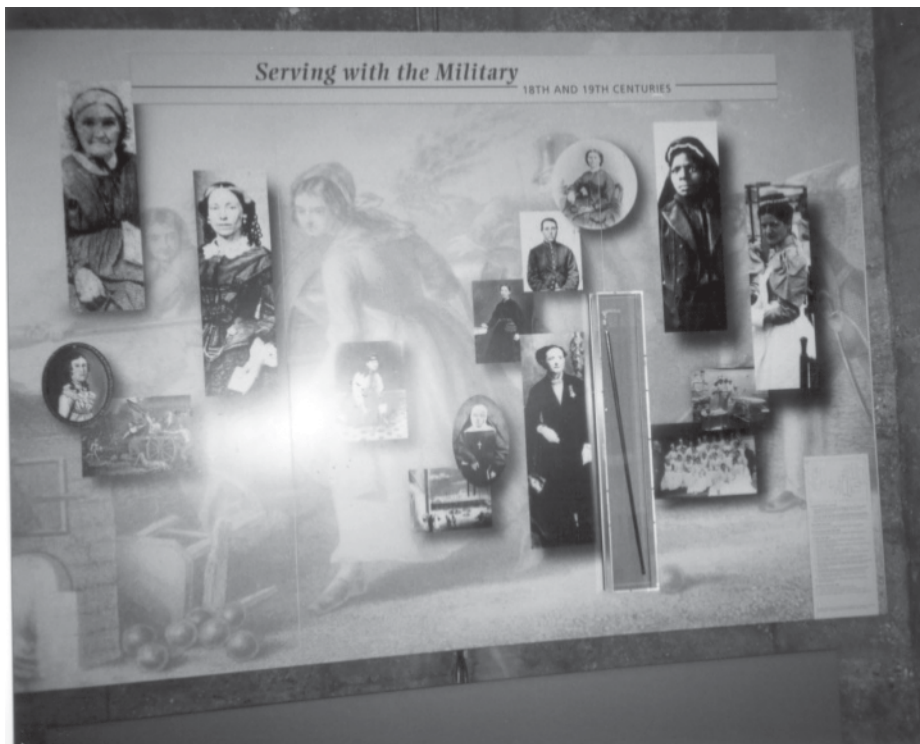
Site: "The qualities that are most important in all military jobs - things like integrity, moral courage and determination - have nothing to do with gender", is the quote from POW Cornum etched into one of the huge glass panels that permit natural light into the memorial. The 3 WWII women POWs who attended the 1997 Dedication are now deceased, but they and the names of their POW sisters are logged into the Hall of Heroes. The POW flag stands in that Hall (and is moved to the auditorium for all ceremonies) with the American and the flags of all services and states. The film running every 10 minutes, "In Defense of a Nation", features photos and interviews with several POWs. DoD and DVA educational events at WIMSA include data on POWs.

Gift Shop: located in the Memorial and online, has many unique items for sale on military women, posters, stamps, etc., including copies



of both readily available and several hard-to-find books by and about POW women; WIMSA has hosted several POW-related book signings. WIMSA produces an annual fund raising calendar and has included Dr. Walker on the cover; POWs Brantley, Millett and Earlyn "Blackie" Harding in San Antonio with an American flag from Santo Tomas; photos of POW Nash in captivity; Dedication POW participation; photos of all the POWs on release in 1945, and OIF POW women with photos and quotes.

Researchers: Curator Britta Granrud keeps close watch on a priceless, world class collection of primary and secondary source materials, [bought, gifted, on permanent or temporary loan], to include a large book, tape and DVD/CD library which is available for use by *bone fide* researchers with permission. Many one-of-a-kind documents, fascinating memorabilia and first-hand accounts reflect the POW experiences. Several POWs have "Named Collections" [e.g., Ullom, Yetter, Durrett (Farmer), Redmon (Hippes), Oberst, (Whitlow) Greenfield, Nash, Danner] including scrapbooks, diaries, clippings, photos, orders, correspondence, or telegrams. Unique artifacts include a clothes pin whittled by an Englishman from bamboo and etched with her name from the Madeline M. Ullom Collection; and a silver boatswain's mate whistle engraved



"Doz Woz" given by the sailors of the *USS Henderson* to Dorothy Still Danner. Individuals have donated materials and memorabilia, much has been donated by the POWs or their families, and entire collections have been promised for the future to WIMSA.

WIMSA's "The Women's Memorial Oral History Collection", launched in 2000 is now integrated into the Library of Congress Veterans History Project, but individual taped segments concurrently go to the WIMSA collection which also contains POW tapes from other sources including press conferences, the documentary "*We All Came Home*", Andersonville POW Museum oral histories, "*The Faces Behind the File*" POW video made by the DVA, and the only known taped interview by the late ETO POW Rose Etue.

Register: On the interactive computerized WIMSA Register are names and data on 300,000 American military women of whom 104 are POWs. All women veterans are encouraged to register or be registered; and as other women military POWs are firmly confirmed, particularly from WWII ETO and Civil War, these will be added.

If you have additional data on any American military women POW, please contact me or WIMSA and share your information so that it may be suitably preserved for the future. And next time in Washington, visit WIMSA, take your spouse and grandkids, sign the guestbook and please identify yourself as a former POW acknowledging that you appreciate WIMSA's efforts.

*PHOTOS: WIMSA at 1997 dedication; Persian Gulf POW Rhonda Cornum and WWII Pacific POW Mary Harrington Nelson at the dedication; WWII Army POWs Sally Blaine Millett and Hattie R. Brantley; WIMSA POWs in exhibits.*

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# News Briefs

## Veterans' Benefits Commission

Navy Times report July 19<sup>th</sup>: The congressionally appointed veterans' benefits commission decided, by a one-vote margin, to recommend ending the much-despised restrictions on granting full military retired pay and full veterans' disability pay to anyone eligible for both payments, regardless of disability rating. Specifically, the commission proposed expanding eligibility for Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) to retirees with 10 to 40% disability ratings and implementing full payment immediately (putting an end to the ongoing 10-year phase-in period). But the concurrent receipt recommendation passed by the commission would not protect troops who receive compensation for combat-related disabilities unless they served more than 20 years before becoming disabled. As such, it would leave out troops placed on medical disability retirement short of 20 years of service. The 13 commission members, meeting in Washington, also decided that it is unfair that the family members of troops who paid for a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity, to replace the service member's income after death, should have any of that payment offset by the amount of a separate monthly Veterans Affairs benefit paid if the troop died while on active duty under certain circumstances.

## Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is hosting the *Reading of the Names* of 58,256 service members inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. as

part of the special activities planned to commemorate The Wall's 25th Anniversary.

The *Reading of the Names* will take place at The Wall for 65 hours over a four-day period beginning with an opening ceremony on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. Volunteers will read names for approximately eight hours from 4 p.m. on November 7 to 12 a.m. on November 8. Participants will then read the names for 19 hours daily from 5 a.m. until 12 a.m. on November 8, 9, and 10.

The *Reading of the Names* took place in Washington, D.C. just three other times in The Wall's history. In November 1982, the names were read aloud at Washington National Cathedral as part of a week-long National Salute to Vietnam Veterans. The names were read at The Wall during the 10th Anniversary celebration in November 1992 and during the 20th Anniversary celebration in 2002.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund  
1023 15th Street NW  
2nd Floor  
Washington, D.C. 20005

## VA Secretary Resigns

Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Jim Nicholson announced 17 JUL he has tendered his resignation to President George W. Bush, effective no later than Oct. 1, 2007. During his tenure as chief of the agency, Secretary Nicholson faced criticism over issues relating to the release of the personal information of thousands of veterans and multi-billion dollar shortfalls relating to healthcare for US servicemembers. Under Nicholson's leadership, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) continued its evolution as a leader in health care innovations, medical research, education services, home loan and other benefits to veterans. He transformed the VA health care system to meet the unique medical requirements of the returning combatants from Iraq and Afghanistan.

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**ALEXANDER, Edward L. Jr.**, of Brighton, NY passed away March 22, 2007 at the age of 84. Ed was shot down in 1943 and held in Frankfurt, then taken to Luft III. Survivors include his wife, Dotti, 2 sons, 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren. The family thanks the Canandaigua VA Hospital for their exceptional care.

**AVILA, Joseph Frank**, of Morgan Hill, CA died Sept. 24, 2005. He was 84. Joseph was captured at Anzio Beach and held POW for 1 ½ years until liberation. He leaves his wife, Rose.

**BRADAC, Joe**, member of the Yellow Creek Chapter, AXPOW died Sept. 16, 2006.

**BECKLEY, John William**, member of the Yellow Creek Chapter, AXPOW died Nov. 30, 2006.

**BROOKS, Forrest**, of Boulder City, NV died Oct. 5, 2006. Forrest was a former resident of The Woodlands and member of the East Texas Chapter, AXPOW. His wife, Alice, survives him.

**CALKINS Julie**, of Cameron Park, CA passed away on June 4, 2007. She was the widow of Cullen E. Calkins, Pacific Theater POW, a former survivor of the Bataan Death March and the Palawan Massacre. Julie was a member of the 49ers Chapter, Sacramento, CA.

**CARINI, Ignazio**, of Hawthorne, NJ, member of Garden State Chapter #3 passed away recently.

**CAWTHORN, Alfred E., Sr.**, member of the Yellow Creek Chapter, AXPOW passed away Sept. 7, 2006.

**CHEATHAM, Robert L.**, of Asheboro, North Carolina, died in July, 2007. He was in the 26th Infantry Regi-

ment of the 1st Division and was captured in the Kasserine Pass (North Africa) on Feb. 20, 1943. He spent most of his time in Oflag 64 in Poland. In January of 1945, was part of the 350 mile forced march to a stalag near Hammelburg, Germany, where he remained until Patton's 3rd Army arrived on April 29, 1945 to knock down the prison gates. Survivors include nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**COBLENTZ, Wilferd**, of Mount Morris, Illinois, died June 9, 2007. He was held in Stalag 2B. He was an AXPOW life member since 1982.

**CUNNINGHAM, Donald B.**, member of the Yellow Creek Chapter, AXPOW died April 24, 2007.

**DAVIS, William Wesley**, of Augusta, GA died March 10, 2007. During WWII he served in the Army. He was sent to Bataan in Nov. 1941 and was captured there in April. After capture, he was shipped to Korea, then to Mukden, Manchuria. Survivors include two daughters, one grandson and numerous nieces and nephews.

**DONOHUE, Robert G.**, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, died July 4, 2007. A life member of AXPOW since 1983, he served with the 493<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Group and was held in Luft 1. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Wanda.

**DUFF, Deloit A.**, 82, of Sacramento CA passed away June 24, 2007. He served with Co. H, 12 Reg., 4 Inf. in WWII. He landed on Omaha Beach during the Battle of the Bulge, marched across France, was wounded in Belgium, and captured in Luxembourg. He escaped after 4 months by going over the wall and burying himself in a railroad car of sugar.

**DUNLAP, Robert**, of Anderson, IN died on June 14, 2007 at the age of 82. During WWII, he served as a medic with the 28<sup>th</sup> Div., 112<sup>th</sup> Inf.

He was Commander of FL State Chapter #1 twice. He leaves his wife of 48 years, Doris, and one daughter.

**ELLSWORTH, Robert I.** died June 23, 2007. He entered the Army Air Corps in 1942 and served his country for 31 years. He was a pilot of the B-17 in England during WW II and shot down on his 28th mission in Germany by enemy fighter planes. All his crew members were able to parachute to safety; when captured, he was sent to Barth, Stalag Luft I. Bob was Commander of the Inland Empire Chapter in California for two years and always carried the flag at military programs. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Patricia, one son and one daughter.

**ETUE, Rosalou (Rose) Freedman**, former Captain, USANC, was born in New Orleans in 1920. She graduated nursing school in 1941, joined the Army on 12/8/41, and waded in at Utah Beach a few days after D-Day. She was assigned to a medical unit following Gen. Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army when the hospital team came under fire by SS troops. One of two now-known women American WWII military POWs in the ETO, she and others were forced to treat German troops until the arrival of additional US soldiers when the German troops fled. She received her Bronze Star (with a V) directly from Gen. Patton, who is described as jumping out of his jeep to decorate their group. She married James Etue and moved to Seattle in 1952; they had 10 kids. She died on Jan. 30, 2005 and was buried with full military honors.

**EUBANK, Harold E.**, age 82, of Willow Hill, IL passed away June 1, 2007. Harold served with the 83<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Div., 330<sup>th</sup> Reg., Co. M. He was captured and held in Germany for five months. Harold was a life member of AXPOW and of the Kickapoo Chapter. He leaves his beloved wife of 54 years, Velda, 1 son, 1 daughter and 6 grandchildren.



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**FANCHER, Herman Richards**, of Bessemer, AL passed away May 22, 2007 at the age of 81. He served with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 351<sup>st</sup> BG during WWII. He was shot down and captured in Germany. Herman was a member of AXPOW and the Alabama Chapter #1. He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Melba, 1 daughter, 2 grandsons, 1 brother and a host of loving family members and friends.

**FARRER, Harold**, 82, member of the San Diego Chapter, AXPOW died June 3, 2007. He was a Tail Gunner on a B-17 in the 781<sup>st</sup> BS, 465<sup>th</sup> BG, 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force, flying out of Italy. He was shot down twice; captured the second time and held in Luft IV. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**FELITTO, Joseph**, age 82, of Brooklyn, NY passed away May 16, 2007. He was captured while serving with the 325<sup>th</sup> Glider Infantry, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Div. He was held in Moosburg until liberation. Joe was a member of the Brooklyn "Key" Chapter, AXPOW. His loving wife, Theresa, 2 sons and 2 grandchildren survive him.

**FURCA, Tess**, of Garfield, NJ, member of Garden State Chapter #3 passed away recently.

**GETZ, Carl H.**, 81, life member of AXPOW, passed away April 30, 2007 at his home in Rogue River, OR. He was held by the Japanese at Santo Tomas from early 1943 to early 1945. He is greatly missed by his wife of 57 years, Dorothy; also by his 4 sons, 1 daughter, 15 grandchildren and sister.

**GROVE, Joseph E.**, 83, of Florence, AL passed away April 28, 2007. He served in the AAC and became a POW as a result of a mid-air collision over Holland. He was held at Luft IV. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Mary, 4 children and 4 grandchildren. Joseph was a member of the Shoales area chapter, AXPOW.

**GRUBB, Clyde M.**, member of PA Capital City Chapter, AXPOW, died June 29, 2007. He was a resident of Highspire. He was captured while serving in the Army during WWII during the Battle of the Bulge. He leaves four sons, two sisters, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**HARRELL, Ann**, 83, of St Pauls, NC passed away June 23, 2007. Ann and her husband, J.D. were life members of AXPOW and were active members of the Greater Fayetteville Chapter No.1. Ann is survived by her husband, J.D., (who was a POW in Germany) and one daughter and family. Ann's smiling face will be missed by her many POW friends and family.

**HIBBS, Richard G., Sr. "Hibbs"**, of Shreveport, LA died Feb. 26, 2007 at the age of 85. He was captured while serving with the Marines on Bataan; survived the Bataan Death March and 3 ½ years of slave labor. He was a member of the Ark-LA-Tex Chapter, AXPOW. Hibbs is the first to be interred at the new Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery. His late wife, Dorothy, had her ashes interred with his. Survivors include one son and one daughter and families.

**HUSAK, Victor**, 82 of Cameron Park, CA passed away March 6, 2007. He was a member of the 49ers Chapter, AXPOW, Sacramento, CA, and a lifetime AXPOW member. Victor was a gunner on a B-17, 8th United States Air Force, in WW II and he served with pride. After his aircraft was shot down he parachuted into enemy territory and was held as a POW for nine months. He endured a severe 600 mile winter march during his captivity. Victor is survived by his widow Harriet, two surviving children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. A daughter preceded him in death.

**KINLEY, Lloyd**, of Hastings, Nebraska, died June 19, 2007. He was the current Senior Vice Commander of the Cornhusker Chapter. Kinley served in the 12<sup>th</sup> AF, 86<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group, as a P-47 Thunderbolt pilot; he was captured and held in Luft 1. He is survived by his wife of 61 years,

Mabel, 2 daughters, 3 sons, 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 1 sister.

**LOVELLO, Angelo**, of Union, NJ, member of Garden State Chapter #3 passed away recently.

**MADDUX, Jim "Bud"**, of Cookeville, Tennessee, died June 12, 2007. He served in the 82 AB, and was a POW in Stalag 4B and worked in the coal mines. He was a founding member of the Wolverine Chapter, of Dearborn, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Mary.

**MARTINEZ-SANTIAGO, Abraham**, of New Haven, CT died May 26, 2007 at the age of 77. He was captured while serving in Korea. He leaves his wife of 53 years, Antoina, 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

**McCANN, John** died June 3, 2007. He was 82. John joined the Army at age 17, was sent to the Philippines and was captured on the Island of Corregidor. He spent 3 years and 4 months in a variety of POW Camps in the Philippines and Japan. Two years were spent building air fields for the Japanese on the Island of Palawon. He is survived by his wife, Carla, 5 children, 16 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He was a member of the San Diego POW Chapter.

**McCORMICK, JAMES R. "Bob"**, of Cashacton, Ohio, died June 6, 2007. Bob served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He was a tail gunner on a B24 Liberator and was a POW held in Luft 4. He is survived by his wife, Esther.

**McGORY, Thomas J.**, 92, of Ithaca, NY died June 26, 2007. He was shot down over Hamburg and held in Luft IV for 9 months. Tom leaves his beloved wife, Carolyn, 3 sons, 8 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter. He was loved by all.

**McLAUGHLIN, Charles D.**, of Honolulu, Hawaii, died in February, 2001.

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'Mac' was with the 95 BG, 334 BS and was held in Dulag Luft 3, Stalag 7A and 17, from July 28, 1943 to May 2, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn.

**MENSCHING, W. H. "Chick"**, of Chula Vista, passed away June 12, 2007. He served in the Marines for 30 years; he was a veteran of WW II and the Korean War. He was a POW in the Pacific for 3 1/2 years. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Hazel; one daughter, one brother, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was a member of the San Diego Chapter, AXPOW.

**MORGAN, Glenn L.**, passed away June 30, 2007, one week before his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. During WWII, he served in the Army with the 333<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Reg., 84<sup>th</sup> Div., Co. F. While serving on the Siegfried Line, he was captured and held in Stalags XIB and IIIB; he was liberated Apr. 22, 1945. Glenn leaves his loving wife, Mae, 2 daughters, 3 grandsons, 3 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters and their families.

**MORRIS, Mary Frances Miller**, of Hurt, VA died May 6, 2007. She was the loving wife of ex-POW Earl Grey Morris. She was an active member of the Central Virginia chapter, AXPOW, where she served as commander and adjutant. Her gracious spirit will be greatly missed by the members of the chapter.

**MOSS, Wilford A.**, 89, of Tyler, TX passed away Feb. 11, 2007. He served in the Army during WWII and was captured by the Japanese in the Philippines. He spent 3 1/2 years in various prison camps. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Minnie, 1 son, 3 daughters, 2 brothers, 7 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**MOTTOLA, Paula J.**, 80, of Brooklyn, NY died March 31, 2007. Paul was the beloved wife of Ralph - former

Commander and present Adjutant of the Brooklyn "Key" Chapter, AXPOW. In addition to her husband, she is survived by 2 sons and 2 granddaughters.

**NEILL, John**, of Chula Vista, CA died May 9, 2007. He was a member of the San Diego Chapter, AXPOW. John served in the Army Air Corps as a B-17 pilot in the 303<sup>rd</sup> BG. He was shot down over France and held for two years in Stalag Luft III where he almost single-handedly built the auditorium and the 250 seats of Red Cross boxes. He is survived by wife Emma, son John and 3 daughters.

**NOONAN, Paul**, 87, of Wintersville, OH passed away Apr. 21, 2007. He served with Co. E, 168<sup>th</sup> Inf. Reg., 34<sup>th</sup> Div. He was wounded in Africa in 1942; he was a POW in Germany from Feb. 1943 until liberation. Paul leaves his wife of 29 years, Shirley as well as 4 daughters, 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

**OLBINSKI, Bob** was a member of the American Ex Prisoners of War and Agua Fria Chapter, Arizona. While in the service Bob flew with the 387<sup>th</sup> BG and 454<sup>th</sup> BS. He was captured and spent his time in Luft 3. Bob died June 30, 2007. He leaves his wife, Grace, and children.

**OLHEISER, John A.** of Dickinson, ND passed away March 16, 2002. **OLHEISER, Dorothy S.** passed away March 10, 2007. John was captured while serving with the AAF; he was a POW in Germany. When he returned home, he married Dorothy and together they raised 11 children. They are also survived by 19 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, 4 brothers and 3 sisters.

**OOLMAN, Everett**, of Fulda, MN passed away April 1, 2007 at the age of 90. While working on Wake Island in 1941, he was captured by the Japanese and held for 44 months in prison camps in Japan and China. Everett was a member of the Prairieland Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Arlene, 9 children, 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**PATTERSON, Eleanor Anne Frank**, 86, passed away June 16, 2007. She was the widow of former POW Harvey D. Patterson. She was a member of the James L. Hale Memorial Chapter, AXPOW. She is survived by a brother, 1 son, 2 daughters, 1 grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren. Family, friends and POW buddies will miss her.

**RICHARS, Edward H.**, of Rome, GA passed away May 26, 2007. He leaves his loving wife, Beauton.

**RYAN, Robert E.**, member of the Western NY Chapter, AXPOW, died March 28, 2007. He was taking prisoner at Rapido River in 1944 while serving with the 141<sup>st</sup> Inf., 35<sup>th</sup> Div., Co. G. He is survived by his wife, Julia and two daughters.

**SCHWARTZ, Edmund F.**, member of the Western NY Chapter, AXPOW, died May 23, 2007. During WWII, he served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Div., 27<sup>th</sup> Bn. He was captured in Germany and held prisoner for 2 1/2 years in Stalag 4B. He leaves his wife, Lucille and two daughters.

**SINGLETON, Elma B.**, of Mantica, CA passed away Oct. 28, 2006. She was 90. Elma was the widow of ex-POW Claude; they were both members of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter, AXPOW. She leaves 3 sons.

**SMYTHE, James**, of Hasbrouk Heights, NJ, member of Garden State Chapter #3 passed away recently.

**STEPHENS, David A.**, age 84, of Port Angeles, WA died May 26, 2007. During WWII, he served with the 15<sup>th</sup> AF. He was a POW for 15 months - in a hospital, then in Lufts IV and VI. Survivors include his devoted wife of 60 years, Betty, 2 daughters, 4 granddaughters and 4 great-grandchildren.

**STEPHENS, Hazel S.**, 88, of Fayetteville, NC, widow of former POW Herman Stephens, passed away July 14, 2007 in North Richlands, Texas. Hazel was a life member of AXPOW and a member of the Greater Fayetteville Chapter No. 1. She is survived by two sons and two daughters, eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one brother. Hazel

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will be missed by her many friends in Fayetteville and Texas.

**TOMPKINS, Raymond**, 86, of Marengo, IA passed away March 11, 2007. He was captured on Wake Island in 1941 while serving in the Marines; he spent 3 years and 9 months working in the coal mines of Japan. Ray was a member of AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 66 years, Helen, 1 son, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**TURGEON, Leo P.**, 86, of West Yarmouth, MA died June 24, 2007. He was the husband of the late Regina R. Turgeon, who died in 1997. They had been married for 52 years. Leo was shot down while serving in the AAF during WWII; he spent 2 years in Germany as a POW. He was a member of AXPOW. Survivors include two daughters and their families, one sister, two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

**WALKER, Lloyd D.**, of East Pennsboro Township, Camp Hill, PA passed away July 5, 2007. He was captured while serving in the Army; he was a member of the PA Capital City Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 59 years, Faye, 2 sons, 1 brother, 1 sister, 2 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**WILKINS, Jack**, of Quinlan, Texas, died in July, 2007. He served with the 31 Inf. and was held in Bilibid, Malabalay, Kawasaki and Hitachi after capture.

**WILMETH, LB**, 74, of Tyler, Texas died June 12, 2007. He served in Korea and Vietnam. He was captured in Korea and held for 32 months in Camps 5 and 3. His wife, Peggy survives him; he also leaves 3 children and 6 grandchildren. He was past commander of his local chapter and past member of the N. Central Chapter, AXPOW.

**WOOD, William Arthur**, of Auburn, AL passed away May 19, 2007. He was captured after his plane was

shot down in Germany and held for 14 months. William was commander of his local chapter, AXPOW for many years. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Sally, one brother and several nieces and nephews.

**YARUSH, John J.**, of Springfield, OR died Jan. 13, 2007. During WWII, he served with the 351<sup>st</sup> BG, 511 BS, 8<sup>th</sup> AF. He was shot down, captured and held in 17B until he managed to escape while being moved out of camp. He leaves a wife, 4 sons, 1 daughter and their families. He also leaves crewmate and friend Henry C. Gater.

**ZIMMERMAN, Andrew Allen "Al" Jr.**, 82, of Albuquerque, NM died May 7, 2007 surrounded by family and friends. He became a POW while serving with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF during WWII as a tail gunner. Because of Al's gregarious and kind nature, he was loved by all who knew him.



## chaplain's corner



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Let's start by recognizing that most peoples hate unpleasant truths. We all shield ourselves against it. Not only do we do this as individuals, but we do this as a people, as a nation. That's why "shooting the messenger" became such a popular saying. Every prophet has realized that nobody loves you for being the enemy of their illusions. Every

prophet has realized that most of us want peace at any price as long as the peace is ours and somebody else pays the price. That is why the prophet Jeremiah said, "Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace." I can assure you, this ol' servant of the Lord will continue to do his best to represent the Lord as long as his health will allow him to draw a breath. This is a job I have done as National Chaplain for more than 31 years - with love for my fellow ex-POWs and out of gratitude for my escape from the hellishness of war and my confinement. I will continue to comfort our very special POWs at funerals, memorial services and in devotionals. The Lord has been very good to me so I ask that you take a good look back at your life and you will find that His blessings on you here on earth are far too numerous to count.

**Let us pray:** Lord God Almighty, may we bow before you in praise

and worship, giving thanks for all that has come to us from Your holy throne. Please Lord, continue to bless us, our unique organization and very special people, our great nation. May there be peace on earth and good will toward all people and nations. Bless those standing in harm's way and remember those still listed as POW/MIAs. Forgive us when we fail to recognize and honor You for all good and great things that come our way each and every day. In the name of our Lord and Redeemer. AMEN.

**Thought for the month:** A good traffic rule on the road of life: when you meet temptation, turn to the right.



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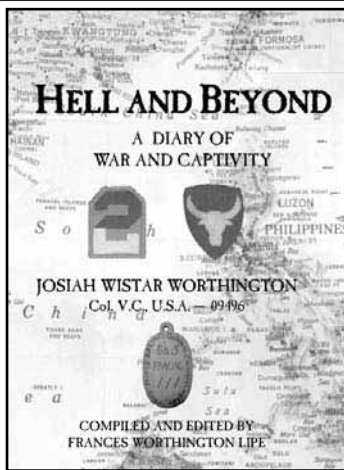
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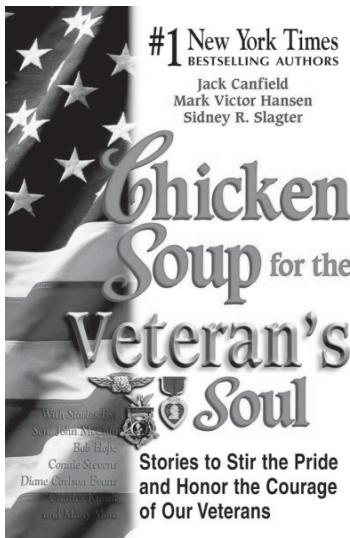
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