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2010 Election Issue



At the recent meeting of the Barbed-Wire Mountaineer Chapter of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, the members celebrated the 99th birthday of Paul Lovell of Bridgeport, WV. The group is

planning their upcoming annual convention in June. Members in attendance who honored Mr. Lovell are: sitting

L to R are Patsy Palmeri, Paul Lovell, and Okey DeRaimo. Standing L to R, Okla Edgell (state commander), Edward Young, Alfred Corbin, William Skinner, Thomas Mathews, Charles Brown, and Benjamin Portaro.



Presentation of “Four Seasons of the Smoky Mountains” to the Ben T. Atchley Veterans’ Home in Knoxville, TN. The presenters were Ex-POW Ralph Neal and wife, Doris, on behalf of the Smoky Mountain Chapter. The seasonal photographs were given to Ralph and Doris as Christmas gifts by Randy Neal with the request that they be donated to a worthy recipient. Ralph and Doris’ choice

of recipient was the new Ben Atchley Veterans Nursing Home.



Identification of photos:

Photo 1: Back: Doris Neal, Ralph Neal, Cmdr. Bonnie Weatherford, Activities Director Jennie Howell. Foreground: Ex-POWs Don Abernathy, Dewey Large and Ralph Galyon, members of Smoky Mountain Chapter and residents at Nursing Home.



Photo 2: From left: Ex-POW Bill Robinson, Sr. Vice Commander, Smoky Mountain Chapter; Ex-POW Ralph Neal and wife, Doris; Smoky Mountain Chapter Cmdr., Bonnie Weatherford.

Photo 3: From left: Ex-POWs Dewey Large, Ralph Neal and Bill Robinson and Chapter Cmdr. Bonnie Weatherford.

Photos by: Randy Neal

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This is the annual convention/election issue. Please see pages 22-29 for hotel/registration information, resolutions, voting procedures and candidates for office. Delegate forms have been sent to chapters and departments. If you are planning to vote as a member-at-large, please fill out and send in the Delegate Form printed in the Bulletin. We look forward to seeing many of you in Georgia!

Convention Program Ads! It's time to get your ad in for the 2009 convention! Don't miss out! The deadline is August 1, 2009.

Your Ways & Means Committee has worked with VISA and CardPartners to offer our members a custom AXPOW Credit Card. You can fill out your application on line or call National Headquarters and they'll make sure you get one. Commander Hanson talks about the fundraising potential this card offers.

The 2011 AXPOW Calendar, featuring camp cartoons, is ready to be mailed. Look for it in your postbox! Copy and pictures come together to make a sought-after and treasured mini-history of the prisoner of war experience and AXPOW.

Summer is in full swing! Attend your State Department conventions and picnics! Fly your flag proudly! Make plans for Albany Georgia and our National Convention in September!



The Memorial Service at the National Convention will be held at Andersonville National Historic Site on Thursday, September 23, 2010. Join us!

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Please send all materials to the editor at the above address.

Here's a great idea: Grab your grandkids and have them bring you to the most wonderful convention!

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I want to start this message by paying proper homage to our many hardworking National Service Officers. The vast majority of our NSOs do their work on their own nickel. Fred Campbell, our Outreach Chairman has been working tirelessly to obtain benefits for our members even though he is confined to his home because of disabilities.

Lately, I have been busy attending state conventions. Around the end of April, I attended the Missouri state convention, from there we went across to Nashville to attend the Tennessee state convention. We left Nashville just in time to avoid the flooding there. Then we went home to attend our own Minnesota state convention. The first half of June was the Arizona and Texas conventions. Then in August, we will travel to Columbus, Ohio for their state convention. I have had to turn down a couple of invitations to state conventions because of conflicts in schedules.

Please keep our presumptives in mind and call or write your Congress people to urge their support. Right now, we are especially pushing for Diabetes as a presumptive for former POWs. Rep. Gus Bilirakis introduced the bill in the House. It is HR 944. Please ask your Representative to call Rep. Bilirakis' office at 202-225-5755. In the Senate, Sen. Patty Murray introduced the bill, S977. Have both of your senators call Sen. Murray's office at 202-224-2621.

Good news! As many of you know, Bank of America has dropped the American Ex-Prisoners of War Credit Card. We are prompt payers and good credit risks, and Bank of America didn't think they were making any money on us, so they just stopped offering the credit card. After much scrambling, our Ways and Means Committee has found a new bank willing - actually happy - to have our business. It is UMB Bank, which is highly rated. They are offering a platinum VISA card through CardPartners, which will pay \$50.00 for each new account. Just think about it. If only 20% of our members carry this new card, or 4,000 members (and this can include family members and

friends as well), we will painlessly add \$200,000 to our treasury! That's \$200,000, with a percentage also being deposited for each month's purchases. The card has no annual fee. Please think about applying for it; either on line through the advertisement in this Bulletin, or by calling Headquarters and requesting a paper application form. This is the easiest way I know to show your support of AXPOW and financially support us as well.

Hope to see you in Georgia in September.

Til next time.

Kenny

National Headquarters has been receiving a lot of calls and emails regarding and IRS letter requesting the chapters and departments to E-File. After several telephone calls to IRS, we have an answer for you. Toss 'em.

news from hq



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Dear Taxpayer:
Thank you for sending the annual supplemental information about your subordinate organizations as required by Revenue Procedure 80-27 to keep the tax exempt status for your group.
We have made the requested changes to your exemption roster. No further information is needed.
If you have any questions, please write to us at the address shown at the top of this letter. Or, you may call us at (817) 429-6019. If this number is outside your local calling area, there will be a long-distance charge to you.
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Telephone Number () _____ Hours _____

We apologize for any inconvenience we have caused you, and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,
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Enclosures

not matter to the IRS that you are covered under National's group filing. You do not have to file with IRS. If you continue to receive letters about this, please contact National Headquarters and we will handle it for you. (See letter at left from IRS)

Clydie and Sonnie

The letters were sent out to all small non-profits to ensure that all non-profits stayed current. It did

VA Outreach

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Before it's too late



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Reaching Out Educating A Mixed Bag!

Margie calls from northern California, "I am frustrated about my VA claim. I've got my widow's benefit, the DIC. Also I've got Aid and Attendance because I need daily care for some things. But I can still drive. My problem is this. Even though my DIC benefit includes my right to seek the education benefit, the VA people have said I'm not eligible because I am not applying for that within ten years after my husband got out of military service." I tell her that must be an incorrect ruling by the VA. Then I asked, "Margie, how old are you?" Her answer: "I'm 87. I have come to realize I need a bit more income and I want to go to college here, to refresh my skills so I can work part-time. In time past I worked for a CPA."

I referred Margie to the POW Coordinator in the Oakland VA office and I know Dennis Uldricks will take care of this situation. Surely an 87 year old lady deserves her education benefit. It's never too late, when you're 87 years YOUNG!

Another call from northern California. Diane says she needs help. "My

husband's grandfather died of ALS at age 43 and was in the US Army in WWI. My husband's father died of ALS at age 55. My husband died of ALS at 43. He was never in military service, but I am wondering if I should be eligible for the DIC because of familial amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, ALS. It is so obvious that my husband got ALS because grandfather got it in WWI and his father got it from him. What do you think?" I told Diane I did not think she would be eligible for this benefit. She still thought she should apply. I referred her to the Paralyzed Veterans of America office, Oakland VA. God bless family ties.

A third California note: "Dear Mr. C, I went to the veterans office here, and after going back and forth many times Bill told me I couldn't get anything for ALS as my husband didn't sign up for this while he was alive. Is that true? I await your advice. I began this because I read the letter in Dear Abby. Thank you, Kathleen" Another referral to the PVA.

Bob from Massachusetts, trying to help his sister-in-law in Florida. "The VA told her she was not eligible for a VA benefit because there is no evidence showing her husband had developed Lou Gehrig's disease while in the service. Is that right?" A wrong opinion from the VA! If ALS is shown as cause of death on the death certificate that is the service-connected evidence needed. Bill Kraus in the Philadelphia VARO corrects it.

E-mail from Kathy: "Fred, you have literally saved my life, and my home! After reading your note in Dear Abby I called the VA. My husband died of ALS, years after serving in the Army. I have now got a retroactive compensation check and monthly benefits. I am now trying to find out if this will impact the social security check I receive. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Blessings, Kathy". No, Kathy, your VA benefit will not have any effect on your social security benefit.

You never know what opportunities will come to meet the purpose of our National Service officers. Here's a recent day:

1. A call comes from Betty in Rocky Mount, NC, her deliciously drippy southern accent bespoke, "I just had to call to thank you. It blows my mind! I read that Dear Abby column last July, 2009, and got my claim in on July 27th. It's been a long wait, but...IT BLOWS MY MIND!...today I got a retroactive check for \$20,600. And I'm going to receive \$1,154 a month from now on. Thank you so much, Betty".

2. Letter from Mary in Tampa, FL. "After reading the Dear Abby column in the July 18th Tampa Tribune, I sent my claim papers to the VA on Aug. 6th. My husband died of ALS in 1990. Now I have my DIC \$1,154 per month. I am so very thankful to you for this on behalf of my husband's service to our country!"

3. Letter from Fran in Wisconsin. She has had her DIC widow's benefit and ChampVA for some time. Now, "My situation has somewhat changed. Due to my son's problems I now have total responsibility for his 12-year old son; the mother is not involved in any way. Social Services allows me \$215 for my grandson. Could I receive more benefit from the VA? I tell her if she has legal guardianship for her grandson, she needed to call the Milwaukee POW Coordinator for VA advice, and ChampVA to see if he could be covered as a dependent.

4. E-mail from Shirley in Montana. "Dear Fred, I am the widow of a Navy man who died of Lou Gehrig's disease in 1973. I was very intrigued about the news of possible VA benefits and would love to know more about this possibility." Shirley said her husband lived four years after diagnosis, and she cared for him until he died at age 35. "We, my four boys, ages 9-13, had a very hard time, and it looks like I'll be working til I'm dead. At 69, I'm still earning my living as a heavy-duty seamstress. I did remarry and I know that might be a problem for this benefit. But I divorced long ago." I told Shirley that since she was divorced according to Federal Benefits book, she should be eligible for the VA widow's benefit based on her first husband's ALS death. I referred her to the Paralyzed Veterans office in Seattle for help with her claim.

outreach cont'd...

The above four cases are an example of the work that our National Service officers spend time on many days.

Compassionate Outreach: It happened at Texas' Big Spring VAMC. An example of what our slogan is all about. One of the doctors had been to a VA meeting of medical and social service specialists in Chicago, and was so impressed with one of the speakers, Robert Fletcher, that he arranged for him to come to Big Spring TX to speak to the hospital staff on their special Black History Month program this past February, as he was in that last Buffalo Soldier unit, disbanded in 1951.

I learned about this when Elaine in Abilene called me. "Fred, Ed died March 19th. The last few weeks he was in and out of the hospital." As an NSO I had helped Ed get his 100% VA disability rating years ago.

Elaine told me, "In February, Ed collapsed and the ambulance took him to the Big Spring VA hospital. As he lay there in a coma, Robert and Carol Fletcher came to my room. What a blessing they were. I was alone, 100 miles from home, holding my Ed's hand as he lay comatose. Robert and Carol spent two and a half hours with me, comforting me and giving me strength, especially since I knew Robert Fletcher was a former POW like Ed, and Carol a retired registered nurse."

I called Connie Plagens in Community Relations at Big Spring VAMC and asked how this happened. She said the Fletchers had just arrived and I told him we had a POW who had come in and the doctors did not think he would make it. She said, "Mr. Fletcher asked if they could go see this POW family." Robert Fletcher and his wife Carol gave hands-on real compassionate outreach. Amen.

Mrs. B in Louisville, Ohio, writes: "Dear Mr. C, After writing you in August and following through with the information you provided, I am now receiving the widow's monthly pension. I passed the Dear Abby ar-

ticle on to a friend of mine and she also is receiving the widow's benefits. Many thanks to you again for informing veterans' families about these benefits." I wanted to make sure Mrs. B knew she was eligible for ChampVA, the free VA Medicare supplement, so I called her. "Yes, I saw that but I don't know anything about it and haven't applied for it." Mrs. B got excited about it when I explained it to her. She will be applying. It's a wonderful benefit.

The letter about ALS being service-connected for all veterans was in the July 18, 2009 Dear Abby column. After one year, hardly a day goes by that I don't get "thank you" notes like Mrs. B's and Snook's. With over 4,000 responses to that letter, we of American Ex-Prisoners of War can feel good about reaching out to so many with news that has actually changed lives for widows who would not have known of this benefit.

We can certainly thank Jeanne Phillips (Dear Abby) for reaching out in her wonderful column - outreach to so many people across the country. But also, our AXPOW staff, Clydie, Marsha and Donna, plus two Concho Valley Chapter NSOs Linda Hodges and Stella Webb here for great help. My wife Peggy and I could not have handled the over 4,000 responses otherwise. And many thanks to the PVA, in most of the VAROs countrywide, who specialize in ALS claims, to whom we've referred so many of these claims. And now, a year later, calls, letters and e-mails keep coming. We've done good.

And our NSOs keep on reaching out. Like: NSO Charles Susino in New Jersey who calls, "Friend of Ed in Katy, Texas, tells me about Ed who endured the 1945 forced march out of Stalag Luft IV; he got raised from 20% to 80%, and should have 100% due to Unemployability. Needs Texas help!" I call Ed and find he filled out the proper form which the VA had sent him in Jan. 2010, but had never mailed it. I called POW Coordinator Shannon Wells in Houston VARO, who assures me she will make sure Ed gets that in for his 100%. NSO

Charlie's networking works for Ed and wife, NJ to TX.

NSO Betty Harlan in Sudan, TX, writes of claimant in Texas, just 710 miles south. "A widow in Brownsville just got approved for DIC, husband was a POW, died from heart attack in 1998; when she tried to apply for DIC they told her she did not qualify. She saw Dear Abby's letter and responded. I ended up with a claim, and this week she was approved for DIC, effective 1-1-2009. She will get a nice back pay of about \$18,000 plus! Dear Abby worked again! Maybe you should see if she would put a letter in there every year! Regards, Betty Harlan"

Outreach that trumps all aces. NSO Don Lewis writes from Dresher, PA (Philadelphia suburb): "While playing bridge with a group of neighborhood ladies last month, my wife Ruth remarked that I was busy representing widows of veterans whose cause of death was ALS and were applying for DIC. One of the ladies said a former neighbor of hers lost her husband to ALS, 20 years ago. She was sure he was a veteran. So they lady called me the next day to be assured that this was for real, before she called her friend who now lives in New Hampshire with a daughter. I assured her that if the death certificate states cause of death as ALS, her friend was eligible to receive DIC. The next day the widow called me, and I coached her on the supporting documents needed. I sent her an application form that day. Two weeks later, I received the completed application and all necessary supporting documentation. The day after the package was received, it was on it's way to the Philadelphia VARO for processing. It should encounter no problem in winning an award of DIC."

Good work, Ruth and Don!

American POWs in Korea

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Part V

Camp 1

Chongsong (some references use the spelling Changsong)

Camp 1 was established in March of 1951, the first POWs arriving on or about Easter Sunday. Their Chinese guards threw the local villagers out of their homes and installed the prisoners. The name Chang-ni is also used in reference to Camp 1 and actually appears at the location when using Google Earth.

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This was a village on the bank of the Yongju River about 5 miles from where the Yongju fed into a backwater of the Yalu where Camp 3 was located. The area, south southeast of Camp 3, was surrounded by high hills.

Description

The camp consisted of about sixty to one hundred typical Korean mud homes with tile or thatched roofs and some barracks type buildings. Some sources say the number of huts was two hundred. There were guards at various points around the camp and in the hills nearby. Initially the camp included all ranks, both American and British. In May of 1951, when three hundred British prisoners arrived, there were six hundred Americans already there. Some time in May or June the officers and NCOs were

put in separate compounds. In October of 1951 the officers were sent to Camp 2 and in August of 1952 the NCOs were sent to Camp 4. At that time black privates and corporals were sent to Camp 5.

At first there were seven companies of POWs. Companies 1 through 4 were American and kept on the west side of the village. Companies 5 through 7 were British and kept on the east side. Prior to the moves to other camps there were approximately 2000 POWs in Camp 1. By the time of the armistice in 1953 the camp held about 1400 POWs.

The POWs were organized into the standard companies of about 200 men, 40 men to a platoon, 10 to a squad. They were kept in two or three room mud homes with one squad per ten foot by ten foot room. They slept on the mud floor which they covered with straw mats or empty rice bags. The floor was heated with the standard Korean system. Each squad had a Chinese officer assigned to monitor their political "education." There was little or no communication allowed between/among POWs outside their specific area. Only after the armistice was announced in late July were the men allowed to visit with other companies, even though they had been in the same camp for two years.

The three hundred British POWs who arrived in May 1951 were kept separate from the Americans but they could easily observe the daily burials in Boot Hill just to the north of camp. In one day they counted thirty eight burials and estimated two hundred died in May and June of 1951.

A British officer who arrived in October 1951 mentioned many dirty and ill POWs covered with lice. The camp itself was described as filthy. American POWs arriving at that time were given soap and allowed to bathe in the river, their first wash since

being captured months before. Their clothing was replaced with the standard Chinese uniforms.

Food

Until May of 1951 prisoners at Camp 1 were fed sorghum balls with raw soybeans and millet. Then in July of 1951 the diet became sorghum, soybeans, dried fish, and cabbage with a small amount of rice once a week. Meals were twice a day at 0830 and then at 1600. In the summer they were fed three times a day. A noon snack of peanuts was commonly this third meal. The lack of vitamins caused night blindness until turnips and carrots were added to the diet and the night blindness disappeared. In the winter of 1952 a bakery was set up. Barley bread would then replace one meal a day. When the peace talks went well food quality improved. This meant rice and greens once a week, meat once or twice a week. Meat meant a small piece or two of meat in the soup. As peace talks progressed toward the end they received more rice and sometimes bean curd and canned meat.

Medical

Initially there was a high rate of death among the POWs at Camp 1. When they first arrived in March of 1951 many POWs had frozen fingers and toes. Some had no boots. Others had frozen feet and could not fit them into their boots. It was common for frozen toes to break off. There was a "hospital" in a temple on a hill at the edge of the village which most viewed as a place to die. There was no medical care at all until December of 1951. A pill, assumed to be aspirin, was the standard treatment for almost any medical problem. In the summer of 1952 a female Chinese doctor was at the camp and care improved. She was eventually transferred. Some prisoners estimated six to eight hundred died through the spring, summer, and fall of 1951. Malnutrition, dysentery, starvation, and lack of medical care were the

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cause of almost every death. The burial area on the hillside north of the camp was called "Boot Hill." At one point forty five POWs arrived by truck. Arriving by truck probably meant they were the sick and wounded of a group which had marched to the camp. Within a few weeks forty three of the forty five died.

During the summer of 1952 the open ditch latrines caused severe fly problems. POWs were given quotas of flies to kill each day. In the spring of 1953 a more sanitary latrine was built and lime used. Prior to that time the latrines were open ditches with a pole to sit on.

Treatment

Early on the POWs at Camp 1 were regularly lectured and asked to sign peace petitions or make recordings. Starting in the summer of 1951 they would have to sit in the open and listen to lectures for two to three hours each morning and afternoon. The POWs were told they were students, not prisoners. They were also told those who adopted the wrong attitude were reactionaries. As students they were to "learn the truth." In addition to the lectures each squad was required to respond in writing to questions from their Chinese instructors. Inadequate responses caused lengthy interrogations of the squad leader and frequently led to the squad missing one or two meals. Group lectures were conducted in the open regardless of the weather. The instructors who led these lectures were highly educated Chinese. After the spring of 1952 the lectures were dropped except for classes the Progressives voluntarily attended.

The prisoners were given cards to fill out with their biographical information. They were told the senior officer had filled his out so many POWs did the same. Some used false information or simply refused. In July of 1951 they were ordered to send a telegram of greetings to a peace conference in Chicago. The officers and NCOs refused but many of the lower enlisted ranks signed. As a result of

B-29 strikes in the general area the Chinese asked for an appeal from the POWs. They were told the name of the village would be used in the letter. Many signed a letter drawn up by the Peace Committee in an attempt to get the camp location to UN forces. After they signed, any reference to the camp's location was removed from the letter.

For the October anniversary of the Chinese Revolution the POWs were told there would be a parade and they would create banners with peace slogans and participate. In order to eat they had to cooperate, but slogans such as "Down With The Imperialist Warmongers" and "Long Live The Peace-Loving Chinese People" found their way onto the banners missing the words "Imperialist" and "Chinese." The Chinese were very pleased with the creation of a banner of a large-breasted female carrying a dove and the accompanying slogan "We Want A Firm Front." It apparently appealed to the Chinese sense of unity. During the parade many yelled insults rather than the slogans they were told to shout. Pictures taken by the Chinese made it look like the entire camp had willingly participated. For the prisoners it simply meant a change in the boring routine of the camp and a meal that included large quantities of potatoes, onions, eggs, and fish. Even with those very welcome rations two ungrateful POWs escaped the following day. In August and September 1951 alone there were at least 13 escape attempts. Summer and fall were the escape seasons.

Those prisoners who did not follow the regulations during the lectures were sent to what some called the Reconsideration Room. This was an unheated space where the prisoner had to sit cross-legged without moving for 16 to 18 hours at a time. There were also small cages in the jail in town where prisoners would be made to stand with their arms through the bars holding a weight. When they dropped the weight they were beaten. Others were crammed into filthy cells and made to sit upright or stand on one leg. Whenever possible they ignored these instructions but the guards willingly beat

those they caught not following their orders. POWs were usually placed in the civilian jail while awaiting trial for crimes such as escaping. POWs who attempted escapes sometimes had their hands tied behind their back with a rope leading from their wrists over a beam and then tied around their neck. This forced them to stand on their toes or strangle themselves. Escapees were sometimes beaten and put into solitary confinement in boxes so small they could not stand or stretch out on the floor. About six such cages were kept in one building. Those POWs who experienced these cages called them dog kennels and referred to themselves as the Kennel Club. Some spent months in these cages. They would be allowed out to use the latrine only, and sometimes not even that. During the entire day they were made to sit erect and not lean against any part of the cage. The guards were quick to beat them for any infraction. Handcuffs were used on the least cooperative. Some were forced to "stand" in the cage. In a cage four feet high this meant they had to stand doubled over at the waist. One prisoner caught relaxing from this pose was beaten by a guard. The guard held his weapon by the barrel to beat the prisoner. The weapon discharged, killing the guard. That POW was beaten almost continuously for the next five days. Confinement in these cages and beatings would continue until an acceptable confession was written for whatever "crime" had been committed. In the late summer of 1951 one POW, a member of the Kennel Club, was marched some distance from the camp and told that if he did not immediately write a confession he would be shot while attempting to escape. He wrote a confession. Quite a few members of the Kennel Club were eventually transferred to Camp 2-3. During 1952 prisoners would be thrown into the hole for 1 to 4 weeks for minor acts such as making a face at a guard. Hard labor was a common punishment. Beatings, torture, and with

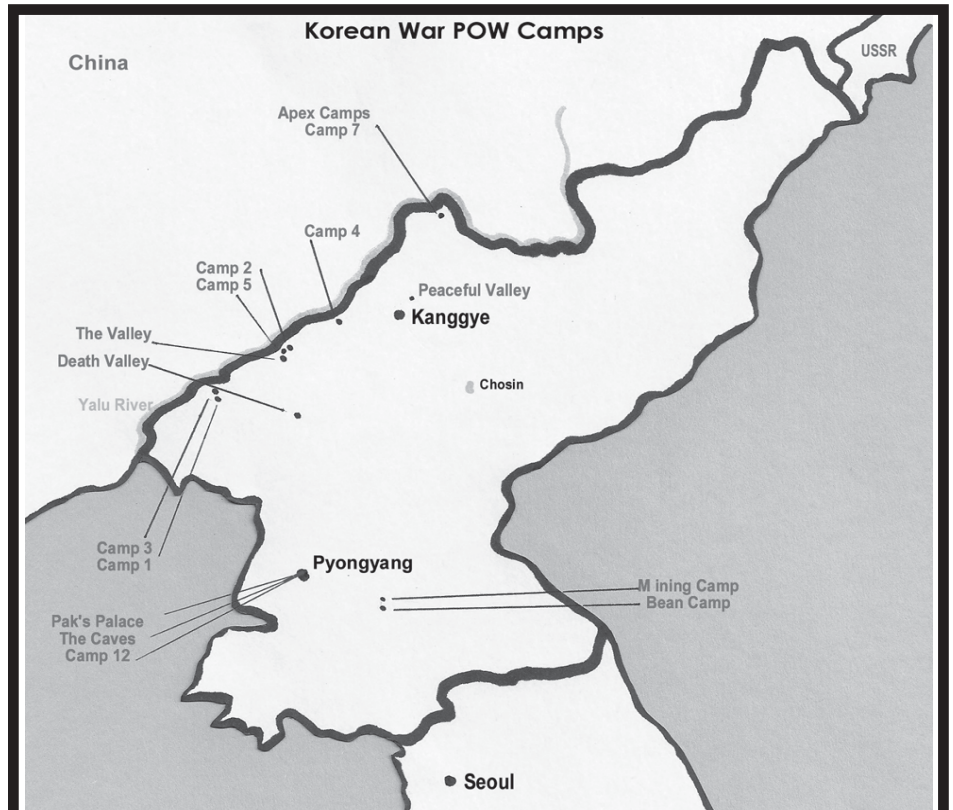
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holding of food and clothing were standard treatment for individuals who were uncooperative in some way or another.

A reactionary squad of about 15 POWs was formed by the Chinese. They isolated this group at a Korean farm about a mile from the main camp. Even there, already isolated, they had two solitary confinement rooms. The British referred to this squad as the Slave Labor Unit (SLU). Men in this squad were put to work cutting down trees to be converted into lumber or fuel. Some POWs were sent there to serve sentences for various crimes and were returned to the main camp when their sentence was completed. These sentences were sometimes handed out at staged trials where the "defense counsel" would argue for severe punishment. Many of the men in this squad were eventually sent to Camp 2-3.

POWs in the main camp also had to go into the surrounding hills to carry firewood for the camp. The Chinese kept track of how much firewood each man brought back to camp. There was a weight quota that had to be met. Some put this quota at forty to sixty pounds per individual. Gathering firewood could be an 8 to 10 mile round trip hike, carrying a heavy load on the way back. The poor diet and lack of medical care made this a dangerous burden. When on the firewood detail they were fed three meals a day.

When the peace talks began cards and ping-pong sets were supplied. Softball equipment was brought in and music played on loud speakers. Books were made available, most of them being communist oriented. After the armistice was signed Red Cross packages were distributed and life generally improved. But that was only for the last few weeks of captivity.



The map above shows the location of the larger temporary camps and all the permanent camps.

There are over one hundred and fifty locations listed in official studies of collection points and temporary camps, more than thirty in and around Pyongyang. Many of them are duplicates, called one name by one group of prisoners and a different name by another. Some of them were christened the Bunkers, Death House, Fourteen Day Place, Half-way House, Kangdong Pan's Camp, Pike's Peak, and Twin Peaks. Even today the actual location for some of these places has not been determined.

Clothing

In late July 1951 arrivals at Camp 1 were deloused and issued a summer uniform and in November they got their padded winter uniforms. If uniforms were ripped or torn while on work details they were not replaced until the next seasonal change was issued. Uniforms would frequently need cleaning from sitting in the mud listening to lectures or from chronic diarrhea. When possible they would be washed in the river or even with rain water, but no soap was available. They were dried simply by putting them back on as they had no extra clothing. This method of cleaning meant no washing during the winter.

POWs who arrived in Oct 51 were given 2 uniforms, tooth powder, and soap. After a time they received a weekly ration of tobacco and sugar and the standard summer and win-

ter issue of uniforms. A blanket and comforter was given to every 3rd man. It was cold enough in the winter for the prisoners to scrape ice from the walls of their huts.

A British reference says they slept on empty rice sacks and each squad of 10 POWs received 3 old overcoats. Both are probably accurate, depending on the time of captivity they are referring to.

Mail

In the spring of 1952 the prisoners were allowed to send four letters a month but whether the Chinese actually sent the letters is unclear. Some sources say the limit was one letter per month. Incoming mail began in June 1952.

The POWs at Camp 1 were trucked out of the camp mid August 1953.

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And the beat goes On.

Under the category of “Life is not necessarily fair,” consider this from one of World War II’s most heavily engaged units: “During World War II, the 29th Infantry Division suffered 3720 killed in action, 15403 wounded in action, 462 missing in action, 526 prisoners of war....”

Staggering numbers for an infantry division of approximately 20,000 men at the start of Operation Overlord, the liberation of Europe. Today they would be met with sanctimonious, posturing politicians who

have never served a day in their lives cluck-clucking over the total incompetence of the military leaders. But that won’t happen in this day of special operations and remotely controlled drone aircraft. Indeed, there have only been a small number of POWs since the Global War on Terror started - nearly all of whom were released or rescued in mere weeks.

On this 5th and 6th of June, at the invitation of Major General Robert Newman, Virginia’s Adjutant General, your humble correspondent spent several terrific hours flying around Virginia in a Virginia National Guard Blackhawk helicopter saluting the very few survivors of this incredible sacrifice.

I spoke at Winchester, Virginia now the division’s headquarters, as a conference center was dedicated to the memory of Major Thomas D. Howie, the “Major of Saint Lo.” I attended an incredible ceremony at



ion of the 516th Infantry Regiment lost 29 of 32 young men in the first assault on Omaha Beach on D-Day 1944.

Much of the movie, “Saving Private Ryan” is based on the awful experiences of the 116th Infantry Regiment which was the first into the Tiger’s Mouth at Omaha Beach. Described as the bloodiest scene in the history of movies, the first 20 minutes of Private Ryan using incredible cinematographic effects, reminded us of just how horrific war can be. And the grisly effects that can be felt for generations.

More impressive, though, were the young soldiers of the 29th who are made of the same stuff as their unit ancestors. They know what they’re doing, their units have been engaged for nearly ten years and still they come. The young troopers are eager, gung ho, and ooze competence. From the General officers to the newly enlisted privates and specialists, all were impressive.

That such events can occur in this jaded, Oh-So-Sophisticated age makes this bordering-on-geezerhood, ink-stained wretch feel grateful. There is, indeed hope in this age of “Me, first.”

And then, there’s that thumping sound, coming from the ages. And the beat goes on...

Photos: Blackhawks



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May a Month of Remembrance at Andersonville

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Veterans including ex-POWs and active duty personnel attend Memorial Day observance.

Seven Native Americans, members of Company K, 1st Michigan Sharpshooters, died at Andersonville 146 years ago. They are not forgotten. On May 15th, eight members of the Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veterans and Warriors Society, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, traveled from Michigan and conducted a ceremony to remember and honor the seven fallen warriors.

Following a private ceremony, the Veterans and Warrior Society held

a public event that incorporated native drum, song, and prayer.

On May 28th Andersonville National Historic Site continued its tradition of honoring those who gave their lives in service to the nation. On Friday over 300 Boy Scouts and other volunteers arrived at Andersonville National Cemetery and placed American flags at each headstone in the cemetery. The 20,000 flags served as a reminder of the sacrifices made by so many throughout our history

On Sunday, May 30th, the historic site held its annual Memorial Day observance. The Fort Benning Maneuver Center of Excellence Band played for thirty minutes before park superintendent Jon Bradley Bennett opened the ceremony. Edward DeMent, past National Director of the Southeast Region American Ex-Prisoners of War, recognized veterans and former prisoners of war in attendance. John Bates, President of the Friends of Andersonville, spoke about the support this organization has provided to the park, including its current fundraising efforts for the 'Victory From Within' traveling exhibition.



Ed DeMent & Ester Carboni laying the AXPOW wreath.

Congressman Sanford Bishop introduced the event's primary speaker, Sergeant Major (retired) Patrick Henson. Sergeant Major Henson

served in the Army for 22 years and served overseas on assignments and campaigns that included Central and South America, Europe, the Middle East, the Balkans, and Korea. Henson presently heads the military history department for the Army Warrant Officer Career College at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Memorial Day is always a special time of remembrance at Andersonville National Historic Site but our nation's veterans are remembered here every day. As the writing on the Wisconsin Monument proclaims, "To live in hearts we leave behind in not to die."

Make Your Plans Now!
Albany, Georgia
Sept. 21-26, 2010.

From the Revolutionary War to Operation Iraqi Freedom, American prisoners of war have endured untold hardships, and shown tremendous courage. Andersonville NHS commemorates the sacrifices of these brave Americans through exhibits in the National Prisoner of War Museum; preserves the site of Camp Sumter (Andersonville prison); and manages Andersonville National Cemetery.

National Prisoner of War Museum

The 1970 legislation responsible for establishing Andersonville National Historic Site instructed the site "to interpret the role of prisoners-of-war camps in history" and "to commemorate the sacrifice of Americans who lost their lives in such camps." To that end, the exhibits in the National Prisoner of War Museum serve as a memorial to all American prisoners of war. The museum opened in 1998 and is dedicated to the American men and women who have suffered as POWs.

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An Ode to my Feet

I was born with my feet in Houlton Maine and they have been with me all these years. In fact they were born first. They have taken me to far flung shores and never failed me.

They are below me all the time and sometimes they get very tired and even smell at times. In the beginning they were always bare and Mom loved them because she used to kiss them a lot.

My feet loved to walk in mud and once in a while a cow paddy. That was supposed to prevent against foot disease. These feet of mine got cut a lot and was used to shedding their blood for me.

My feet would go outside bare in the middle of the winter and take a long time to thaw out. They would burn sometimes. I had to be careful of getting my feet frozen.

My feet, a size 5 ½ EEE, would carry me to childhood play and to the fields for work. Sometimes on the long walk home I thought they would never make it but they always did. During those years of hard times my feet usually had two pair of shoes a year.

At 16 my feet took me into the Army

and basic training at Fort Dix NJ in the middle of the winter. The Army did not have any boots in my size so my feet had to wear my civilian shoes through most of basic training. Soon new boots arrived and my feet were so happy.

In June of 1948 my feet took me to a boat on the West Coast and we headed for Japan. I don't think my feet liked the trip on the ocean but soon both of us arrived in Japan and a new culture and life. My feet and I went to the Southern Island of Kyushu and it was most beautiful there.

My feet and I played in that beautiful place and sometimes my feet would not support me when I partook of the local liquid but they were always there in the morning and offered support to which I am eternally grateful to this day.

Soon my feet were taking me to another land across some water called Korea. My feet did a lot of walking then and soon both of us were in a foxhole waiting for bad people to come south to get us and guess what, they did get us. Soon my feet and I were POWs with the North Koreans and my feet became very sad and unhappy because the boots that covered my dear feet were wanted by several North Korean soldiers and so my feet were out in the cold, street feet so to speak.

My feet and I walked a lot of miles in Korea which is called the Land of the Morning Calm. We walked to Seoul and Pyongyang, Manpo and Chunggang, Andong and Hanjangni. My poor feet suffered much during those days. I didn't get much food so my feet suffered from lack of energy.

My feet and I were even on a Death March where many were shot. My good old feet never failed me even though they were bloody from being bare.

That first winter was most hard on my feet and they did get frostbite. My feet didn't like that at all.

But my feet were there to feel the spring sun which came to warm us

up a bit. My dear feet had gone dirty for a long time and had become very tough like leather.

Soon my feet would take me to Andong where we spent the summer of 1951 and then in October both of us caught a barge to go and become part of the Chinese Army Prisoner of War Camp system.

Now we both were housed indoors and warm most of the time. My feet were happy campers from then on. My feet and I are unhappy and sad because of the 58% of our group that did not make it.

My feet took me home, then back to Korea, Germany, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, California, Philippines, Texas and then back to California.

My feet have taken me to many places and they are still with me and both of us go to a gym every day and my feet enjoy the pool the most.

We are both retired now and doing well.

At this time I would like to thank my feet for all their support over the years.

Open letter to that North Korean Lt who got my boots

I want to thank you, whoever you are, for taking my 5-1/2 EEE boots when I was captured. I didn't like it when you shot me in the leg either. You are not a very good person.

At that time I had a severe case of athletes feet and my boots were all slippery from that. I hope you enjoyed that disease and I hope you lost a foot because of that.

If you are already dead then disregard this message.

Shorty the Tiger
AKA Sondaga Bitchie

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THE RIDE HOME – ANDERSONVILLE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE (NHS): *Rolling Thunder®'s 2010 Ride Home* - a multi-day annual activity held in conjunction with the National Park Service's Andersonville National Historic Site and Georgia Southwestern State University to recognize and honor the Nation's Prisoners of War (POW) and those Missing in Action (MIA). The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall and the Some Gave All Moving Tribute will be at Andersonville NHS from September 17-26. The three-day *Ride Home 2010* will once again be held on National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the 3rd weekend of September. Ceremonies and services, a dinner, a motorcycle ride (invited guests are provided bus transportation!) and other tributes are scheduled. This year, there will be a greater number of MIA families representing their missing loved ones, and the League wants to be sure you know what is planned. Please visit www.theridehome.com.

AIR FORCE OFFICER IDENTIFIED: The Defense POW/MIA Office just announced that the remains of **Lt Col Henry P. Brauner, USAF**, recovered February 8, 2006, in Laos, were identified December 2, 2008. There are now **1,719** Americans are still listed by DoD as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War, though over 450 were at sea/over water losses: Vietnam - 1,323 (VN-478 VS-835); Laos - 340; Cambodia - 59;

Peoples Republic of China territorial waters - 7.

The number of Americans returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is now **864**, though another 63 US personnel were recovered post-incident and identified before the end of the war, bringing the total to 927. Of the 1,719 unreturned veterans still unaccounted for, 90% were lost in Vietnam or areas of Laos and Cambodia under Vietnam's wartime control.

US-VIETNAM ACCOUNTING COOPERATION: In early April, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) officiated at the largest turnover of remains from Vietnam since the early '90s in Danang - remains that could be those of seven US personnel previously missing and unaccounted for in Vietnam. The field operations, working with Vietnamese counterparts, leading up to this repatriation were reportedly very productive.

Four of the seven remains came from joint recoveries, two from the Field Forensic Review of remains turned over by Vietnamese citizens, and one from Vietnamese unilateral excavation in a sensitive area where US teams are not allowed. Vietnamese and American, for their efforts that brought identification by JPAC's Central Identification Laboratory will be made as soon as possible.

In late April, **MG Stephen Tom, USAR, JPAC Commander**, led a US delegation for technical talks with Vietnamese counterparts, including the "new" Vietnam Office for Seeking Missing Persons (VNOSMP) Director Nguyen Ba Hung, who also serves as Director-General of the Americas Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This is his third assignment as head of VNOSMP, an interagency group formed many years ago to implement Vietnamese leaders' decisions regarding US-Vietnam cooperation on all POW/MIA accounting-related matters. Reports indicate that the talks were productive. DPMO, JPAC and DIA Stony Beach officials also participated.

A large-scale Joint Field Activity (JFA), including an underwater investigation along Vietnam's northern

coast, began on May 20th and is scheduled to continue until June 22nd. Four Recovery Teams (RTs), two Investigation Teams (Its) and an Underwater Recovery Team (URT) are now working throughout the country and along the northern coastline.

US-LAO ACCOUNTING COOPERATION: Deputy Assistant Secretary for POW/MIA Affairs Bob Newberry visited Laos in mid-March to reinforce the importance of the issue and, in the case of Laos, raise issues that are complicating bilateral POW/MIA cooperation in Laos and Vietnam. A major issue deals with safety certification required by the US for helicopter transport of personnel; these requirements also apply to accounting efforts in Vietnam. Unless resolved soon, field operations will be severely restricted, as transport of personnel on the large helicopters is currently prohibited, with an exception allowing only supplies and material. DPMO and JPAC are seeking solutions, admirably supported by Ambassadors Ravic Huso in Laos and Michael Michalak in Vietnam.

The 114th Joint Field Activity (JFA 10-4LA) began April 29th and is scheduled to conclude on June 1st.

Three Recovery Teams (RTs) are excavating sites in Houaphan and Xiengkhoang Provinces in northern Laos, and one Phase Two Investigation Team (P2T) is conducting surveys in the southern provinces of Savannakhet, Xekong and Attapeu.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OFFICE MOVED:

The move was made to the new location at the end of February, and our new office address is **National League of POW/MIA Families, 5673 Columbia Pike, Suite 100, Falls Church, VA 22041**. Phone and fax numbers are the same.

US Service members reported missing or captured while supporting combat operations. Army PFC Bowe R. Bargdahl 23 June 30, 2009, Afghanistan. Army Staff Sgt. Ahmed K. Altaie, 44 Oct 23, 2006, Baghdad.

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August 12 - 15, 2010. The Dept. of Ohio convention will be held at the Ramada Plaza, 4900 Sinclair Rd. Columbus, Ohio. Kenny Hanson our National commander will be our guest. For information contact Norman Swaney - 330 726 9217 or e-mail nswaney@zoominternet.net

Aug. 4-8, 2010. The Third Marine Division Association's annual family reunion will be held at the Sheraton North Charleston Hotel, Charleston, SC. Anyone who served in, was attached to, or served in support of the 3rd Marine Division at any time is eligible and invited to attend. Contact Jeffrey A Dement, 23830 W. Ottawa St., Plainfield, IL 60544; 815-436-3783; jeffdement@aol.com.

Aug 11-15, 2010. The 91st Annual Reunion of the Eightieth Blue Ridge Division Veterans Association will be held at the Sheraton National Hotel, 900 South Orme St., Arlington, VA 22204; 703-521-1900. Contact: Max R. Schmidt, Reunion Chair, 336-288-0983.

August 13-14, 2010. The Lost Battalion Reunion will be held at the Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West (www.omnihotels.com), 1590 LBJ Freeway, Dallas TX 75234. Reservations - 800-843-6664. For more information contact Tom Ficklin, LB president, at tficklin@windstream.net.

September 21-26, 2010. The National Convention will be held at Albany, Georgia, with opening ceremonies at Andersonville National Historic Site. Registration/Information throughout the Bulletin.

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Sept. 22-26, 2010. The Korean War Veterans Reunion will be held at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, Camp Hill, PA. Great side trips to the Washington Korean Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery have been planned. All Korean War veterans welcome! Contact: Charles or Judy Egresitz, 717-652-4088 or 717-497-6971; aepbble@aol.com.

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I am in a hassle with the Pentagon as to when I was **liberated by the Russian Army from Stalag III C**. I distinctly remember the day as being January 31st, 1945. I never see any reference in the Bulletin to Stalag III C, east of Berlin, and have often wondered does American Ex-Prisoners of War really know of that prison where about 2000 American NCOs were held.

In the Bulletin do we have an opportunity to contact other POWs. I'd really like to ask other Stalag III C POWs when they recall our liberation occurring. Since 1946 I have been celebrating that date as my liberation day, and the Pentagon says I was liberated March 23, 1945. I traveled from III C across the German frontier, across Poland and wound up in the Moscow freight yards, then to Odessa on The Black Sea where I took a British ship ultimately to Naples, Italy. Robert L. (Bob) Bearden
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My Dad, **Cecil C. McGrew**, was a POW in WWII in Stalag Luft 1 in Germany. The B-24 he was flying in was shot down over Germany December 3, 1944. My Dad always told

a story about landing in a tree in a small village after he parachuted out. Some of the villagers were going to shoot him but the police chief stopped them and detained Dad until the German military took him. The police chief kept his parachute and was going to use it for his daughter's wedding dress. My Dad was injured and I think he spent some time in a hospital because there was some kind of record from another downed servicemen that they shared a room. I would really like to confirm these stories and find out exactly where in Germany he landed and his journey from there to Barth I am interested in where he was captured and interrogated after he parachuted down. Is it possible after all this time to find this information? Thank you, Susie McGrew Kaiser, 3847 203rd Ave NE, Sammamish, WA 98074; 425-868-6857.

I am looking for anyone who may have known **Alfred C. Carroll**. Dad was **captured at Battle of Salerno** beginning September 9, 1943. He was wounded and received Purple Heart. Believe he was captured about Sept 19. He was transported to Stalag 2B in Hammerstein Germany. He became acting Chaplain after Bruce Meads was repatriated because of an illness I do know of. My Dad conducted many services and went out to the Kommando units for religious services. I have copies of letters written to the mothers whose sons had died in the camp, telling who attended and that they were given military honors as could be under circumstances. He was with the 36th Infantry, trained at Ft. Devens in Mass. He conducted funerals of POW's which he noted, as well as who attended. He wrote that not all Germans were bad. In his journal, many prisoners wrote, thanking him, French, Serbian, English, etc. He kept a record of the march from Stalag 2B beginning Jan 29, 1945 thru Germany and noted each town and how many KM they marched. Thanks for any help. patmunafa@hotmail.com.

Members' forum



Cheryl:

Are you aware that just taking a ride around the airport is a dangerous matter. Are you aware that those men were not volunteers? The Army, during WW II, would just select an Infantry Regiment and assign them to be Glider Outfits. There is little question about the fact that on D-Day and days thereafter, I never saw ANY Gliders intact. All landings were "crash" landings and there is no doubt that their casualties were heavy.

These poor troops, who were much older than we paratroopers who were paid \$50.00 per month "Jump Pay"

and we were ALL Volunteers, we were not drafted/assigned to the paratroops.

So, at this late date, those of us who are interested in veterans issues, need to get to work to have the government pay everyone of those combat Glider Troops there "Flight Pay" for the days they served in Glider Outfits and were riding gliders. If you knew just how risky riding a glider was you would understand my anxiety over these guys. Their combat causality rate must have been terrible.

Think about this issue and consider how AXPOW might pursue such a JUST cause.

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Dear Editor:

Please extend my thanks to Fred Campbell for his outreach to veterans through Dear Abby last summer, regarding VA entitlement for wid-

ows of veterans who died of ALS. We applied for that benefit for my mother, and she began receiving it a few weeks ago. She had been managing on her Social Security income, but the VA benefit is easing her mind about meeting her medical expenses and generally making her life more comfortable.

My father was a combat veteran of WWII who suffered from the devastation of ALS from age 70 until his death at age 82. He was and my mother is part of that Greatest Generation who contributed so much to our country. I am pleased and grateful that their contribution and struggle is being recognized in this practical and useful manner.

Thanks again for getting the word out. We would not have had this information without Mr. Campbell and Dear Abby.

Sincerely,
Pam Tinsley
Midlothian, VA.

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1948-1949
Kenneth Day
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John Walker
1950-1951
Ray O'Day
1951-1952
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William A. Berry
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James S. Browning
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Roger Bamford
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Walter Yosko
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Leo J. "Moose" Maselli
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Paul Richter
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George Coates
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C. Earl Derrington, Jr.
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Albert Bland
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Milton Moore, Sr.
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John Edwards
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Charles Minietta
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William E. Bearisto
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Charles Prigmore
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Lawrence S. Moses
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Wm. E. "Sonny" Mottern
1996-1997
Wayne Hitchcock
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Richard M. Throckmorton
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Zack Roberts
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Wm. "Bill" Schmidt
2000-2001
John W. Klumpp
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Maurice Sharp
2002-2003
F. Paul Dallas
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James Cooper
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Gerald Harvey
2005-2006
Warren King
2007-2008
Jim Clark
2008-2009
Kenny Hanson
2009-2010



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The AXPOW Voluntary Giving Program parallels that of other VSOs, whereby the entire membership, including life members, is given the opportunity to contribute to the operation of our organization, based on ability and willingness to contribute.

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HEY KIDS!
GET GRANDMA & GRANDPA TO BRING YOU TO
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GREAT TIME!



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September
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Albany Georgia

News Briefs

Pink Ribbon Cutting for the Katherine F. Arnold Women Veterans Wing



When the Dom opened its doors on April 4, 1990, Katherine F. Arnold, our hospital's Volunteer Patient Advocate, was there assisting the Veterans. In fact, Kay was providing assistance to Veterans before the Dom opened.

Mrs. Arnold recently logged 45,000 volunteer hours. Her services were celebrated at the Bedford Voluntary Service Appreciation Awards luncheon.

On May 20, Bedford's Dom celebrated over twenty years of service provided to 2700 Veterans and the unveiling of the Women Veterans Wing. Our new wing was dedicated to Katherine F. Arnold. Mrs. Arnold is most deservedly well-respected by Veterans and it was the Dom Veterans who suggested that the new Women Veterans Wing be named in her honor.

About VAMC Bedford

The Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital (Bedford VA) consists of a 500+ bed facility located in Bedford, MA. It includes a Veterans Community Care Center, Vietnam Veterans Outreach Center in Lowell, MA, and Veterans Day Activity Center in Winchendon, MA.

Diabetes Legislation Update

By Mary P Rolan
Legislative Co-Chair

HR944 has only two co-sponsors...my Rep. Gerald Connolly and Rep. Walt Minnick of Boise, ID., with whom I worked diligently with his people on our Legislative Program at the Boise, ID National Convention last year. Yes, they co-sponsored the bill then. WE NEED YOU TO GET YOUR REP. & SENATORS TO CO-SPONSOR. Just by making the third call and explaining our bill, S977 the bill introduced by Senator Patty Murray, Washington State...this is the Bill in the Senate. What I am saying, yes my Sen. Jim Webb's office says he will also co-sign on our bill.

THIS IS WHAT I'M SAYING, YOU OUR MEMBERSHIP AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS must do if we are going to get this bill. This week I have talked to both the Senate and House Veterans Affairs Committees and they said WE ARE NOT GOING TO GET THE DIABETES PASSED UNLESS THEY START RECEIVING SOME ACTION FROM THEIR CONSTITUENCY! THAT IS YOU!

Here are the numbers:
S977- Senator Patty Murray's office - 202-2224-2621; fax 202-224-0239
HR944 - Gus Bilirakis' office - 202-225-5755; fax 202-225-4085

If you will call me or write with any questions, I will try and help.

VA - Simpler Forms and New Program Will Reduce Paperwork and Speed Process

As part of Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki's effort to break the back of the backlog, the

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is reducing the paperwork and expediting the process for Veterans seeking compensation for disabilities related to their military service.

"These reductions in paperwork, along with other improvements to simplify and speed the claims process, symbolize changes underway to make VA more responsive to Veterans and their families," said Secretary Shinseki.

VA has shortened application forms to reduce paperwork for Veterans. The new forms, which are being made available on VA's Web site at www.va.gov/vaforms <<http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>>, include:

* A shortened VA Form 21-526 for Veterans applying for the first-time to VA for disability compensation or pension benefits. This form has been cut in half - from 23 to 10 pages. It is immediately available to Veterans via Web download, and will be available through VA's online claim-filing process later this summer at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

* VA Form 21-526b for Veterans seeking increased benefits for conditions already determined by VA to be service-connected. This new form more clearly describes the information needed to support claims for increased benefits.

In order to make the claims process faster, VA has also introduced two new forms for Veterans participating in the Department's new fully developed claim (FDC) program, which is one of the fastest means to receive a claims decision.

Gathering the information and evidence needed to support a Veteran's disability claim often takes the largest portion of the processing time.

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If VA receives all of the available evidence when the claim is submitted, the remaining steps in the claims-decision process can be expedited without compromising quality.

To participate in the FDC program, Veterans should complete and submit an FDC Certification and VA Form 21-526EZ, "Fully Developed Claim (Compensation)," for a compensation claim, or a VA Form 21-527EZ, "Fully Developed Claim (Pension)," for a pension claim.

The forms were designed specifically for the FDC program. These six-page application forms include notification to applicants of all information and evidence necessary to "fully develop" and substantiate their claims. With this notification, Veterans and their representatives can "fully develop" their claims before submission to VA for processing.

Along with the application and certification, Veterans must also submit all relevant and pertinent evidence to "fully develop" their claims. A claim submitted as "fully developed" may still require some additional evidence to be obtained by VA, to include certain federal records and a VA medical examination.

USS Houston Assn...

Dear Houston friends and family,

Nana Booker, Australian Honorary Consulate, contacted Dana Charles advising the Australian Ambassador to the United States (out of DC)

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would be in Houston, TX & would like to lay a wreath at our USS Houston CA-30 Monument in memory of the *Houston* & crew. Dana contacted me and we got busy emailing people! Both Dana and I were on the same wave length & as he was emailing me about Challenge Coins, I was addressing the envelope to send to Capt. Carter Conlin of the Naval Order of the United States, Texas Commandery....

We want to thank Capt. Carter Conlin, Ron & Lin Drees, and our son Dak Poss for taking time from work and their busy schedules and meeting with Nana and Kim Beazly along with his lovely wife and daughter. It was a special honor to have the Ambassador take time from his busy schedule to bestow this honor! Again, we are very proud of our friends and family that were our representatives. We also thank Nana Booker for inviting us and providing a beautiful wreath.

We continue to work together with our friends from Down Under to perpetuate their memory.....
Val Poss



Photo-left to right: Carter Conlin, Ron Drees, Nana Booker, Ambassador's daughter, Ambassador Beazly, Lin Drees, Ambassador's wife and Dak Poss

Mojave Desert Veteran Memorial

From: American Legion

Less than two weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that, for now,

the Mojave Desert cross could remain in its location, vandals have torn the memorial to World War I veterans down from its location, leaving only the bolts in Sunrise Rock as evidence of the cross. The incident sparked outrage among supporters of the cross, including The American Legion, which filed crucial amicus (friend-of-the-court) brief in favor of the cross staying put. The act also drew scorn from Liberty Institute, which has represented the Legion and other organizations in the fight to keep the cross in its current location. "This is an outrage, akin to desecrating people's graves," said Kelly Shackelford, president/CEO of Liberty Institute. "It's a disgraceful attack on the selfless sacrifice of our veterans. We will not rest until this memorial is re-installed."

Park workers noticed on May 8th that the box that has covered the cross during the ongoing lawsuit had been removed. "When a maintenance team went out to put the box back up, that's when they discovered the cross had been removed," said Linda Slater, public affairs officer for the Mojave National Preserve. "The bolts are still in the ground, but the cross itself is gone." Park law enforcement is investigating this crime and is asking for the public's assistance. Liberty Institute is offering a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. Anyone with information about the theft is asked to call (760) 252-6120.

Vietnam War Anniversary Commission

The Department of Defense is setting up the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Commemoration Commission. The commission is Congressionally mandated and chartered by the Department of Defense to plan and conduct this

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commemorative program which may include activities and ceremonies to achieve the following objectives:

- (1) To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
- (2) To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.
- (3) To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
- (4) To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War; and
- (5) To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

The Commission's activities will last until 2025 and will involve Vietnam War Commemoration programs conducted by the federal government, state and local governments, and international, commercial and private organizations.

Flanders House Commemoration



New York - This Memorial Day, Flanders House commemorated all war victims and in particular those American and Canadian soldiers who fought "In Flanders Fields." This commemoration was held at the *Clinton War Memorial* on the South-East corner of *De Witt Clinton Park*, located at 11th Avenue and 52nd Street. A wreath was placed at the foot of the *Clinton War Memorial*, which is a statue of a WWI soldier with the poem "In Flanders Fields" inscribed in its foot. At the same time "The Last Post" was played as a symbolic final farewell. The memorial ended with the reading of the beautiful "In Flanders Fields" poem by Lt. Col. John McCrae.

VA Chiropractic Care

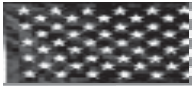
Chiropractic care would have to be available at a minimum of 75 veterans' medical centers by the end of 2011 and at all 153 medical centers by the end of 2013, under a bill passed on April 29th by a House subcommittee. Passed by voice vote by the health subcommittee of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, the bill, H.R.1017, marks a major step in a 10-year fight in Congress to make chiropractic care and services available to veterans. Rep.

Bob Filner (D-CA), the veterans' committee chairman, is the chief sponsor. Chiropractic care was first provided at Veterans Affairs Department facilities in 2004 under a pilot program at about 25 locations, where the VA either hired chiropractors or contracted for care. Just getting the pilot program launched after it was first authorized was a three-year effort. Expansion of care to all VA facilities has been one of the top priorities of the International Chiropractic Association. Expansion of military and veterans' treatment programs is part of what they are calling the "Adjust the Vote" campaign, in a bit of chiropractic humor.

Filner's bill goes further than a veterans' health care bill passed by the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee earlier this year. That bill, S.1237, Homeless Veterans and Other Veterans Health Care Authorities Act of 2010, requires that comprehensive chiropractic services be available in at least two locations within each of the 21 veterans' integrated services networks. The veterans committee passed the bill in January but it has not yet been brought to the Senate floor for debate. Every network has at least one center with chiropractic services today, but 12 have only one location, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, which estimates it would cost about \$8 million over five years to provide 12 more centers.

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Performing at the
National
Convention!
Contact ND
Deanie Schmidt for
details!*

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Decision 2010 Candidates

for
National
Commander
MORRIS BARKER



While serving with the 15th. Air Force, 451 BG, 726 Sqdn, Morris was shot down near Budapest Hungary and was held in Stalag Luft IV. He was also on the 86 day march through Germany.

After discharge from the military, he graduated from Texas A&M University, and later earned a MA from the University of Texas. He has been an active member of AXPOW, serving as Chapter Commander, Texas State Department Commander, National Director as well as Jr. and Sr. Vice Commander. Morris developed an AXPOW Voluntary Funding Program that has proven very successful in providing operating funds for the American Ex-Prisoners of War organization during the past two years. With Morris' help, the Budget & Finance Committee has worked to come up with ways to maximize both our finances and our potential.

Morris lives in Waco, Texas.

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for
National Senior
Vice Commander
CARROLL BOGARD



Carroll enlisted in the Air Force in 1942, serving with the 8th AF, 466th BG, 785th BS. He was captured in August, 1944, then held in Stalag Luft VI and Luft IV. He participated in the 87 day march across northern Europe before being liberated by the British 7th Army at Lauenburg, Germany on the Elbe River.

He joined AXPOW in 1986 and quickly became an active member. He has been NE Iowa Chapter Adjutant, Vice Commander and Commander; at the Dept. level, he worked the chairs, culminating with a three-year stint as Commander when the Dept. hosted the 1995 National Convention in Des Moines. He's reprising that role again this year.

He has been a National Director, serving the North Central Region, for five years. He served 2009-2010 as National Jr. Vice Commander for the Central Zone.

Carroll and his wife, Barbara, live in Mason City, IA.

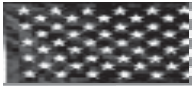
for
National Jr. Vice
Commander-East
CHARLES SUSINO



Current National Jr. Vice Commander 2008-2010.
National Director
Budget and Finance Committee
Grievance & Investigation Committee
Commander, Dept. of New Jersey (13+ years).
NSO-11 years.

AAC Veteran, flew B-24 European theatre - hit the silk over Nord, France, March 5, 1944 after being hit by flak and fighters. Pilot gave the order "bail out" and he was captured by two squads of German soldiers. After being shipped to Dulag Luft on the Rhine for 7 days of interrogation, he was sent by boxcar to East Prussia, Luft 6. In Jan. 1945, he was forced marched to Memel, then sent to Luft 4. After being forced onto the 2 1/2 month-long "Black Hunger March", he escaped with five other prisoners and located a field hospital in the American Zone.

Charlie and his wife, Lillian live in Metuchen, New Jersey



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for
National Jr. Vice
Commander-Central
JAMES LOLLAR



Jim is currently serving his 2nd term as National Director for the South Central Region, Adjutant/Treasurer for the Department of Texas, & his 3rd term as Commander of the Dallas Metroplex Chapter. He is the Chair of the Grievance & Investigation Committee for his 2nd term & has served as both member & Chair of the Ways & Means Committee.

Life Memberships include: AXPOW, 4th Allied POW Wing (Nam-POW), Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association, B52 Strata-fortress Association, Son Tay Raiders Association, AF Gunners Association, NCO Association, VFW, AMVETS, Viet-Now, DFC Society, MOPH Association, Weber Booster Club, & NRA.

Jim was a Tail-Gunner on a B-52 Bomber & is the sole survivor on his crew after being shot down over North Vietnam during Operation Linebacker II. He was a POW at Hoa Lo Prison (the Hanoi Hilton) until his release on 29 March 1973. He was on the last rescue flight out of Hanoi on a C-141 Med-Evac Starlifter, the "Hanoi Taxi".

Jim lives in Wills Point, Texas.

for
National Jr. Vice
Commander-West
MILTON MOORE, JR



Skip was born in Ft. Clayton, Panama Canal Zone in Oct. 1947. His father, Milton M. Moore Sr. spent 27 years in the United States Army and was elected as the National Commander of AXPOW in 1989. Skip served as National Sgt at Arms for 6 years. He spent 22 years in the Army and had two tours of duty in Viet Nam, retiring as a SSG (E6) in August of 1989.

Skip's son is stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, after serving two tours in Iraq.

"I am extremely proud of what my son is doing in the military. My family has had a relative in every war the United States has been involved with since the Civil War."

Currently, Skip is the Commander of the Cochise Chapter AXPOW and Commander for the Department of Arizona, AXPOW.

Skip and his wife, Margie, live in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

for National Director
Northeast
FRANKLIN KOEHLER

During WWII, Frank was serving with the 106th Inf. Division, Company D, 424th Inf. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge. He was held in Stalag XIIA, Limburg, Germany, then marched, and finally liberated from Wetzlar.



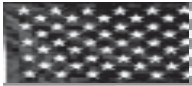
Frank has been serving as National Director for the Northeast Region since 2006. He served on the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. He has been Chapter Commander of the Ocean County Chapter since 2001. He is a member of the Board of Directors - Dept. of New Jersey. In 2005, he chaired the committee to host the NJ State Convention in Atlantic City.

Frank and his wife, Mae, live in Toms River, New Jersey

for National Director
East Central
PAUL E GALANTI



Paul Galanti was a POW for nearly 7 years in North Vietnam's infamous Hanoi Hilton complex. He was released in February, 1973 and immediately picked up his life.



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In 2002, Paul was appointed as the Director of National Service Officers for AXPOW and currently is a service officer. In 2003, he was appointed by Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Anthony J. Principi to serve on the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Former POWs for the second time. Paul was named to serve on the Board of Virginia's Department of Veterans' Services. He was elected Chairman of the Board of Veterans Services in 2006. In 2006, he was honored with induction in the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame. In the spring of 2010, Paul was appointed Commissioner of Veterans Services for the state of Virginia.

Paul and Phyllis live in Richmond, VA.

for National Director South East WILLIAM JEFFERS

Bill joined AXPOW in the mid-1980s. He was first a member of the Northern Virginia Chapter (now Bill Rolan Memorial Chapter); when he moved to Florida, he joined the Suncoast Chapter where he served as treasurer .



Bill is also active in his community. He has spent 11 years as a member of the HOA Board of Directors - as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Editor of the community newsletter. On a national level, Bill has served on the awards committee for the past three years; he is currently chairman of the committee. During WWII, Bill served with the Air Force, 401st BG, 613th BS. He was captured at Zandvoot, Netherlands and held in Amsterdam, Oberursel, Wetzlar, and Stalags 13D & 7A.

Bill lives in Greenacres, FL.

for National Director South Central (vote for 2) PAM WARNER ESLINGER

Pam became involved with AXPOW at the age of 3 at the National Convention in 1953. She is currently Vice Commander for the Dept. of Oklahoma.



She writes: "This organization is like my second family, and I love helping my family. AXPOW has always been so special to my dad (PNC Jack Warner), and he has installed that in me. I believe I am who and what I am today because of him and my mother June."

On a community level, Pam has raised money to erect the Veterans Memorial, she is one of three women who put together the local Veterans program at the school on Veterans Day.

Pam and Willie live in Harmon, Oklahoma.

for National Director South Central (vote for 2) JAMES CLARK

Jim has been a workhorse at both the local and national levels of AXPOW for the past 29 years. He organized the N.E. LA Chapter and was Commander for almost 12 years. He is also the Dept. of LA Commander - a post he's held since 1987. Jim completed 12 years as National Director, two terms as JVC, one term as SVC and was National Commander in 2008-09. He and his wife, Jerri, hosted the successful Baton Rouge Convention in 1998. He has also been chairman of three national committees.



Serving with the Air Force during WWII, Jim was captured at St. Lo and held in Stalag Luft III, XIID and VIIA.

Jim and Jerri live in Bastrop, LA.

There may be additional nominations from the floor at the National Convention in Albany, Georgia, September 24, 2010.

Skip Moore, Chairman
Nominations & Elections
Committee



RESOLUTION 2010-01

To amend the National Bylaws, Article XIII - Convention - Paragraph D

WHEREAS: It has become increasingly difficult to find chapters willing and able to host a National Convention; and

WHEREAS: It has been established that working with an outside agency to host a convention does not meet the Organization's needs; and

WHEREAS: When the Organization hosts the convention more work is done in-house, thereby increasing profits; and

WHEREAS: The National Headquarters has staff that is experienced and willing to do the work necessary; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Article XIII, Paragraph D be changed to read:

D. The location for the National Convention shall be Arlington, Texas, or the vicinity, or as voted by the majority of members present and voting at National Convention.

Submitted by the National Board of Directors

RESOLUTION 2010-2

To amend the National Bylaws, Article XIII - National Convention - Paragraph A.

WHEREAS: The Organization would like to coordinate its National Convention with other veterans service organizations which are normally held during the summer months; and

WHEREAS: Local and nationally-elected politicians are mostly unable to attend a National Convention due to their heavy work schedule in the autumn months; and

WHEREAS: The Organization is trying to attract the next-of-kin members to its National Convention; and

WHEREAS: Many children and grandchildren are employed by or are enrolled in schools making it difficult, if not impossible, for them to attend a National Convention; and

WHEREAS: The Organization held its National Convention during the month of July until 1987; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Article XIII, Paragraph A be changed to read:

A. The organization's annual meeting shall be held between June 15 and September 15 of each year and shall be called the National Convention.

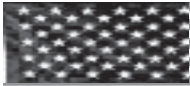
Submitted by National Board of Directors

RESOLUTION 2010-3

To amend the National Bylaws, Article XIII - Delegates.

WHEREAS: The credentialing of National Delegates has evolved over the years and the procedures as outlined in the Bylaws need to change to keep up with the changes; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Article XIII, Paragraph E be changed to read:



Decision 2010 Resolutions

E. Selection of Delegates

1. State departments and individual chapters are entitled to appoint delegate(s) to represent and cast votes for their department or chapter at the National Convention.

a. The state department and chapter adjutant shall authenticate their individual delegate(s) credentials letter to include an alphabetical listing sent to them by National Headquarters and validated by the local adjutant. The credentials letter and validated membership listing shall be submitted to the National Adjutant for validation no later than twenty (20) days prior to the scheduled National Convention.

b. The National Adjutant shall return the validated delegate letter to the designated head delegate no later than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled National Convention.

2. Each delegation shall present its validated credentials letter to the Credentials Committee no later than three (3) hours prior to the first business meeting of the National Convention. No delegate(s) shall be permitted to vote who presents his credentials letter to the Credentials Committee later than three(s) hours before the first business meeting of the National Convention has been called to order. The votes associated with any delegation will not be counted if the head, or designated alternate, delegate does not properly present their validated credentials letter to the Credentials Committee.

Submitted by the National Board of Directors

RESOLUTION 2010-4

To amend the Bylaws Article XIII – Convention – Paragraph F, sub-paragraph 4.

WHEREAS: The voting on all business at the National Convention is by members present during the business meetings with the exception of the election of officers, which is done by a paper ballot and the voting on resolutions to change the National Bylaws; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Article XIII, Paragraph F, sub-paragraph 4, and subsequent notations be changed to be in compliance with this amendment, be changed to read:

Voting on all business at the National Convention shall be by the members present in assembly at the time a vote is called with the exception of voting for the election of officers and the passage of resolutions to change the National Bylaws.

Submitted the National Board of Directors

RESOLUTION 2010-5

To amend the National Bylaws Article VI – Membership – Paragraph D – Sub-paragraph 8.

WHEREAS: Clarification of the membership qualifications has been asked for; and

WHEREAS: Since the Organization began keeping records, it has been interpreting the membership rules in the same fashion; therefore be it

RESOLVED That Article VI, Paragraph D, sub-paragraph 8, be changed to read:

8. The spouse of 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Submitted by the National Board of Directors

American Ex-Prisoners of War 63rd Annual Convention
Sept 21-26, 2010
~~ Albany, Georgia ~~

To be held at the Hilton Garden Inn. Room rates are \$109 per night, plus tax. Parking at the hotel is free. Airport Transportation is about \$15 by cab from the Southwest Georgia Regional Airport. Call the Hilton Garden Inn at 229-878-4861 no later than August 20, 2010 to make your hotel reservations.

COME JOIN US AS WE SHARE OLD MEMORIES AND MAKE NEW ONES!!!

For More Information, contact: American Ex-Prisoners of War
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YES, SIGN ME UP FOR THE AMERICAN-EX PRISONERS OF WAR 2010 CONVENTION!!!

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THE REUNION BRAT

50721 State Hwy 410 E, Greenwater, WA 98022; (360)663-2521

Confirmation of Registration and Itinerary will be sent out by August 30, 2010. A \$20 per person cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations received within 30 days of the event. Cancellations received within 10 days of the event will be non-refundable. Call the Hilton Garden Inn at 229-878-4861 no later than August 20, 2010 to make your hotel reservations. Be sure to mention you are with the AXPOW Convention to receive your group rate of \$109 a night, plus tax. These prices are available 3 days prior to and after your event should you choose to extend your stay. We'll see you soon in Albany!

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AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR
2010 NATIONAL CONVENTION
DELEGATE VALIDATION FORM
SEPTEMBER 22 – 26, 2010
ALBANY, GEORGIA

Please validate the following members as delegates to the 2010 National Convention in Albany, Georgia, September 21 – 26, 2010.

Chapter/Department Name (Please print)

Head Delegate: (Please print name and address.)

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Validated lists will be returned to the Head Delegates.

If you are a chapter voting with your state department, **do not** return this form.

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American Ex-Prisoners of War Candidate for National Office 2010



Candidate for office of:

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Member Chapter:

Military Service Organization (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines or civilian):

Date and Place of Capture:

Places of Internment:

Date and Place of Liberation:

Biography (Please attach, including picture):

To be eligible to run for a national office, a candidate must have been a member for the 3 previous years.

Submit to: Milton M Moore, Jr., Chairman, 2965 Sierra Bermeja, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650

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Thursday Sept. 23:

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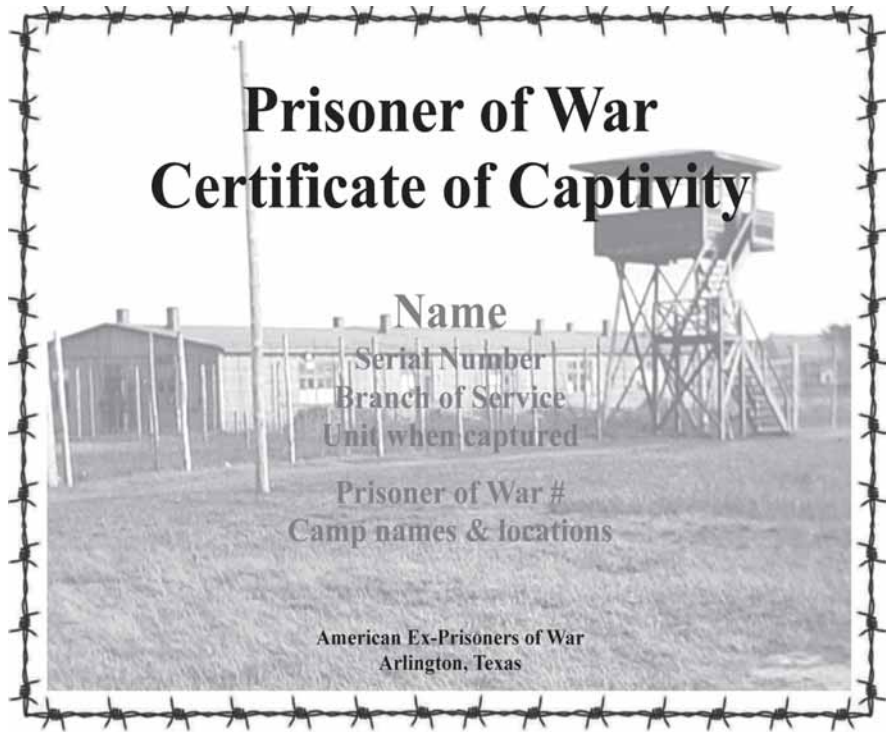
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ALBERTSEN, Norman A "Al", of Carson City, Nevada, died in April, 2010. Al served on the USS Grenadier and was held in Ofuna and Omori, from April 1943 to September 1945. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty. Both have been AXPOW life members since 1979. He is additionally survived by 2 daughters, 2 sons, 6 grandchildren and a large and loving extended family.

ALLE, Samuel Alden, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, died February 15, 2010. He was a WWII combat medic, 80th Div., CI L-317. A member of the Lake Superior Chapter, he was a POW in Stalags 12A and 3C. He is survived by his wife, Shirley.

BABINGTON, William F., 87, of Franklinton, LA died March 3, 2010. He served with the 8th AF during WWII, with the 94th BG. He was shot down, captured and held in Luft 1, Barth. Survivors include his loving wife, 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

BARTON, Donald E., of Portland, OR died May 14, 2010 at the age of 77. Originally from OK Don served as a Medic with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea. He was captured in May '51, was seriously wounded while being marched north and spent 28 months in a POW camp on the Yalu River. Don was active in both the Ft Vancouver and the Columbia River Chapters AXPOW. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, three sons, two daughters, 14 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

BOYLE, Glen E., of Portage, MN passed away May 15, 2010. He was 87. During WWII, he served with the 450th BG; he was shot down over Romania and captured. Glenn is survived by 3 children, 9 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 1 brother and their families.

BRAY, Robert, 85, of Worthington, MN died in April 2010. During WWII,

he served with the 484th BG, 826th BS. His B-24 Liberator was shot down; he was captured and held in Luft IV and later Luft I until liberation. He was a member of AXPOW. Survivors include two sons.

CASTOR, Evelyn, of Sidney, OH passed away April 22, 2010. She was the beloved wife of PDC Ken Castor. Both were charter members of the Dayton Chapter, AXPOW. Evelyn was a volunteer at the Dayton VAMC for more than 20 years. She will be missed by her family and friends.

DRABIK, Edward, of Muskegon, MI died April 22, 2010. He was 88. In 1944, he was stationed in Italy with the 455th BG. He was captured and held in Stalag 7A, Moosberg. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Ardis, 2 daughters, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

EDWARDS, Benjamin F., Jr., resident of Oregon and longtime member of AXPOW, died May 11, 2010. He was a civilian POW, held in Santo Tomas and Los Banos internment camps. Ben was one of the men chosen to escape from Los Banos in Feb. 1945 to contact the American forces in Manila and to assist them in the liberation. He is survived by 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

FIELDS, John Wilbur of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, died April 26, 2010, leaving his widow Rose Marie, a son, two daughters, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He served in the ETO with the 101st Airborne and was held in Stalag 4B.

FREEDMAN, Bertram, of Westminster, MD passed away May 8, 2010. He was 92. He was captured on Corregidor and held for 3 ½ years in POW camps in the Philippines and Japan. He was a member of ADBC. Survivors include 3 daughters, 2 step-children, 1 brother, 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

GLEESING, Jerry, of Spokane WA died April 25, 2010, at age 85. He was commander of the Spokane Inland Empire Chapter of the American Ex-Prisoners of War. He also served as Dept. Commander. During WWII, Jerry was deployed to Italy as a flight officer with the 15th Air Force, 459th Bomb Group. His B-24 was shot down and the crew bailed out over Yugoslavia and he was taken prisoner. He was held at Stalag 13-D and 7A until liberation. Survivors include his wife, Nancy, 5 sons, 2 daughters, 17 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

GRENIER, Richard, 77, of Old Town, ME passed away Nov. 28, 2009. He served in the Army during the Korean War; he was captured on Nov. 2, 1950 and held for 33 months until being released back to US forces. Dick leaves his loving wife, Rita, 6 children, 21 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, 1 brother and 2 sisters.

GUNDY, Samuel C., beloved husband of Mary, died April 23, 2010. He was 92. He was captured while serving with the 8th AF, 388th BG, 562nd BS. His B-17 was shot down and he was a POW for 15 months, including time at Stalag Luft III. In addition to his wife of 66 years, he leaves 2 children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

HEIMASTER, Carl Verner, "Pops", of Santee, California, died April 22, 2010. Originally from southwest Missouri, he served as a Tail Gunner on a B-24 Bomber with the 451st BG, 724th BS. He was captured and held as a POW by the Germans for 333 days. He was a member of the San Diego County Chapter. He is survived by his loving wife of 7 years, Patricia, 2 sons, 4 step-children, 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

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HENRY, Colleen A., of Dunbar, WV passed away April 13, 2010. She and her husband Ed were members of the Barbed Wire Mountaineers Chapter, AXPOW. Colleen is survived by her husband, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

HOSKINS, Catherine Cotterman, of Sacramento, California died May 2, 2010. She was born in the Philippines in 1921, grew up in the overseas American community of Manila, and was valedictorian of the American School Class of 1938. She was interned, along with numerous members of four generations of her extended family and thousands of allied civilians, for three years during the World War II Japanese occupation of the Philippines, until liberated by the famous flying column of the First Cavalry Division, lead by Company B of the 44th Tank Battalion, first through the gates of the Santo Tomas prison camp on 3 February 1945. She married Gilman G. Hoskins, a returning veteran and himself the son of a casualty of Bataan, in San Francisco in 1946, was widowed in 1979, and is survived by three daughters, two sons, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She was a life member of AXPOW and had held the posts of secretary and chaplain of the 49ers Chapter in Sacramento.

HUSBERG, Harry, of Joshua, Texas, died April 15, 2010. Harry served with the 13th Div, 59th Inf, Co. B, and was held on a farm in the Ruhu Valley after capture. An AXPOW life member since 1989, he was an active member of the Fort Worth Chapter

KIDD, John Frost, of Spring, Texas, passed away on May 4, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Suzanne. He left school at the age of 17 to join the U.S. Navy. He was captured in 1942 by the Japanese on the island of Corregidor in the Philippine Islands and held prisoner until the

end of the war in 1945. A member of the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter, John has been an AXPOW member since 1979, and has served as the Commander of the Department of Texas.

KRIPPEL, William F "Krip", of Ft. Worth, Texas, died May 18, 2010. A member of the Fort Worth Chapter, Bill served with the 15 AF in Foggia Italy, as a ball turret gunner on a B-17 Bomber. Shot down on his 21 mission, he was captured and held by the Germans. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Peggy.

LAMASTUS, William, 84, of Anna, OH passed away Feb. 25, 2010. Bill was a veteran of the Army during WWII. He was a POW in Hamburg, Nurnberg and Leipzig camps. He was a member of the NW Central Ohio Chapter, AXPOW (having served as commander). Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Helen, 2 daughters, granddaughters, great-grandchildren and sisters.

LEVY, Robert Benjamin, 85, of West Haven, CT died May 19, 2010. He served with the 4th Div., 2nd Inf. Reg., Co A. Bob was captured at the Battle of St. Lo, Normandy, on July 29, 1944. He was a POW at Chartres, 12A and 7A. Bob was a life member of Connecticut Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife, Mary, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

LIVAUDAIS, Annabel Johnson, hardworking member of the South Louisiana Chapter, AXPOW, died April 28, 2010. She is survived by her husband, Clyde (POW in the Korea War, captured in 1951). She leaves 2 sons, 1 daughter, 7 grandchildren and 1 brother.

MacLEAN, Robert A of Lake Wales, FL died Feb. 24, 2010 at the age of 78. He was captured at the Chosin Reservoir and held POW in Korea. Bob was commander of the Greater Tampa Bay Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Anne, 7 children, 21 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

MAHURIN, Walker "Bud", of Newport Beach, CA passed away May 11,

2010. He was 91 and one of WWII's leading fighter pilots - the first "Double Ace" in the 8th AF. Although shot down in France, he was hidden by the resistance and returned to American control. In Korea, he wasn't so lucky. He was shot down, captured and held for 16 months until repatriation. He leaves his wife, Joan, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 1 stepdaughter and 7 grandchildren.

MARKHAM, Mabel E., 87, of Plymouth, MA passed away April 20, 2010. She was the wife of ex-POW Frederick (610th Tank Div Battalion). Both Mabel and Fred were life members of AXPOW and Mass Chapter #1. Survivors include 1 daughter, 2 sons, 2 grandchildren and 3 brothers.

MARTINDALE, Robert Rene, of San Antonio, TX died May 9, 2010. During WWII, he served with the AAF; he was shot down over the Bismarck Sea and was a POW of the Japanese almost 3 years. He leaves 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

McISAAC, Willis, of East Point, MI passed away April 9, 2010. He was 88. Willis was a POW in Germany, captured while serving in the Army. Survivors include 1 son, 2 brothers, 2 sisters, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

MONTI, Aldo Vincent, of Brackenridge, Pennsylvania, died May 30, 2010. He was captured by the Germans on October 24, 1944. A volunteer at the VA Hospital, he is survived by his wife of 63 years, Agnes.

OLECKI, Edward Joseph, of Port Richey, FL passed away April 25, 2010 at the age of 91. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge while serving with the 106th Inf., 422nd Div., Co D. His men called him Sgt. Lucky. Ed was a member of FL Chapter #1, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Arline, 3 grandchildren and a large and loving extended family and friends.

PARRISH, Ruben, 90, of Des Moines, IA died May 16, 2010. Ruben served with the 781st Tank BN; he was a POW of the Germans at Heipenheim. He was a life member of AXPOW and the

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Mid-Iowa chapter. He is survived by 1 daughter, 6 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, 13 great-great-grandchildren, 2 sisters and 1 brother.

PURDY, Genny J., of Fitzgerald, GA passed away April 15, 2010 at the age of 86. She is survived by one daughter and one grandson. She lost her beloved husband, ex-POW William E. Purdy, Jr. in 2001.

ROBERTSON, Billy R., 84, of Gregory, MI died Nov. 23, 2009. He was captured while serving with the 305th BG, 365th BS; he spent 9 months as a POW in Germany. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Maryanna, 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

RUNGE, Carl F., of Round Rock, TX died Jan. 14, 2010. He was 86. During WWII, he served with the 486th BG, 8th AF. He was shot down over Czechoslovakia, captured and held in Saaz and Teplitz. Carl is survived by his wife, Mary, 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

SCHMIDT, Dora passed away on April 13, 2010. Dora was the widow of ex-POW Theodore Schmidt. Dora was a member of Fresno Chapter #1 and resided in Fresno, CA.

SCHULTZ, John C., age 89, of Buffalo, NY died Jan. 25, 2010. He served with the US Army, Rifleman 745 with Co. F, 411th Inf. Reg., 103rd Div. He was a POW in Stalag 9B, Bad Orb. John was a member of the Western NY Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by 1 daughter and 2 grandchildren.

SCOTT, Virgil, 87, of Webster City, IA passed away April 21, 2010. Virgil served in the AAF during WWII; with the 301st BG, 353rd BS. He was shot down on his 24th mission and held captive in Germany. Virgil is survived by 4 sons, 4 daughters, 25 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 1 brother and 1 sister. He was a member of the Mid-Iowa Chapter, AXPOW.

SELLERS, Burl, of Troy MI died April 13, 2010. He was a WWII veteran; captured in the Battle of the Bulge. Burl is survived by 1 daughter, 1 son, 4 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

SKINNER, Dick W., 86, of Sarasota, FL died May 18, 2010. During WWII, he served with the 8th AF, 493rd BG, 861st BS. He was shot down over Ludwigshafen, captured and held in Lufts IV and I. He was a life member of AXPOW, past commander of the Suncoast Chapter and member of the Manasota Chapter. His wife of 65 years, Jean survives him; he also leaves one daughter.

SMITH, Matthew J., 87, of Wesley Chapel, FL died April 28, 2010. During WWII, he served in the AAC, 483rd BG, 817th BS. He was captured after being shot down over Memmingen, Germany and held until liberation. Matthew leaves 6 children, 9 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was a life member of AXPOW.

SNIDER, Edward Joe, of Tours, TX passed away May 11, 2010 at the age of 90. He served with the 41st Inf. Reg., 2nd Armor Div. during WWII. He was a POW and a member of Chapter #1. Survivors include his beloved wife of 61 years, Eleanor, 1 son, 3 daughters, 10 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and many extended family and friends.

STODDARD, Val, of Pocatello, Idaho, died in May, 2010. A member of the Idaho Chapter, Val served with the 358 BS, 303 BG. He was held in Stalag 17B.

STONE, Jay E. of Ashland, VA passed away May 28, 2010. He was 88. While serving with the Army, attached with Co. B, 103rd Eng. Combat Bn, he was captured in the Battle of the Bulge. He was held in Bad Orb and Berga until liberation. Jay was a member of the North Central Ohio Chapter 8, AXPOW. He leaves 1 daughter, 5 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 1 sister and a large and loving extended family.

TOFFTON, Ellen Childers, 79, of Rocky Mount, NC died March 24, 2010. She was a life member of AX-POW and a member of the Eastern North Carolina Chapter. She is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, James (Luft I ex-POW), 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

WALSH, Rosemary, wife of Jack Walsh, died April 20, 2010. She lived in Paradise Valley, Arizona. She was an Agua Fria Chapter member and a National Member of the American Ex-Prisoners of War. Jack was in the 387th BG, 559th BS.

WITT, Lawrence, 86, of Ann Arbor, MI died April 10, 2010. He served with the 8th AF, 96th BG; his plane was shot down, he was captured and held in Stalag Luft IV, then force-marched ahead of the Russian Army to Stalag 357. He was a life member of AXPOW. Survivors include 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

YOUNG, Robert Alexander "Bob", life member of AXPOW and a proud, longtime member of the 49'ers chapter, Sacramento, died April 19, 2010 at the age of 93. He was a civilian prisoner of war during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines and was held at the Santo Tomas and Los Banos internment camps. After coming to Sacramento, he met his future wife Lucy. They married in 1956 and raised a family of 7 children. He was loved by his 13 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

ZMUDA, Alexander J., 86, of Clermont, FL passed away April 4, 2010. He served in the Army, 36th Div., 141st Inf., Co K during WWII. He was captured at the Rapido River, Italy, then held in Kommando 1637 for 18 months. Alex is survived by his wife of 61 years, Virginia, 2 daughters, 1 son and 6 grandchildren.

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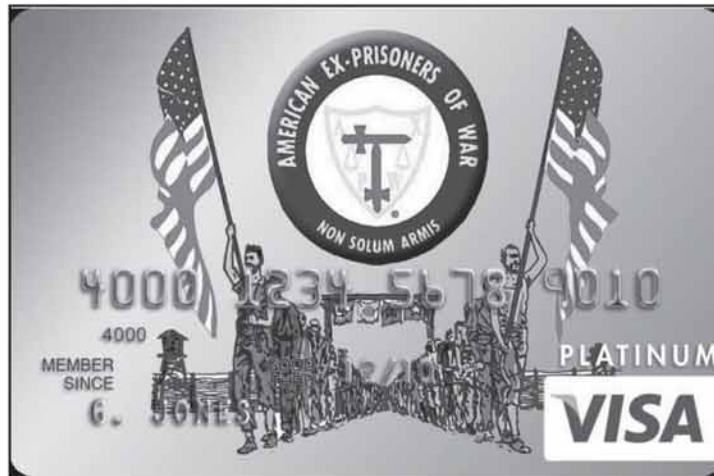
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Elaine has recently released a children's book, The Pesky Little Donkey, which she wrote and illustrated. She has also illustrated the first two books of a series of children's books, The Mattie Rose Knows... series. Also just released is her new book, Raised Right in the South, a book celebrating growing up in the South, now available at Dragonfly Books in Dublin, GA and at Kema's Bookstore in Gray, GA and as an online ebook. These and other products including DVDs and CDs will be available at the luncheon or are available at maxiethpreacherswife.com.

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Authored by Cor Longiotti

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The Quartermaster's Shop

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