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Can you top this?

Paul Lovell of Bridgeport, WV turned 100 on April 22, 2011!

He is the oldest living WWII ex-POW in the Barbed Wire Mountaineers Chapter, AXPOW and may be the oldest living WWII ex-POW in the country.

A member of the 26th Infantry Div., Paul was captured Dec. 31, 1944. He was sent to Heidelberg and held until liberation in March.

Paul remains active in both his chapter and statewide.

Congratulations, Paul!



Barbed Wire Mountaineers Chapter #1 members celebrate with Paul

Four VA Hospital Sites Named National Historic Landmarks

Four national homes for disabled volunteer soldiers - Western Branch in Leavenworth, Kansas; Mountain Branch in Johnson City, Tennessee; Battle Mountain Branch in Hot Springs, South Dakota; and Northwestern Branch in Milwaukee, Wisconsin - reflect the development of a national system of veteran health care in the United States.

Hope to see you in Dayton, Sept. 13-18, 2011!

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**National Commander
Morris Barker**

Perhaps you may recall on June 30, 2009, Army Specialist **Bowe Bergdahl** (now sergeant) was reported missing from his unit in Afghanistan and was first classified Duty Status Whereabouts Unknown (DUSTWUN) and later that status was changed to "Missing-Captured" on July 3, 2009. He is originally from Idaho. **Sgt Bergdahl** is a member of 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. Since his capture, it has been a top priority for U.S. and Coalition forces to locate and bring him home safely. However, this process has been greatly complicated by the fact that he was captured by Taliban militants and not by the Afghanistan government, making negotiations difficult. There is some indication that the Taliban is seeking some exchange of **Sgt Bergdahl** for a number of prisoners in Guantanamo. **Marvin Weinbaum** of the Middle East Institute pointed out that it appears from videos made by the Taliban militants in 2010 that **Bergdahl** is still alive and well and possibly being held POW as an asset for future negotiations. After having recently talked to **Major T.G. Taylor** of U.S. Central Command in Tampa Fla. and Col. **Timothy Marsano**, Idaho National Guard, Public Affairs Officer (who represents the **Bergdahl** family), no new information is available at this time as to the Whereabouts of **Sgt Bergdahl**, although search continues. Research by experts in this field say it is likely that **Sgt Bergdahl** is being held in the tribal lands of Pakistan, somewhat of a no-go zone, even for the Pakistani military which further complicates the search activities.

Saying all this, it seems appropriate for AXPOW as a national POW organization, or someone personally, to take an interest and seek information from the U.S. Government (from a political standpoint rather than a Military) on what action is being taken for the release of one of ours. My plan at this time, is to approach this through the Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, **Adm. Mullen**, and our local U.S. Representative **Flores** to try to gain additional facts. *I hesitate to say this, but we do not know all the facts surrounding his disappearance.* I thank **Edward "Ted" Cadwallader**, Civilian Internee, for bringing this situation to my attention.

On June 10-11, 2011, I attended the AXPOW, Department of Texas State Convention in Abilene, Texas at which time State Commander **Jim Lollar** arranged an impressive and informative slate of speakers for the event. Among the speakers were Col. **David Been**, of Dyess Air Force Base who outlined the importance of the base to the local area and to the national security of the United States. **Col. Been** demonstrated how the Air Force's involvement in current and future wars will be partly from bases in the United States requiring a considerable amount of air-to-air refueling. The Abilene base is involved in this type endeavor. The Dyess Air Force base also furnished military personnel for the convention opening ceremonies. Also, of possibly greater interest to the AXPOW organization, **Kenneth Moore** CEO/Founder MIA Charities in Scottsdale, AZ outlined his work with Moor's Marauders in locating those veterans (including POWs) unaccounted for at the end of the various wars. **Moore's** interest in his work, searching for those veterans (approximately 78000 from WWII alone) still missing from various wars, began with his search for his mother's brother, **Lt. Bill Weber**, who was a B-25 pilot in the Pacific during WWII. Currently 300 members are involved in search and rescue work with the Marauders organization. I also want to thank Commander **Lollar** for inviting me to be the guest speaker at the convention banquet.

I feel sure the majority of our AXPOW members are currently receiving their monthly benefit checks electronically for direct deposit to their banks. However, a recent ruling by the U.S. Department of the Treasury will require all benefit payments to be paid in this manner. All veterans applying for benefits on or after May 1, 2011 will receive their payments electronically. Anyone currently receiving federal benefit paper checks will need to switch to an electronic option by March 1, 2013. No action is required for those already receiving benefit payment electronically. Benefit recipients can have payments by direct deposit to a bank or credit union account, or to a Direct Express Debit MasterCard account. Those who do not choose an electronic payment option at the time they apply for federal benefits, or those who do not switch by the deadline will receive their benefit payments via Direct Express card (Debit Master Card). For more information, call 952-346-6055 or www.GoDirect.org

National Convention...I'm looking forward to the AXPOW National convention September 13-18, 2011, in Dayton, Ohio and for a good attendance since we have an excellent slate of informative speakers on many new items of concern. I want to especially encourage POWs from the Korean and Vietnam wars to be in attendance since we will have two well trained and informed speakers who will highlight special issues for POWs, and other issues such as agent orange, ALS, TBI, and Gulf war. These speakers are **Angela Novak**, POW Coordinator of the Cleveland VA, and **Dr. Kirk Austin**, Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, Dublin, Ga. **Dr. Austin** will also be addressing Med Search items. Other speakers, and those who will assist in training, and counseling include **Chuck Haddock** of the Washington Compensation and Pension office who will be discussing NSO training for possible future presumptive, and **Philip**

commander continued...

Schneeberger, Associate POW Coordinator, Cleveland, who will also be involved in NSO training. Both **Novak**, and **Schneeberger** will be available from September 13-16 for counseling, and to answer questions from NSOs and AXPOW membership regarding claims or general information. Guides to *VA Mental Health Services for Veterans and Families* will be available at the NSO meeting. Other speakers and activities to be announced. It is also important to note that we will also have a VA Mobile Medical Unit on site for various testing and emergencies. **Ruth Powell**, AXPOW NSO Director, and **Clydie Morgan**, National Adjutant, are to be commended for her efforts in arranging for speakers, NSO training, and emergency equipment.

Another major highlight of the convention will be the opportunity to tour the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB. There will be a time set aside from the convention for this tour. Part of what you will see is described later in the Bulletin.

Also, how could anyone possibly forget the NOK Chorus that will be performing again this year at the convention under the direction of **Deanie Schmidt**. They promise to be greatly improved since their colossal performance in Albany last September.....uhmmm....let's hope so.

Speaking of NOK (Next-of-Kin), I would like to encourage the attendance of POWs children and grandchildren at the convention this year, as we look forward to the continuation of our story and an avenue from which POW needs resulting from possible future wars can be met. The grandchildren will especially enjoy the Air Force Museum and will give them information that can be used for research papers this coming school year.

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The continuation of our funding programs, coupled with our efforts in reducing or eliminating cost in several areas, has proven successful to our organization financially. Funds on hand as of June 1, 2011, including the Money Market savings account totaled \$129,088. The Life Membership Supplement Program announced in the November/December 2010 Bulletin is moving forward however, only approximately 20% of life members have contributed. As you will recall, when the one-time life membership dues program was established many years ago, the majority of members took advantage of the opportunity to make a single life time payment of approximately \$36.00, which was not designed to cover the cost of operating cost we are experienced today. Therefore we as life members are given the opportunity to extend our life time dues of \$20.00 on an annual basis to assure continued success of the organization, and especially the continued publication of the Bulletin which is one of our major cost but, the source of keeping members informed about others within the organization. I want to encourage those who have not yet contributed to supplement your life membership dues to do so. Dues should be sent to HQ indicating that it is for the Supplement Life Membership Program.

We need to appoint a National VAVS Director to replace **Jean Thiede** who did an excellent job for many years. Please let me know if you would take on this responsibility or know of someone we should contact.

"One thing we don't learn from History, is that we don't learn from history" Bring your U.S. representative up-to-date.

It is my honor to serve you.

Morris

*The first All-American
Soap Box Derby
was held in
Dayton, Aug.19,1934*



news
from
hq

I hope you are enjoying your summer. Please stay cool. I hope the fires, floods and heat are not affecting any of our members. Take care out there.

I am working on the IRS fiasco. All of our chapters and state departments received notice that your nonprofit status has been revoked. This is not true. Last year we, Sonnie and I, printed the letter we got from IRS stating that our subordinates were still operating under our group exemption. You are still covered by National's group number 1882.

I have been in contact with IRS and am hoping this will be resolved soon. Watch this space for more information!

We are getting ready for the Dayton convention. As you may know, when our convention is out of town, we take our office with us on the road. It may seem like a long way away to September, but we've already started planning and packing for Dayton. It promises to be a good convention, with lots of activities in store for you. Hope to see you there.

We have started working on 2012's convention here in Arlington, Texas. It will be the first of August and we will have plenty to do here in "Fun Central". Come to Dayton to learn more.

Clydie, Marsha, Sally & Donna



VA Outreach

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Before it's too late



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Relief for Left-out Be Informed

Sept. 30, 1999. A sad date that has turned into good news for some widows. Before that date, if a former POW died having had the VA's 100% disability rating for at least ten years, his widow was automatically eligible for the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation widow's benefit. If her husband had 100% for less than ten years, she was denied that benefit unless his was a service-connected death.

If that former POW died AFTER Sept. 20, 1999, he had to have had 100% disability rating for just ONE year. But that did not help widows whose husbands died before that date.

Example: Bill was a prisoner of war, held by the Japanese for 42 months, suffered from beri-beri, traumatic osteoarthritis, severe PTSD and more. Wearing a back brace and heavily medicated with VA-supplied Darvon, he and his wife turned onto the wrong street in Tulsa, only to be confronted by a rock-throwing youth gang. A formidable presence at six-four, Bill flashed back to combat, and determined he was not going to let the enemy hurt his wife. When he got out of the car, a 16-year old gang member with a gun shot Bill to death. The date was Nov. 5, 1975. He had had the 100% VA disability since Jan. 17,

1974, 22 months. Bill's wife was denied her widow's benefit.

As of Oct. 1, 2011, the ten-year rule for those former POWs dying before Sept. 30, 1999 will be changed; only ONE year minimum at 100% will be required, and those widows previously denied can apply to start receiving their DIC effective Oct. 1, 2011. That is good news for Bill's 86-year-old widow, who finally after 36 years will be eligible to apply.

I know of another such widow in Texas, plus one in Ohio. There are bound to be more. If you know of any, please let me know so one of our service officers can help them apply for this belated widow's benefit. They can surely use the \$1,154 monthly income, plus the free Medicare supplement, ChampVA.

On July 18, 2009, newspapers across the country carried our alert in the Dear Abby column about Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS) being a new service-connected presumptive for all veterans who have served at least 90 consecutive days in active military duty. Thousands of widows of ALS victims have now received their VA widows' benefits because of that.

BUT it's not over. Inquiries keep on coming. Like this email: "Dear Sir, I am the widow of William...who served in the Army as a Lieutenant in about 1954-1955. Bill passed away in 2001 of Lou Gehrig's disease. Are there any benefits that may be available to me? I understand there are some aspects of the disease that could be attributed to the military service. Please let me know. Thank you, Gerry..."

I respond by asking Gerry to call and gave her my phone number, so I could serve her better than with email. In order to help her, I needed to know where she was, in order to refer her to helpful resources.

Gerry called. "I'm in the Seattle Washington area and my daughter recently came across an old Dear Abby column about ALS and I'm wondering if I am eligible for this VA widow's benefit." I assured her she should be if ALS was shown as cause of death

on her husband's death certificate, and he had served in active military for at least 90 consecutive days. And I asked Gerry if she had any idea about how much the benefit could mean to her and she said she did not. I told her, \$1,154 a month tax free, plus ChampVA that paid everything after Medicare, including free prescription medications by mail. She responded with emotion, "You don't know how much that would mean to me. I'm in a special time of need and it would come at a wonderful time. My son has a difficult disease; his insurance pays 80%, but that still leaves him \$16,000 to \$20,000 a year for him to pay for medications. I will be able to help him more." I referred Gerry to the POW Coordinator in the Seattle VARO, as well as Paralyzed Veterans of America office there since they specialize in ALS claims.

It's sad Gerry didn't read that Dear Abby column sooner, but now she will be getting help. Let's all be alert to inform others of this ALS presumptive for all veterans.

Outreach happens when we old experienced AXPOW Service Officers keep on trying to help our folks get their VA benefits. When our EX-POW Bulletin arrives, I go through the TAPS column to make sure every new widow receives a call to help them file a claim for their DIC, if they have not already started the process for that, as well as for the VA burial allowance.

Here is the list of those who have made these calls recently, all over the country: PA, Don Lewis; OH, Doc Unger; VA, Mary Rolen; MA, Katherine Arnold; IA, Betty Grinstead; FL, Jo-Ann Kannapinn & Ann Still; MN, Richard Carroll; CA, Marilyn Corre; NM/NE/TX, Fred Campbell; and a couple of old pros who just keep on keeping on, 'cause they are only 93. They are Bud Hinckley in Pocatello, ID, and Alan Dunbar in Las Vegas, NV. If there are more of that vintage, I'd like to know of them.

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I want to thank the DAV for allowing us to reprint this valuable information. RP

Care Options help Veterans Live Independently

A program for VA patients who need long-term care but choose to remain at home is expected to be available in 28 states this year. This alternative to nursing home care allows veterans to live independently in their community with a greater choice over the services they receive.

The Veteran Directed Home and Community-Based Services program was created in 2008 to give veterans a choice of either entering a nursing home or remaining in their homes. It provides veterans with a flexible budget to cover their personal care needs, such as help dressing and food preparation. Veterans enrolled in the program can hire their own caregivers, including family and friends. Funds also can be used to purchase appliances or modifications to their home. The payments are based on the level of supportive care needed by the veteran and Medicare rates in the county where they reside. "The need for VA long-term care is increasing," said Washington Headquarters Executive Director David W.

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Gorman. "The growing population of aging veterans from World War II, Korea and Vietnam, plus severely disabled veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, need support at home. This program allows them to get the personal care and services they need, with the independence to decide their needs."

The target of the VA program is veterans most in need of long-term care. It is built on the premise that the veteran receiving care has the right and ability to assess and determine how and by whom they receive care. A similar program in the private sector has proven remarkably successful for the disabled who remain in their homes. They receive more hours of service because the cost for such care is lower than that provided in a nursing home.

The program serves veterans of any age enrolled in the VA health care system who are at risk of nursing home placement and their family caregivers. Each participating VA medical center will have a coordinator who works with designated veterans to assist in obtaining services.

Equally important is that veterans have direct control of their health care spending, giving them greater say in what they need and what is best for them. The veteran is the employer. A fiscal management service company assists them with employment paperwork, interviewing and hiring workers, as well as managing their hired caregiver.

The status of caregivers is also considered by the VA in making referrals to all long-term care programs. The assessment process includes consideration of caregivers and their well-being.

The National Resource Center for Participant-Directed Services, a part of Boston College, provides training and assistance to VA medical centers to create the programs for disabled veterans.

"This program empowers veterans to not only be a participant in their care, but dictates to a large extent how that care will be tailored to their specific needs and lifestyle," said Deputy Legislative Director Joy J.

Ilem. "It also allows them to live independently in the familiarity of their home communities."

"The veterans are responsible for using their budget wisely," she said. "A care consultant will assist them in developing a budget based on their individual needs and preferences. Veterans can also choose to use a traditional home care agency to provide their services."

So far, 21 VA medical centers in 14 states have fully operational veteran directed programs with more than 450 veterans enrolled. The VA plans to expand the program to 14 additional states in 2011. Medical services continue to be provided to veterans by the VA. The caregiver cost reimbursements are an added payment to veterans receiving VA compensation or pension. They are based on the veteran's need for assistance with daily living activities. VA will review spending, and unused funds can be carried over from one month to the next as long as they are included in the veteran's spending plan. Based on the first year's record, VA will decide whether to adjust the amount of funding that can be carried over in the future. For more information contact the social worker or Chief of Geriatrics at a local VA medical center.

By Thom Wilborn for DAV magazine

From NC Morris Barker: Property Tax Exemption Extension for Texas Surviving Spouses. In May of 2011 the Texas Legislature passed measures (Joint Resolution 14 and Senate Bill 516) that, if approved by Texas voters, would extend the 100% property tax exemption currently for totally disabled or unemployable Veterans, to their unmarried surviving spouses for their residence homestead. Changes in this Bill requires amending the Texas Constitution, therefore, Texas voters must approve the proposal in the November 8, 2011 statewide election for it to become effective. This Bill was backed by Texas AXPOW membership. 800-252-8387 or info@tvc.state.tx.us

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Speaker for the MedSearch Seminar at the Dayton, Ohio National Convention will be Dr. Kirk Austin,



Colonel Kirk Austin, M.D., of Dublin, Georgia, is a Hospitalist and Chief of Specialty and Ancillary Services at Carl Vinson VA Medical Center in Dublin.

He also serves as commander of the Georgia Guard's Medical Command and State Surgeon at the Georgia Army National Guard's headquarters in Atlanta. A 30-year military veteran, Dr. Austin has served two deployments to Iraq.

His military career began in 1970 when he enlisted in the Air Force and saw service in Thailand during the Vietnam War. Dr. Austin was initially commissioned in the Georgia Guard in 1986. His military education includes the Army Medical Department officer basic and advanced courses, the pre-command course, and the medical review officer course. His decorations include the Combat Medical Badge, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal.

Dr. Austin's civilian education includes a Bachelor's in biology

from Grand Valley State College, a Bachelor's in medicine from Western Michigan University and a Doctorate from the Mercer University School of Medicine.

Dr. Austin lives in Dublin with his wife, Maj. Jacqueline Cheek Austin.

Presumptive conditions due to herbicide exposure (Agent Orange)

Provided by NSO Director Ruth Powell

38 CFR §3.309(e) Disease subject to presumptive service connection.

(e) *Disease associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents.* If a veteran was exposed to an herbicide agent during active military, naval, or air service, the following diseases shall be service-connected if the requirements of §3.307(a)(6) are met even though there is no record of such disease during service, provided further that the rebuttable presumption provisions of §3.307(d) are also satisfied.

AL amyloidosis

Chloracne or other acneform disease consistent with chloracne
Type 2 diabetes (also known as Type II diabetes mellitus or adult-onset diabetes)
Hodgkin's disease

Ischemic heart disease (including, but not limited to, acute, sub-acute, and old myocardial infarction; atherosclerotic cardiovas-

cular disease including coronary artery disease (including coronary spasm) and coronary bypass surgery; and stable, unstable and Prinzmetal's angina)

All chronic B-cell leukemias (including, but not limited to, hairy-cell leukemia and chronic lymphocytic leukemia)

Multiple myeloma

Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
Parkinson's disease
Acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy
Porphyria cutanea tarda
Prostate cancer
Respiratory cancers (cancer of the lung, bronchus, larynx, or trachea)

Soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma)

Note 1: The term *soft-tissue sarcoma* includes the following:

Adult fibrosarcoma
Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans
Malignant fibrous histiocytoma
Liposarcoma
Leiomyosarcoma
Epithelioid leiomyosarcoma (malignant leiomyoblastoma)
Rhabdomyosarcoma
Ectomesenchymoma
Angiosarcoma (hemangiosarcoma and lymphangiosarcoma)

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Proliferating (systemic)
angioendotheliomatosis
Malignant glomus tumor
Malignant
hemangiopericytoma
Synovial sarcoma (malignant synovioma)
Malignant giant cell
tumor of tendon sheath

Malignant schwannoma, including malignant schwannoma with rhabdomyoblastic differentiation (malignant Triton tumor), glandular and epithelioid malignant schwannomas

Malignant
mesenchymoma
Malignant granular cell tumor
Alveolar soft part sarcoma
Epithelioid sarcoma
Clear cell sarcoma of tendons and aponeuroses
Extraskeletal Ewing's sarcoma
Congenital and infantile fibrosarcoma
Malignant ganglioneuroma

Note 2: For purposes of this section, the term acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy means transient peripheral neuropathy that appears within weeks or months of exposure to an herbicide agent and resolves within two years of the date of onset.

Note 3: For purposes of this section, the term ischemic heart disease does not include hypertension or peripheral manifestations of arteriosclerosis such as peripheral vascular disease or stroke, or any other condition that does not qualify within the

generally accepted medical definition of Ischemic heart disease.

Link Between H Pylori and Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma

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My father, captured in France in 1944, died of lymphoma 15 years ago. Since then I stumbled, somewhere on the internet, onto the "Alumni Association" of his company A, 179th Rgt, 45th Infantry division.

Helping put out their Alumni Association newsletter, I got to speak with many Company A veterans. Some sent me books describing their part in the war. From those books I learned that malaria was a significant threat at Anzio, the Germans intentionally introducing anopheles mosquitoes into the previously drained marshes they then flooded.

To combat malaria and typhus, the Allies liberally used DDT on any standing water, and on personnel and their belongings. DDT was also used to de-louse former prisoners of the Nazis.

While researching the genetics of lymphoma, I discovered that DDT and malaria are both lymphomagenic. Also B6 vitamin deficiency. And importantly, Helicobacter Pylori infection.

H. Pylori tends to be spread in conditions of crowding, and lack of sanitation—what one might expect in a POW camp, and also on the front line, particularly in static situations like the months long seige at Anzio. Situations

like Guadalcanal and Bataan would be similar to Anzio in terms of exposure in prolonged siege like situations.

Presently, Non Hodgkins Lymphoma (NHL) is presumptively related to military service only for Vietnam veterans, based on a supposed link between Agent Orange use in Vietnam and later NHL in Vietnam veterans. Some of that supposed linkage is based on studies of *civilians* with varying levels of exposure to Agent Orange and similar pesticides.

The only papers actually finding a link between Agent Orange and Vietnam service were in Marines, and in blue water sailors. Another paper said there was a tendency for increased NHL in veterans from Vietnam's I corps.

Agent Orange may not be the major cause of increased NHL among Marines/I corps Vietnam veterans, but actions at Khe Sanh and nearby fire bases (similar to Anzio - enemy in the mountains surrounding and shelling you), might predispose to H. Pylori infection, and later on to primary gastric lymphoma, and gastric carcinoma.

Michael Herri's book Dispatches describes the very different styles of quarters maintenance and fastidiousness of Khe Sanh Marines, and later Khe Sanh Army, a difference which might explain higher levels of later NHL among I-corps veterans in general (mostly Marines?), and among Marines, but not in I corps Army.

It may be that blue water sailors are in another confined quarters, siege like situation, but this time being surrounded by water, not enemy troops. Still, constant crowding shipboard might predispose to H. Pylori, and then later gastric NHL, or gastric carcinoma.

medsearch continued...

The implication for World War II ex-POWs is that many of them are likely to have had H. Pylori exposure, intense direct DDT exposure upon return to military control, and often malaria - all NHL risk factors. Bataan veterans in particular, with prolonged captivity, would be likely to have more H. Pylori exposure, together with malnutrition, and intense malaria exposure. Studies have found increased rates of peptic ulcer disease in Pacific theater POWs, implying likely H. Pylori exposure, since H. Pylori is involved in producing peptic ulcer disease.

Veterans of the New Guinea and Solomons campaigns, both areas of intense malaria exposure, and for awhile static fronts, would also be expected to be more likely to have NHL. Veterans of campaigns in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy are also more likely to be exposed to malaria, and later NHL. The slow pace of advance in the Italian campaigns would be more likely to produce the increasing contamination in fixed positions that would predispose to H. Pylori and then to NHL. This has not been confirmed in studies of NHL in World War II

Chuck Haddock, from Compensation & Pension, VA Central in Washington, DC will again be running the NSO Training at the National Convention in Dayton, Ohio. Class begins at 9AM. This is an excellent opportunity to get answers to your own questions or to become a better National Service Officer with AXPOW. See you there!

veterans, but it should be studied.

The implications are that some veterans of all wars, not just Vietnam, are likely to have been in situations that predisposed them to later on developing NHL. This especially applies to POWs. The Agent Orange link for Vietnam veterans is not robust, and may distract from more powerful causes of later NHL in veterans. Risk of later NHL probably varies within a theater of operations, depending on the conditions particular personnel encounter. Even studies done in the current era find that military service, and overseas service are associated with increasing incidence of H. Pylori infection.

Gastric carcinoma, and primary gastric NHL should probably be considered service connected in a veteran of any war if they were in settings of high likelihood of H. Pylori exposure, DDT exposure, malaria exposure, as well as malnutrition. This may also apply to non-gastric NHL, but no studies of NHL have been done in exPOWs, or in veterans of wars other than Vietnam.

Similarly, their widows ought to be able to file a successful DIC claim on that basis. At some point, I intend to write at length about this, with considerable documentation, at a website to be developed. At that time, I will provide the URL for that site.

In addition, veterans' illnesses can be brought home to their families. After Dad returned to his parents' home, his father later died of a bleeding ulcer, his brother needed surgery for a perforated ulcer, and his sister also had ulcer disease, likely to be the effects of H. Pylori. No one in the family had ulcer trouble until after the war was over and Dad came home.

Disability Benefits Questionnaires

Veterans Health Administration (VHA) clinicians will complete Disability Benefit Questionnaires (DBQs) for compensation and pension examinations scheduled by VA. As always, VHA and VA-contracted clinicians conduct compensation and pension examinations at no cost. However, Veterans also have the option, at their own cost, to have their private physicians complete DBQs to provide medical evidence on disability benefit claims.

Who is qualified to complete Disability Benefit Questionnaires?

A private physician with an active medical license is qualified to sign and attest to completed DBQs. The physician must have sufficient medical expertise to conduct a medical assessment regarding the type of DBQ completed.

How are completed Disability Benefit Questionnaires submitted to VA?

Physicians may mail or securely fax completed DBQs to the VA regional office handling the Veteran's or Service member's claim. The Veteran or Service member may also submit completed DBQs directly to the VA regional office in support of their claim, including a Fully Developed Claim, which is an expedited process for a swift decision where the Veteran has provided all relevant evidence to "fully develop" the claim (for more information, see <http://www.vba.va.gov/fastclaims>). Visit our facilities page at http://www.va.gov/directory/guide/division_flash.asp?dnum=3 or call 1-800-827-1000 for the addresses of VA's regional offices.

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AXPOW MEDSEARCH CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

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

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

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Zentsuji Headquarters	1.10
Taiwan Formosa, includes Camps 31,	
Taihoku: Camp V, Taihoku: Camp VI,	
Taihoku, Kinkaseki: Camp II, Taichu:	
Camp III, Heito: Camp IV, Kagi &	
Tako	2.10

GERMAN CAMPS	DONATIONS
Camp Conditions (general)	.70
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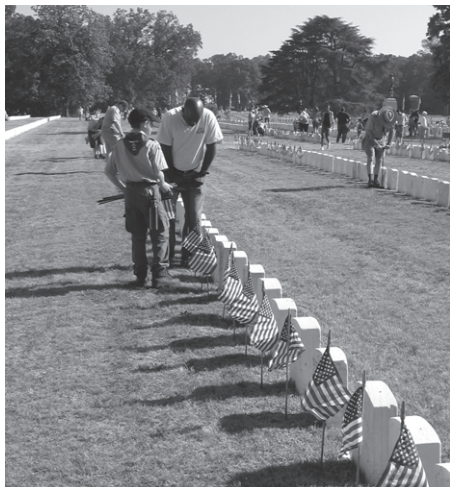


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Memorial Day Weekend by Brad Bennett, Superintendent

Despite the usual summer heat and humidity (and the infamous South Georgia gnats), hundreds of patriotic Americans flocked to Andersonville National Historic Site over the Memorial Day weekend for an inspiring sequence of events.

On Friday, May 27th, more than 60 volunteers – active duty and retired military personnel from nearby Robins Air Force Base – raised the “Avenue of Flags” lining the four intersecting roadways in Andersonville National Cemetery.



The next morning, on Saturday, May 28th, another wave of volunteers, more than 500 strong – mostly Boy and Girl Scouts from throughout the state of Georgia – carried on the tradition of decorating gravesites with small American flags.

Later that same day, a special reburial service was held for Marine Private James Howard Benjamin, one of approximately 20,000 African Americans who trained at the segregated Montford Point facility at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina in the 1940s. PVT Benjamin was killed in action during World War II, originally interred in Hawaii, and later moved to a church cemetery in his Georgia hometown. Per the wishes of his surviving family, and with support from the local VFW Post and the Patriot Guard Riders, he was re-interred in Andersonville National Cemetery on May 28, 2011 with recognition of his service and sacrifice from Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. – and full military honors.

On Sunday, May 29th, at 2:00 p.m., the park’s annual Memorial Day program began in the National Cemetery. Ed DeMent, Past Director of the Southeast Region and Past State Commander of Florida, recognized veterans and POWs in the audience on behalf of AXPOW National Commander Morris Barker.

Befitting the nation-wide commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War now underway, this year’s featured speaker was Dr. Benjamin G. Cloyd, author of the recent book, *Haunted by Atrocity: Civil War Prisons in American Memory*. Dr. Cloyd’s address explored how generations of Americans have wrestled with the meaning of POW suffering at Andersonville and other Civil War prisons both North and South. The program

concluded with the customary placing of wreaths by several organizations, including AXPOW and the Friends of Andersonville.



On Memorial Day itself, Monday, May 30th, the park was graced by the presence of Frank A. Kravetz, former AXPOW National Director and Service Officer. From the lobby of the National Prisoner of War Museum, Mr. Kravetz signed copies of his new book, *Eleven Two: One WWII Airman’s Story of Capture, Survival and Freedom*. He is generously donating a portion of the proceeds of his memoir to support the “Victory From Within” project.

Speaking of the traveling exhibit, I want to thank once again the American Ex-Prisoners of War, as an organization and individual members – such as Lee Birch from New York, whose recent donation closed the final gap on the fund-raising campaign – for supporting this project. I also want to thank Ed DeMent, who continues to champion the exhibit as we move through the production phase and begin scheduling its appearances across the United States, beginning in 2012.

Photos: Scouts decorating graves of Civil War POWs; AXPOW wreath presentation by Ed DeMent and Esther Carboni, escorted by Fort Rucker Warrant Officer Candidate.

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From B/G (Ret) Thomas E. Carpenter III West Point '58 and friend of VADM Bill Lawrence - reprinted with permission; tom1236@comcast.net

Lawrence Warriors Make This Ship Come Alive

On June 4, 2011, the anniversary of the Battle of Midway, Emily and I were privileged to witness the commissioning of the USS William P. Lawrence, DDG 110, the most modern warship in the world. There are 18,000 ship-builders in the US, about 13% of whom work in the Gulf State area. This warship was the product of their excellence. Many of these ship builders are second and third generation ship builders. Their numbers are dwindling, as the number of ships built has declined sharply. Only a few years ago, we were debating whether a great maritime power could project power and meet its treaty commitments with a 500 ship fleet. Today, we have 285 ships, with about 60% at sea to fight two and a fifth wars and protect our interests worldwide.

It was a magnificent ceremony that honored a great friend and US Navy legend, Bill Lawrence. Bill was president of the USNA Class of '51, architect of the Academy Honor Code, and First Captain. One speaker quoted to the crew of the USS Lawrence Bill's words when he was

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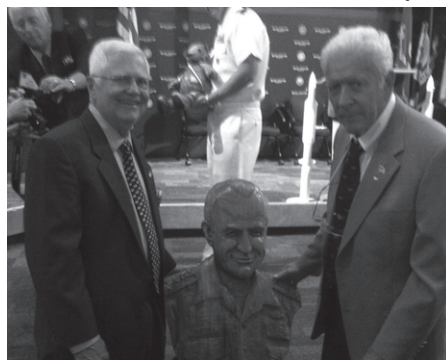
Superintendent of the Naval Academy- "To lead your crew, first be a person of honor."

Bill was a superb airman- the first man to fly at MACH two, after 150 combat missions over North Vietnam, he was shot down and imprisoned for six years of brutal torture, including 14 months in solitary confinement. (While in solitary, to try to maintain his sanity, he composed in his mind the song "Tennessee, My Tennessee," which the State legislature made the official song of the State.

The commissioning ceremony is the same ceremony used since the first ship (a captured British frigate) was commissioned into the US Navy in 1775. It was inspiring to witness:

* The senior guest speaker, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Juan Garcia, a proud native of Texas (who we have not heard the last of in public life), spoke movingly of his earliest memory as a child- standing on the tarmac in California with his father (who was an A-7 pilot) to see the Vietnam POWs deplane on US soil to a hero's welcome. (Virtually every living POW was there at the ship commissioning for their leader Bill Lawrence.) Many wore hats with their squadron motto "Pukin Dogs"

* The ship sponsors were Bill's widow, Diane Lawrence, his daughter Captain, USN ret Wendy Lawrence, USNA 1981, and US astronaut with 1,225 hours in space, and daughter Doctor Laurie Lawrence, former medical officer for the 101st Airborne Division, and now Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt University.



Bas relief bust carved by Larry Nowell (L) whose mentor in woodworking was 71/2 year Vietnam Ex-POW Ralph Gaither, USN (Ret)

* The actual commissioning raising the pennant was done by Bill Lawrence, Jr.

* At precisely the moment of commissioning, a symbolic puff of smoke came out the stack and two Navy jets roared by at low level.

* The ship's crest is emblazoned with Bill's instructions to his fellow POWs, "Never Give In!"

* The call sign for the ship is "NGBU," GBU being "God Be with you", which the POWs always signed off their tap code messages with.

* The crew members call themselves "Lawrence Warriors" and know all about the man for whom their ship is named. Their appearance (no visible tattoos, very little body fat, short hair, no chewing gum, etc), posture and demeanor made it clear that this crew was hand-picked.

* The Watch Officer was presented with a 1941 long glass given as a gift to the ship by USNA '51.

* After the First Watch was set, the command was given, "Lawrence Warriors, Make This Ship Come Alive!" 300 sailors in crisp white uniforms snapped to attention, did a right face, and jogged past us to thunderous applause in perfect cadence with the New Orleans US Navy Band playing "Anchors Away!" You could see the enormous pride in these young faces as they boarded ship. Very few POWs were dry eyed.

All in all, a splendid ceremony that was inspiring and a fitting tribute to a magnificent man, Bill Lawrence, RIP.

Fair winds and following seas, Tom

PS. The crew was about one third minority and 20% female, including Master Chief Petty Officer Beverly Leedom. She has an interesting background drilling holes in teeth for many years as a Navy dentist. She has a visage and demeanor suggesting a predilection for keel-hauling. She is backed up by a steely-eyed Master at Arms, every pirate's nightmare- a hand to hand combat expert and armed to the teeth.

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Army Promotes Missing-Captured Soldier

The Army announced the promotion of a soldier listed as Missing-Captured while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom to the rank of sergeant effective June 12, 2011. Sgt. Bowe R. Bergdahl, 25, is assigned to 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Richardson, Alaska. This is Bergdahl's second promotion since he was listed as Missing-Captured on June 30, 2009. He was promoted to the rank of specialist on June 12, 2010.

Statistics from Vietnam War

There are now 1,687 Americans listed by the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. DPMO recently posted the news that SFC William T. Brown, USA, CA, listed as MIA in South Vietnam on 11/3/69, and Major Thomas E. Reitmann, USAF, MN, listed as MIA in North Vietnam 12/1/65, are now accounted for. SFC Brown's remains were jointly recovered on 4/13/10 and identified 1/6/11. Major Reitman's remains were recovered 2/12/10 and ID'd 5/2/11. In mid-May,

DPMO posted the names of Air Force Col Leo S. Boston, and US Army CAPT Arnold E. Holm, Jr., SP4 Robin R. Yeakley and PFC Wayne Bibbs are all accounted for. The number of Americans returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is now 896; another 63 US personnel, recovered post-incident and identified before the end of the war, bring the total to 959. Of the 1,687 unreturned American veterans from the Vietnam War, our POW/MIAs, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Laos and Cambodia under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam - 1,294 (VN-475, VS-819); Laos - 328; Cambodia - 58; Peoples Republic of China territorial waters - 7. Over 450 were over-water losses.

Before that, DPMO posted the news that the remains of U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Glenn D. McElroy and Captain John M. Nash, both previously missing from Laos, had been identified and returned to their families for interment with the honors earned. The remains of both officers were jointly recovered November 11, 2008 and identified February 5, 2010.

U.S. Soldier MIA from Korean War Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced that the remains of a serviceman, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and are being returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

On Nov. 1, 1950, Army Cpl. Primo C. Carnabuci unit, the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, occupied a defensive position along the Kuryong River, near Unsan, North Korea. Chinese units attacked the area and forced a withdrawal. Almost 600 men, including Carnabuci, were reported missing or killed in action following the battle.

With this identification, 7,997 service members still remain missing from the conflict.

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On March 28, 1945, while patrolling the Rhine River in an inflatable raft, Pfc. Robert B. Bayne, a lieutenant and two other enlisted men were attacked near Schwegenheim, Germany. Bayne and the officer were wounded, forcing all four men into the swift waters of the river. The lieutenant was rescued but the enlisted men were not found.

More than 60 years later, analysts from DPMO and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) developed case leads, evaluated records and determined that modern forensic technology could offer methods to identify the remains.

At the end of the war, the U.S. government was unable to recover and identify approximately 79,000 Americans. Today, more than 74,000 are unaccounted-for from the conflict.

Missing/Captured

US Service members reported missing or captured while supporting combat operations:

Army Spc. Bowe R. Bergdahl, 25,
June 30, 2009,
Afghanistan

Army Staff Sgt. Ahmed K. Altaie, 45,
Oct. 23, 2006,
Baghdad

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The number of people with first-hand knowledge of WW II is diminishing rapidly as the GIs who fought in the battles and the POWs who suffered in captivity decline. We now see a new breed of authors writing books about their fictional personal experiences. Also, there is a new breed of academics intent on rewriting the history of the war to reflect a bias that casts us as the aggressors rather than the victims.

We can start with the Japanese. There is a documentary made for the History Channel by NHK called *Remembering the Battle of Manila* which blames the United States for the destruction. It asserts that the battle would never have occurred if American forces hadn't surrounded the city, preventing the Japanese troops from evacuating it, and that the killing of Filipinos was only required to prevent guerilla infiltration (80,000 murdered including women and children). The December 23, 2010 issue of *Shukan Shincho*, the second largest weekly magazine in Japan, made a scurrilous attack on Bataan Death March survivor Lester Tenney,

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presenting outrageous lies about the Japanese treatment of American POWs. It claims that the Death March was far less rigorous than described, and was the Americans fault for destroying their own vehicles, which could have been used to transport them. And then it states that the tortures are strictly American fabrications.

The Japanese are not educated about their World War II history, and are susceptible to this kind of propaganda. But when the U.S. government gets into the act with the National Endowment for the Humanities sponsoring a workshop for college professors last July at the East-West Center, University of Hawaii, titled *History and Commemoration: The Legacies of the Pacific War*, we have to wonder what is going on. The scholarly presentations included such subjects as:

- **The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor should be seen from the perspective of Japan being a victim of western oppression.**
- **The U.S. military and its veterans constitute an imperialistic, oppressive force.**

· **War memorials, such as the Punchbowl National Memorial Cemetery are symbols of military aggression and brutality.**

· **Conservatives and veterans in the U.S. have had an undue and corrupt influence on how WWII is remembered.**

· **Veterans' memories of their own experiences in the war are suspect and influenced by their own self-delusion.**

The US government, sponsoring academics to cast Americans as the aggressors in World War II, funded this conference. There is only one way to fight this corrosive history and that is to document our own experiences and to broadcast them. That is the purpose of this newsletter, and we encourage anyone who has a story to tell to offer it for us to publish. Please send your stories to me.

Furthermore, we should make our anger at this "progressive" reinterpretation of history known to our Congressmen and Senators. Eliminating funding of the National Endowment for the Humanities would be beneficial.

Angus Lorenzen

Angus Lorenzen explains BACEPOW as follows:

"In the 1980s, a group of civilians who had survived World War II as prisoners of the Japanese in the Philippines started to meet regularly to share their experiences. The group later organized and was chartered as a chapter of the American Ex-POWs (AXPOW), which is primarily an organization for military POWs. The chapter adopted the name BACEPOW, which stands for Bay Area Civilian Ex-POWs.

BACEPOW today is the only organization that is specifically dedicated to serving the needs of civilian ex-prisoners. Despite its humble beginnings in the San Francisco Bay Area, it draws its membership from all over the U.S. The membership is open to all civilian ex-prisoners from the many camps throughout East Asia where the Japanese had about 100 camps for civilian prisoners. The majority of members were held in the Philippines because in 1941 it was an American Commonwealth where many Americans lived and worked.

The current goals of BACEPOW are to promote the welfare of civilian ex-POWs, provide a structure where they can exchange information, and provide a forum for next generations who wish to research and better understand the experience that so shaped the lives of their ancestors. The organization holds three meetings a year, usually two luncheons and a reunion with a variety of speakers on topics related to the internment camp experience."



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I was a POW in **Stalag Luft IV** and I am interested in anyone **marched out on February 5, 6, 7, 1945 and liberated May 2, 1945**. If you would be interested in communicating, please get back to me with phone numbers, addresses and e-mails so we could keep track of each other and share. Thanks, Herb Gold, 406 Highland St. Cresskill, NJ 07626; 201-569-3079; stalagluft4@gmail.com.

I am Stephen Pavlisko, Jr. representing the Army Air Forces Historical Association, based out of Northern New Jersey USA. Formed in 1993, AAFHA is an historical and educational non-profit organization. The association participates in air shows, historical retrospect's, educational programs and seminars providing static displays of World War II Army Air Forces memorabilia. We are historians who movingly explain and re-tell the tales of the harrowing experiences of the World War II veterans. The war years of the 1940's take on a special meaning otherwise lost in history books or films. Our motto is simple: Remember, Respect & Honor. Today I contact you to ask for your assistance and guidance. Last week at the Reading Pa. USA WW II Weekend, we proudly unveiled a new display; **POW Monopoly Behind The Wire**. Painstakingly recreated from internet research, including an original silk escape map, we feel confident that we have created a near perfect version of the famed British Monopoly POW escape kit created by Waddingtons Limited. It augments our existing display Atlantic City-Camp Boardwalk the War Years. Feel free to look at the attached photos of the display. As the photos show, we are

July 31-Aug. 7, 2011. The Korean War EX-POW Association Reunion will be held in Norfolk, VA. For details, contact Bill Norwood at 909 Whisperwood Trail, Cleveland, TN 37312; 423-476-3628; wnorwood@charter.net.

Oct. 12-16, 2011. USAAF (USAF) 95th(H) Bomb Group Association will hold its annual reunion at the Marriott SEA-TAC Airport, 3201 S. 176 St. Seattle, WA 98188. Reservations 800-228-9290; Contact info: 1-206-241-2000.

Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2011. The 35th Infantry Div. Association will hold its Annual Reunion at the Hilton Airport Hotel, Kansas City, MO. For details call Col. Robert Dalton 785-267-3295; www.35thInfDivAssoc.Com.

October 22-23, 2011. The 8th Air Force's 93rd Bomb Group Association is sponsoring the "Ploesti Summit". The location will be in Tucson AZ in the vicinity of the PIMA County Museum and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Tours of PIMA and the Air Base are scheduled as well as other fun events. This will be a very special reunion of the 44th, 93rd, 98th, 376th and 389th Bomb Groups who flew the mission. We will present the historical importance of this famous August 1, 1943 raid over Ploesti, Rumania to bomb and destroy "Hitler's Gold". Jim Guddal at 763-694.9058 or jguddal@yahoo.com.

One of your members, Mr. Albert Sidge, was nice enough to send to me a copy of an article about "**fox-hole radios**" that ran in the May / June issue of the Ex-POW Bulletin, page 23. I am writing a book about foxhole and other improvised radios and the stories of the servicemen who built them, mostly from WWII but from other wars as well (there's one from WWI!) I have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to interview quite a few veterans already and welcome the opportunity to interview a few more before the book is finished. To that end, I would be very interested in knowing if you receive any letters responding to that article. I appreciate your taking the time to read this, and any help you may be able to offer. Brian Carusella, 1001 Winston St, Dallas, TX 75208; 832-276-5478.

In early January 1945 I was in a group taken by train from **Stalag XIB near Fallingbostal to our base camp, Stalag IIA, Neubrandenburg**. We were liberated by a Russian armored group on the night of April 29th. Prior to that, for a few weeks I had been in a 12 person Kommando on a farm near Rostock until becoming severely jaundiced and returning to camp. The only names I remember are Marschall, our fellow POW translator and Gisela, a daughter of the farm's owner. She had returned from med school and enjoyed taking us from one work station to another by wagon while questioning us in English about the U. S. I would like to hear from any of the group who were there with me, or anyone else acquainted with me in the Stalag. Keith Carter, 280 Whispering Wind, Georgetown TX 78633.

We are **professional tourists guides** from Torun (Poland). We would like to offer our guide services thru Torun and all fortifications connected with Stalag XXA. Strictly for this project we set up an online blog

looking for, cont'd...

close, but not perfect. I am seeking any possible sources of first hand accounts or documents of POW evaders who may have seen or used secreted devices hidden inside normal items such as chess games, board games, care packages and of course the infamous monopoly boards. My goal is to corroborate real experiences from veterans and link that with the written articles and sources to present an exhibit that is as realistic and factual as can be done. Our display thus far has drawn wide praise and interest, and we are looking to take this a bit further.

We are an organization who pride ourselves on the smallest of details. Any relevant information no matter how small, I would be most appreciative. I thank you for your time and consideration. Regards, Stephen Pavlisko, Jr. SGT. AAFHA; www.aafha.org/ 124 cottonwood St. Jersey City, NJ 07305; phone (US) 1-973-885-9046.



MONOPOLY's HIDDEN MAPS

It's a story that will forever change the way you think of the phrase, "Get Out of Jail Free."

During World War II, as the number of British airmen held hostage behind enemy lines escalated, the country's secret service enlisted an unlikely partner in the ongoing war effort: The board game Monopoly.

It was the perfect accomplice. Included in the items the German army

allowed humanitarian groups to distribute in care packages to imprisoned soldiers, the game was too innocent to raise suspicion. But it was the ideal size for a top-secret escape kit that could help spring British POWs from German war camps.

The British secret service conspired with the U.K. manufacturer to stuff a compass, small metal tools, such as files, and, most importantly, a map, into cut-out compartments in the Monopoly board itself.

British historians say it could have helped thousands of captured soldiers escape.

The Book "Twice to Freedom" is going in to a major movie script. Warfare against the Desert Fox, Rommel, in the North Africa Battle in the Half Tracks, Stalag 2B in Hammerstein, Germany. We want to honor and keep the names and stories of the actual POWs who are in the book. Do you remember Edwin Suominen from New York? The band, medics, ministers mentioned in the book. The POWs and their stories...Squeaky the German prison guard. Please contact: Mary Suominen, 12201 N 58 Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85254; msuom8@live.com.

News Briefs

Alice Booher Awarded

AXPOW's good friend received the award below following her retirement:



The award was presented by James P Terry, Steve Keller and Bill Donnelly, Board of Veterans Appeals. Brig. Gen Barbara Goodwin, USAF (Ret) was also present, along with DeLeon Fields, Alice's long time driver from Red Top Cab. which have facilitated so many veterans' projects.

Department of Veterans Affairs, Distinguished Service Award, presented to Alice A, Booher in recognition and appreciation of a distinguished career in the Department of Veterans Affairs characterized by outstanding efficiency, integrity, dedication and loyalty. The high standards of performance exhibited through 44 years of Federal service, of which 42 years were with VA, have set an example for others to follow, The significant achievements attained reflect credit on VA and the United States Government. (Signed) March 2011 by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.



The Secretary added a handwritten personal note of thanks for the 44 years of service. The award carries with it a handsome medal.

Day of Recognition

The Korean War Veterans Armistice Day Coordinating Committee is pleased to announce the 27 July 2011 Annual Day of Recognition Ceremony honoring the Military Armistice Agreement at Panmunjom.

Events are scheduled at 8AM at the Korean War Veterans Memorial located southeast of the Lincoln Memorial. Seating is first come, first

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seated; reservations are recommended.

The afternoon program at Arlington National Cemetery begins with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns at 2PM. It will be immediately followed with a brief ceremony at the Korean War Veterans Meditation Bench. Prayers will be offered during the brief ceremony.

Reservations and/or questions should be directed to Norb Reiner, Director or Tony Dzieriski, Deputy Directory of the KKWAC. 703-893-6313 or 703-451-5591.

POW & Purple Heart Recipient Gets Promotion



Col. Russell A.C. Sanborn who is the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) assistant wing commander currently serving in Afghanistan. He is slated to leave Afghanistan in mid-May for Stuttgart, Germany, to become the U.S. European Command's deputy operations officer. Sanborn has accumulated more than 2,400 flight hours in the Harrier and deployed multiple times, including to the first Gulf War. On Feb. 9, 1991, while serving as a pilot in the Gulf War, Sanborn's aircraft was shot down over southern Kuwait by a surface-to-air missile during a combat mission. He was captured and held as a prisoner of war until his release March 6, 1991. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of

Merit, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Strike Flight Award with Combat V, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Mitchell Center Gathering



Eleven members of the 5th Allied POW squadron gathered in Pensacola FL between February 27 and March 5 to celebrate twenty years of freedom since their release at the conclusion of Operation Desert Storm. Dr. Bob Hain and Ms. Tami Toney of the Robert Mitchell Center for POW Studies hosted the group, providing annual physical examinations in support of their long-term POW study, caring support, and the Center's signature hospitality and friendship. The gathering provided an opportunity to renew the unique bonds of friendship forged under the most trying circumstances in Baghdad two decades ago.

Col George "Bud" Day and Mrs. Doris Day shared dinner with the squadron members and Mitchell Center hosts at the week's culminating event on Wednesday evening, March 2. The dinner reminded those assembled of the connections between generations of American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines. The heroism and honorable service accomplished by previous generations of American POWs transferred through their stories to the Desert Storm generation, who although small in number, continue to pass those stories on how to "return with honor" to generations to come. Col Day reminded the assembled squadron members of their opportunity and responsibility to use their

speaking opportunities to encourage American audiences to actively engage in the future of this country by standing up for their beliefs in the American democratic process.

During the week Dr. Jeff Moore and Brig Gen Rhonda Cornum briefed the squadron on what the ongoing research at the Mitchell Center and other institutions has revealed about resilience. This promising research is being incorporated into Army and Air Force training to mentally strengthen American servicemen and women to better help them cope with the stresses of combat. Optimism and resilience training changes the dialogue from expectations of psychological harm to the message that despite hardships, American warriors can prevail and come out healthy like the example of Col Bud Day.

COLA 2012

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the Consumer Price Index for April is up 0.8 percent over the March CPI. This is important for military retirees, and those drawing VA benefits, because the CPI is used to determine the annual cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) and rate adjustments to VA Disability and Compensation, Vets Pension programs, and other VA rates for the following year. The Military Officers Association of America reports that the April 2011 CPI is up 2.9 percent from the 2008 CPI. The 2008 CPI will be used to calculate the 2012 COLA since there has been no COLA since 2009. This means that if the trend continues the COLA for 2012 could be quite substantial. This will also mean an increase in VA Compensation and Pension programs as well as social security rates.



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The Hotel

Room rates are \$109 per night, plus tax.
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*Call no later than August 24, 2011
to make your hotel reservations.*

Tour

**The National Museum of the
United States Air Force**

Thursday, September 15th, 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm
Cost: \$26 per person

Local Attractions

National Museum of the U.S. Air Force
Dayton Art Institute
Dayton Aviation Heritage Nat. Historical Park
Carillon Historical Park
Dayton Dragons Professional Baseball
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River Corridor Bikeway
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National Convention Tentative Agenda Sept. 13-18, 2011

Wednesday Sept. 14:
National Board of Directors
Meeting
Registration Desk Open
Hospitality Room Open

Thursday Sept. 15:
Opening Ceremonies
Memorial Service
Medsearch Seminar
Air Force Museum Tour

Friday Sept. 16:
NSO Training
Ladies Luncheon
General Business Session

Saturday Sept. 17:
General Business Session &
Balloting
Banquet and Installation of
Officers

Sunday Sept. 18:
Devotional
National Board of Directors
Meeting



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PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND MADE PAYABLE TO:

THE REUNION BRAT

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Greenwater, WA 98022

(360)663-2521

- .. CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION AND ITINERARY WILL BE SENT OUT BY AUGUST 13, 2011.
- .. 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 MARRIOTT DAYTON AT 937-223-1000 NO LATER THAN AUGUST 24, 2011 TO MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS. BE SURE TO MENTION YOU ARE WITH THE AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR CONVENTION TO RECEIVE YOUR GROUP RATE OF \$109 A NIGHT PLUS TAX.
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American Ex-Prisoners of War Candidate for National Office 2011



Candidate for office of:
Name:

Address:
Member Chapter:

Telephone:

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
email: skip.m.moore@us.army.mil Phone: (520) 459-7925**

GUIDELINES FOR CREDENTIALS & VOTING

1. THERE IS NO PROXY VOTING IN THIS ORGANIZATION.
2. THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO CAST VOTES: STATE DEPARTMENT, CHAPTER OR MEMBER AT LARGE.
3. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR CHAPTER ADJUTANTS MUST SUBMIT THE CREDENTIALS LETTER TO THE NATIONAL ADJUTANT WITH THE LIST OF DELEGATE(S) ATTENDING THE CONVENTION. PER THE BYLAWS, THIS WILL BE SENT TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS NO LATER THAN TWENTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST BUSINESS MEETING OF CONVENTION.
4. THE NATIONAL ADJUTANT WILL VALIDATE THE MEMBERSHIP LIST FROM EACH STATE DEPARTMENT, CHAPTER OR MEMBER AT LARGE. ONCE VALIDATED, A COPY WILL BE MAILED TO THE HEAD DELEGATE AND THE ORIGINAL WILL

- BE GIVEN TO THE CHAIR OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. BRING YOUR COPY TO CONVENTION.
5. PER BYLAWS, THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY REPRESENT A MEMBER OF THAT STATE WHO IS NOT REPRESENTED BY A CHAPTER.
6. VOTING CHAPTERS, PER BYLAWS SHALL LIST BY NAME, ALPHABETICALLY, EACH MEMBER THEY ARE REPRESENTING AT THE CONVENTION. THIS WAY OUR NATIONAL ADJUTANT KNOWS HOW MANY PEOPLE TO SUBTRACT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT COUNT.
7. EACH VALIDATED CREDENTIAL LETTER MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN THREE (3) HOURS PRIOR TO THE FIRST CALL TO ORDER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

8. NO SHOW, NO VOTE.. PLEASE MAKE SURE IF YOUR HEAD DELEGATE CANNOT ATTEND THE CONVENTION AFTER RECEIVING THEIR COPY OF THE VALIDATED CREDENTIAL LETTER IN THE MAIL, THAT THEY GIVE IT TO AN ALTERNATE ON THE DELEGATION LIST.

Debby Lindhurst, Chair
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more convention news

The National Museum of the US Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB...

A Boeing VC-137C known as SAM (Special Air Mission) 26000, the aircraft that served as Air Force One on the day of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, stands as the centerpiece of the Presidential Gallery. In addition to Air Force One, the public can enter the presidential aircraft of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower. Five smaller presidential planes and four other aircraft are also on display.

The Korean War Gallery contains aircraft and exhibits that tell the story of the U.S. Air Force's role and performance in that conflict. Visitors can immerse themselves in a storyline that reflects the emergence of the modern Air Force as the service experienced significant changes in roles, tactics and technology during the war. The conflict's two most

striking symbols of air power on both sides — the F-86A Sabre and the MiG-15 - are on display next to each other. Mannequins used in exhibits depict both everyday moments in the lives of airmen as well as historical images, such as the famous photo featuring pilots headed to the flight line as they walk under the MiG Alley sign.

Harrowing and courageous moments are captured in the museum's World War II Gallery, which houses one of the world's top collections of WWII aircraft and a variety of engaging and evocative exhibits to tell the proud story of the U.S. Army Air Forces during the war. The gallery captures the pivotal moments, campaigns and figures of U.S. Army Air Forces' air power in both the Pacific and European Theaters.

The museum's Memorial Park honors Air Force-associated units and people for their courageous service and sacrifice in the cause

of freedom. In October 1972, the museum dedicated the first memorial with a commemorative tree and plaque recognizing Americans held as Prisoners of War by the North Vietnamese and those missing in action during the Southeast Asia Conflict.

Opened to the public in 2004, the Missile and Space Gallery is contained in a silo-like structure that stands 140 feet high. Visitors can view missiles such as the Titan I and II and Jupiter from ground level or can take in an aerial view from an elevated platform that hugs the inside circumference of the gallery. As part of the museum's ongoing expansion efforts, the gallery also features a portion of the museum's space collection, including the Apollo 15 Command Module, Mercury and Gemini capsules, rocket engines, satellites and balloon gondolas.

Information from National Commander Morris Barker:

The Ladies' Luncheon

Friday, September 16, 11:30am to 1pm.

Visit an old-fashioned kitchen complete with antique housewares, as we play "Guess the Gadget" and learn what these mysterious looking utensils were used for in their day. Poor Granny's domestic duties of the 1800s were called drudgery - washing, ironing, cooking and keeping a perfect house. You'll chuckle at Granny's old-timey methods of housework and acquire a special appreciation for those women of yesteryear.

Speaker for the luncheon is Ceci.

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Directions to our hotel, (thanks Kenny)

From Toledo and points north/Cincinnati and points south:

Take I-75 South. Go to Exit 51 (Edwin C Moses Blvd). Bottom of exit ramp turn left. Second traffic light (Stewart St) turn right across bridge to first traffic light (Patterson Blvd). Turn right onto Patterson. Hotel is on the left.

From Indianapolis and points west:

Take I-70 East (Dayton) to I-75 South and follow above directions.

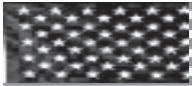
From Columbus and points east:

Take I-270 South to I-70 West to I-75 South and follow above directions.

September Weather forecast



Average High Temperature 77°
Record High Temperature 102°
Average Low Temperature 56°
Record Low Temperature 28°
Average Number of Freezing Days 0
Average Precipitation 2.61 in. in.
Days with Precipitation 8
Foggy Days 17
Days with Thunderstorms 3
Average Wind Speed 4.59 mph
Record Wind Speed 65.47 mph
Average Relative Humidity (Morning) 84.5%
Average Relative Humidity (Afternoon) 55.8%



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For Sr. Vice Commander Charles Susino

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(16+ years).
NSO-13 years.



Bill joined AX-
POW in the
mid-1980s. He
was first a
member of the
Northern Vir-
ginia 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 commu-
nity. He has spent 11 years as a
member of the HOA Board of Di-
rectors - as President, Vice-Presi-
dent, Treasurer and Editor of the
community newsletter. On a na-
tional level, Bill has served on the
awards committee for the past
three years; he is currently chair-
man of the committee.

During WWII, Bill served with the
Air Force, 401st BG, 613th BS. He
was captured at Zandvoot, Neth-
erlands and held in Amsterdam,
Oberursel, Wetzlar, and Stalags
13D & 7A.

Bill lives in Greenacres, FL.

For Jr. Vice Commander Central James Lollar

Jim Lollar, a B-
52 Tail-Gun-
ner, became a
member of
the 4th Allied
POW Wing at
Hoa Lo Prison
(the infamous Hanoi Hilton) af-
ter his aircraft was shot down



For National Commander Dr. Carroll Bogart

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 Sta-
lag Luft VI and Luft IV. He par-
ticipated 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 mem-
ber. 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 Com-
mander 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 Com-
mander for the Central Zone and
2010-2011 as National Sr. Vice
Commander.

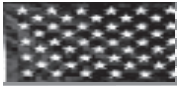
Carroll and his wife, Barbara, live
in Mason City, IA.

For Jr. Vice Commander East

William (Bill) Jeffers

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

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over Hanoi, North Vietnam during Operation Linebacker II. Jim is now retired & lives with his 3 pups on the shore-line of beautiful Lake Tawakoni a few miles North of Wills Point, TX. Jim has served 3 terms as AXPOW's National Sergeant-at-Arms, was Chair of the Ways & Means Committee for 2 terms, & was a member of the By-Laws & Resolutions Committee for 1 term. He also served as National Director for the South Central Region for 3 years. Jim is currently serving his 4th term as Commander of the Dallas Metroplex Chapter, is also currently serving as the Commander & Adjutant/Treasurer for the Department of Texas, & currently holds the office of National Junior Vice Commander - Central Zone. He is also currently serving his 3rd term for the AXPOW Organization as Chair of the Grievance & Investigation Committee.

For Jr. Vice Commander West Milton M. Moore



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 serving as Jr. Vice Commander and chairman of the Nominations/Elections committee for AXPOW.

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

Candidates for National Director



N o r t h e a s t : Laura McIntyre

Laura is a life member of AXPOW and current National Director — since 1999. She served two terms as Chapter Commander of the Western MA Chapter, and is State Dept. Commander for Massachusetts, past Adjutant and Treasurer.

Laura is also a life member of DAVA and VFW Auxiliary. She has spent 28 years VAVS Northampton VAMC. On the AXPOW National level, she served as Chairman, Awards and member, By-laws committees.

Laura lives in Hardwick, MA.

East Central: Judy Lee



Judy has been an active member of AXPOW, the Department of Tennessee and her chapter for decades. Members still remember the excellent National Convention put on in Knoxville in 1993; Judy and her late

husband Charles were an important part of its success. After serving on National Committees -- most recently as Chairman of Credentials -- Judy was elected as National Director in 2007. She currently sits on the Strategic Planning Committee, working to ensure the future of the American Ex-Prisoners of War.

Southeast: Ed Dement



Ed served as FL Dept. Treasurer, JVC, SVC and Commander. He currently is chairman of the Andersonville

Committee, acting as AXPOW's liaison with the Andersonville National Historic Site. He also has spent 27 years as a VAVS representative at James Haley Hospital in Tampa.

Ed enlisted in the Air Force in 1942. He served with the 456th BG out of Italy. He was shot down over Yugoslavia and held in Luft 3 (center compound) and 7A.

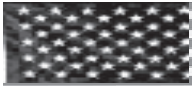
Ed lives in Tampa, Florida.

North Central: John Clark

John was born and grew up in Columbia, Missouri. He went through Air Force ROTC at the University of Missouri and in 1962, his senior year, he was Cadet Wing Commander. He graduated a Distinguished Military Graduate and received a regular commission in the US Air Force.



After more than 80 combat missions in the RF-4C, the then-Capt Clark was shot down over



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North Vietnam and captured on March 12, 1967. He was held in Hoa Lo (Hanoi Hilton), Power Plant, Son Tay, and Camp Faith. He was liberated in Hanoi on February 18, 1973. He had spent six years as a POW and was released on Feb. 12, 1973.

John is a member of the Central Missouri Chapter. He is currently serving as National Director for the North Central Region. He is additionally chairman of the Convention Site Committee.

John and his wife, Anne, live in Columbia, MO.

Midcentral: Deanie Schmidt



I continue to serve as the secretary, treasurer, and editor of the newsletter of Ohio Chapter #1 in Columbus, Ohio. I've been doing this for about 10 years.

I am currently looking forward to directing the Next-Of-Kin chorus that will entertain their parents and other family members at the National Convention in Dayton.

I have strong feelings about keeping our organization alive and well, and our NOK chorus is one small way that we can work on this. Last year's performance was well-accepted by all at the convention.

I look forward to continue my presence on the Board of Directors of the American Ex-POW.



Northwest: Bonnie Sharp



I am pleased to say that I am seeking re-election for the two year term of Northwest National Director. I am a lifetime member of the American Ex-Prisoners of War and a member of the Tacoma Chapter, where I served a three year term as Chapter Commander and have now completed 4 years as Chapter Adjutant and proudly continue to serve at the current time. I have served on the National Board of Directors as a National Director for ten years and a Jr. Vice Commander for 1 year. I have served on various Committees of the Board of Directors and currently serve on both the Grievance & Investigation Committee and the Ways & Means Committee.

I appreciate the confidence that you, the membership, have shown me in the past. With your continuing support, I will, to the very best of my ability, respect and honor the office of Northwest National Director, and will continue to support and serve our organization well. I am asking for your support at the Ohio National Convention and I feel confident you will not be disappointed in re-electing me to the position of Northwest National Director, 2011-2012.

I live with my husband Maurice in University Place, WA near our four children and their spouses. We have eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Southwest: Lew Sleeper



Lew is a WWII veteran of the Army Air Corps. He flew missions out of England with the 8th AF, then out of Italy with the 15th AF. On his 8th mission, he was shot down over the Ploesti Oil Fields and was a POW for 4 months.

After retirement, Lew has spent his time volunteering. His adventures have led him to the United States Peace Corps, International Executive Service Corps, the Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and the American Ex-Prisoners of War.

He was elected to the AXPOW Board of Directors at the Kansas City convention. He currently serves as the voice of the Strategic Planning Committee and the plans for the future of AXPOW.

Lew and his wife, Janice, live in Tucson, AZ.



**Skip Moore, Chairman
Nominations & Elections
Committee**



AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR VOLUNTARY FUNDING PROGRAM

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.

All contributions are to be sent directly to National Headquarters to be used for the operation of the organization. A complete accounting of contributors will appear in the Bulletin each month.

I am enclosing my contribution to support the operation of the American Ex-Prisoners of War.

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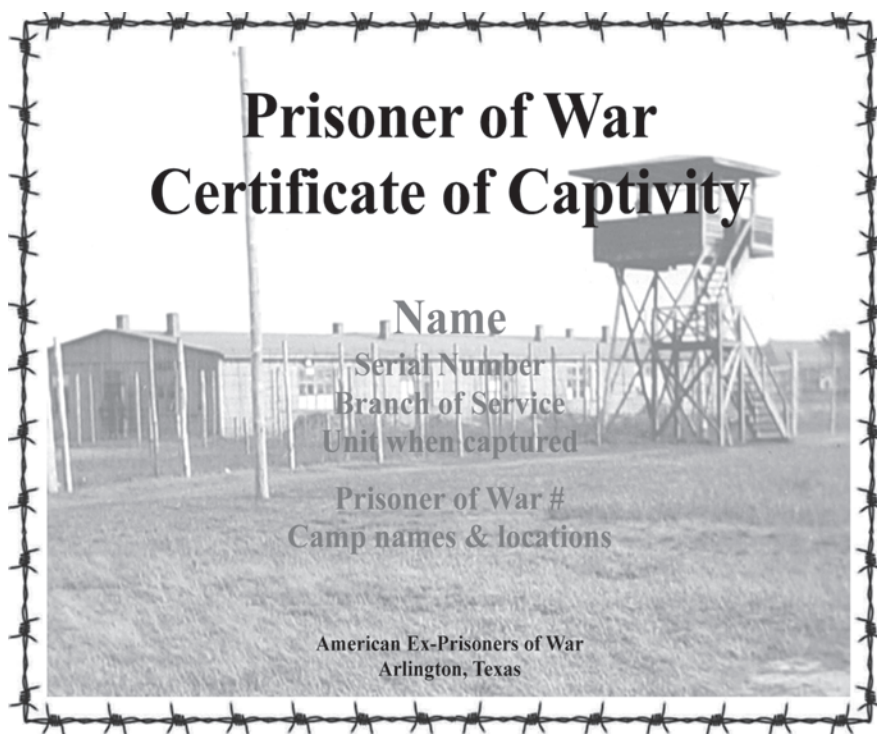
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LUFT 4

CALLING ALL NEXT-OF-KIN

If you are planning on driving your folks to the National Convention in Dayton, and if you like to sing, (or not), now is your chance to entertain your parents -- they entertained you for many years -- now it's your turn. The NOKs will sing music from the 50's, and some of them might even



LOOK like they are from the 50's. Come as you are or pack a little scarf with matching socks, and there you have it -- a 1950's outfit!

Here's the music - Now get ready to sing!

1. Yellow Rose of Texas
2. Music, Music, Music
3. Tennessee Waltz
4. Red Roses for a Blue Lady
5. Do Re Mi
6. Love Me Tender
7. Hey, Good Lookin'
8. Harbor Lights
9. Chattanooga Choo Choo
10. Catch a Falling Star
11. Goodnight Irene
12. You're A Grand Old Flag

above: 2010 Next-of-Kin Chorus at their smash debut performance in Albany, GA



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AUSTIN, CLIFFORD N., 86, lifelong resident of Vergennes, VT, passed away May 26, 2011. He and his three brothers all saw active duty in World War II. He was a member of the 106th Infantry Division, Battery C, 589th Field Artillery Battalion. In December 1944, he was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and sent to Arbeits Kommando #1315, a POW work camp in Oberullesdorf (occupied Poland) near Zittau, Germany. He was held for six months then liberated by the Russians in May 1945. He was an active member of Vermont Chapter #1, AXPOW and was the last surviving member of the "Zittau Survivors" a group he founded that met annually. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Patricia, a brother, two daughters and two sons, several grandchildren, a great-grandchild, nieces, and nephews.

BANDY, Marie, 95, of Clearwater died June 8. She was the widow of Thomas Bandy, who served in the Pacific and was held in Malay Bay, Mindanao, Pl - Bilibid; Camp 2 Tokyo. She was a member of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, American Ex-POWs.

BARTZ, John, born Jan 21, 1921 died Feb. 24, 2010. He was aboard the USS Houston when it was sunk. He and more than 250 men were left for days in the sea before taken as prisoners by the Japanese. He was forced to work on many projects on the river Kwai. He was a member of the San Diego POW Chapter.

BELEFANT, Martin S., 86, of Scarsdale, NY passed away April 23, 2011. During WWII, he served with the 395th Inf. Reg., 99th Div. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and held in

numerous camps. Eva, his wife of 59 years, and one son survive him.

BERGEZ, Lucien George "Frenchy", 89, of Culver City, CA died May 3, 2011. During WWII, He served with the 414th BS, 97th BG. After being shot down over Budapest, he was captured and held in Stalag 17B. Frenchy was an active member of AXPOW, locally, statewide and nationally and at the time of his death was a member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter (previously commander). He leaves one daughter and one grandson.

BLOCKER, Billie B., age 89, passed away March 26, 2011. He was captured while serving in the AAC, on a B-24; he spent 10 months as a POW in Germany. "BB" was a member of the Mid-South Chapter, AXPOW. His beloved wife, Wanda, predeceased him; he leaves 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson.

BINDER, Reid, died Dec. 2010. He was with the 379th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, and a POW at Stalag, Luft I. He was a member of the Vista/Oceanside Group of San Diego Chapter.

BUTLER, Roy L, 87, of Hobbs, NM died April 29, 2011. During WWII, he served in the AAF and was a POW. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, "Jackie", 1 daughter, 1 son, 1 brother, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

BUTTOLPH, Merland, of Lowden, Iowa, died March 24, 2011. He had flown 13 missions when he was shot down May 27, 1944, in Northern Italy and sent to Sagan,

Germany. In January 1945, they went on a forced march to Nurnberg and in March 1945, another forced march to Moosburg, Germany, where Gen. Patton's Third Army liberated them on April 29, 1945. Members of the East Valley Chapter in Arizona, he is survived by his wife, Darlene.

CAPRETTA, Catherine "Kate", of Columbus, Ohio, widow of Harold Francis Capretta (Stalag 13C) died April 22, 2011.

CARSON, John W., 87, of Spokane, WA passed away Feb. 26, 2011. He was captured while serving in the AAC during WWII; he was held in Stalag Lufts IV & VI. John was a member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife, Wanda, 2 stepsons, 1 stepdaughter, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

CARTER, Elizabeth "Lib", of Thomasville, NC passed away April 5, 2011 at the age of 85. She was a member of the Greater Greensboro Chapter, AXPOW. Paul, her husband of 64 years, survives her. Paul was captured in Italy and was in Stalags 7A and 2B.

CLEMONS, Roy C, of River Falls, Wisconsin, died April 24, 2011. Roy was an infantry soldier in WW II. He fought in the D Day Invasion and walked all the way to the Battle of the Bulge in Germany. He was captured along with 21 men and they were on forced marches for 25 days. His wife, Viola, survives him.

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DELL'ACQUA, Mario J., born Nov. 24, 1924, died June 4, 2011. During WWII, he served with the 7th Army, 42nd Inf. Div. 242 Reg. 1st Bat. Co. A. After capture, he was held in Stalags 4A & 4B. Mario was a member of the San Diego POW Chapter.

DeLONG, Jeryl H. "Jerry", of Greensboro, NC died March 18, 2011 at the age of 84. She was the widow of Frank (101st Airborne Div/POW). Survivors include 1 daughter, 1 son, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

DITCHETT, Paul, Commander of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, AXPOW, died May 7, 2011, at 88 years of age. Paul was in the European Theater of Operations, serving as a B-24 Pilot with the 15th Air Force, 455th Bomb Group, 742nd Squadron. He was a POW in Nombur, Bucharest, Romania. His daughter, Jewel, and two grandchildren survive him.

DOWLING, Dorothy, 84, of Smithtown, NY passed away April 25, 2011. She was the beloved wife of 65 years of ex-POW James (AAC during WWII). Dorothy and James' story appeared in Tom Brokaw's *The Greatest Generation* and precipitated a vacation trip to Hawaii to meet others in the book. In addition to her husband, Dorothy is survived by 8 children, 26 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

DUNCAN, Joseph Johnson, born August 17, 1923 passed away April 30, 2011 at the age of 87. During WWII, he survived the Bataan Death March and 3 ½ years of captivity before being liberated. Joe was a member of AXPOW.

ELZEY, Donna, of Groveport, Ohio, wife of Gerald "Bill" Elzey died May 25, 2011. They were life members of Ohio Chapter #1, AXPOW.

FICKLIN, Frank W., of Granbury, Texas, died April 22, 2011. A member of the "Lost Battalion", "Fick" was held as a POW in the Philippines for 3 ½ years. He was a member of the Fort Worth Chapter and is survived by his wife of 65 years, Leeta.

FINK, Lois J., 84, of Austintown, Ohio passed away May 3, 2011. She was the loving wife of ex-POW Robert, the mother of 4, grandmother of 11 and great-grandmother of 2. Lois was a member of the Mahoning Valley Chapter, AXPOW.

FORE, James William, of Colorado Springs, CO died April 5, 2011. He was 86. He was captured while serving in the AAC during WWII, flying a B-17 in Europe. James was a member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 46 years, Khamla, 2 sons and 1 daughter.

GIBSON, Darrell R., age 87, of Hasty, AR passed away April 19, 2011. During WWII, he served in the 90th Inf. Div., 357th Inf. Reg. He was captured in France after D-Day and held in Stalag 7A, Limburg and Munich. Darrell was a life member of AXPOW. Survivors are the love of his life, Edna Lea, married 62 years, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and a host of family and friends.

GRUNSTAD, Daniel, died June 10, 2010 He was with the 612th BS, 401st BG, 8th AF. He was a POW at Stalag Luft 4. He was a member of the Vista/Oceanside Group of the San Diego POW Chapter.

HALL, Douglas, age 85, member of the Mid-South Chapter, AXPOW,

passed away in March 2011. He served with the 45th Infantry in WWII and was a POW for 11 months. One son survives him.

HAMBRICK, Henry P. of Pismo Beach, CA died March 21, 2011 at the age of 87. Henry served with the 8th AF, 452nd BG. He was shot down, captured and held in Luft 1, Barth. Henry's wife of 65 years, Lois, predeceased him by 3 weeks; he leaves 2 sons, 2 grandchildren, 1 brother and 1 sister.

HANSON, John E. of Centralia, WA, died April 19, 2011. He was a member of the First Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment during WWII. He was captured on Bataan and was a prisoner in the Philippines and Japan until liberation. John was a member of the Christmastown Chapter, AXPOW. Two daughters, two granddaughters, and a sister survive him.

HERRERA, Frank, of Waco, TX passed away June 1, 2011 at the age of 87. He was captured while serving in the Army during WWII. He leaves his wife of 62 years, Carlotta, 5 daughters, 2 sons, 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 3 sisters and 4 brothers.

JOSWICK, Earl B. of Minnesota died Dec. 21, 2010. He served with the 95th BG, 334th BS. He was captured when his B-17 "Ten Aces" was shot down over Schweinfurt, Germany.

LAGONTRIE, Albert Lewis, long-time member and past commander of the Agua Fria Chapter, passed away March 25, 2011. During WWII, Al was one of two survivors of a seven man recon patrol when he was captured in Casino, Italy. He was held in Stalag 2B. Al is survived by his sister, Marie.

LEONARD, Colleen F., 83, beloved wife of W.E. Leonard for 65 years,

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died March 3, 2011. Colleen was Texas state adjutant for 3 years; chapter adjutant for several years. In addition to her husband, she leaves 2 daughters.

LINDSTROM, Robert "Bob" born June 16, 1919 died June 2, 2011. He was a B-17 pilot in the 8th AF, 452nd BG 339th BS. He evaded for three months, through the help of the French Underground. After capture, he was held in Luft 1, Barth. He was a member of the San Diego POW Chapter. He is survived by two daughters.

LOWRY, William A., 90, of Las Vegas, NV passed away April 5, 2011. While serving the Army in the Philippines during WWII, he was captured by the Japanese and held 3 years and 9 months in Mukden. He is survived by 1 daughter, 2 sons, 8 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 1 brother.

MACE, Frank R., 93, of Cheney, WA died April 12, 2011. He was inducted into the Navy and captured on Wake Island; he was a POW for 44 months in China and Japan. Frank was a member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 65 years, Marcia, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

MARSTON, Frederick "Fritz", born Dec. 23, 1921, died Oct. 18 2010. He was a B-17 Pilot with the 8th AF, 384th BG, 414th BS. He was shot down July 14, 1943; the Free French had him on a train for Spain when the Germans found him. He was a POW at Stalag Luft I. He was a member of the San Diego Chapter.

McCLOUD, Homer B., 86 of Lakeville, Ohio died June 6, 2011. He served in the 9th Air Force as a gunner in WW II. He was a prisoner of war in Stalag Luft IV.

A member of AXPOW since 1982, he was a member of the North Central Ohio Chapter. His wife Cecile survives him.

McGEE, Ray, of Pearl, MS, died February 5, 2011. Ray served in the 446th BG 706th BS and was one of the 10 crew of a B-24 bomber. He was a POW in Germany for 22 months, and rejoined the Army for the Korean Conflict. Ray was a life member of AXPOW and member of the state dept. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Kathy, 2 daughters and 1 niece.

MONTE, Dominic L., of NY passed away on his 91st birthday, April 29, 2011. He served in the AAC during WWII; he was shot down, captured and held in Luft III, then Luft XIID, then finally transported to Stalag VIIA. Survivors include 4 children and their families, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 1 sister and numerous nieces and nephews.

MONTECALLO, James V., 91, passed away May 31, 2011. He was a member of the Ocean County Chapter, New Jersey. Jim was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. He was shot down over the Austrian Alps and taken prisoner. He is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth, 2 sons, 1 daughter, and 6 grandchildren.

MOORE, Robert, H. Dr. He was a member of the US Army, 94th Inf. Div. He was captured Oct. 1, 1944 and held on the Isle deGroix, until liberated Nov. 16, 1944. He was a favorite of the San Diego POW Chapter

PARKER, Claudia H., age 82, passed away Sept. 8, 2010. She was the widow of Kenneth I Parker (8th AF/POW). She was a member of the Mid-South Chapter, AXPOW. Claudia had great love in her heart for God and her family. She leaves 2 daughters and 2 grandsons.

PAX-RHODEN, Barbara died March 15, 2011. She was 56 years old. Barbara was the daughter of the late Eugene A. Pax (863rd BS, 493rd BG/POW in Germany) and Trudy A Pax, member of the Manasota Chapter, AXPOW. Her mother and two daughters survive her.

PETERSON, Robert T., of Sinclairville, NY passed away April 14, 2011. Bob was captured while serving with the 485th BG, 15th AF, based in Italy. He was shot down over Vienna and held in Luft 1, Barth until liberation. He was a life member of AXPOW and commander of the SW New York Chapter. Bob was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Dorothy; he leaves 1 son, 1 daughter and grandchildren.

PINK, Mark A., 90, of Union Grove, WI, died May 26, 2011. He served in the AAC during WWII; he was a POW in Germany for one year at Zagan, Poland, Nuremburg and Mooseburg. His wife Patricia survives him; he is also survived by 3 children, and a loving extended family.

RITCHIE, Arthur, born June 30, 1924 died June 6, 2011. He was captured while serving with the US Army Infantry, captured Sept. 17, 1944. He was held in Stalag 2A, Neubrandenburg, Mecklenburg, Germany. He was a member of San Diego POW Chapter.

SCHLOAT, Don, died Oct. 31, 2010. He served in the Medical Corps. He was a POW at Bataan, PI and at Puerto Princesa Palawan Isle. He was an artist of some renown; with works at several military museums. He was a member of the Vista/Oceanside Group of the San Diego Chapter.

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SLANE, Robert M., of Shreveport, LA passed away March 16, 2011. He was 88. During WWII, he served with the AAC on a B-17. He was captured in the Schweinfurt Raid and held for 19 months in Germany. He later flew in Korea and Vietnam until retirement. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary Lee, 1 son, 2 grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and his little cat, Bonnie.

SPENCER, Catherine, of Lubbock, TX, widow of James C. Spencer, Bataan Death March Survivor, died March 10, 2011. She was 96. Survivors include one daughter, one stepson and their families, 2 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

SHIVE, Thomas Morgan, born April 7, 1924; died Jan. 9, 2011. He was a B-17 Pilot, 15th AF, 99th BG, 364th BS. He was shot down, captured and held in Stalag Luft I. He

was a member of the San Diego Chapter.

SUCHORSKY, Elizabeth Irene, of Clark, NJ passed away July 30, 2010. She was the beloved wife for 64 years of George, who was a POW in Germany during WWII. Irene was a life member of AXPOW, Garden State Chapter #1. She is survived by her husband, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 7 grandchildren and 1 sister.

VOSE, Clifford G., 90, of La Grange, NC died May 10, 2011. He was serving in the Army as a hospital corpsman when, on his 21st birthday, US forces were forced to surrender to the Japanese. He remained a POW almost two years. Clifford was a member of the Coastal Plains Chapter, AXPOW.

WERNER, Roy O. of Cape Girardeau, MO, died November 21, 2010. He served in the 8th AF, 385th BG, 551st BS, shot down March 2, 1945, and was liberated by

Patton's Army in late May, 1945. An AXPOW life member since 1988, he was a member of the Central Missouri Chapter.

WERSAL, Florian, age 80 of Springfield, MN passed away on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. Florian was captured in the Kowmwa Valley, Korea and was a POW from July 14, 1953, until August 24, 1953. He was Commander of the Prairieland Chapter, AXPOW in Minnesota.

WIDMAN, Albert Charles died Nov. 20, 2010. He was 93. During WWII, he served with the AAC; he was a POW at Stalag 17B. Al is survived by 1 daughter, 1 son, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

WINTERS, Richard, born Nov. 21, 1918, died Feb, 2011. He was in the US Army in Corregidor; taken prisoner May 6, 1942, liberated August 10, 1945. He was held at Cabanatuan, Yokahama # 3 and Kamaish, Japan.

national chaplain



PNC Gerald Harvey

Psalm 27: 7-14

"Hear O LORD when I call: have mercy and answer me. When you said, 'Seek my face,' my heart said to you, 'I will seek your face LORD.' Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been

my helper. Do not leave me or reject me, O God my Savior.

When my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. Teach me you way, O LORD, and lead me in a straight path because of my enemies. Do not give me to my enemies. False witnesses are accusing me of doing things I have not done, and they are plotting cruelty. I am confident that I will see the goodness of the LORD while I am alive.

Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and he will make your heart strong; wait, I say, on the LORD."

We Americans are impatient. We don't like to wait. We are not happy when we have to wait in the checkout line at the grocery store. When driving, we speed up a little so we won't have to wait for the green light. Children can't

wait to be teenagers; young people can't wait to finish college or get a job; and working adults can't wait to retire.

God has a plan for each of our lives. His timetable is not always the same as ours. Prayer is not only a time for petition, for praise, and repentance. As we pray, we need to allow time to listen and to wait for God to speak to us. We need to be patient as we seek to know God's way and His will for our lives.

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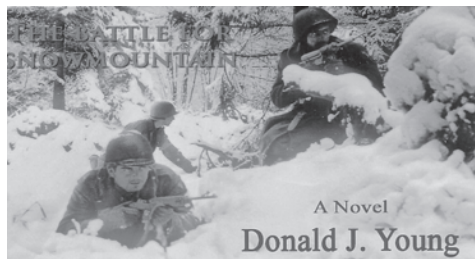
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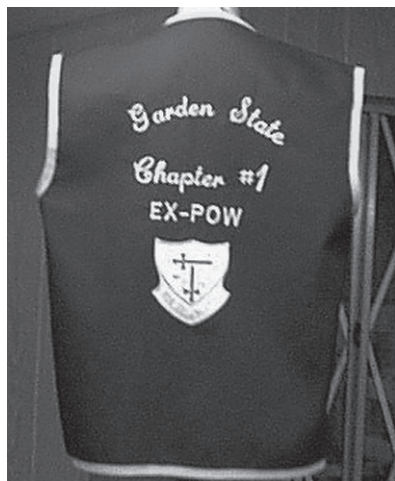
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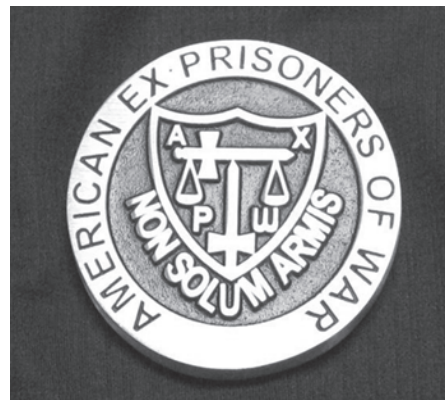
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