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A look back...

March 1, 1942

USS Houston Sunk

The USS Houston (CA-30), a heavy cruiser, was sunk by the Japanese on March 1, 1942. Its surviving crew members were taken prisoners by the Japanese and used as slave laborers in Japan, Burma, Thailand, and elsewhere. In Burma and Thailand, they were forced to build the Burma-Thai Railway (Death Railway). One bridge of the railway came to be known as the infamous Bridge Over the River Kwai.

April 10, 1942

USS Canopus Scuttled/Sunk

Upon the surrender of Bataan on 9 April, Canopus was ordered scuttled and sunk, to deny her use to the enemy. On 10 April, she was proudly backed off into deep water under her own power, and the brave veteran whom the Japanese could not sink ended a lifetime of service to the Navy when she was laid to rest by her own men.

Happy Birthday, AXPOW!

April 9, 1942

In the Philippines... American General King surrenders 75,000 men (12,000 Americans) to the Japanese. A death march begins for the prisoners as they are taken to San Fernando, 100 miles away. Many thousands of them die on the march. Resistance continues in isolated areas of Luzon and other islands. General Wainwright and his troops continue to hold out on Corregidor Island.

At home... Information was leaking out about the atrocities and subhuman treatment that American prisoners of war were receiving in Japanese prison camps in the Pacific. When wives and mothers heard about their sons and husbands who had been taken prisoner, they started calling and writing their congressmen in an effort to find help or get assistance for their loved ones. Finally, two mothers, whose sons were members of the 200th Coast Artillery and had been captured by the Japanese, came up with an idea. It was **Mrs. Charles W. Bickford** and **Mrs. Fred E. Landon** who, on April 10, 1942, persuaded other parents and relatives to hold a mass meeting. They formed an organization to get relief to the captured boys on Bataan. On April 14th, the *Bataan Relief Organization* began with Dr. V. H. Spensley, as Chairman. Their motto was "We will not let them down."

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

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**National Commander
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I hope that everyone is enjoying a great new year.

Our mid-year Board of Directors meeting will be in Arlington, Texas again this year on March 20th. There will be a dinner on the evening of March 20th also.

Our quest for a 501[c]3 classification is right on track. Dave Claypool has the application all filled out and Dave Drummond is working on some by-law changes that will be necessary to get approval. We will be voting on those by-law changes at our convention in Albany, Georgia. Then we can send in our application any time after that.

On January 16th, I was asked to speak at the POW/MIA forum for the Dept. of Minnesota VFW at their mid-winter conference. That speech went very well and I received a lot of compliments on it afterward. They told me that ex-POWs are a very special category of veterans to them.

Remember to keep our next national convention in mind. It will be held in Albany, Georgia on Sept. 21-26. This one will be a special convention because we will be taking a day trip to our museum in Andersonville on Sept. 23rd. If you have not been to the museum, you should make a special effort to attend this convention. The

commander's reception will be held on Friday evening, the 24th.

I have been asked to attend a Masonic Table Lodge on Monday, March 1. A Table Lodge is a series of toasts drunk with grape juice and I will be giving the response to the toast for veterans. This event is sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Until next time, stay safe and healthy

Kenny

news from hq



It's spring! Here in Texas, the flowers are blooming and the ballparks are getting ready for the fans.

Our AXPOW Credit Card through Bank of America is getting a new profile. We'll be receiving new ads which have a different phone number and a different priority code, but won't have them until February. The new information will be published as soon as we get it, so be patient. We appreciate your using the AXPOW card; we make money every time you make a purchase!

Our spring label program is just about ready to be mailed as well, so it's a good opportunity to tell you how our direct mail programs work.

Three or four times a year, we send out products - things we believe you'll enjoy using - like our custom calendars, labels, notecards, pins, etc. We have a vendor from whom we purchase these products and we pay an agreed-upon price for them. Once they are mailed, the vendor sends us the proof of mailing from

the post office and we pay for the postage. That's it. The vendor does NOT take a percentage of the money we collect. Every single dime you donate is deposited directly into our Bank of America account. You can rest assured that we use your donations for our wonderful organization. It enables us to live up to our slogan *We exist to help those who cannot help themselves*. And we thank you very much for your support over the years.

We're getting ready to have our MidYear Board of Directors meeting here in Arlington, March 20, 2010. If you'd like to attend, give us a call at headquarters and we'll tell you how to get here and where to stay.

And while we're planning, we're also planning our National Convention this September in Albany, Georgia - just a few miles from Andersonville. You've been seeing information about the convention for the last couple months; now we've got the registration and hotel information in this issue of the EX-POW Bulletin, so you can start making plans. We're putting together a fantastic time for you, so come on down!

Enjoy spring
Clydie, Sally, Marsha, Donna
Your National Headquarters

PS. Sally says to check out the merchandise pages for terrific items that she picks out for our members.



VA Outreach

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Before it's too late



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The Good News Is: We Still Reach Out!!

It's still going on. The Dear Abby fallout for ALS benefits for all veterans who have served at least 90 consecutive days of active military duty, and their dependents, mainly widows, but also certain handicapped children of any age. And yes, we are even finding veterans who have recently been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease, and need to contact the VA pronto!

From NSO Better Harlan in Sudan, TX: Fred, I just heard from a widow in Wisconsin and her ALS claim was granted. She was wondering if it was taxable and I told her it was not. Also I advised her about ChampVA for Life and will send her the forms to apply for it. Here is some of what she wrote: "Hooray! I received a check which was for back payment of the ALS survivor's claim and almost fell off my chair at the amount. Holy smokes, that helps pay for a lot of living expense for me and my disabled daughter." Which brings to question, the circumstances of the disabled daughter and might there be compensation for her as well??? We shall see. Betty will reach out and see; the persistence of a good NSO.

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And from Arleen in Athens, TX: "Dear Mr. C, yesterday I received my ALS benefit check. I was so happy and excited that I slept very little that night. I cannot express how grateful I am to you and your organization for all you have done to make this come true. You not only helped me, but many, many other people. Now I can do house repairs, help a grandson with college tuition and even buy a new TV. Again, thank you, thank you for the information you provided. God bless America."

Lucille in Rhode Island writes: "Dear Fred, I can't tell you how grateful I am for all you have done for me. My son Gary from Connecticut filled out the forms for the ChampVA medical benefits and I am now using it. I can't believe how much I am saving. Thank you so much for all you have done for me and many others. God bless you, Lucille"

Josephine in Ohio: "Dear Fred, Thank you for your help. I can't thank you enough. I wouldn't be getting \$1,154 a month."

From Joan in Tonawanda, New York: "Dear Fred, Thank you a million times! From your Dear Abby column in July and your personal contact shortly after I wrote you, we contacted the local VA. I filled out all the necessary paperwork for my 92 year old Mom and took it to the local office for documentation. Notification of eligibility arrived August 28 and she received her check on Sept. 17, retroactive to March. Her husband died Feb. 1 with ALS. You were God sent because her income was SO limited. Now, she can live without fear. God bless you and America!"

Margie in Canyon Lake, Texas says: "Dear Fred, I want to thank you. Well, I really can't tell you how much I thank you for the article in Dear Abby concerning veterans who died of Lou Gehrig's disease. I went to the VA with all information. I cannot believe I just received back pay and a monthly check. Sincerely, Margie"

The above notes are just a sample of the messages of gratitude because of

Dear Abby's putting our ALS alert in her column. Jeanne Phillips is the one who has made it possible for thousands of widows to get their VA widow's monthly compensation benefit, as well as eligibility for ChampVA, the free Medicare supplement. And it warms my heart when they begin, "Dear Fred." At 87, I'm still making friends, and I love it. Our AXPOW VA Outreach is a real thing!

And we have so many NSOs over the USA reaching out to help those who need someone who cares. Like Rudy Collins in Leavenworth, Washington, who reports on Dec. 17, 2009: "Just a short note to let you know of some happy campers on ALS cases that you brought to light:

Clarivel of Ephrata, WA, Olivia of Spokane, WA and Dorothy of Troy, Idaho are all now receiving benefits. Jessie of Everett, WA, Barbara of Spokane and Sharon of Billings, MT all have their cases pending and it sounds like they will be resolved shortly. And on another note, Eunice of Silesia, MT is now receiving DIC; her husband passed away several years ago from a heart condition. Her son John is eternally grateful for our help. Also expressing her thanks is Margaret of San Diego, CA as we obtained Aid & Attendance for her husband who is suffering from Alzheimer's. Vaya con Dios! Rudy" Rudy lives in Washington now, but for many years he was very active with the AXPOW Montana members when he lived there.

In Washington there is another NSO who still keeps active in many ways, Dorothy Scott of Walla Walla. Dorothy just celebrated her birthday, born Jan. 2, 1910, about the time the Model T Ford got born. And Dorothy is still a model, having served as AXPOW National Director, never missing a state convention or chapter meeting. Nor the Friday night dances at the VFW. And she dances as long as she can find someone strong enough to hold her up. When you get to be 100 years young, you need to keep on enjoying life. Dorothy, the matriarch of the Tri-Cities chapter. And she takes the cake...literally to every meeting.

outreach cont'd...

Leroy of Holton, Kansas writes: "Fred, I want to thank you for working to get me 100% Disability from the VA. My wife is in an Alzheimer's and Dementia care unit in Topeka, KS. She and I are receiving Aid & Attendance. She also got ChampVA effective back to when I received 100%, Dec. 1, 2007. This has helped a great deal, as her medicine ran \$1,925 from Jan. 1, 2009 to Aug. 8, 2009. Also received all of 2008 medicine paid. The unit cost is over \$5,000 per month. Had nursing home coverage, but depleted now. Don't know what we would have done without 100% Disability and Aid & Attendance for her and ChampVA. Merry Christmas to your family, and again thanks. Leroy"

This has been an interesting weekend, Jan 8-10, 2010. AXPOW VA Outreach goes on. Friday AM before breakfast, a call from Shirley in West Virginia. Her VA claim for DIC based on husband's death due to Lou Gehrig's disease was received on Aug. 5, 2009 in Philadelphia VARO. Follow-up letters Aug. 22 and Sept. 16; none since. "How long does it take??" I call Rating Supervisor Bill Kraus who pulls up the file as we are enphoned (new word). "I approved this 12/30/09 and sent it on for final processing. I will hand carry this and make sure this lady's claim is expedited." I asked Bill to call and tell her personally, to relieve her frustration. Bill said he'd be glad to. Friday afternoon comes a call from Shirley in West Virginia: "I just had a call from Bill Kraus and he tells me my claim is approved, effective Oct. 1, 2008. I can hardly believe it. And he was so nice. Thank you!"

Breakfast time and Lenore in Houston calls: VA letter says they are still working her Aug. 2009 claim for Pension. I tell her whoever helped her file her claim should have applied for COMPENSATION, not Pension. I told her to go to whoever helped her before to correct it. Later they tell her they will put in a new claim for her. I tell her not to have them do that, since she might lose her earlier claim date, and for her to go to the Para-

lyzed Veterans service officer at the VA to get it done right. And that's what she's done. They'll make sure she keeps her August claim date, for a larger retroactive.

E-mail from Jean in Ohio: "I just got a letter from the VA, saying my DIC was approved, and a retro check for over \$17,000 is coming. Unbelievable! Just want to thank you."

Inquiry from Camarillo, CA: "Please send me information about ALS and claim possibilities with the VA." I give her the PVA phone number in the Los Angeles VA. People are still reading Dear Abby's columns about ALS as a new presumptive for veterans.

Kelly calls from Hazard, KY: "I have learned there might be a VA benefit for my mother, as my father died of ALS years ago. How can I help her get this?" Back to PVA. I give Kelly the phone number in Louisville, VARO. Their service officers are well-trained and will help.

Amy in New Jersey calls. Her father Ken living on Cape Cod, MA, seven years a Vietnam POW, and now has Alzheimer's. He had 60% Disability with Individual Unemployability. End of December, wife Carol had a stroke leaving her right side paralyzed; now she's in rehab in Sandwich, MA. "Help!" I call our AXPOW NSO Cheryl Cerbone in South Yarmouth on Cape Cod, too. Cheryl calls in NSO Paul Galanti from NamPow and a National Director with AXPOW. Paul puts out a list-wide call for help and gets Dr. Thomas McNish (the POW Advisory Committee Chair) as well as NSO Doug Burns. Cheryl is now working with the Providence, RI VARO to get Ken and his wife in the same long-term care facility on the Cape. Cheryl, our EX-POW Bulletin editor, works with Joe Sullivan at the Providence VARO, and by the first of February, both Ken and Carol should be living together at Epoch, in Harwich, MA. Amy and her family get help, thanks to caring folks who know how the VA system can do good.

Oh, my aching back! OSTEOPOROSIS In Oct. 2008, Osteoporosis: VA ruled a VA presumptive for all veterans who had at least 10% disability rat-

ing for PTSD. On Sept. 28, 2009, VA ruled Osteoporosis a presumptive for all former prisoners of war who had served at least 90 days as POWs, with NO stipulation about PTSD.

Listen up, all former POWs who do not have at least a 60% VA disability rating. If you have been diagnosed as having osteoporosis, you need to apply to the VA for a physical examination to determine if you should have an increase in your disability rating. A POW with at least 60% disability rating is eligible to apply for 100% rating due to Unemployability.

Jan/Feb EX-POW Bulletin TAPS contacts by: AL, Fred Liddell; FL/GA, An Still & Doris Jenks; WA, Maurice Sharp; AZ, Louise Dunham; CA, Marilyn Corre; SC, Lawrence King; CT, Melanie Bussel; OH, Doc Unger; PA, Frank Kravetz; MA, Kay Arnold; IA, Betty Grinstead; MI, Robert Fletcher; TX/OK/CO/WV/NE/WI, Fred Campbell.

More happy notes: Jan. 22, from Doris Jenks. "Got a call from a Winterhaven, FL lady. She had recently gotten a letter from the VA, saying they were still processing her DIC claim. Today, she happened to check her bank account, and WOW, there was a deposit for over \$17,000. She had not received a DIC-approval letter, but the VA had already sent the very pleasing evidence of decision approval."

Jan. 23, email from Art. "My friend Mike in Wisconsin tells me his mother has begun receiving VA benefits because his father died of ALS. My father died of ALS in 1978 and I hope my mother is eligible for the widow's benefit. Whom should I contact for help in Illinois?" I give Art the Paralyzed Veterans 800 # in Chicago VARO. Outreach goes on, word of mouth.

Make Your Plans Now!
Albany, Georgia
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American POWs in Korea

by John N. Powers

Part III

Camp 3

Location

Southern 40-31-32N 125-10-15E
Northern 40-32-17N 125-10-58 E

Camp 3 was about fourteen miles (as the crow flies) southwest of Camp 5 at Pyoktong. It was located on two points of land about a mile apart on the eastern side of an estuary of the Yalu approximately six miles south of the Yalu itself.

Description

Camp 3 was first established in July or August of 1951 with the arrival of about 150 POWs. They were sent from Camp 5 on three barges. This group moved into three large buildings and proceeded to build the camp on the lower point. In late October of 1951 the survivors of the Tiger Death March were brought down from Camp 7 (part of the Apex Camps). This group was moved into Korean homes in the village. The Chinese simply told the civilians to get out. The day before the Tiger survivors came into camp a second group arrived from Camp 5. They were held in the northernmost compound, about a mile north of the camp headquarters. In March of 1952

another group of POWs was brought in to Camp 3. They were placed on the northern point with those POWs who had arrived from Camp 5 in October 1951. For one day in the spring or summer of 1952 the prisoners at the northern point were marched down to the southern point for athletic games with their fellow POWs. Other than that the two groups were kept apart.

In October of 1951 all officers were sent to Camp 2. In August of 1952 all NCOs were sent to Camp 4, the British prisoners were sent to Camp 1, and American black enlisted were sent to Camp 5. After these transfers the camp held only white American privates and corporals.

In the fall of 1951 the POWs on the southern point began construction on four or five buildings about sixty feet long and thirty feet wide. The walls were mud and the roofs were straw. They moved into them in March of 1952. Each building housed about 75 men. Charcoal was provided as a fuel for heat. About this time bunks were built for at least some of the prisoners on the northern point.

Some refer to Camp 3 as a reactionary camp or a hard labor camp for reactionaries. This may be so but whole companies from other camps were transferred here, not individuals or small groups. There was a separate Reactionary Squad set up at Camp 3. Those POWs that continuously frustrated the Chinese efforts at "re-education" were put into this squad, which eventually included about 15 men. At night they would sneak out on the road running through the camp and plant nails to flatten tires on trucks carrying Chinese troops and supplies. When they continued to harass the progressives in camp they

were put in a building apart from the company area. Finally, in September of 1952, either all or most of this squad was transferred to Camp 2-3. In addition, another twenty or so POWs were removed from their companies at the end of July 1952 and kept nearby for about a month, then also transferred to Camp 2-3. All of these men were considered troublemakers by the Chinese. Camp 2-3 was definitely a camp set up specifically for reactionaries.

For some reason, at the end of June 1953, about 90 POWs from Camp 3 were sent by truck to a location between Camp 3 and Camp 1. Most of them were housed in two long buildings while some slept under the roofs of open cattle sheds. Their only work details were to carry firewood and collect their rations from the distribution point. There was no mistreatment and they were released about 15 August when Camp 1 and Camp 3 were released.

There are references to a separate camp set up between Camp 3 and Camp 5 in May or June 1953, referred to as 3rd Company Camp 3 or Camp 3, Branch 2. It is most likely there was no such camp but instead confusion brought on by the fact that POWs in the two sections of camp were for the most part not aware of each other, small numbers of POWs were transferred from one section to the other, small numbers of POWs were isolated outside of the main sections, and by the transfer of men in June to the location near Camp 1.

There were escape attempts made at Camp 3. These men were always sentenced to hard labor of some kind.

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Food

For the September 1951 arrivals meals were rice and pumpkin broth for about a week. Then meals were rice or sorghum, changing after time to rice and sorghum mixed. In the spring of 1952 vegetables were added to the diet. A December 1952 arrival said the diet was sorghum and millet with very little rice. The food was commonly filled with worms and bugs. Those prisoners from Camp 5 said the food at Camp 3 was better.

Two meals a day was the norm. In the summer they would commonly receive a piece of bread for a snack at noon. Turnips were stored in large root cellars dug by the POWs. This allowed servings of turnip soup during the winter which cured the night blindness experienced by both the prisoners and their guards.

Medical

Little if any medical care was provided. Prisoners who were considered ill were sent to the "hospital" at Camp 1. At least one source mentions a dispensary in Camp 3 itself to which he was sent for a minor injury. Others mention sick call being held once a week. By the spring of 1952 food and medical treatment had improved, as they had at most camps at that time.

Daily Activities

The first arrivals were used to construct the buildings and roads of the camp itself. After that details consisted of moving dirt and rocks and going into the mountains for firewood. Swimming was allowed. Eventually a volleyball area was set up and equipment provided. In the fall of 1951 Communist newspapers were provided for reading material. Until August 1952 the POWs received daily political lectures. In

the spring of 1952 some, if not all, of the POWs at the northern point were marched down to the southern point for one day of athletic contests with the POWs there.

Treatment

Solitary confinement was used at Camp 3 as elsewhere. During this time an individual would be held in a small area with very little light allowed in. For the entire day they would have to sit cross-legged with their back straight. Guards would check several times an hour and jab the prisoner with a pole or bayonet if they were not sitting up. One prisoner spent six weeks this way. Some had their hands handcuffed or tied behind their backs twenty four hours a day. That meant eating off the floor like a dog and defecating in their pants. Some POWs were suspended from the wall with a rope tied to their toes and their hands tied behind their back. Breaking of minor rules led to confinement or withholding of food and soap. The progress of peace talks determined how quick the guards were to beat prisoners for breaking rules. Normal rations of food, soap, and tobacco were reduced for individuals who displayed "hostile attitudes". Displeasing your host meant you needed help adjusting your attitude. A week in the hole without blankets or heat and little food usually helped with that adjustment. One POW was held in a 4' by 8' room from November 1952 until March 1953, allowed out only for interrogation. Beatings could be severe. Prisoners would be returned to their company area with obvious cuts and bruises.

For at least a short time POWs had an exercise period each morning at which they were marched down the road and double-timed back.



In the Google Earth photo above, Camp 3 south denotes the area holding the POWs from Camp 5 who arrived in August 1951 along with the Tiger Death March survivors after their arrival in October 1951. The Chinese Headquarters area was in the middle. Camp 3 north held the October 1951 arrivals from Camp 5 and the group that arrived at the camp in March 1952. Distance on the scale refers to altitude.

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As usual, prisoners were not allowed to have much contact with other prisoners outside their company.

Clothing

On arrival at Camp 3 in the fall of 1951 the POWs were given the standard Chinese uniform to replace the uniforms they had been wearing since capture. This included Chinese tennis shoes. They were issued one blanket and one quilt per person. Anything left of their original uniforms had to be turned in when the Chinese uniforms were issued.

Mail

POWs were given their first mail from home in January 1952.

Release

At release in August 1953 Camp 3 held about 850 POWs.

Camp 4

Location 40-54N 126-02E

Camp 4 was established in August 1952 when NCOs held in the various camps were sent north to where the Wiwon Gang River enters the Yalu. At that time it became the northernmost POW camp in North Korea. The Apex camps had been closed down in October 1951. There were a few NCOs held at Camps 2-3 and 2-4.

Description

About 400 NCOs were sent by barge from Camp 5 on 14 August 1952. They left about 0930 and arrived at midnight that day. Others came by truck from Camps 1 and 3 on

15 August. One report says the village at Wiwon consisted of about 600 buildings. Others say it was the village of Kuuptiong, which is probably more accurate. No village exists there today because of an increase in the water level. Some POWs were initially held in an old schoolhouse, others in old barracks buildings. Eventually the camp held about 600 POWs. They were divided into three companies. Companies One and Two were on the north side of the river and Company Three was on the south. Each company area was surrounded by barbed wire. A rock wall separated Companies One and Two.

The majority of POWs were American. Less than fifty were British, twenty-five were Turkish, twelve Filipino, a few French, and one Japa-

nese civilian. Company One held most of the non-American POWs and about 200 Americans. Company Two consisted of about 200 Americans. The sixty African-American sergeants were in Company Three along with about 100 other Americans, the Filipinos and the Japanese.

Food

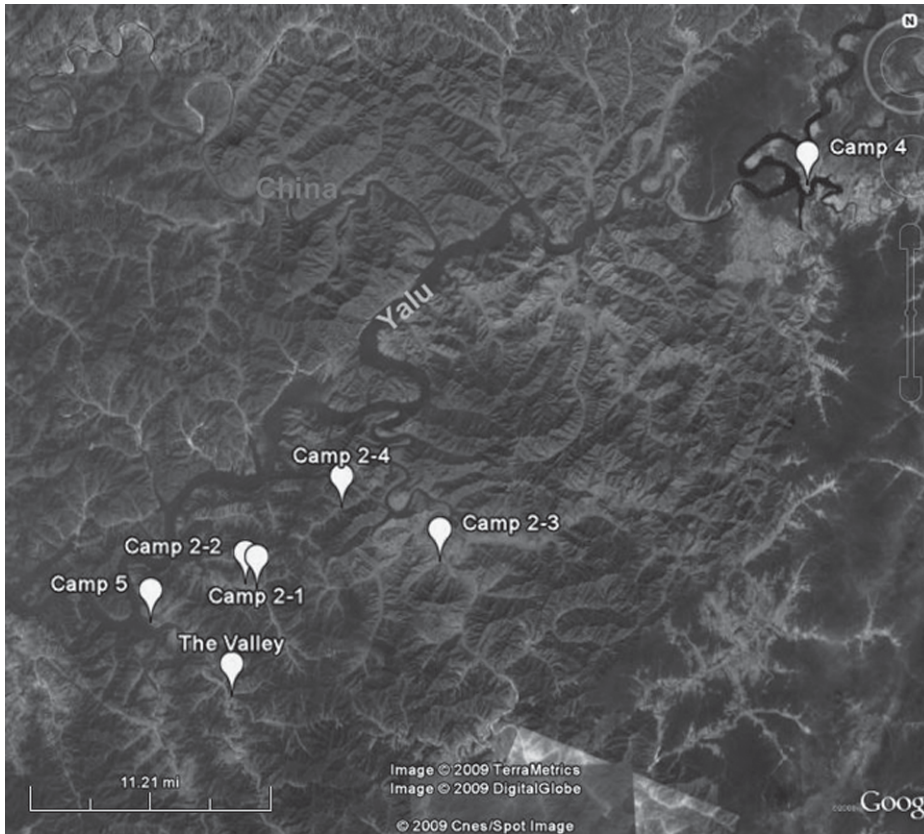
The diet at Camp 4 was more or less the same as they had experienced at other camps at that time. That meant a diet poor in quality and quantity. As usual, when the peace talks were going well the prisoners ate better. After the Armistice was signed the POWs received one can of pre-cooked beef or pork per day for every two men in addition to the normal meals.



Changes in the river level have completely flooded the area where Camp 4 existed. The NARA photo above shows the separate compounds then.

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*The Google photo shows Camp 4 in relation to Camp 5.
Camp 4 was 37 miles from Camp 5.*



Treatment

One of the first tasks of the POWs at Camp 4 was to build the rock wall between Companies One and Two. Prisoners then worked pulling grass, carrying logs for fuel, digging ditches, and building roads and bridges. One POW estimated the round trip to gather fuel wood was a twelve mile hike. The wood detail meant going into the woods with sleds to haul back the firewood.

Initially they slept on the floor like elsewhere. Around Thanksgiving 1952 bunks were built. Some form of electric lights were installed in the barracks. The standard summer and winter uniforms were issued. Brick stoves were installed in the barracks. Individuals were issued a blanket and a comforter.

It was common to sew the two together to form a sleeping bag.

In November of 1952 about 50 POWs from Camp 4 were allowed to participate in the "Olympics" held at Camp 5. This event lasted about two weeks. They traveled by barge down to Camp 5 and by truck back north to Camp 4 when the event was over.

There were limited attempts at indoctrination. That for the most part meant having to read Communist newspapers. That winter and spring they were given lectures on bacteriological warfare. Loud speakers broadcast the latest propaganda throughout the camp.

There were escape attempts at Camp 4. These POWs were held for various time periods in solitary confinement. One punishment for being uncooperative was to strip a

prisoner, hang him from a beam by two ropes tied to his wrists, then a third and shorter rope tied to his penis. He had to keep himself pulled up off the floor by the ropes on his wrists. Another prisoner was thrown into a root cellar with his hands tied behind his back. He had only the clothing he was wearing while held in a hole in the ground in December.

Medical

Medical care here improved somewhat for those arriving from Camp 1. Sanitary conditions brought a fly problem. At one point prisoners were given one cigarette per day if they killed 200 flies. They would pool their dead flies and allow different men in the squad to earn the cigarette each day. Medical treatment was minimal.

Mail

The prisoners were told they had to write "Against American Aggression" on their envelopes home. Rather than send letters home with that statement many never wrote at all.

Movement

The entire camp left on 20 August 1953 by truck for Manpo. A washed out road caused them to sleep in the trucks one night and then walk the last few miles into Manpo.

The index for the series on the Korean War is printed in the Sept/Oct 2009 issue of the EX-POW Bulletin.

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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
Beppa	.50
Bilibid Prison	1.30
Bridge House Jail, China	.50
Burma	.40
Cabanatuan #1	.50
Cabanatuan #3	2.10
Camp O'Donnell	.60
Changi, Singapore	.70
D 12, Hitachi	.90
Davao Penal Colony	.70
Fengtai, China	.50
Fukuoka #1	.90
Fukuoka #2	.90
Fukuoka #3	.90
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Fukuoka #11	.50
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Southeast Asia-Saigon, Port Area	.50
SS Oryuku Maru (Hellship)	.90
Sumatra	.90
Thailand (Siam)	.50
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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

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Brad Bennett, Superintendent

After an unusually cold and wet winter in Southwest Georgia, a few fair weather days of late have hinted at promises of spring just around the calendar corner. As the season changes, so have some faces at Andersonville National Historic Site.

At this writing, we are welcoming Mike Weinstein, on detail assignment from Fort Pulaski National Monument on the Georgia coast, north of Savannah. Mike is serving as our Acting Chief of Interpretation and Education for up to the next four months, while we seek to re-fill the position on a permanent basis. Mike brings to Andersonville a good deal of experience in running visitor services operations. He also has a solid knowledge of the Civil War, including some time at Antietam National Battlefield. Mike will be working with Lead Park Ranger Kim Douglas (formerly Humber) and Park Guides Brad Stribling and Ande Ross (both history students at nearby Georgia Southwestern University) to help our visitors understand and appreciate the American Prisoner of War story. We are also pleased to welcome back to our ranks Cashea Arrington, who had left us last fall for an opportunity out in Arizona, but is now returning home to Andersonville.

In the meantime, John Gray has been selected as our permanent Cemetery Administrator. John had done an excellent job of performing these duties on an interim basis since the position was vacated last year, and was selected for the position after an open competition. Some of you may know that John first came to Andersonville as a volunteer bugler, assisting military honor guards through the playing of Taps during funeral ceremonies. John then served as a Park Guide prior to his newest appointment. As a veteran himself who served in Vietnam, John carries out his duties with deep respect to the families who have lost a loved one, ensuring that the members of our American military who have defended our freedom are laid to rest with dignity at Andersonville National Cemetery.

In other news, Alan Marsh continues to provide exceptional oversight of the prisoner of war traveling exhibit project. After being referred to by a multitude of names, the project now has an official title: "Victory From Within: The American Prisoner of War Experience." This reflects that the battle against the enemy continues after one is captured and placed within the confines of wire, walls, or other boundaries. The title also refers to inner struggles as POWs confront mental and physical challenges and seek ultimate victory. In late January, Andersonville received Design Development II documents from Museum Design Associates (MDA) for review, which incorporated the comments made by the AXPOW project advisory committee in November. Park staff is presently working with MDA to fill in a couple of areas of text and select the final photographs. After our review and final edits are made, MDA will prepare Production Documents. During this phase of the project, MDA will prepare contract documents so that exhibit fabricators can understand all technical

aspects of the project and bid on exhibit fabrication. This is the final step in the design phase prior to actual fabrication of the exhibit. As reported in the Jan/Feb Bulletin, we are getting closer to having the \$240,000 needed to build the exhibit. The Friends of Andersonville continue to hold over \$17,500 that has been donated thus far to the POW Traveling Legacy account (including the monies some of you donated last September in Boise). Combined with the \$62,000 bequest that the Friends of Andersonville have set aside, and \$120,000 in National Park Service funds, we have collectively raised nearly \$200,000. As soon as AXPOW can raise the remaining \$40,000 in matching funds to get us to the finish line, we can proceed with a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) so that potential exhibit fabrication companies can bid on this partnership project. Your trusty colleague, Ed Dement, shared the project vision with AXPOW chapters in Florida during February. As each of you in your own State and local chapters follow suit, I'm confident that we will reach our goal!

For additional information and updates regarding the project, visit the Andersonville NHS website at: www.nps/ande, look under QUICKLINKS, then click on "POW Legacy Traveling Exhibit."

We look forward to telling your POW stories throughout America with the traveling exhibition, but we can't do it without your support. Wouldn't it be great if we could celebrate reaching our goal by the time we see each other again in September?

All donations are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to: POW Traveling Legacy and send to: Friends of Andersonville, P.O. Box 186, Andersonville, GA 31711.

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37 Years Late -
but Who's Counting?

Two civilian Ex-POWs from Vietnam have been awarded Purple Hearts and POW Medals 37 years after their release from the prison camps of North Vietnam. Both were captured during the "Tet Offensive" the Communist's abortive effort that cost the Communists thousands of casualties.

Larry Stark and Lew Meyer were captured at Hue in Quang Tri Province on February 1, 1968. Kept with Jim Thompson, the longest held POW in American history in several camps in South Vietnam and North Vietnam, they were abused nearly continuously. Stark was held for 1,859 and Meyer for 1,881 days respectively - over five years each.

Larry Stark received his Purple Heart & POW Medal from Rear Admiral Patrick Lorge, US, Commandant of the Naval District of Washington in



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the U.S. Navy Museum in the Washington Navy Yard. Lew Meyer received his similar decorations from Rear Admiral William French. He stood in his dress firefighter's uniform and couldn't stop smiling as Admiral Lynch pinned the medals on him.

A point of controversy in the American ex-POW community for years has been the status of civilian ex-POWs and whether they should have the same status in the AXPOW organization as military ex-prisoners of war.

While Stark and Meyer were civilians who worked for the Defense Department, they wouldn't ordinarily be considered for these awards. That they were members of the reserves even though not-activated might have been germane in DOD's decision to grant these awards.

What is not in dispute is that they endured the same inhumanities as their American military brethren and are full members of the Nam-POW fraternal group which includes most of the Vietnam POWs.

Lew and Larry decided to try to get the medals at the insistence of friends who emphasized that they had received the same brutal treatment experienced by the active duty military and, in fact, voluntarily subjected themselves to the Code of Conduct of the American Fighting Man as it was called at the time. Both conducted themselves honorably during periods of high stress and followed the guidance of their military "Senior Ranking Officers" (SROs). Both subjected themselves voluntarily to the American chain of command and followed the rules and regulations as promulgated by the chain of command as set up by whomever was the senior officer in their camps.

From the San Diego Union: Meyer went back to civilian life, to his wife and two sons and fire career. But it wasn't an easy transition. His family said he was different, scarred and edgy. He eventually was divorced.

"For the first few years, we had to be careful not to slam any doors around him," his brother Bill said.

About four years ago, Meyer turned to face the demons still chasing him. He got counseling through the Department of Veterans Affairs. He started opening up with those around him about what he had been through.

One of his friends is Dean Erwine, a retired Air Force colonel. They've known each other for 60 years, since junior high. It bothered Erwine that Meyer hadn't received his medals.

Erwine compiled witness statements from men who were at Hue or Rockpile with Meyer. He wrote letters and made phone calls.

"We hit a bureaucratic cement wall," Erwine said. "First they told us he needed to be attached to a particular military unit to get the medals. Then they said he wasn't eligible because he was a civilian."

Eventually, Meyer's supporters contacted Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Alpine, and Ross Perot, the wealthy Texas businessman and two-time candidate for president. Both intervened.

In November, Erwine heard through his military contacts that the medals had been approved — two Purple Hearts (one for wounds at Hue, the other for injuries during captivity) and the POW Medal.

He remembers calling Meyer and asking, "Lew, are you sitting down?"

His ceremony had the kind of sweetness in the air normally associated with graduations and weddings. Everybody smiled and took pictures and hugged. Tears of joy fell.

A similar scene played itself in Washington as Larry Stark with a large contingent of family, friends and associates received his long overdue awards. Two fine Americans were finally rewarded. And AXPOW and the Nam-POW organization applaud it heartily.

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Below is the statement I asked to be included with the testimony giving by Commander Hanson on behalf of AXPOW in Washington, DC in early March.

In 1994, a Bill was presented in the House and Senate to provide Civilian Prisoners of War with equal entitlements with their military counterparts. It read as follows:

This Act may be cited as the 'Civilian Ex-Prisoner of War Health and Disability Benefits Act of 1994'.

SEC. 2. MEDICAL CARE AND DISABILITY BENEFITS.

(a) **ELIGIBILITY-** A former civilian prisoner of war is entitled to receive necessary medical care and disability benefits for any injury or disability resulting from the period of internment or hiding. Any presumptive medical and dental condition related to a period of internment provided for former military prisoners of war under section 1112(b) of title 38, United States Code, shall be extended to former civilian prisoners of war and shall be considered to have been incurred in or aggravated by such period of internment or hiding without regard to the absence of any record of such injury.

(b) **PAYMENT OF BENEFITS-** Prompt monetary payment or reimbursement shall be facilitated for reasonable and necessary expenditures for all medical treatment, including rehabilitation, mental health services, and dental care, provided for under this section for which a claim and any documentation determined necessary by the Secretary of Labor has been filed with the Secretary of Labor.

The Bill did not pass, but 16 years later, it is even more imperative that this tiny number of American citizens captured, confined, starved and mistreated have their experiences recognized by their government.

These were children at the time of their imprisonment.

When they were repatriated back to the United States in 1945, they were still children.

In 1948, the War Claims Act of 1948 provided for civilian internees as follows:

[c] The detention benefit allowed to any person under the provisions of subsection [b] shall be at the rate of \$60 for each calendar month during which such person was at least eighteen years of age and at the rate of \$25 per month for each calendar month during which such person was less than eighteen years of age.

Virtually all living civilian POWs from WWII were rated at \$25 per month because they were under the age of 18.

Civilian POWs from WWII also received periodontal care (with limitations) as their only presumptive condition.

Currently, there are less than 1,000 of these children are alive.

There are only a handful of later Civilian POWs living.

At this time, we are asking the House and Senate to pass legislation identical to that introduced in 1994. The single difference is that, although the Dept. of Labor would oversee and administer this entitlement, the Veterans Administration would be the facility of choice for treatment.

Our reason is simple. The VA is the premier agency for former prisoners of war. There is no facility even remotely comparable in the private sector.

The cost to the Dept. of Labor is almost non-existent. As stated above, there are less than 1,000 civilian former prisoners of war alive today. A majority of the boys entered the armed forces and served their country after their liberation. They are already entitled to VA treatment. Many of the remaining few had had their medical treatment managed by private insurers through their work, and now through their retirement.

The time is now. In less than 10 years, you will be counting the surviving Civilian Prisoners of War in the dozens.

The greatest county on earth is correctly spending resources to "Care for him who shall have borne the battle". It is also correct to spend resources on the children who were caught IN the battle.

We can do no less.

Thank you.

Walter

If you served in the military after prison camp, please write and let me know. We're compiling number of Civilian POWs who then served in the military. Thanks!

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American Civilian POWs with us in Captivity

BOOTH, FATHER WILLIAM

Native of Brooklyn, New York, he was a secretary to Bishop Patrick Byrne and a Catholic missionary of the Maryknoll Order. He almost died in captivity due to a huge carbuncle on his back. The North Korean doctors, who had very little medical training, came by his hut every day and wanted to operate, but Dr. Kisch persuaded them not to do so. Father Booth survived the imprisonment but has since died in the United States.

BYRNE, BISHOP PATRICK

Apostolic Delegate from the Vatican to South Korea, an appointment he received in 1949. But, he had long been connected with Asia, having arrived in Korea in 1922. In 1927, he became the first Prefect-Apostolic to Pyongyang. Ten years later, he was moved to Japan where he was made Prefect-Apostolic to Kyoto. Father Byrne commanded respect from the Japanese. As proof of the high esteem with which he was held in their eyes, Father Byrne was not

arrested by the Japanese following the Pearl Harbor attack. The Japanese regarded him as a man devoted only to his work and beyond all suspicion of self-interest ... that, in spite of his nationality. When other American nationals, after a period of internment, were repatriated in exchange for Japanese nationals held by Japan's enemies, Father Byrne was allowed, at his own request, to remain in the Maryknoll house in Kyoto, and was still there when American troops arrived in 1945. Not surprisingly, he voluntarily remained behind to be with his flock following the North Korean attack and the subsequent evacuation of Seoul, South Korea in 1950. A man of great charm and charisma, he became a catalyst in prison who united the very divergent groups of civilian prisoners from various nationalities. He died in prison November 25, 1950, at Hanjang-ni, North Korea.

DANS, LOUIS (DANNY)

First went to Japan after World War II as a Lieutenant in the US Army, and ran rest hotels for the Army Special Services. He later resigned his commission and went to South Korea to become assistant manager of the Foreign Traders' Exchange in Seoul, a position he held until his arrest by the North Koreans. Following the fall of Seoul, Danny had moved about the capitol looking for American officials while trying to get his Army papers activated so he could be placed on active duty. But, the papers were lost and Danny was not able to obtain military credit for his time as a prisoner of the North Koreans. An accomplished entertainer and singer, he shared his talents with his fellow prisoners. Following his release, he returned to the States and lived for many years in California. His last job was as Executive Secretary, Southern California B'nai B'rith Bowling Association. He died in 1996 at Los Angeles, California.

DYER, NELL. From Conway, Arkansas, she was one of three American lady Methodist missionaries who were held by the Communists. She was captured on June 29, 1950. Before the North Korean invasion, she had been a teacher in Holston (Myung Duk in the Korean language) Girls School in Kaesong. Nell had previously endured brutal conditions during World War II when she was held by the Japanese just outside the infamous Santo Thomas prison in Manila. Dear Nellie has been Promoted to Glory at age 97.

ELTRINGHAM, WALTER. A native of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and a coal mining engineer, he had been sent to Korea by the US Economic Cooperation Administration to help in the rehabilitation of the coal mining industry. His fierce eyes and strong personality belied his caring nature. He shared part of his meager food ration with the French nuns until his death. In response to others who pleaded with him to eat all his food and not to starve himself to death, he said matter-of-factly, "I'm not hungry; it would choke me if I ate it." No one believed him. He died in prison at Hanjang-ni, North Korea, on November 17, 1950.

EVANS, WILLIAM H., SR. Born and raised in Japan, his father was an American medical doctor from Pennsylvania. His mother was Eurasian. Bill had one of the most colorful backgrounds of any of the civilian prisoners. A good storyteller, he kept the other prisoners enthralled for hours with his exploits in Korea before World War II. He was imprisoned under harsh conditions by the Japanese who controlled Korea at that time. He had made and probably lost several fortunes over the years in gold mining, but his determination to continue in his line of work never faltered. He died in prison December 12, 1950, at Hanjang-ni, North Korea.

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HALE, GEORGE. An American engineer who worked for the South Korean Government on a barge power plant in the Han River. He was married to a Korean and his brother-in-law betrayed him to the Communists. For some reason, the Communists held him with the American military POWs and not with the civilians.

He died in the autumn of 1950 in North Korea.

JENSEN, KRIS. He began life in Denmark near the end of the last century and came to America when he was 17 years of age. He knew no English when he arrived but, through dedication and hard work, he worked his way through college and seminary. He became a Methodist missionary in South Korea in the early 1930s. He was captured on June 29, 1950. In prison, he opened a school for the children of the White Russian and Tatar families.

He survived the imprisonment but has since died while again serving as a missionary to Korea.

ROSSER, HELEN. From Macon, Georgia. A Methodist missionary, she had great talent in music and in the nursing field, especially in the area of public health. She was formally arrested by the North Koreans in Kaesong, South Korea on June 29, 1950, as were all the civilians in that city, although it had fallen to the Communists four days earlier. In prison, she tried to lift the spirits of everyone by telling them, "It won't be long now." Following the war, she returned to South Korea for a few years to work with the poor. Helen is best remembered for her "Boy's Town" on Friendship Island in Pusan Harbor, South Korea, which she considered a major accom-

plishment. She has since died in the United States.

SMITH, BERTHA. From Marshall, Missouri, she was the oldest of the three American Methodist missionary ladies captured by the North Koreans in Kaesong, South Korea on June 29, 1950. Bertha had worked to help develop Korean churches before the Communist invasion.

She survived the imprisonment but has since died.

ZELLERS, LARRY. Born in Weatherford, Texas. During his service in the US Army Air Forces in World War II, Larry served as a radio operator on a cargo aircraft operating out of England. His awards are: Air Medal, WW II Victory Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

During World War II, he decided to enter Christian service. In 1948, he went to Korea as a teaching missionary of the Methodist church and was assigned to Kaesong, South Korea, where he was arrested by the North Koreans on June 29, 1950. Following his release, he completed his education and entered the US Air Force as a Chaplain, a position he held until his retirement in 1975 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was Chaplain for the Tiger Survivors. He has traveled to Japan, Korea, and Okinawa, addressing the military and civilian establishments, and has been invited to conduct a prayer breakfast at the Pentagon. He has authored a book, "In Enemy Hands," copyright 1991, University Press of Kentucky. Although now out of print, the book will be republished in paperback in November 1999.

He was promoted to Glory in Texas.

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Soldier Missing in Action from Vietnam War Identified

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced on Feb. 1, 2010 that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and returned to his family in Ft. Worth, TX.

On May 6, 1968, Army Specialist Lawrence L. Aldrich was a member of a search-and-clear mission in Binh Dinh Province in what was then South Vietnam. He was last seen with two other Americans engaged in a battle with enemy forces while manning a M-60 machine gun position. An air strike was called in, but one of the bombs inadvertently landed on Aldrich's position, killing the three soldiers. Members of his unit later recovered the remains of the two other men, but Aldrich could not be found.

Excavation in March 2009 unearthed human remains and other non-biological evidence. The identification of the remains was confirmed by matching the remains with Aldrich's dental records.

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March 5-6, 2010. The USS Houston Survivors Association Annual Reunion will be held at the Houston Downtown Doubletree Hotel. Feel free to stay a couple of days into the next week @ our *USS HOUSTON* rate, \$89.00. The group rate is now in the system - you may make your reservations by one of the following. Call 1-800-222-TREE and give the group name of *USS HOUSTON* before requesting your dates of stay. For more information, contact Lin at:
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April 7-10, 2010. The 1st Annual Descendants Group Convention, Honoring the American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor will be at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, Reno, Nevada. To reserve your hotel room, contact the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino at 800-648-5080. The Grand Sierra must receive your hotel room reservation no later than March 6, 2010, to assure rate and availability. For more information on the 2010 convention or the Descendants Group go to:
www.west-point.org/family/adbc.

April 20-21, 2010. The Department of Missouri Convention will be held at Holiday Inn Select, 2200 I-70 Drive SW, Columbia, Missouri 65203. For information contact Commander John Clark-573-445-3621 or Adjutant Treasurer, Delta J. Endecott at 816-657-4422

April 23-24, 2010. The Dept. of Tennessee convention will be held at the Guest House Inn & Suites, 2420 Music Valley Drive, Nashville, TN. Call 615-885-4030 for reservations. The special rate will be hon-

ored for 3 days before and 3 days after the convention.

April 28-29, 2010. The Dept. of Minnesota will have their 24th Annual Conference, with the Annual Board Meeting the evening of April 27th. The Conference will be held at the Best Western Kelly Inn, 100 4th Ave. S, Saint Cloud, MN 56301. Call 800-780-7234 for the special rate for ex-POWs.

June 3-6, 2010. The Dept. of Arizona State Convention will be held at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino, I-10 & Wild Horse Pass Blvd (exit 162). Call 800-946-4452 for discounted room rates \$82.00 per night + tax, suites \$122.00 + tax. Cut-off date for room reservations is May 4, 2010. Please contact POW-WOW Chapter #1 Commander, David Mills 480-473-8259 or Debby Lindhurst at dlindy-p38@ATT.net.

June 10-12, 2010. The Dept. of New York will hold its annual convention in New York City. Contact Wm. Lee Birch, 190 Bethel Loop, #10-H, Brooklyn, NY 11239. 718-642-7647 for more information.

June 11-12, 2010. The Department of West Virginia will hold its annual convention at the Holiday Inn, Bridgeport, WV. For information, contact Okla & Arlene Edgell, 212 Maplewood Dr., Fairmont, WV 26554; 304-363-5790.

June 24-26, 2010. The Department of North Carolina will hold its Annual State Convention at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux at 1707 Owen Drive, Fayetteville, NC. For reservation call 1-910-323-0111 or 1-877-807-2013. You should arrive on the 24th and leave on the 26th. All Convention activities will be on the 25th including the Banquet. For additional information, call Commander Hugh Howard phone 1-919-4460 or contact Paul Dallas at 910-867-2775 or by email threatt273@aol.com.

June 26, 2010. The Oregon Trail Chapter of the Korean War Veterans will hold a commemoration ceremony of the 60th anniversary of the Korean War. It will begin at 10AM at the Oregon Korean War Memorial located in the Wilsonville Town Center Park at 29600 Southwest Park Place, Wilsonville, OR. Contact Don at dnldcoh6@aol.com or phone Red at 503-655-7812.

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

looking
for



I am looking for a family member of Lewis H Kirby (no home town listed). Mr. Kirby was with the 192nd Tank Bn at Ft. Knox, KY in Oct. 1941. He was Burlen C Cupp's best friend. I have a "full dress" photo of Mr. Kirby that I would like to return to his family. Contact: Maxine Cupp, 1325 Richwood Dr., Sumter, SC 29153; 803-775-9738.

My uncle was a POW during WWII. His name was **Charles H Sears, US Army**. His brothers were Luther Sears, US Navy and Warren Sears, US Army. They were from Cape Cod, Massachusetts. My uncle captured in Oct. 1944 while serving in the Infantry. He was held in Stalag 2B Hammerstein, West Prussia until liberated. All I was ever told was that he survived on potato peels and that he was about to be terminated when his camp was liberated. Thanks. Ed Sears, 5500 East Doubletree Road, Pahrump, NV 89061.

News Briefs

Brain Scan Identifies PTSD

A group of Minnesota scientists say they can identify people who have post-traumatic stress disorder by studying their brain signals. A recently-released study on the research conducted at the Brain Sciences Center at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center documents what the scientists call the discovery of the first "biological marker" for PTSD: a distinctive pattern of brain signals that can be detected with a \$2 million device called magnetoencephalography. The study, "The synchronous neural interactions test as a functional neuromarker for PTSD: a robust classification method based on the bootstrap," was recently published in the Journal of Neural Engineering.

Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) of WWII

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX) confirmed that the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) of World War II will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 11:00 AM at the U.S. Capitol.

Last March, Senator Hutchison introduced legislation together with Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) to honor these women pilots, who have never received formal or public recognition for their wartime service to the United States. Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL) sponsored the House version of the bill. President Barack Obama signed the bill into law (Public Law 111-40) on July 1, 2009.

WASP were the first women in history to fly American military aircraft. More than 60 years ago, they flew fighter, bomber, transport, and training aircraft in defense of America's

freedom. They faced overwhelming cultural and gender bias against women in non-traditional roles and overcame multiple injustices and inequities in order to serve their country. Through their actions, the WASP eventually were the catalyst for revolutionary reform in the integration of women pilots into the Armed Services.

The Congressional Gold Medal is awarded by Congress and, along with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, is the highest and most distinguished honor a civilian may receive. The award is bestowed for exceptional acts of service to the United States or for lifetime achievement. Once approved by Congress, the U.S. Mint designs and creates each gold medal so that it uniquely represents the individual or event being honored. The original medal will be displayed at the Smithsonian Institution.

Of the 1,102 women who received their wings as Women Airforce Service Pilots, approximately 300 are living today.

WASP and family members of deceased WASP are encouraged to contact Women in Military Service for America Memorial immediately to confirm they are on the list. They can be reached at 703-533-1155 or wasp@womensmemorial.org.

White House Seeks \$125 Billion for Veterans in 2011

To expand health care to a record-number of Veterans, reduce the number of homeless Veterans and process a dramatically increased number of new disability compensation claims, the White House has announced a proposed \$125 billion budget next year for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The \$125 billion budget request, which has to be approved by Congress, includes \$60.3 billion for discretionary spending (mostly health care) and \$64.7 billion in mandatory funding (mostly for disability compensation and pensions).

"VA's 2011 budget request covers many areas but focuses on three central issues that are of critical importance to our Veterans - easier access to benefits and services, faster disability claims decisions, and ending the downward spiral that results in Veterans' homelessness," Shinseki said.

BrainPort Vision

For those who are blind, the non-surgical BrainPort vision device is an investigational assistive device for orientation, mobility, object identification, and spot reading. It enables perception of visual information using the tongue and camera system as a paired substitute for the eye. Visual information is collected from a video camera and translated into gentle electrical stimulation patterns on the surface of the tongue. Users describe it as pictures drawn on their tongue with champagne bubbles. With training, users may perceive shape, size, location, and motion of objects in their environment. The BrainPort vision device is intended to augment rather than replace other assistive technology such as the white cane or guide dog. The BrainPort device was demonstrated by Cpl. Mike Jernigan, a medically retired Marine who lost both eyes after being wounded by a roadside bomb in Iraq in 2004.

Dr. Amy Nau, an optometrist and director of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Eye Center Contact Lens and Low Vision Services, is conducting a nationwide search for blind veterans of all ages to participate in a research study on BrainPort. Once study participants have been trained on the device, they will return home where they will be asked to use the BrainPort daily and document their experiences and findings. If you are a veteran of the U.S. military and are legally blind, you may qualify to participate in the BrainPort study. For more information, contact the medical center at (412) 647-2481.



AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR VOLUNTEER FUNDING PROGRAM



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National Convention
September
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Albany Georgia

Your Stories



A Lasting French Connection

Cloteen Cowan
(as shared with Fred Campbell)
305 Oxford Lane
Harrison, AR 72601

Kirby died suddenly on Dec. 23, 2009. My husband was proud to be a member of the 8th Air Force, 96th BG, 339th BS, flying out of England during WWII, as a B-17 radio operator.

Participating in the Normandy Invasion, on June 22, 1944, they were part of a bombing raid over Gennevilliers, a district near Paris. Their plane took a direct hit, which tore the tail section away completely. Of the ten-man crew, Kirby was one of only three survivors. His parachute brought him to a landing beside the Alibert-Duval

foundry. He was found by three teenage boys, one of whose father worked at the foundry. Germans were on patrol nearby, but the boys hid him behind some barrels and a pile of sand. Rene Duval soon had Kirby taken to the house run by the French underground. All was well for a few days, but then one of the underground men drove Kirby and an Aussie and a Canadian, all downed airmen, to another safe area, only to run into a German roadblock; they found the driver had betrayed them. The airmen were all in civilian clothes, and as prisoners they were taken to the famous death prison, Buchenwald, in Germany.

After two months at Buchenwald, the German Luftwaffe found the Allied airmen the Germans had taken there, and they were now moved to the Luftwaffe's Stalag Luft III at Sagan, Germany (now in Poland). After a blizzard march to Spremberg in late January 1945, and a crowded boxcar ride to Moosburg's prison camp 7A, release came on April 29, 1945, liberated by General Patton's Army.

Year's later, the Buchenwald airmen attended a reunion ceremony in Gennevilliers that honored WWII

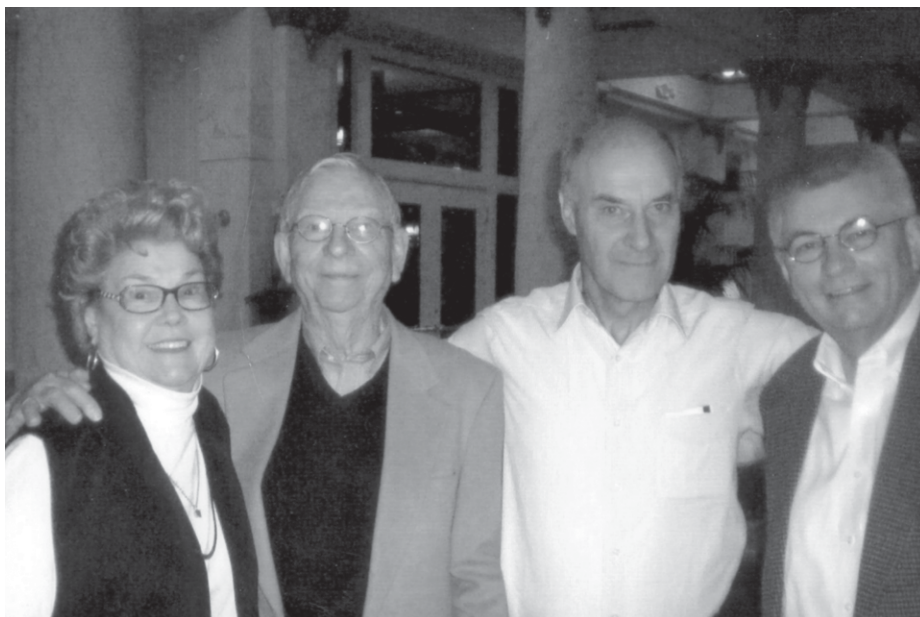
veterans, and as they toured the Duval factory Kirby finally met Edouard Duval, whose uncle Rene Duval had helped hide them from the Germans. Edouard Duval kept in touch with Kirby and me. Over the years, we went to Paris a couple times and even met the three young French boys, now grown and married, who hid Kirby after his plane was shot down.

Duval's seven aircraft parts factories supply American companies such as Boeing. In his travels to America, Edouard visited us a few hours in Little Rock. It was the first time he had ever been in Arkansas.

The second time was when he came for Kirby's funeral in Harrison in late December 2009. We just feel fortunate to have known him. Duval said to me by phone from Paris, "You know Kirby and the American boys came to help us in our time of need. We felt fortunate to help him in his time of need. I have great respect for Kirby. He was a very humble man."

We felt honored that Edouard Duval came to this small town in Arkansas to attend the funeral of my husband. I was moved by his actions, to repay just a small part of the debt he felt he owed. Isn't it something that he would take the time during the holidays to come that distance for something that happened 65 years ago? His feelings for Kirby were heartfelt, as he voiced a beautiful eulogy during Kirby's memorial service.

He said to me, "If it had not been for men like Kirby, I might not be running the business that was founded by my grandfather. If we are free today, it's because of these young men, these young Americans."



Cloteen & Kirby Cowan (left) with their son, far right and Edouard Duval

Members' forum



Dear Cheryl,

RE: Your Stories, page 23, Pictures of the Past, Jan/Feb 2010

As Paul Harvey used to say, "This is the rest of the story" (from Harvey Horn)

Vince and I share a common bond other than being POWs in WWII. We both survived ditching into the Adriatic Sea.

I was a navigator, based at the Celoni Air Field, northwest of Foggia, Italy. On March 20, 1945, my B-17 "Pretty Baby's Boys" was hit by flak over Zagreb, Yugoslavia. We barely cleared the Yugoslavian Alps and came over Fiume, Italy, now Rijeka, Croatia. Thanks to the extraordinary skill and courage of 1st Lt. pilot John Lincoln and co-pilot 2nd Lt. Lorin Millard, they were able to ditch the plane with one engine fire, 2 dead and only one turning over. All ten of us survived and were captured by the German Navy.

Now the rest of the story...

My wife, Minerva, and I were planning to visit Budapest as part of a travel tour. When I learned about Vince's prison history, I volunteered to meet Nador Mohos, ie, Nandi, to take pictures. Nandi's effort to obtain entry was turned down because it is an active jail.

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Oct. 20, 2009 was a special day for me. We arrived at the prison in the afternoon and Nandi who was accompanied by Peter Snoj. Peter is the leader of the Hungarian US Army of WWII Living History Group. They are Re-enactors. They have collected original items and reproductions of US Army from WWII. They put on military shows wearing uniforms like we used to wear, for example: infantry uniforms (M41 jacket, M1937 pants, gaiters, etc), airborne and air force uniforms.

They try to be as authentic as they can be, so in these military shows they live in original tents, listen to jazz and swing, do some training, and recreate some battles of WWII like the Battle of the Bulge or the famous Normandy Invasion, with blank firing weapons.

In Szigliget (Western Hungary, at Lake Balaton), there is a memorial monument, which stands for the fallen US airmen. On the memorial there are 5 names of a B-24 crew, which was shot down in the area, over Balaton, on June 30, 1944. They travel every year on June 30th to lay a wreath in commemoration. Nandi and an American war historian, Sparky Bohnstedt, were able to find the last remaining member of that crew.

The prison is located at Kozma Street 13. 10 Kerulet (10th District). I had expected to see a prison with high grey walls, guard towers on each of the four corners,

manned by Hungarian guards. Instead, it was a relatively low building made of red brick on a triangular-shaped lot near a cemetery. Pictures show barged wires across the top of the wall with one guard tower. The lower façade was plastered with a grey mix. I learned later that the grey wall was added in an effort to blend the jail with the surrounding scenery.

A prison guard directed us to a side metal door over which was a sign in Hungarian. Translated it read "Memorial Place at Small Prison". It could have read "Through this door passed Lt. Vincent Lisanti and crew, 460th BG, 15th AF.

I had mixed emotions. My mind went back 65 years when I was taken POW by the Germans in Fiume, Italy.

The picture shows Nandi and me holding a "certificate of apprecia-



OCT 20, 2009 NANDI AND ME ALONGSIDE THE PRISON WALL

members forum, cont'd...

tion" made by Vince and the prison as it is today.

Nandi and the US Army of WWII Living History Group are keeping alive the sacrifices made by the American forces during WWII to defeat the German war machine.

Vince is an indispensable member of the Hudson Valley Chapter, AX-POW. He is also my dear friend.

Harvey Horn,
Past Commander
Hudson Valley Chapter

Dear Editor:

I am an Ex-POW from North Korea and China. Student Juliana Handy asked me for an interview for a Social Studies Fair. Below is the letter of thanks I received from her.

Shelby Creel
204 Somerset Dr.
Monroe, LA

*Mr. Shelby & Mrs. Erma,
I just wanted to write a quick note and let you know that JP and I are doing very well in school and the first few months of our marriage have been wonderful! I also wanted to share something with you, Mr. Shelby.*

Ever since I gave my Social Studies fair project on your experience during the war, it has impacted my life and many others. I have shared with many friends and family of the sacrifice that you gave for our country. Many of these people have expressed gratitude and a deep respect for you because of your willingness to share your story with a 15 year old girl. Mr. Shelby, your legacy as a strong and one of the bravest men I know will echo on into eternity. My freedom is dedicated to you. You have challenged me in many ways that you will never know and I am so deeply respectful of you for the sacrifice you gave our coun-

try and the acknowledgment that our country gave back to you by awarding you the Purple Heart (your Purple Heart is the only real one I have ever seen).

As long as I am alive, with your permission, I will continue to respect you and share your story. Our country is indebted to you and I just wanted to thank you so very much for impacting my life and JPs life with your life of steadfastness and bravery. You will NEVER be forgotten! We love both of you dearly.

Sincerely, Juliana Handy

Cheryl

You are a treasure. Thank you so much for putting me in touch with Vincent. He was the pilot of the B-24 my father was tail gunner on that was shot down. I read Vincent's article in the current issue of the newsletter. I have talked to him a couple of times and emailed. My brother and I are going to go visit Vince in April. I hope to get to meet Art Schleger also, as Vince told me he and Daddy were good friends, being the quiet guys in the group. Keep up your great work! Thanks again.

Vicki Dotson Sherbs
vickrandan@frontiernet.net
2348 Clifton Salem Road
Bruceton Mills, WV 26525

Hi Cheryl, For the Bulletin:

AXPOW Legacy

The primary goal of AXPOW is to educate the public of the sacrifices that American Ex-Prisoners of War made in the history of our nation.

Today, there are thousands of ex-prisoners of war, their spouses, children, and grandchildren that make up membership in AXPOW. It is a lineage based membership organization. Thus, it is different from most veteran's organizations. It is this difference that enhances

transition to become a legacy group.

Our current members made up of many children and grandchildren are already educating the public. The ex-prisoners, spouses, children and grandchildren join together in Veterans Day parades, in annual April Memorabilia Days, in September MIA/POW Recognition Days, annual national and state conventions, and monthly chapter meetings.

If and when our ex-prisoners of war membership continue to decline, (Another war might change that.), then, descendants can carry on. We already have over six hundred next-of-kin as members, some of whom are in high national and state positions. With their leadership we could grow to thousands of members embracing the pride in their ex-prisoner ancestors as the members of the Mayflower Society and the son and daughter groups of the American Revolution.

As the slow transition to a legacy organization takes place, the next-of-kin can form their own social bonds, just as we ex-prisoners have done. They can promote peace and patriotism in parades and other holidays. They would walk the halls of congress in March just as our ex-prisoners have done.. They will step forward to make speeches on MIA/POW RECOGNITION DAY. They will display our memorabilia in April at the VA.

If we take special pains to preserve the viability of AXPOW, stay within budget, and build a solid bottom line, the future is good. We must also make room for our current next-of-kin to organize, lend ideas, and surface enthusiastic, talented next-of-kin leaders.

Lew Sleeper
National Director, Southwest

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American Ex-Prisoners of War Candidate for National Office 2010



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National Convention Tentative Agenda Sept. 21-26, 2010

Tuesday Sept. 21:
National Service Officer
Training
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Wednesday Sept. 22:
National Board of Directors
Meeting
Registration Desk Open
Hospitality Room Open
Hospitality Room
Evening Entertainment

Thursday Sept. 23:
Daytrip to Andersonville
Opening Ceremonies at
Andersonville National Historic
Site and the National POW
Museum

Friday Sept. 24:
Past National Commanders
Breakfast
General Business Session
Camp Reunions
Hospitality Room
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Balloting
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Welcome to Albany Georgia!

Albany Georgia is the heart of Plantation Trace, the southern portion of Georgia's Southern Rivers Region. Founded on the bank of the Flint River, Albany is located 183 miles southwest of Atlanta and 80 miles northwest of Tallahassee. Albany, the Pecan Capital of the World, is known for quail hunting. What is not as well known is, Albany is the true birthplace of the late blues legend, Ray Charles!

Albany is called the Good Life City. In Albany, there is something for everyone, from family fun at Chehaw, to the excitement of Albany State University football and arena football; from plays and musicals to BMX races; from jazz concerts to art exhibits

and numerous churches.

Everyone loves good cuisine and great shopping.

Albany has a variety of restaurants and shops that are unique to this city as well as well known chains that are loved by everyone. Get a taste of Albany at one of the exclusively Albany restaurants. Enjoy shopping at one of the exclusive shops. Or shop at the Albany Mall.

Must see attractions include an aquarium built around a 175,000 gallon blue hole spring, a wild animal park, the Southeast's largest

collection of sub-Saharan African art, information and memorabilia about the 1960s Albany Georgia Civil Rights Movement, a house whose cellar housed food supplies for the Confederate Navy during the Civil War and more.

Located in Downtown Albany on Front Street between Oglethorpe Blvd. and Broad Avenue, directly across the street from Hilton Garden Inn, Ray Charles Plaza, designed by landscape architectural firm Jordan, Jones and Gouling of Norcross Georgia, sits on the bank of the Flint River and gives park visitors the experience of a Ray Charles performance. A revolving, illuminated, bronze statue of Ray Charles seated at a baby grand piano, the work of sculptor Andy Davis, is the park's centerpiece. As water flows down the sides of the statue, music by the legendary blues singer plays on the park's loudspeakers. Students from Georgia Academy for the Blind assisted Mr. Davis with the design. The students and Mr. Davis also designed a touchable miniature version of the statue that features markings in braille.

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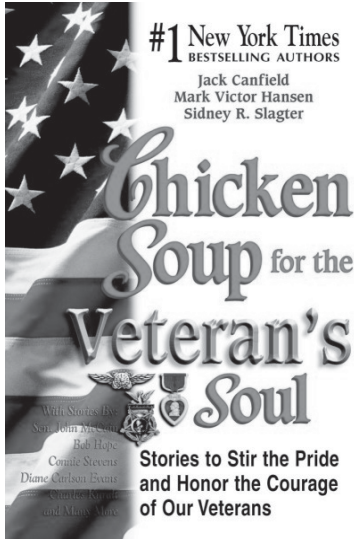
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defending the freedom we all share. *Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul* celebrates these extraordinary men and women who changed the course of history.

You will be overcome with emotion from these powerful true stories of veterans and their families, many of whom are sharing their experiences for the first time. Whether they were Prisoners of War, Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, USO volunteers, loved ones who waited at home, or GIs who battled daily in the trenches, they all put their dreams on hold, held fast to their faith and overcame their fears in the name of freedom.

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Conflict and Theater of Operation

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new members

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New Annual Members Welcome Home!

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WWII Trivia

This is from Col D. G. Swinford, USMC, Ret and history buff. You would really have to dig deep to get this kind of ringside seat to history:

1. The first German serviceman killed in WW II was killed by the Japanese (China , 1937), the first American serviceman killed was killed by the Russians (Finland 1940); highest ranking American killed was Lt Gen Lesley McNair, killed by the US Army Air Corps. So much for allies.

2. The youngest US serviceman was 12 year old Calvin Graham, USN. He was wounded and given a Dishonorable Discharge for lying about his age. His benefits were later restored by act of Congress.

3. At the time of Pearl Harbor, the top US Navy command was called CINCUS (pronounced 'sink us'), the shoulder patch of the US Army's 45th Infantry division was the Swastika, and Hitler's private train was named 'Amerika.' All three were soon changed for PR purposes.

4. More US servicemen died in the Air Corps than the Marine Corps. While

completing the required 30 missions, your chance of being killed was 71%.

5. Generally speaking, there was no such thing as an average fighter pilot. You were either an ace or a target. For instance, Japanese Ace Hiroyoshi Nishizawa shot down over 80 planes. He died while a passenger on a cargo plane.

6. It was a common practice on fighter planes to load every 5th round with a tracer round to aid in aiming. This was a mistake. Tracers had different ballistics so (at long range) if your tracers were hitting the target 80% of your rounds were missing. Worse yet tracers instantly told your enemy he was under fire and from which direction. Worst of all was the practice of loading a string of tracers at the end of the belt to tell you that you were out of ammo. This was definitely not something you wanted to tell the enemy. Units that stopped using tracers saw their success rate nearly double and their loss rate go down..

7. When allied armies reached the Rhine, the first thing men did was pee in it. This was pretty universal from the lowest private to Winston Churchill and Gen. Patton (who had himself photographed in the act).

8. German Me-264 bombers were capable of bombing New York City, but they decided it wasn't worth the effort.

9. German submarine U-120 was sunk by a malfunctioning toilet.

10. Among the first 'Germans' captured at Normandy were several Koreans. They had been forced to fight for the Japanese Army until they were captured by the Russians and forced to fight for the Russian Army until they were captured by the Germans and forced to fight for the German Army until they were captured by the US Army.

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11. Following a massive naval bombardment, 35,000 United States and Canadian troops stormed ashore at Kiska, in the Aleutian Islands. 21 troops were killed in the assault on the island. It could have been worse if there had been any Japanese on the island.

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Friday, June 25, 2010 | National Museum of the United States Air Force

Korean War veterans will be honored during this spectacular event.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base celebrates freedom during the sixth annual Tattoo, featuring live music, aircraft fly-overs and a fireworks show. Admission is free. Preferred parking and seating will be available to Korean War veterans and their guests (reservations due June 1, 2010). Pre-show activities begin at 4:30 p.m. and the main show begins at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase during the event.

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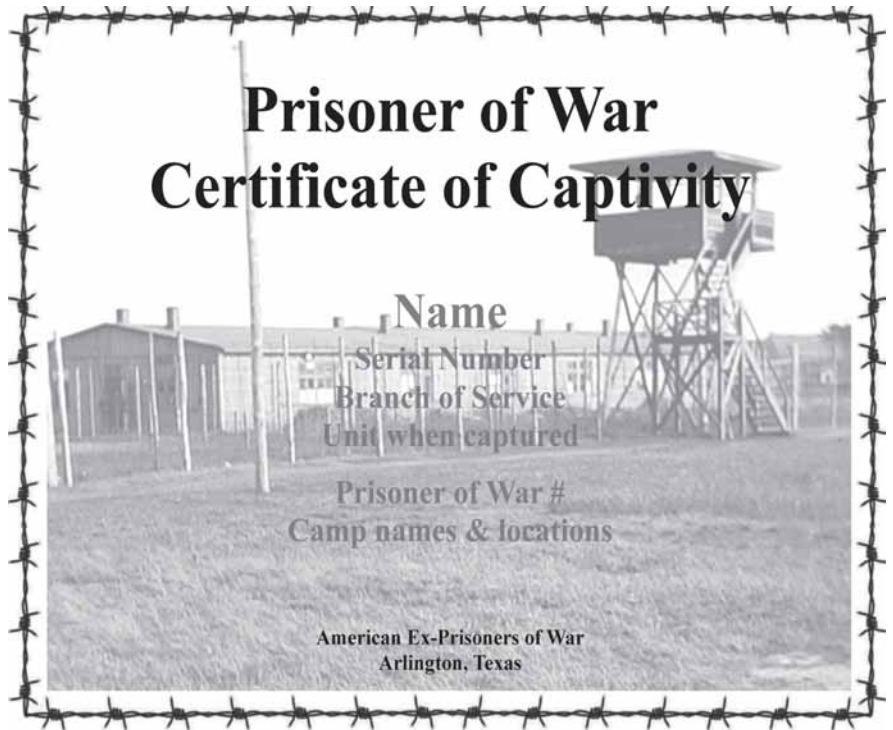
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ANDREWS, Concetta (Connie), 73, of Cochran, PA died Dec. 9, 2009. She was a member of the Barbed Wire Assn. of NW PA, where she served as adjutant for several years. She leaves her husband of 56 years, ex-POW Harold, 1 son, 1 daughter, 4 sisters, 5 brothers, 6 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

AUSTIN, Donald M., long-time member of the 49ers Chapter, AXPOW, passed away December 20, 2009. He was a navigator with the 8th AF, and was a POW from the European Theatre. Survivors include his wife, Ruby.

BAILEY, Paul, of Stuart, FL died Dec. 5, 2009 at the age of 85. During WWII, he was captured while serving with the 45th Infantry Division in Europe. Paul was an active member of the Suncoast Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Martea, 2 sons, 2 sisters, 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

BARKER, Mary Whiteside, 82, of Waco, TX passed away Dec. 30, 2009. She was the beloved wife of NSVC Morris Barker for 62 years. Before retiring, Mary was a teacher. In addition to her husband, she leaves 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 1 sister. She will be remembered for her happy spirit, smiling face, kindness, and generosity.

BARWICK, Louis, of Sunrise, FL died Jan. 8, 2009 at the age of 85. He was a member of the Oakland Park Chapter, AXPOW, serving as commander at the time of his death. Lou served with the 15th AF, 97th BG, 341st BS. He was captured and held at Frankfort and 7B. He will be greatly missed by his 2 sons, 2 stepdaughters and many grandchildren and friends.

BASARA, Frank J., of Aston, PA died Dec. 17, 2009. He was 88. Frank served with the 803rd Army Engineer Battalion. He was captured on Bataan and endured the Bataan Death March and 3 years of captivity. He was a member of the Tri-State Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his loving wife, Rita, 1 son, 1 daughter, 3 stepsons, 1 stepdaughter, 2 brothers, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

BITTNER, Helen M. of Windom, MN passed away Nov. 25, 2009 at the age of 82. She as a member of the Prairieland Chapter, AXPOW and the beloved wife of ex-POW John. In addition to her husband, survivors include 1 daughter and 1 grandson.

BROWDER, Mary M. member of the East Texas Chapter, AXPOW, passed away Dec. 15, 2009. She lived in Tyler. Mary loved to entertain friends and family, read and play cards. She leaves her husband of 55 years, Jack, 1 sister, 1 brother, nieces, nephews and many friends.

BURTON, LAUREL of Port Angeles, WA passed away in late 2009. Laurel was formerly a member of the Olympic Peninsula Chapter for many years, and when it ceased to exist, she joined the Tacoma chapter and has been a faithful member for the past several years.

COFFIN, Bruce E., of Sun City West, AZ passed away January 1, 2010. He was wounded in action in France, November 1944 and was taken prisoner and held until liberation. Bruce was a loyal member of Agua Fria Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Ginny, and 4 children and grandchildren.

COLLINS, John D. of Houston, TX died January 20, 2010 at the age of 85. During WWII he was with the 8th AF, 2nd AD, 467th BG at Rackheath, England. He bailed out over Germany in August 1944, was captured and held at Stalag Luft IV. He leaves behind his best friend and wife of 62 years, Evon, 3 children, 3 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and a sister. He was a proud life member of Texas Gulf Coast Chapter, AXPOW.

COPPING, Mabel L., 93, of Talcotville, CT died Jan. 6, 2010. She was the widow of ex-POW Richard "Rusty" (45th Div., 157th Inf.). She was a life member of the Connecticut Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 1 sister.

COSGRAY, Floyd J., 85, of Stockbridge, MI passed away Dec. 3, 2009. He was captured while serving in the AAC during WWII; he spent 9 months in various POW camps. Floyd was a life member of AXPOW. He is survived by his loving wife, Eleanor, and two daughters and their families.

CUFF, Frank, of New Bern, NC, died December 6, 2009. He served in the 507th Parachute Inf. Reg., and was a POW in Stalag 7A. A member of AXPOW since 1982, he is survived by his wife of 64 years, Florence, 1 son, 3 daughters, 9 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and many friends. He was loved by all.

CUNNINGHAM, Jack Rush, 86, of McDonald, PA passed away Nov. 13, 2009. He was captured while serving with the 8th AF, 306th BG, 369th

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BS and held in Stalag 17B. Jack was a member of AXPOW. He leaves his loving wife of 24 years, Kathleen, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

CZARNECKI, Leonard F., of Camp Hill, PA died Dec. 17, 2009 at the age of 84. He was captured at the Battle of the Bulge while serving in the Army. Leonard was a member of the Capital City Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by 1 daughter, 2 sons, 1 brother, 5 grandchildren and 1 niece.

DETILLION, Ross W., 92, of Spokane Valley, WA passed away Sept. 25, 2009. He served with the 8th AF, 100th BG during WWII. He was captured and held in Stalag 17B. Ross was a member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his loving wife of 62 years, Doris, 1 stepson, 4 granddaughters and 7 great-grandchildren.

ELLIS, Robert William, 92, of Bridgeport, WV died Dec. 8, 2009. He was captured at the Battle of the Bulge while serving with the 28th Div., 110th Inf. during WWII. Robert is survived by his wife, Phyllis, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 1 brother and several nieces and nephews.

ENSTAD, Robert J., of Duluth, MN died Oct. 4, 2009. He was 89. Bob was a pilot during WWII; his plane was shot down and he and his navigator spent 11 months in POW camps. Bob is survived by his wife of 67 years, Jeanne, 2 daughters, 1 brother, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

ERICKSON, Harold J., of Eau Claire, WI passed away Dec. 12, 2009. He was 87. During WWII, he was captured over Bordeaux, France and held 18 months in Luft 1, Barth. He

was a member of the Wisconsin Indianhead Chapter, AXPOW. Harold was predeceased by his wife, Gladys; survivors include 3 daughters, 10 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

FESSEL, Carl Edward, 85, of Louisville, KY died November 24, 2009. 'Eddie' was a Staff Sergeant with the 8th AF, 390th BG, 570th BS. He was captured and held more than 13 months in Stalag 17B. He leaves 2 daughters, 1 son, 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

FIFE, James R., longtime member and past commander of Mass. Chapter 1, AXPOW, passed away Nov. 19, 2009 in Needham, MA. He was 86. Jim was captured while serving with the AAC during WWII. His wife, Lillian (also a member and officer of Chapter 1) survives him; he also leaves 3 sons, 3 grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many friends.

FREEMAN, George R., of Dallas, Texas, died December 5, 2009. George was a member of the Fort Worth Chapter. He served with 386 BG 555 BS and was held in Luft 3 and Nurnburg. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Gail.

FRIEDMAN, David, 86, of Boynton Beach, FL died Dec. 4, 2009. He was a POW in Stalag 2A during WWII. A Past Commander of the Suncoast Chapter, AXPOW, he is survived by 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

FYLER, Carl, past commander of the Topeka Kansas chapter, AXPOW, died Nov. 11, 2009 at the age of 88. Carl was captured while serving with the 8th AF, 303rd BG, 360th BS; he was held in Luft 1, Barth for 510 days. Carl was an activist regarding POW benefits, working to get every entitlement for every former POW. Survivors include his wife, Marguerite.

GARCIA, ROBERT A., 87, passed away in October, 2009. He served in WWII with the 8th AF, 303rd BG,

359th BS flying on the B-17 "Good Enuf". He was a POW in Stalag 17B for 24 months. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patricia. They were both lifetime members of AXPOW, Tri-Cities Chapter, Kennewick, WA.

GIENAU, Glenn LeRoy, 86, of Alma, NE died July 4, 2009. He was during WWII with the 8th Div., 351st BG. He was shot down, captured and held in Stalag 17B. Glenn leaves 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

GIERING, Judith M., of Clinton, CT died Dec. 29, 2009 at the age of 83. She was the wife of Connecticut Chapter Commander Edward J. Giering who died Nov. 29th. Both were life members of AXPOW. She is survived by 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

GODINO, Peter N., of Fresno, CA died in January 2010. Peter was born in Italy and came to America with his parents. He joined the AAC, serving with the 461st BG. He was shot down, captured and held until liberation. Peter leaves four daughters and their families. He will be missed by them and his AXPOW family in Fresno Chapter #1.

GOLEC, Norma, age 84, passed away Nov. 24, 2009. She lived in Eastpointe, MI and was a life member of the Wolverine Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Teofil (ex-POW), 2 daughters, 1 son and 7 grandchildren.

HALL, Vaughn T., of Spartanburg, SC, died March 24, 2009. He served with the 24th Div. 66th Med Tank and was held in Bean Camp, Camp 1 and Mining Camp in Korea. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Blanche.

HILDEBRAND, Helen M., 91, of Lynden, WA died July 30, 2009. Her husband "Bernie" predeceased her; both were life members of AXPOW and active members of the Fourth

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Corner Chapter. Helen is survived by 3 sons, 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

HOOLKO, Nicholas John Sr., of Brick, NJ passed away Jan. 14, 2010 at the age of 85. Nick served with the 356th BS, 306th BG, 8th AF. His Flying Fortress was shot down and he was captured. He spent the remainder of the war in Stalag 357. Nick was a life member of AXPOW. He leaves his wife, Renee, 2 daughters, 1 son and 3 grandchildren.

HOWLE, Russell E., 87, of Mineola, TX died July 25, 2009. He was a POW in Stalag 17B. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Virginia, 1 son, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

JACOBSON, Margaret J "Peggy", of Anaconda, MT died Jan. 14, 2010 at the age of 79. She was the wife of ex-POW Lyle, captured in Korea while serving with the 7th Cav., 1st Cav. Div. She was a life member of AXPOW. Peggy is survived by her loving husband, 3 children and 4 grandsons.

JIMENEZ, Laureano R., of Daleville, AL passed away August 28, 2009. He was 78. In Sept. 1950, he was deployed to Korea; he was captured and spent 28 months on forced marches and various POW camps. He leaves his wife, Soon Nyn, 1 son, 2 stepdaughters, 2 brothers, 3 sisters and 8 grandchildren.

KARNES, Herbert M., of Okeechobee, FL died Dec. 30, 2009. During WWII, he served with the 106th Inf. Div. at the Battle of the Bulge where he was captured. He was held in Stalag 11B until liberation. Herbert is survived by 2 sons, 2 daughters, 1 brother, 17 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 2 beloved dogs.

KAUFFMAN, Cyril Landis, "C.L.", of Roanoke, Virginia, died January 30, 2010. An AXPOW life member since 1979, CL served with the 60th

CAC, and was held POW in Lipa, Cabanatuan, Batangas and Taiwan for over 42 months. Survivors include 2 daughters, 3 brothers, 3 sisters, grandchildren, great-grandson, beloved nephews and nieces.

LANGDON, George, 89, of Fortuna, CA died July 28, 2009. He was captured while serving in the Army in the Philippines during WWII. He spent the next 39 months in slave labor for Japan. George is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Beverly, 1 son, 2 daughters, 6 grandchildren, 1 brother and numerous great-grandchildren.

LARSON, Oliver B., of Knoxville, TN passed away Oct. 21, 2009. During WWII, he served with the AAC. He was captured in Germany and held until liberation. Oliver was a member of the Smoky Mt. Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Desta, and a large extended family.

LAWING, Sammy B., Korean POW, died Dec. 4, 2009. He served with Co. A, 19th Inf. Reg., 24th Inf. Div. He was wounded twice and held for 32 months. Sammy leaves his wife of 55 years, Montez, 4 children, 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

LOBATO, Eulalio "Al", past commander of the Rocky Mt. Chapter, AXPOW passed away Jan. 31, 2010. He was 90. During WWII, he served with the AAC; he was shot down over Rumania and captured. Survivors include his beloved wife, Delfina, and 8 children.

McCAMEY, Mitchell, of Okolona, MS died Jan. 16, 2010. He was 89. While serving in the Army (1st Inf.) during WWII, he was captured and held for more than 2 years. He was an active member in his local AXPOW chapter in MS. He is survived by his wife, Martha, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 9 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

McCLURE, William H., of Aurora, CO died Dec. 5, 2009 at the age of 86. He was a member of the Mile High Chapter, AXPOW. He was captured in the Philippines while serving with the 882nd BS, 500th BG, 73rd BW. He was held at Kempi Tia, Tokyo. Bill leaves 2 daughters, 1 son, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. His wife, Lee, passed away in August.

McGRAW, George died January 29, 2010 in Phoenix, AZ. During WWII, he served in Company B of the 513th Parachute division in the 17th Airborne. He was captured and held in various Stalags and later in Stalag 4B. He is survived by one daughter. George was a dedicated member and officer of the Agua Fria Chapter, AXPOW.

McLUCAS, George H., 87, of Burnham, PA passed away Nov. 5, 2009. His wife, Anne, predeceased him. They were both members of the Central Penn Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include 2 daughters, 1 son, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, 1 brother and 2 sisters.

OSTARLY, Dolores Burlas, a member of South Louisiana Chapter, died Jan. 1, 2010. She was the wife of ex-POW Warren (WWII, Stalag 7A) for 61 years. In addition to her husband, Dolores is survived by 4 sons, 4 daughters, 1 sister, 2 brothers, 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

PATTERSON, Thomas "Ralph", of Northville, MI passed away Sept. 3, 2009. He was a member of the Wolverine Chapter, AXPOW. Ralph was captured while serving in the AAC. He leaves 3 sons, 7 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson and 2 sisters.

PAULSON, Dorayne, of Luck, Wisconsin, died January 4, 2010. He served with the 106th Inf. Div. HQ Co, 2nd Bn, 423rd Reg. He was cap-

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ured in the Battle of the Bulge and was held in Stalag 4B. He is survived by his wife, Betty.

PERRY, Oliver C., of Somerset, MA passed away Oct. 5, 2009. During WWII, he served with the 8th AF, 44th BG, 506th BS. He was shot down over Germany and held in Luft 1, Barth until liberation. Oliver leaves his beloved wife, Dorothy, 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren.

PINES, Thomas Roy Jr., 85, of Marysville, PA passed away Jan. 21, 2010. He was captured while serving in the Army during WWII; he was a POW in Germany for 14 months. Survivors include his wife, Wanda, 1 daughter, 1 son, several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

REGAL, Domingo (Mike) Miguel passed away December 24, 2009 at the age of 89 in Pacific, WA. He was born August 9, 1920 in Bologo Oas Albay, Philippines. He served in WWII and was a surviving POW of the infamous 60 mile Bataan Death March in 1942. He leaves his wife Gloria, 10 children, 22 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

ROBINSON, William, of Bonham, Texas, died in December, 2009. He served with the 445th BG, 703rd BS, and was held in Dulag Luft 4. A life member since 1984, he is survived by his wife, Doris.

RUIMERMAN, Carl L. of Ft. Lauderdale, FL passed away in Sept. 2009 at the age of 95. He served in the Army, 320th Inf., 35th Bn. He was captured and held at Stalag 11A until liberation. He was predeceased by his wife, Elsie. He will be missed by his many friends.

SCHIEDLER, William J., 88, of Cadott, WI died Aug. 16, 2009. During WWII, he served in the Army and was captured at the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of the Wisconsin Indianhead Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Janice, 1 son, 1 daughters, 1 sister, 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

SCHROEDER, Richard, 92, of Medford, OR passed away June 12, 2009. He served with the 4th Marines, 4th Div. in China, then Luzon, then Corregidor. He was captured on Corregidor and sent via Hell Ship to Mukden, Manchuria where he spent 3 ½ years in slave labor. He leaves his loving wife, Phyllis, 1 daughter, 2 grandsons and 7 great-grandchildren.

SHEPHERD, Keith, former member of the Mid-Iowa Chapter, AXPOW, passed away Jan. 26, 2010. He was 95. Keith was captured in North Africa and held prisoner for two years until his escape. Survivors include his wife, Randine, 1 son, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

SHIPMAN, Elmer H. "Doc", age 86, of Aurora, CO died Dec. 7, 2009. He served in WWII with the 106th Inf. Div. and was captured at the Battle of the Bulge. Doc was a faithful member of the Northeast Colorado Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 67 years, Dorothy, 2 sons and other family.

SIMS, Joseph A. Sr., 85, member of the Cape May Chapter (NJ), AXPOW, passed away Jan. 26, 2010. He served in the Army with the 82nd Airborne Div. in WWII. He was a POW. Joseph leaves his wife, Marie, 1 son, 1 daughter and 2 grandchildren.

SIMS, Leland Wallace, of Savannah, GA died Jan. 3, 2010 at the age of 89. He was assigned to the 27th BG in the Philippines and endured the Bataan Death March and 3 ½ years of captivity. Survivors include his

wife, Jean, 3 daughters, 2 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and many, many friends.

SLAGLE, Edward of Vashon Island, WA passed away October 23, 2009 at the age of 91. Ed is survived by his beloved wife Carol and 2 daughters. Ed was a long time devoted member of the Tacoma Chapter and was a national member of AXPOW.

SPENCE, Voyle E., of Mohomet, IL died Nov. 18, 2009. He was captured while serving with the 8th AF; he was held two years in Luft III, then Luft VIIA. Voyle was a member of the Illiana Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife, Ruth, 1 daughter, 2 sons, 2 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter, nieces and nephews.

SPENCER, James C., 95, of Lubbock, TX died December 25, 2009. He was a Bataan Death March survivor and was held in Bilibid, Cabanatuan, and O'Donnell. He served with the 1st Battalion, 31st Inf. Reg. Survivors are his widow, Catherine, 1 son, 1 stepdaughter, and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces. He was a member of the Hub of the Plains Chapter, AXPOW.

SUMMERLIN, Conrad P., 87, of Luverne, AL, passed away Jan. 3, 2010. During WWII, he served with the 8th AF; he was shot down over Magdeburg, Germany and taken prisoner. He was interned at Stalag III-A until liberation. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, June, 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

SWARTZ, Gladys "Happy", 85, of Spokane, WA died Nov. 27, 2009. Her husband, Duane, served with the Medical Detachment in the 3rd Army, 2nd Inf. Div. He was a POW in Germany. Happy was a member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter and life member of AXPOW. She leaves her devoted husband of 64 years, 3 daughters, 5 grandchild-

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dren, 7 great-grandchildren and 55 foster children.

SYVERUD, Cliff passed away January 20, 2010. He served in the 8th Air Force and was shot down on 5/12/1944. He was held at Stalag Luft 4, and took part in the forced march in the winter of 1945. Cliff's wife, Arlet, predeceased him; he is survived by 2 sons.

TERAN, Robert D., of St. George, Utah died Sept. 26, 2009. He was 87. During WWII, he served with the 379th BG; he was shot down over Meresberg, Germany and captured; he was held in Luft III and 7A. Marva, his wife of 63 years, survives him; also 4 sons, 18 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

TRAYLOR, James A. 87, of Millbrook, AL passed away February 8, 2010. During WWII, he was assigned to the 384th BG, 544th BS, 8th AF, flying out of England. He was shot down August 17, 1943, captured and interned at Stalag 17 and 7A. Jim was survived by wife of 42 years, Helyn, 1 daughter, 1 son and 4 grandchildren.

TUCKER, Sephus C., of Parma, OH died Dec. 28, 2009. He was an active member of the local VA hospital and a member of the Barbed Wire Buckeye Chapter, AXPOW. He was the beloved husband of Alice; he also leaves 3 daughters, 1 son, 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

WAGELIE, Oscar "Mick", 87, of Blaine, WA died May 30, 2009. He was a member of Fourth Corner Chapter, AXPOW. Mick served with the 93rd BG(H) during WWII; he was captured and held in Luft VI and IV. Survivors include his wife, Nora, 1 son, 1 daughter, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

WERSAL, Evelyn I., 78, passed away Dec. 17, 2009 in Springfield, MN. She was a member of Prairieland Chapter, AXPOW where

she served many years as adjutant. Evelyn is survived by her husband Florian (ex-POW, Korea), 8 children, 17 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 3 sisters.

WHITE, Roger H., of San Antonio, Texas, died January 22, 2010. A member of AXPOW since 1980, he was member of the San Antonio Chapter. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances. Roger was held as a POW in Java, Singapore and Nagasaki.

WILLEY, Lloyd Vernon of San Marcos, CA passed away January 24, 2010, just past his 95th birthday, surrounded by his family. Lloyd was a survivor of the Lost Battalion. He was aboard the USS Houston, which sank during a fierce battle. He was captured and held for 3 ½ years by the Japanese, forced to help build the infamous Bridge over the River Kwai. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy, 3 children, 6 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, 1 brother. He was a member of the San Diego Chapter, where he served as chaplain.

WOOLLEN, William "Red" died on Dec. 13, 2009 at the age of 87. He was a machine gunner in B Company, 409th Reg., 103rd Inf. Div. He was captured on Dec. 2, 1944 and labored in a rock quarry in Czechoslovakia until liberation. He leaves his wife DonnaJo, 7 children, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

WRIGHT, A.L. "Lonny", of Ft. Worth, TX passed away Nov. 22, 2009. He was 87. Lonny was captured at the Battle of the Bulge; he was held in Hammelburg, Germany. He was a member of the Air Capital Chapter (Wichita, KS), AXPOW. Mary, his wife of 67 years, survives him; he also is survived by 1 daughter and 2 sons.

YOUNG, John C., 91, of Bluffton, SC died Nov. 21, 2009. During WWII, Jack served with the 8th AF, 447th BG, 711th BS, flying out of England. He was shot down, captured and held in Stalag XIB and then Luft IV and marched ahead of the Russian Army. Jack leaves his wife, Claire, 2 children and their families.

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