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**Thank you to PNC Earl Derrington** for clearing up a Medsearch Photo mystery. After research, we verified that Private Joe Demler, Stalag XII-A, is in picture #6; Nick Mustacchia, Luft IV, is the POW in picture #9. The corrected photos are on page 10.

### Summertime convention!

PNC Earl Derrington was also the last host of a summer AXPOW convention in Jackson, Mississippi in 1986. We're really looking forward to having our national convention back in the summer so our members can bring their grandchildren and our NOK members can take vacation time. Mark the dates now for June 27-July 1 and plan to be in Texas for a great convention!

### 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.

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

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Carroll Bogard**

Dear fellow members, we are half-way through winter and I hope this finds you in good health.

In November, my wife and I had the honor and privilege of attending the Veterans Day ceremony in Washington, DC. About 150 guests attended the breakfast at the White House. When leaving the White House, Barbara got a big hug from the President and his First Lady. At Arlington Cemetery, we were guests at the formal laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Then at the amphitheater, I was honored to be on stage with the President and nine other guests. It was all very impressive. The reception after the Arlington Cemetery event was held at the hotel where we were staying. This was attended by

around 400 people. Two very interesting guests, who we had a long conversation with, were "Redcoats" from England. Our taxi while we were in DC was a granddaughter who is in Colorado Senator Udall's office. Our son and daughter-in-law were also with us on this adventure.

The mid-year meeting will be in Arlington, Texas in mid-March. The major piece of business at this mid-year will be the budget - and where we stand with it.

I have asked Charlie Susino, Senior Vice Commander, to present our thanks and suggestions to the Joint House/Senate Veterans Affairs Committee when they meet the following week.

The National Convention will be in Arlington, Texas this year. The committee and headquarters have done a lot of work on activities. It looks like we will be getting more for less money than we have recently. Be sure to plan to be there and bring your family. The NOK will be playing a bigger role now that the greatest generation is thinning out.

Don't forget to send your voluntary donations for the magazine and general funds.

This has been an interesting year, with calls from all over the US and NSOs still busy helping veterans and widows.

See you at the National Convention.

**Carroll**

# news from hq



As Spring is beginning here in Texas, we are finalizing the National Convention. It is shaping up to be a great event.

We're hugely excited to tell you that on Thursday, June 28, The Texas Rangers will host AXPOW night at The Ballpark. The Oakland A's are in town. We had invited owner Nolan Ryan to be our guest at Opening Ceremonies; he was unable to make it, but he offered 100 free tickets to the game! We figured the fairest way to distribute them was to have a raffle. When you register for the convention, you will automatically be entered to win! There is free transportation to and from The Ballpark. So make sure you come to Arlington and make sure you are registered!

The Hilton Arlington is located in the heart of Fun Central. Near 6 Flags Over Texas, Hurricane Harbor, The Ranger Ballpark and The Cowboy Stadium it's a good central spot to start your site seeing. The free trolley system will pick you and your family up at the hotel and deliver you all to the fun destinations of your choice. Arlington is a great place to bring your kids and grandkids.

The trolley system will also take you to the shopping areas and great restaurants in the city. Try some of that great Texas BBQ you hear about!

Look for more information on the convention in the magazine.

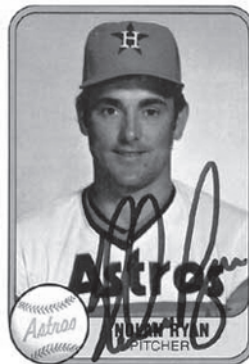
Thank you to all the life members who stepped up with their donations. You are a huge help.

Clydie, Marsha & Donna

## National Convention RAFFLE!

Texas Rangers President Nolan Ryan has donated baseball tickets to AXPOW night at the Ballpark at Arlington. All you have to do to win is register for the convention!

**GO RANGERS!**





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**In the News...**

**VA Announces Changes to Emergency Care Payment Policy**

On January 12, 2012, The Department of Veterans Affairs announced a change in regulations regarding payments for emergency care provided to eligible Veterans in non-VA facilities.

“This provision helps ensure eligible Veterans continue to get the emergency care they need when VA facilities are not available,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

The new regulation extends VA’s authority to pay for emergency care provided to eligible Veterans at non-VA facilities until the Veterans can be safely transferred to a VA medical facility.

More than 100,000 Veterans are estimated to be affected by the new rules, at a cost of about \$44 million annually.

VA operates 121 emergency departments across the country, which

provide resuscitative therapy and stabilization in life-threatening situations. They operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. VA also has 46 urgent care units, which provide care for patients without scheduled appointments who need immediate medical or psychiatric attention.

For more information about emergency care in non-VA facilities, visit [www.nonvacare.va.gov](http://www.nonvacare.va.gov).

**VA Launches Personalized Health Benefits Handbook**  
 Veterans enrolled in the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs have begun to receive personalized booklets that explain their health care benefits and contain other useful information.

The new booklet, called a Health Benefits Handbook, will provide a personalized listing of health benefits based on each Veteran’s specific eligibility. The handbook will also have contact information for their local VA medical facilities, appointment scheduling information, guidelines for communicating with their clinical team and, as applicable, information about copays. Distribution of the handbooks began this month, with all 8.5 million Veterans enrolled in VA’s health care system scheduled to receive their handbooks by 2013. Veterans will receive updates to their handbook to reflect changes to their benefits or eligibility.

VA operates 152 medical centers and more than 800 community-based outpatient clinics. Last year, inpatient facilities treated more than 690,000 patients, while outpatient clinics registered more than 79 million visits.

For more information about the Health Benefits Handbook, visit [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhbh](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhbh) or call VA’s toll-free number at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).



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This is my first report since my appointment on October 13, 2011 as National Representative, Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS), for American Ex-Prisoners of War. I want to thank NC Carroll Bogard, AXPOW for his confidence in me, former AXPOW VAVS representative Tillman Rutledge and, Marty Naugher, Washington VAVS office, for their guidance in outlining the responsibilities of the VAVS representative. This report covers the first quarter, (October-December) AXPOW **volunteer hours** for fiscal year 2011-12 from sixty-six (66) VA facilities throughout the United States. During this first quarter, AXPOW volunteers worked 5,103 hours which is equivalent to \$108,183 contributed to the facilities based on \$21.20 per hour (Independent Sector Value 2011). Currently, of the 279 VA facilities throughout the United States, AXPOW has 192 volunteers in only 66 of these facilities. This small number of facilities in which volunteers serve can be justified in some instances, due to the location and size of the facility. Since most facilities have volunteers from 1 or 2 of the other 35 service organizations such as VFW, Military Order of Purple Heart, American Legion, DAV etc, the facility is limited as to the number of volunteers they can have under the organizational structure. In order to increase the number of facilities (currently 66) with AXPOW volunteers where applicable, my goal will be to work with the Facility Representative in this regard.

Thanks to NSO Director Ruth Powell for this information

## Gout

### What Is Gout?

Gout is a disease that causes the sudden onset of intense pain and swelling in the joints, which also may be warm and red. Attacks frequently occur at night and can be triggered by stressful events, alcohol or drugs, or the presence of another illness.

Before an attack, needle-like crystals of uric acid build up in connective tissue, in the joint space between two bones, or in both.

Uric acid is a substance that results from the breakdown of purines, which are part of all human tissue and are found in many foods. Early attacks usually subside within 3 to 10 days, even without treatment, and the next attack may not occur for months or even years.

Adult men, particularly those between the ages of 40 and 50, are more likely to develop gout than women, who rarely develop the disease before menstruation ends.

Sometime during the course of the disease, many patients will develop gout in the big toe. Gout frequently affects joints in the lower part of the body such as the ankles, heels, knees, or toes.

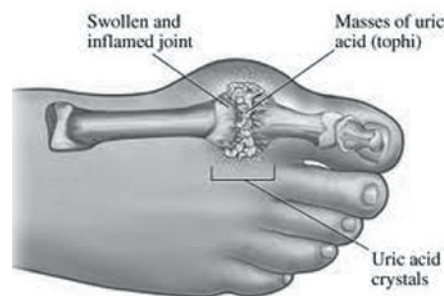
### Quiz

1. Gout attacks are only triggered by uric acid buildup.

*TRUE is the correct answer. Uric acid buildup is the underlying reason for all gout attacks. However, stressful events, alcohol or drugs, or another illness can trigger gout attacks in people who already have uric acid buildup.*

2. Uric acid is a substance that results from the breakdown of purines.

*TRUE is the correct answer. Uric acid is a substance that results from the breakdown of purines, which are part of all human tissue and are found in many foods such as liver, dried beans, anchovies, and gravies.*



3. Gout does not usually affect the big toe.

*FALSE is the correct answer. Sometime during the course of the disease, many patients will develop gout in the big toe.*

4. Months or even years can pass between one gout attack and another.

*TRUE is the correct answer. Early gout attacks usually subside within 3 to 10 days, and the next attack may not occur for months or even years.*

5. Gout occurs more frequently in women than in men.

*FALSE is the correct answer. Men are more likely than women to develop gout. Men are most likely to develop the disease between the ages of 40 and 50.*

### Causes and Risk Factors

Researchers have discovered some of the risk factors for gout. Some people with gout have a family history of the disease. In addition to inherited traits, diet, weight, and alcohol play a role in the development of gout. The disease is more common in men.

Most people with gout have too much uric acid in their blood, a condition called hyperuricemia. The extra uric acid moves from the blood to the joints, which may trigger the inflammation seen in gout.

### Quiz

1. Some people with gout have a family history of the disease.

*TRUE is the correct answer. Some people with gout have a family history of the disease.*

2. Diet, weight, and alcohol are risk factors in the development of gout.

*TRUE is the correct answer. In addition to inherited traits, diet, weight, and alcohol play a role in the development of gout.*

3. Hyperuricemia occurs when there is too much uric acid in the blood.



## medsearch continued...

*TRUE is the correct answer. Most people with gout have too much uric acid in their blood, a condition called hyperuricemia.*

4. Women are more likely to develop gout than men.

*FALSE is the correct answer. Adult men, particularly those between the ages of 40 and 50, are more likely to develop gout than women.*

5. Scientists know very little about the risk factors for developing gout.

*FALSE is the correct answer. Researchers have pinpointed the major risk factors for developing gout. In addition to inherited traits, diet, weight, and alcohol play a role in the development of gout.*

## Symptoms and Diagnosis

Different types of arthritis have different symptoms. In general, people with most forms of arthritis have pain and stiffness in their joints. Gout typically attacks one joint at a time, and the attacks usually begin at night.

Hyperuricemia — high levels of uric acid in the body — contributes to arthritis that develops in one day, producing a swollen, red, and painful joint. Gout attacks usually begin at night.

Gout normally attacks joints in the lower part of the body, such as the knee, ankle or big toe. For many people the joints in the big toe are the first to be attacked. In fact, sometime during the course of the disease, many people will develop gout in the big toe.

To confirm a diagnosis of gout, the

doctor inserts a needle into the inflamed joint and draws a sample of synovial fluid, the substance that lubricates a joint. A laboratory technician places some of the fluid on a slide and looks for monosodium urate crystals under a microscope. If crystals are found in the joint fluid, the person usually has gout.

## Quiz

1. Gout attacks usually begin
  - A. in the morning
  - B. in the afternoon
  - C. at night

*C is the correct answer. Gout attacks may begin anytime but frequently start at night.*

2. Sometime during the course of the disease, gout usually affects the joints in the
  - A. thumb
  - B. big toe
  - C. knee

*B is the correct answer. Sometime during the course of the disease, gout usually affects the joints in the big toe. The big toe becomes swollen, red, and painful.*

3. The final step in confirming a diagnosis of gout is to
  - A. take x-rays
  - B. get the patient's medical history
  - C. examine a sample of synovial fluid from the inflamed joint

*C is the correct answer. To confirm a diagnosis of gout, the doctor inserts a needle into the inflamed joint and draws a sample of joint fluid for analysis under a microscope.*

4. A person usually has gout if \_\_\_\_\_ are present in a sample of joint fluid.
  - A. monosodium urate crystals
  - B. proteins
  - C. red blood cells

*A is the correct answer. If monosodium urate crystals are seen when looking at the fluid under a special microscope, the person usually has*

*gout.*

5. Gout
  - A. usually affects young women.
  - B. most often affects one joint at a time.
  - C. always causes flu-like symptoms.

*B is the correct answer. Gout usually affects a single joint. In rare cases, many joints are affected at the same time. Gout frequently affects a joint in the lower part of the body such as a knee, ankle, or toe. Sometime during the course of the disease, many people will develop gout in the big toe.*

## Treatment and Research

With proper treatment, most people with gout are able to control their symptoms and live productive lives.

The goals for treatment are to ease the pain that comes from sudden attacks, prevent future attacks, stop uric acid buildup in the tissues and joint space between two bones, and prevent kidney stones from forming.

The most common treatments for an attack of gout are high doses of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs, which are taken by mouth, or corticosteroids, which are taken by mouth or injected into the affected joint. Patients often begin to improve within a few hours of treatment. The attack usually goes away completely within a week or so.

Since NSAIDs are now available over the counter, it is important to check with your doctor concerning the safety of using these drugs and to verify the proper dosage.

When NSAIDs or corticosteroids fail to control pain and swelling, the doctor may use another drug, colchicine. This drug is most effective when taken within the first 12 hours of an acute attack.



## medsearch, continued

Scientists are studying which NSAIDs are the best ones to treat gout. They are analyzing new compounds to develop safe, effective medicines. Current research is also focusing on the structure of certain enzymes to gain a better understanding of defects that can cause gout.

Scientists are studying the effect of crystal deposits on cartilage cells for clues to treatment. They are also looking at the role of calcium deposits and how they contribute to the development of gout in the hope of finding new treatments.

In addition, researchers are investigating how genetics and the environment may influence the level of uric acid in the blood.

### Quiz

1. The most common treatment for a gout attack is to apply hot and cold compresses to the affected area.

*FALSE is the correct answer. In the event of a sudden attack of gout, a physician will often prescribe high doses of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs, which are taken by mouth, or corticosteroids, which are taken by mouth or injected into the affected joint.*

2. If NSAIDs and corticosteroids fail to control pain and swelling from gout, there are no other known treatments.

*FALSE is the correct answer. If NSAIDs or corticosteroids fail to control pain or swelling from gout, the doctor may consider using another drug, colchicine. This drug is most effective when taken within the first 12 hours of an acute attack.*

3. One goal of treatment for gout

is to keep uric acid crystals from forming.

*TRUE is the correct answer. One goal of treatment for gout is to prevent the buildup of needle-like crystals of uric acid in connective tissue, in the joint space between two bones, or in both. One way to limit this buildup is by eating fewer foods that contain substances called purines. Examples of foods that contain purines are liver, dried beans and peas, anchovies, and gravies.*

4. With proper treatment, most people with gout are able to lead productive lives.

*TRUE is the correct answer. With the right treatment, most people with gout are able to control their symptoms and feel better. Treatment can help ease the pain that comes from sudden attacks, prevent future attacks, and stop kidney stones from forming.*

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. What is gout?

Gout is one of the most painful rheumatic diseases. It occurs when needle-like crystals of uric acid build up in connective tissue, in the joint space between two bones, or in both.

Adult men, particularly those between the ages of 40 and 50, are more likely than women to develop gout. Women rarely develop the disease while still menstruating.

Sometime during the course of the disease, many people will develop gout in the big toe. Gout frequently affects joints in the lower part of the body such as knee, ankles, or toes.

#### 2. What causes gout?

Researchers have discovered several key risk factors for developing gout. In addition to inherited traits, diet, weight, and alcohol play a role in the development of gout. Some

people with gout have a family history of the disease.

Most people with gout have too much uric acid in their blood, a condition called hyperuricemia. Uric acid is a substance that results from the breakdown of purines, which are part of all human tissue and are found in many foods. Hyperuricemia occurs when high levels of uric acid build up in the bloodstream.

#### 3. What are some common symptoms of gout?

Gout frequently first attacks the joints in the big toe. The affected joint may become swollen, red, or warm. Attacks usually occur at night.

#### 4. How is gout diagnosed?

To confirm a diagnosis of gout, the doctor inserts a needle into the inflamed joint and draws a sample of synovial fluid, the substance that lubricates a joint. A laboratory technician places some of the fluid on a slide and looks for uric acid crystals under a microscope. If uric acid crystals are found in the fluid surrounding the joint, the person usually has gout.

#### 5. What are the most common treatments for an acute attack of gout?

Physicians often prescribe high doses of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs, or steroids for a sudden attack of gout. NSAIDs are taken by mouth and corticosteroids are either taken by mouth or injected into the affected joint. Patients often begin to improve within a few hours of treatment, and the attack usually goes away within a week or so.

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1. Santo Tomas prison camp internees Lee Rogers and John Todd.



10. POWs at Cabanatuan Camp 3 beaten with clubs.



11. Bilibid POW hospital ward, Philippine Islands.



12. Bataan Death March, April 1942.



2. Pvt. Robert Collins & M/Sgt. Woodrow Haines back behind UN lines, Chechon, Korea.



3. Pfc. Robert Brandon rations Red Cross parcels, Stalag IX-B.



4. Nichols Field Detail, PI, taken at Pasay Schoolhouse.



5. An American POW suffering from dry beri-beri being treated in Bilibid.



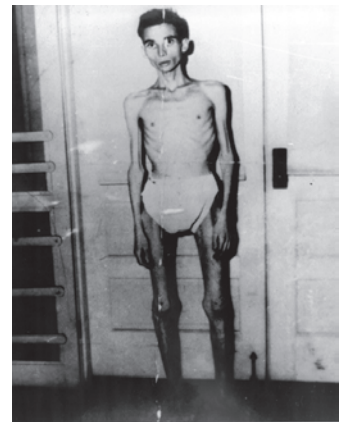
6. Private Joe Demler and another POW are liberated from XII-A, Limburg.



7. Survivors of Suchon Tunnel Massacre, Korea.



8. Three American POWs released by the Viet Cong near Tay Ninh City.



9. Nick Mustacchia. 100 days as a POW -- 100 lb. weight loss. Stalag Luft IV.

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## Original POW/MIA Banner Donated to Andersonville NHS

by Alan Marsh, Chief of  
Resource Management

The POW/MIA flag began with an idea and is now a symbol recognized throughout America and beyond. The flag has flown over the White House and in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. Legislation passed in 1998 requires the flag to be flown in numerous federal facilities on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and Veterans Day. It all started with the wife of a Navy pilot.

In 1970, Lieutenant Commander Michael Hoff was declared Missing in Action after his A7 Corsair crashed in Laos. His wife, Helen Hoff, joined other spouses in the National League of

Families determined to obtain an accounting of prisoners of war and missing in action from countries in Southeast Asia. Mrs. Hoff recognized the need for a symbol to honor the POWs/MIAs and to create public awareness of the POW/MIA issue. Recalling the Blue Star banners of World War II, she wrote to the flag-making business Annin & Co., and asked their vice president Norman Rivkees to design a banner. In turn, the company contracted with graphic designer Newt Heisley, a World War II veteran, who created the symbol that we are all familiar with today.

Helen Hoff received the banner but decided that the emblem would get more use if it could be flown from a flagpole. She requested Annin & Co. to make flags instead. The rest is history. Mrs. Hoff sold POW/MIA bracelets and used the money to purchase flags which she donated to politicians, military personnel and others.



What happened to the banner? Helen Hoff hung it on her front door and never took it down until recently.

Thanks to a lead from Wayne Waddell, Friends of Andersonville Board of Trustees member and Vietnam POW, Mrs. Hoff donated the banner to the National Park Service, Andersonville National Historic Site. Alan Marsh and Bridget Beers (Andersonville NHS Museum Curator) traveled to Orange Park, Florida in December, 2011 to record an oral history interview with Mrs. Hoff and accept the donation. Today, the original POW/MIA banner is now being preserved in the only national park in America designated as memorial to all American Prisoners of War.

Andersonville National Historic Site offers a variety of volunteer opportunities including visitor services, living history, cemetery operations, resource management, and research.

For more information about opportunities to volunteer, contact Chief of Interpretation and Education Eric Leonard at 229 924-0343 x.201

### Commemorating the Civil War Sesquicentennial

2011 to 2015 marks the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War.

Through 2015, in programs, publications and special events, Andersonville National Historic Site will mark this important anniversary and explore how the story of Andersonville fits into the larger Civil War experience.



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## The NFO Drinking Flag Two Vietnam POWs introduce fun to a Navy training squadron!

CDR Ross Terry was the Skipper of VT-10 basic training squadron for Naval Flight Officers - Naval Aviation's non-pilots who perform critical tasks on a variety of Naval Air platforms. LCDR John Heilig was VT-10's Ops officer. Both were long-term ex-cons in Hanoi. They'd decided that NFO morale was bad and to fix it, they had to one-up the pilots. Heilig, a Hancock shipmate of mine, RF-8A driver, had been bagged several weeks before I was and we'd been cellmates more than five years. He knew Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist, Jeff MacNelly and I were friends so he asked me to find out if Jeff could design a drinking flag for VT-10 to help squadron morale. Jeff said, "Aye" and designed a great flag which was reproduced zillions of times (see accompanying illustration!).

But I'm ahead of myself.

Skipper Terry decided to introduce the flag at a blowout dining-in with MacNelly as the featured speaker. The squadron wives got POd when they found out MacNelly was speak-

ing and, using that subtle means of coercion for which their gender is famous (You want to be celibate for the rest of your life?), quickly got it turned into a dining-out. Ross never let anybody pee - except the ladies - and several Marines who'd drunk too much beer before the bell rang had, uh, "accidents." After getting fined several Lincolns each they got to go to the little boys' room but it was too late by then.

This was the first time I'd seen the beef paraded with bag pipes and drums with all the pomp of the Queen's Regiments. A quaking chef followed the beef to the head table, cut off a generous slice and offered it to Mess President Ross Terry. Ross sampled the beef, made a huge show of spitting it out, wiped his mouth with his sleeve a la King Henry VIII and roared, "Mr. Vice. This beef tastes like shit. Shoot the chef."



Whereupon, Mr. Vice pulled out a pistol and "shot the chef." This, BTW, was inside the Mustin Beach O'Club's Ballroom and it was the loudest sound I've ever heard inside except when some Thuds were trying to bomb the Paul Doumer Bridge in August 1967 and a couple of stray bombs landed in our courtyard!

The "chef," a local actor, splattered his chest with stage blood just as a siren was heard outside. In came a gurney with two corpsman who took the "chef" away in an ambulance with siren blaring. Jeff gave

one of the funniest talks I've ever heard - and showed several of his cartoons. The grand finale was the unveiling in public for the first time, of the NFO drinking flag to tumultuous accolades!

It depicted an A-6 cockpit with VT-10 markings. In the right seat was this massive Incredible Hulk look-alike with bulging muscles, obviously, in total control of the situation; a lantern-jawed guy with "NFO" on his helmet. Next to him was a baby in an infant seat with a little steering wheel and on the canopy rail was the word, "pilot." It was used by squadrons for years on T-shirts and sweatshirts. I'll bet every NFO who went through VT-10 in those days has one somewhere...

At the conclusion of the evening, Ross read the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Policy OPNAVINST 5350.4B that decreed that if anybody got hurt following a squadron function at which alcohol was served, the squadron CO would be summarily hung. The skipper then said, "Mr. MacNelly and I are taking the flag downtown to Trader Jon's. Everybody's invited."

50 cars - mostly Corvettes and faster except for the Marines' CJ-7 jeeps - roared out of the parking lot and headed the five miles to downtown P-cola where a great time ensued. MacNelly and Trader Jon became lifelong friends and MacNelly was invited to the annual joint Blue Angels/Thunderbirds receptions at Trader's after that.

More about the evening at Trader's later. It concerns the scruffiest strippers ever seen by man anywhere, Trader's Korean Mamasan waitresses and MacNelly's plunge into the depravity of Naval Aviation. In George Wallace's Southern Alabama aka Pensacola.

But that's another story...



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#### AMERICANS IDENTIFIED

There are now **1,677** Americans listed by the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) as missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. Listed on the DPMO website on February 9th was **LtCol Charles M. Walling, USAF, AZ**, MIA in South Vietnam on 8/8/66. His remains were recovered on 4/13/10 and identified on 11/30/11. On November 15<sup>TH</sup>, DPMO added one name to the list of accounted-for US personnel: **Lieutenant Robert E. Bennett, III, USAF**, from New Jersey. 1LT Bennett was listed as KIA/BNR in South Vietnam on December 13, 1967. His remains were recovered April 13, 2010 and identified November 15, 2011.

The number of Americans announced as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is now 906. (Five more Americans previously listed as KIA/BNR in Cambodia (4) and Laos (1) have been accounted-for, though not yet named/announced by DPMO.) Another 63 US personnel, recovered post-incident and identified before the end of the war, bring the officially listed total recovered and identified to 979. Of the 1,677 still missing or otherwise unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Laos and Cambodia under Vietnam's wartime control:

Vietnam-1,286 (VN-472, VS-814); Laos-325; Cambodia-54; Peoples Republic of China territorial waters-7; more than 450 were over-water losses.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 485

Congressman Walter Jones (R-NC) introduced **H. Res. 485**, calling for several important steps by the Secretary of Defense and, most importantly, signaling the need for additional funding to ensure that priority on the accounting mission is sustained and expanded. As expected, it was not voted on before Congress recessed for the holidays; therefore, it is very important that additional House Members sign on to co-sponsor and register their support.

#### ACCOUNTING COOPERATION

JPAC is continuing a newly tested recovery process in **Vietnam**, with Vietnamese Recovery Teams (VRTs) handling all logistic requirements and advance preparation, before being joined by a smaller number of US personnel. This new recovery construct is viewed as a way to expand the pace and scope of field operations, called for by Vietnam. Initial reports indicate the process is working well; therefore, it has been continued.

Field operations are completed for 2011 due to the lack of a helicopter contract for transporting teams to remote locations, the Lao Government has been asked to permit ground transportation of joint teams to selected sites, with a deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup> to enable the January JFA (Joint Field Activities) to proceed.

A small US team successfully conducted recovery operations in **Laos** in November but, in early December, JPAC Commander MG Stephen Tom, USAR, conveyed the message to the Lao Government that cost factors and other conditions imposed precluded extending the helicopter contract. In fact, most Lao Aviation helicopters do not meet

safety requirements for transporting US military personnel and, unfortunately, the Lao Government did not extend the existing contract with the privately owned Lao West Coast helicopter company. It will take time to sort out the situation and try to reach agreement.

#### S/SGT ALTAIE

The remains of Staff Sgt. Ahmed Altaie, the last American service member still missing in Iraq, have been positively identified.

Altaie was serving as an Army interpreter when he was kidnapped in October 2006, after he snuck off his base in Baghdad to visit his Iraqi wife.

Ever since then, the Iraqi-born soldier from Ann Arbor, Mich., has been listed as Missing-Captured by the Defense Department.

Army spokesman Troy Rolan said that that on Saturday, Feb. 25, the Armed Forces Medical Examiner at Dover, Del., "used scientific methods on an unknown set of remains and positively identified them as those of missing-captured Staff Sgt. Ahmed Altaie."

Army officials did not have further details about the circumstances surrounding his death or how his remains were discovered. One official said the remains had been found in Iraq earlier in the week.

## Missing/Captured

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

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

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## Oldest Civilian POW laid to rest

Leonette Warburton Wishard, widow of Glenn P. Wishard, died at the age of 109 on December 2, 2011 in her residence at The Watermark in Bridgeport CT. Born in Lawrence MA on October 11, 1902, Mrs. Wishard was the eldest daughter of James and Margaret McGregor Warburton. Leonette graduated from Lawrence H.S. in 1919, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Colby College in 1923. In 1927 she received her Masters Degree in Religious Education from Andover Newton Theological Seminary. In the fall of 1928 Leonette sailed from San Francisco to the Philippines via Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong. In 1928 she was named Director of the Baptist Student Center and Dorm Matron in Iloilo, Philippines and served in that capacity until 1932. From 1932-1933 Leonette traveled to Singapore, the Suez Canal and Europe returning to the United States to spend time with her family and friends at Hedding Campgrounds in Epping, NH. In 1935 she was named the delegate to the National Christian Council in China. Returning to the states in 1938 she attended Union Seminary and Columbia University Teachers College in NY. Leonette returned to the Philippines in 1939 where she taught Religious Education at Baptist Missionary Training School and Baptist Semi-

nary at Central Philippine College. During this time she met Glenn Wishard, who was Director of the American and European YMCA in Manila. Glenn and Leonette married in September 1941. Married just three months when the Japanese took the Phillipines, the Wishards were taken as civilian prisoners and interned separately for 3 years and 3 months. They saw each other only during the day as the men were segregated from the women and children. When freed by American Forces February 3, 1945, both Leonette and Glenn weighed 95 lbs and were among the first taken by ship to the states. Upon arriving in America, they first stayed with Leonette's parents in Lawrence, MA and spent their summers at the family cottage in Hedding NH. The Wishards came to Bridgeport in the fall of 1945 where Glenn served as assistant to Rev. Fred Hoskins at United Congregational Church. Leonette worked as a Home Missionary for the Baptist Church in what was then Yellow Mill Village; she taught Religious Education in released time programs in the public school system; was Religious Education Director at the First Baptist Church and then Secretary of Religious Education at United Congregational Church both in Bridgeport. After Glenn's passing in 1956, Leonette went to Athens Greece and taught English at Pierce College under the United Church of Christ Board of World Ministries. In 1962 Leonette accepted a teaching position at the American School in Izmir Turkey which held a student body of 600. She was then named Dean of Residence and teacher of English at the American Collegiate Institute in Izmir Turkey again under the United Church of Christ Board of World Ministries. In 1968 Mrs. Wishard retired and returned to Bridgeport, CT. In addition to traveling twice around the world by ship and to the Philippines, Leonette had visited Japan, China, Thailand, French Indo China, Egypt, Palestine, Iran and 12 European countries before retiring. After her retirement, her love for travel continued and took her to Canada, Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii, always returning to her beloved Hedding

Campgrounds in New Hampshire. Mrs. Wishard's thirst for learning and education extended to her lifetime gift giving to institutes such as her alma mater, Colby College, Union Theological Seminary Andover-Newton Theological Seminary and the YMCA. In 1978 the YMCA presented Leonette with its Endurance Award. In 2005 the American Association of University Women, honored Mrs. Wishard by having a Fellowship Endowment named for her. In 2006 Mrs. Wishard was named 'Woman of Distinction' by the Girl Scouts Housatonic Council and in the same year the Connecticut Chapter of the American Association of University Woman named her as its 'Outstanding Woman of the Year'. In the spring of 2009, Leonette was one of six women honored by The Watermark for living an extraordinary life. At her recent birthday celebration, proclamations and congratulatory letters were sent by President Barack Obama, CT. Gov. Dannel Malloy and in attendance proclaiming October 11, 2011 Leonette Warburton Day, Bridgeport Mayor Bill Finch. This amazing woman was in good health and had her full intellectual capacities right up to her recent passing. She read the CT Post daily -EVERY word!! She held membership in 2 book clubs and according to club members asked more questions than anyone else about the current book selection. Until recently Leonette was still knitting and continued taking her meals in Watermark's dining room on a daily basis as she thought social interaction was important to one's being. A lover of books, travel and people, Leonette Wishard's footprints have been left on the hearts of all her knew her. She is survived by nieces Margaret Newman of Atlanta, GA, Barbara Rappel of Everett WA, Patricia Herring of Athens, TX, her cousin Elizabeth Smith of Barrington, NH, a second cousin Margaret Redhouse of Leeh, NH as well as step-grandchildren, Sarah M. Taylor of Falls Church, VA., Douglas McMillan and Gordon McMillan of Sedgwick, ME, seven great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.



**March 17, 2012. The AXPOW MidYear Board of Directors Meeting** will be held at the Arlington (Texas) Hilton. For more information, please contact National Headquarters at 817-649-2979.

**April 2012. Bataan and Corregidor Memorial.** Sascha Jean Jansen will lead a tour to the Philippines to memorialize the 70th anniversary of the surrenders on Bataan and Corregidor and visit the POW camps. Contact her at (530) 795-0411 mabuhayma@aol.com.

**April 17-21, 2012. Stalag Luft III reunion** is being planned in Dayton, Ohio, right near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The hotel selected is ten minutes from there. This reunion would be held at the same time the Doolittle Raiders are holding their reunion at WPAFB. We will do our planning in a way that allows our attendees and those at the Raider event to interact and participate in one another's events—kind of a “two for one.” Contact: Marilyn Walton, 1275 Fareharm Drive, New Albany, OH 43054; waltonk9@gmail.com.

**April 18 & 19, 2012. Dept. of Missouri State Convention** will be held in Columbia, Missouri. Hotel accommodations will be at the

Staybridge Suites located at 805 Keene Street, Columbia, Missouri 65201 (phone# 573-442-8600). Contact: John & Anne Clark, 1201 S. Johnmeyer Ln, Columbia, MO 65203; ClarkJnA@aol.com.

**May 31-June 2, 2012, The Department of Arizona 30th State Convention** will be held at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino, 5040 Wild Horse Pass Blvd (exit 162) off the I-10, Chandler, Az.. 1-520-796-4900 direct room reservations, discount code: POW \$79.00 standand and \$119.00 suite plus tax. Room reservation cut off date April 30, 2012. Convention registration fee \$50.00 per person. Please contact Department Commander Lew Sleeper at 520-751-9628, [sleepjl@aol.com](mailto:sleepjl@aol.com) or Adjutant Debby Lindhurst-Lollar 602-841-9338, [dindyP38@cox.net](mailto:dindyP38@cox.net) on convention paperwork or questions.

**June 8-9, 2012. Dept of West Virginia Annual Convention** will be held at the Best Western (formerly Holiday Inn) Bridgeport, WV. For information, contact Cmdr. Annette Smith, 621 Front St., Brownsville, PA 15417; 724-785-8536.

**July 29-Aug 5, 2012. The Korean War Ex-POW Association annual reunion** will be held at the Marriott Regency Hotel, 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114; 402-399-9000. For more information, contact Bill Norwood, President at: [info@koreanwarexpow.org](mailto:info@koreanwarexpow.org).

**June 27-July 1, 2012. The American Ex-Prisoners of War National Convention** will be held in Arlington, Texas at the Hilton Arlington Hotel.

Meet old friends and new!

Attend AXPOW night at the Ballpark in Arlington!

Take your grandkids to 6 Flags Over Texas!

We've got a great convention planned, so now it's your turn to start planning to attend...

Fill out the registration form on page 22 and get out your roadmaps!

See you in Texas!

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My name is Nina Newton Pace. My father was Frank M. “Tex” Newton who was in Stalag Luft III. I am searching for an extraordinarily kind gentleman in The Netherlands. I've looked through mother's addresses and cannot find his phone number or address. His name is Ben VanDrogenbeck, although I may have not spelled it correctly. I have an original Stalag Luft book which was given to my dad and I'd like Ben to have it. Also, to tell Ben that my mother passed away on January 14, 2012. Anything you can do to connect me with Ben would be appreciated. My home phone is 512-524-2018. Sincerely, Nina Newton Pace; nn\_pace00@yahoo.com.

Would you have any records showing who is the oldest WWII POW, who also served in Korea and Vietnam? I spoke with the daughter of Lawrence Lee Russell — who will be 89 Jan. 7, 2012. She believes he may be the oldest. Thank you. Mark Muckenfuss, The Press-Enterprise, 3450 14th Street, Riverside, CA 92501; 951-368-9595; mmuckenfuss@pe.com.

I am looking for a B-17 Bomber, aircraft no. 980, 532nd Bomb Sq. #8232;, 381st Bomb Group (H) which was shot down on June 21, 1944. My research concentrates now on the fate of the whole crew, but I am especially interested if there was a crew member - it might have been Sgt Elmer C. Meier or Sgt Howard C. Corum - , who was killed after his parachute jump and where. Was this a little village named Groß Luckow? The crew-members were - presumably -: 2nd Lts Roger L. Dussault, Bernard Segman, Valerio Magnabasco; S/ Sgts Ralph H. Holcolm (toggler), Elmer C. Meier, Wendell B. Lawing; Sgts Howard C. Corum, Alonzo L.

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Ehler Jr, John H. Mahar Jr. Thank you honestly for your help, yours sincerely, Jutta Ditfurth, Neuhofstr. 42, D-60318 Frankfurt am Main; Tel./Fax: +49/(0)69/55 03 09; eMail: jutta.ditfurth@t-online.de.

I am looking for an ex-POW. First name: **Dick**. Last name, unknown. From **Naugatuck CT** who was a dear friend of Casey Uszakiewicz. This man was very instrumental in introducing me to AXPOW and the widows' benefits. Elsie Valeski, 23 Frances Dr., Seymour, CT 06483.

My name is Sandy Glascoe, Alpharetta, GA. I am writing on behalf of **Roy E. Glascoe who was a POW in Romania** in 1942. Roy was my father-in-law who passed away in November 2011. While going through some of his papers I saw where he had copies of a newsletter and pictures of reunions of the "Association of Former Prisoners of War in Romania". I am trying to contact them to let them know of his passing. If you know of this organization and could send me their contact information, I would greatly appreciate it. Kind regards, Sandy; sandraglascoe@att.net.

I am the daughter of a former POW, Battle of the Bulge. His name was **Vincent J. Byrnes, with the 106th Division, 423 regiment/service company**. Thus far this is the information I have obtained through Camp Atterbury, and Indiana Military.org. ( See Below) Which does not tell me much as to my Father's time in combat. What I do know is my Father was driving a truck, when gunfire erupted, the soldier sitting next to my Dad was shot, and died instantly. I do not know his name, my Dad never said. From that point, little else is known, other than he left the truck, and grouped with some other soldiers. I am searching for further information as to his

involvement in the battle, capture, the exact date etc.. He is listed as captured on Dec 19, 1944. But, my question, is this his actual date of capture, at the time of the surrender per Col. Cavender. Or was this the date he was registered as a POW at the first Stalag he entered? From here he was moved around according to his accounts, at best the info provided was very limited. He spoke very little, and not often regarding his time in service. He eventually was permanently encamped in Stalag IIIA, Luckenwalde. There are a few things I am interested in finding out to complete my Dad's story. (a) Did he avoid capture on the first date of this Battle and carry on with the rest of the men from the 422 & 423 regiment?? (b) Is there any actual history or stories pertaining to him and the men he was imprisoned with. IE: where they were quartered, who he was with etc. (c) On my Father's insistence he would often tell us he was not a Hero. To us his 6 children, he was. As per information we were recently provided with, from stories told by other POW's, and articles we have read. We have these few details: First they were surrounded and left to fight without any reinforcement. Another words quite literally abandoned. They were rapidly running out of supplies and ammunition, with no chance of receiving any more. With little to no choice this led to their surrender per Col. Cavender, in his best judgment to many men were killed or being killed. (d) Correct me if I am wrong, but I have found several articles, and stories from former POW's. stating these POW's were told not to speak of their time in, and events surrounding their involvement in the Battle of The Bulge. These men being captured under surrender were considered a disgrace, and eventually stripped of their company colors. These are bits and pieces of speculation gleamed from other POW's. (e) It is stated, and recorded my Dad was repatriated on April 15, 1945, and returned home by April 29, 1945. This does not correspond with other information we have. We have letters sent to my Grandmother, dated in May 1945 stating he could not receive packages, his whereabouts was unknown. What is unusual about this

is other POW's were held until May mid month at Stalag IIIA, app then released.. One of these letters dated in May 1945 states he had been repatriated and once again his whereabouts was unknown. One story tells when they knew the Russians were on the way, The German's began to leave, and some Soldiers tried to walk away, and were immediately shot and killed. This was in early to late April 1945. ( f ) What I wonder is. How many were able to get away earlier than May, and is it certain my Dad was one of them? As well how they managed to do so? What happened to him from his date of repatriation, where he went, what locations, until his time of discharge at the convenience of the military. What happened to him in all this time?? All we have is he was discharged HONORABLY from Ft Fanning from the 432 Co. In Nov 1945. ( g )Also would there be any possibility as to how we might obtain any history at all as to the location of his POW photograph. I would more than appreciate anything you may be able to help with in completing the story of my Dad's time in service, in country, in combat, and some events as close as possible to his life in Stalag 111a. My Dad did not talk of this time, We as his children are doing all we can now to find out. He was a good and decent man, father of 6, hardworking in construction and contracting all his life, a quiet soft spoken Irish descendant, but a bull of a man when necessary, and above all Our Hero. Sadly, he passed on Nov 25 2009 at the age of 87. In his memory, we would like to document his story for us, his 6 children, and the next and upcoming generations of our family. If there is anything further I can do, in researching further please let me know. Karen M. ( Byrnes) Fuoco, 120 Twinbrook Lane Bellingham, MA 02019. 508-657-1132





# News Briefs

## Veterans in Congress

At the beginning of the 112th Congress, there were 118 Members (21.8% of the total membership) who had served or were serving in the military, 2 fewer than at the end of the 111th Congress, and 8 fewer than in the 110th Congress. According to lists compiled by CQ Roll Call, the House has 92 veterans (including 1 female Member, as well as a Delegate); the Senate 26.

## US Treasurer Kicks off One-Year Countdown to All-Electronic Social Security Payments

*Encourages remaining check recipients to switch now to the safety and convenience of electronic payments and help save taxpayers \$1 billion*

Treasurer of the United States Rosie Rios started an official countdown clock, marking one year until the March 1, 2013 deadline when all federal benefit recipients must receive their Social Security and other federal benefit payments electronically. Treasurer Rios urged remaining paper check recipients to switch now and help taxpayers save \$1 billion over 10 years.

Currently, about 90 percent of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments are being made electronically. For the first time in recent history, the number of monthly paper check payments for Social Security, Veterans Affairs and other federal benefits has dropped to approximately 7 million – down from a high of 11 million in 2010.

“As this deadline approaches, we’re urging the remaining 10 percent of federal benefit recipients who still receive a paper check to make the switch to electronic payments as soon as possible,” said Treasurer Rios. “The switch to electronic payments is a win-win for federal benefit recipients and for taxpayers. It provides a safer, more secure, more convenient way for Americans to access their federal benefits, while also improving government efficiency and delivering more than \$1 billion in savings. The sooner everyone makes the switch, the sooner we’ll realize those benefits.”

The Treasury Department published a final rule in December 2010 to gradually phase out paper checks for federal benefit payments. Since May 1, 2011, all people newly applying for federal benefits, including Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans Affairs, Railroad Retirement Board, Office of Personnel Management benefits and other non-tax payments, have had to choose direct deposit or the Direct Express® Debit MasterCard® card at the time they sign up for their benefits. March 1, 2013 is the final deadline by which all remaining federal benefit check recipients must receive their money electronically.

Public education campaign helps remaining check recipients through the change

The Treasury Department’s Go Direct® public education campaign is helping people understand what they need to do to get their money electronically.

“We’ve come a long way in informing Americans that direct deposit is a faster, easier and more reliable way to receive their money, but there is still more work to do,” Rios added. “We are continuing that strong commitment to public education, aggressively reaching out to check recipients with information

about how to easily make the transition and helping them through the change.”

The Treasury Department will include information in all check recipients’ March 2012 payments, reminding them to switch ahead of the deadline and offering them information about their electronic payment options. Additionally, the Go Direct® campaign is now working with more than 1,800 partner organizations throughout the country to spread the message, developing a new series of public service announcements and providing other supportive materials such as an instructional video about how to make the switch online or over-the-phone and about how electronic payments work.

Federal benefit recipients can switch to electronic payments online at [www.GoDirect.org](http://www.GoDirect.org) or through the U.S. Treasury Electronic Payment Solution Center toll-free at 1-800-333-1795. Check recipients should have the following information on hand when making the switch to an electronic payment option, including the Direct Express® card:

- Social Security number or claim number
- 12-digit federal benefit check number
- Amount of most recent federal benefit check

If signing up for direct deposit to an existing financial institution account, individuals will also need:

- Financial institution’s routing transit number – often available on a personal check
- Account number and type (checking or saving).

## news, continued

### National Museum of the Marine Corps Expands Content of Virtual Experience

*Marine Corps Heritage Foundation Adds Three New Galleries and Accompanying Docent Lectures to Cutting-Edge, Interactive Web Museum*

The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation has added three galleries with accompanying docent lectures to the National Museum of the Marine Corps Virtual Experience. Launched in June 2010, Virtual Experience allows Marines and civilians from across the world to experience a cutting-edge web version of the real National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC) located near Quantico, Virginia.

The additions to Virtual Experience, which include the Museum's newest galleries opened to the public in June 2010, comprise the first expansion of the Museum's online component. The galleries chronicle the founding of the United States Marine Corps in 1775, the Civil War and the U.S. Global Trade expansion in the 19th century and World War I. These new galleries comprise 12,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space, and are filled with 250 artifacts, including early Marine Corps uniforms, weaponry and artillery. The first American armored car and the first known Marine Corps artifacts are also included.

The docent lectures that accompany each of the new galleries add richness and detail to the online visitor's experience. For example, the World War I gallery includes

background on the Marine Corps bulldog poster from the Battle of Belleau Wood featured in the exhibit. The World War I battle marks the first time the bulldog was used in advertising as a mascot for the Marines.

Through a series of high-definition, 360 degree panoramic tours, audio narratives and extensive multi-media presentations, visitors to the website experience the NMMC as if they're actually there.

Unable to visit the Museum from his home in Beverly Hills, Calif, Marine Steven Wallace, who has since passed away, conceived of the NMMC Virtual Experience. With many Marines deployed around the world and the economy as uncertain as ever, Wallace wanted to ensure that all Marines had the opportunity to visit their Museum.

Virtual Experience was realized as a result of Wallace's generous financial contribution. The Virginia-based eBusiness and technology consulting firm, Dynology Corporation, created the site.

Take a tour of the NMMC Virtual Experience by visiting <http://www.virtualusmcmuseum.com>

Dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Marine Corps history, the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation was established in 1979 as a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization. The Foundation supports the historical programs of the Marine Corps in ways not possible through government funds, providing grants and fellowships for research and the renovation, restoration and commissioning of historical Marine Corps artifacts and landmarks. Securing the necessary funding for the complete construction of the National Museum of the Marine Corps and Heritage Center is the Foundation's current primary mission while continuing to provide program support for the Corps' historical, museum, and educational activities.

### The Few, The Proud: Semper Fi!

by Alice A. Booher

The U. S. Marine Corps has a reputation for having some of the most wonderful birthday parties, and their 236<sup>th</sup> was no different. Celebrated throughout the world, one special party was the Birthday Ball at the Oldest City Detachment, 383 Marine Corps League in St. Augustine, FL on 12 November 2011. Sponsored by a glorious panoply of fellow Marines, and groups within the community, the Marines asked former Vietnam POW CAPT Giles R. Norrington, USN (Ret) to be their keynote speaker. Giles was a logical choice, having enlisted in the USMC in January 1954. He served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division in Japan and the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division in Camp Pendleton, CA. Norrington was commissioned in 1958 and received his wings as a naval aviator in 1960. While assigned to the Reconnaissance Attack Squadron ONE (RVAH-1) from December 1965-May 5, 1968 when he was shot down on his 22<sup>nd</sup> combat mission over North Vietnam. He was captured and spent nearly five years primarily at Hoa Lo in Central Hanoi, with return to freedom on March 14, 1973.

He was to serve in various Navy positions until retirement in July 1988 after more than 34 years of service, for which he was awarded numerous awards. In his well received recent birthday party presentation, Norrington proudly noted to the aggregate audience that his first personal award was the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal. After retirement, he married Navy chaplain Eileen O'Hickey, who became the Navy's first woman chaplain to rise to the rank of CAPT. Eileen retired in 2001 after more than 22 years in service, including a Marine Corps tour at Camp Pendleton, CA. Semper Fi Norringtons.

## news, continued

### Fisher House Foundation Chairman & CEO Receives 'Distinguished Civilian Service Award' from DoD

*Fisher House Homes Have Provided Care for More Than 160,000 Military Families*

Ken Fisher, Chairman and CEO of Fisher House Foundation, which constructs comfort homes to provide free, temporary housing to the families of service members receiving medical care at Veterans Affairs and military hospitals around the world, received the Defense Distinguished Public Service Award, the highest civilian award given by the United States Department of Defense.

The award was presented at a special ceremony in Anchorage, AK on February 16, 2012, one day before Fisher House dedicated its newest facility at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

"I am deeply humbled by this honor and am thankful to the Department of Defense for recognizing the impact that the Fisher House program has had on more than 160,000 military families in the last 20 years," said Mr. Fisher. "As proud as I am of our work, it still pales in comparison to the dedication, commitment and sacrifice our military and their families demonstrate each day. They are the true heroes."

The award is presented to those whose career has impacted the Department of Defense through extraordinary and prestigious contributions on a broad scope. Mr. Fisher is recognized for his leadership, dedication and vision of ensuring service members and their families the best care possible when receiving medical treatment.

## Members' forum



In the article that appears in the Jan/Feb 2012 Ex-POW Bulletin, it states that Frank Buckles spent 3 years and 2 months in Santo Tomas Internment Camp during World War II. That is false. Frank Buckles was originally interned in Santo Tomas, as I was, but was transferred to Los Banos Internment Camp, where he was liberated by the 11th Airborne on February 23rd, 1945, along with 2,141 others who were still alive. By the way, there were 2,142 of us who were still living when the "Angels" came, not 2,147 (the false number which is commonly used). There were 2,147 on the last typed roll, but 6 persons had died and a new baby was born after the roll was typed. As a student of the actual facts regarding the Los Banos Raid, I have found numerous myths (if all of the paratroopers who claim to have jumped at Los Banos, had actually done so, they would have needed several more planes) which I have helped to discredit. Cordially, Robert A. Wheeler Napavine, WA losbanos@cablespeed.com.

**Clydie/Cheryl;**

thank you very much for the wonderful attention paid to our ship in this edition including coverage of the ship model unveiling. We hope that your readers will take advantage of the opportunity if/when in the Washington DC area, to visit the museum and see the CA-30 model, it is well worth seeing as is the entire museum. Thanks again,

John Keith Schwarz, Executive Director- USS Houston CA-30 Survivors Association & Next Genera-

tions, contact@usshouston.org; PH. 202-268-2261 /703-867-0142; john.k.schwarz@usps.gov.

**Dear Ms. Cerbone:**

In the Sept/Oct 2011 EX-POW Bulletin, there was an article "Paws and Stripes". Can you furnish me with an address or phone number for this organization? I am very interested in these kind of services for veterans and would possibly make a contribution if I knew more about it. Any help you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Marilynn B Braun  
Old Fort, NC

*EDITOR'S NOTE:*

*Paws and Stripes™ is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization for wounded veterans of our United States military that works to provide service dogs for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury.*

*The service dogs are obtained only from shelters, and are trained by professionals specializing in service dogs. It is the aim of this organization to provide these dogs and training for no cost to the veteran.*

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Rio Rancho, NM 87174  
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~Cheryl



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# Retiring with a Remarkable Legacy

by Alice A. Booher



The man himself says he plans on “sleeping late, reading, writing the great American story and taking a few pictures...but whatever he decides to do after his April 2012 “retirement”, the head of the Robert E. Mitchell Center (REMC) for POW Studies, Bob Hain, has earned every bit of it.

A native New Yorker, Robert E. Hain, CAPT, MC, USN (Ret), capped his formal education with Bachelors and M.D. degrees from New York University (Bellevue Medical Center); took surgical internship and residency at University of Michigan; received a Master of Public Health from University of Texas; and graduated from the Naval War College with Highest Distinction with a MA in National Security and Strategic Studies.

Commissioned in the U.S. Air Force in 1967, Hain served one year in Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam where he was in charge of aeromedical evacuation of patients from the northern portion of South Vietnam from 1967-1968, returned CONUS to McDill AFB in Florida, and then embarked on medical school.

After a stint with a professorship at Southern California School of Medicine and as general surgeon with Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in Los Angeles, he accepted a commission in the U.S. Navy in 1978. From 1981-1983, he served as the senior medical officer aboard the *USS ENTERPRISE* (CVN-65) and then as a se-

nior medical officer in Okinawa. After Naval War College, he reported to HQ, U.S. Marine Corps as Director, Medical Programs and Deputy Medical Director of the Marine Corps. For four years, he was Director of the Aerospace Medicine Division for the Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; the Surgeon General’s Aerospace Medicine Advisor; and Commanding Officer and Director, Naval Aerospace and Operational Medical Institute and Science & Technology of the Research Laboratory. respectively in Pensacola. He and his wife Phyllis stayed in Pensacola to join REMC, serving from April 2001-April 2012.

Bob Hain is an extraordinary friend and patriot, often recognized for his professional contributions. In 1999 he received the Theodore C. Lyster Award, established to honor the first Surgeon General, Aviation Section, US Army Signal Corps, and given annually for: “*outstanding achievement in the general field of aerospace medicine*” [sponsored by various corporations, e.g., Lockheed Martin Space Operations (1993-2009), and currently by Eagle Applied Sciences, LLC]. He has long advised the DVA’s Committee on Former-POWs.

In describing the work of the Mitchell Center, Bob was recently quoted in a Navy publication: “*Remembering the sacrifice these service members have made is with us on a daily basis...so many have suffered terribly. They are our true heroes*”. Hain further stated: “*A question that constantly is on our collective minds deals with the fact that so many of our people went through a truly terrible experience but emerged at the other end a better, stronger person. Answers to this question of why ultimately helps us contribute to the body of knowledge that prepares present day fighters to be deployed to a war zone*”.

Bob Hain is a man who passionately puts his words into action. The Mitchell Center

provides unique services to all POWs and their families regardless of the dates and time imprisoned or branch of service. It provides an Annual Extensive Evaluation and assists nearly 600 former POWs yearly, with lessons learned from voluntary participation of former POWs which has directly impacted the Survival, Evacuation, Resistance and Escape (SERE) courses taught to U.S. service members. The Mitchell Center’s research has helped the VA with regard to presumptive diagnoses, aided in understanding disease processes and inputs continued improvement of the repatriation process. Hain has encouraged the publication of several significant papers on such matters as posttraumatic growth in former Vietnam POWs. He states that future studies from REMC will include bone density, premature aging, prostatic cancer and epidemiology, and every service member, former POW or not has and/or will directly benefit from these efforts.

To his peers, who is Bob Hain -From the Chairman of the VA Secretary’s former-POW Committee USAF Colonel Thomas McNish, M.D. (Vietnam) comes the following assessment: “*Bob Hain is a shrewd leader and manager of the Robert E. Mitchell Center (REMC) for POW Studies as well as an outstanding physician/scientist who is respected as a friend by all Vietnam XPOWS.*”

Former Persian Gulf POW, Army Brigadier General, physician Rhonda L. Cornum, (Ret), also a member of the DVA’s former POW Committee: “*Under Bob Hain’s leadership over the past decade, the Mitchell Center has matured significantly. Bob Hain is an outstanding physician to be sure, and the Mitchell Center has continued to carefully document the psychological and physical health of former prisoners of war since Viet Nam. But even more importantly, under his watch, the quantity and quality of research on the impact of the POW experience on subsequent health really has expanded significantly in important ways.*” So to Dr. Hain, from his vast, grateful constituency we say “*Fair Winds and Following Seas*”.





## MEMBERSHIP COUNT

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Alaska	15
AP/AE	3
Arizona	381
Arkansas	160
California	1,126
Colorado	195
Connecticut	156
Delaware	46
District of Columbia	6
Florida	1,269
Georgia	311
Guam	2
Hawaii	35
Idaho	59
Illinois	460
Indiana	273
Iowa	218
Kansas	247
Kentucky	137
Louisiana	185
Maine	96
Maryland	246
Massachusetts	435
Michigan	316
Minnesota	280
Mississippi	249
Missouri	363
Montana	63
Nebraska	129
Nevada	84
New Hampshire	83
New Jersey	423
New Mexico	177
New York	682
North Carolina	350
North Dakota	55
Ohio	804
Oklahoma	332
Oregon	194
Pennsylvania	641
Puerto Rico	6
Rhode Island	62
South Carolina	288
South Dakota	49
Tennessee	310
Texas	1,172
Utah	59
Vermont	48
Virgin Islands	2
Virginia	341
Washington	427
West Virginia	112
Wisconsin	538
Wyoming	19
Foreign	41
Address Unknown	171

15,191

ETO	5,171
PAC	684
KOREA	517
USS PUEBLO	18
VIETNAM	100
IRAN	3
IRAQ	5
SOMALIA	1
FARS/CHINA/2001	2
CIVILIAN	157

SPOUSES	3,654
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ANNUAL	923
LIFE	14,268

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CLYDIE J MORGAN  
NATIONAL ADJUTANT



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 June 27 - July 1, 2012  
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REGISTRATION FEE (postmarked by June 15) - # of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ x \$115 = \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to the customary functions, Registration Fee also includes  
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## Short Agenda:

### JUNE 27

### WEDNESDAY

BOARD MEETING

### JUNE 28

### THURSDAY

OPENING CEREMONY  
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TEXAS RANGERS BASEBALL

### JUNE 29

### FRIDAY

NSO TRAINING  
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COMMANDER'S RECEPTION

### JUNE 30

### SATURDAY

CONTINUE BUSINESS MEET-  
INGS  
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BANQUET

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RESOLUTIONS



## RESOLUTION 2012-1

### JOB DESCRIPTIONS

- Whereas, the American Ex-Prisoners of War organization was established with a Constitution, Bylaws, Codes of Procedures and Job Descriptions by the membership, and
- Whereas, through the years with the membership approval we have narrowed it down to Bylaws, Codes of Procedures and Job Descriptions, and
- Whereas, the Job Descriptions section was deleted without the membership approval and it contains more detailed information on procedures within the organization: therefore be it
- Resolved that the Job Descriptions portion of this organization be put back in the Bylaws, Codes of Procedures book.

Submitted by:  
Debby Lindhurst-Lollar  
3620 W. Ruth Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85051  
602-841-9338

## RESOLUTION 2012-2

### UNIFORM CODES OF PROCEDURES SECTION IV - NATIONAL MEETINGS

- Whereas, at past National Conventions, the National Adjutant and National Treasurer would have a lot of paperwork to bring to our Conventions and that took up a lot of space in their individual rooms at a hotel and they were given suites at the cost of the organization; and
- Whereas, the Convention staff also had a suite at the cost of the organization when rooms had already been set aside for meetings during the Convention; and
- Whereas, with modern technology such as laptop computers, compact discs and flash drives with necessary information to conduct our Conventions today; and
- Whereas, our Convention attendance has dropped dramatically and we are always looking for ways to cut expenses in the budget; and
- Whereas, the current National Commander and National Senior Vice Commander are to share a suite supposedly; therefore be it



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Resolved, that under Uniform Codes of Procedures, Section IV, National Meetings, Paragraph C., shall read:

C. The National Commander, National Adjutant and National Treasurer shall attend the National Convention. No reimbursement will be made for meals, refreshments or entertainment. The National Treasurer will pay their travel expenses at the least expensive air coach rate. The Convention staff is required to make reservations for the National Commander in a suite, to be shared with the National Senior Vice Commander. Appropriate size rooms, not suites to accommodate the National Adjutant, National Treasurer and Convention committee chairperson shall be reserved.

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## RESOLUTION 2012-3

Resolution to change Article X of the National Bylaws.

Whereas; the organization is suffering from a shortage of volunteers and the Next of Kin could provide some help in this matter; and

Whereas; Article X, Conflict of Interest, prevents members of the same family from holding office together thus preventing the organization from benefiting from NOK efforts, therefore be it

Resolved: That Article X be amended to read:

Only one member of a family can serve on the Board of Directors at any one time.

Family shall be defined, for these Bylaws, as spouses or members living at the same address as the Board member.

Submitted by:  
SVC Charles Susino  
136 Jefferson Street  
Metuchen, NJ 08840  
732-549-5775



AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR  
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2011 NATIONAL CONVENTION  
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GUIDELINES FOR CREDENTIALS & VOTING 2012

1. THERE IS NO PROXY VOTING IN THIS ORGANIZATION.
2. THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO CAST VOTES: STATE DEPARTMENT, CHAPTER OR MEMBER AT LARGE.
3. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OR CHAPTER ADJUTANTS MUST SUBMIT THE CREDENTIALS LETTER TO THE NATIONAL ADJUTANT WITH THE LIST OF DELEGATE(S) ATTENDING THE CONVENTION. PER THE BYLAWS, THIS WILL BE SENT TO NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS NO LATER THAN TWENTY DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST BUSINESS MEETING OF CONVENTION.
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5. PER BYLAWS, THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY REPRESENT A MEMBER OF THAT STATE WHO IS NOT REPRESENTED BY A CHAPTER.
6. VOTING CHAPTERS, PER BYLAWS SHALL LIST BY NAME, ALPHABETICALLY, EACH MEMBER THEY ARE REPRESENTING AT THE CONVENTION. THIS WAY OUR NATIONAL ADJUTANT KNOWS HOW MANY PEOPLE TO SUBTRACT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT COUNT.
7. EACH VALIDATED CREDENTIAL LETTER MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN THREE (3) HOURS PRIOR TO THE FIRST CALL TO ORDER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.
8. NO SHOW, NO VOTE - PLEASE MAKE SURE IF YOUR HEAD DELEGATE CANNOT ATTEND THE CONVENTION AFTER RECEIVING THEIR COPY OF THE VALIDATED CREDENTIAL LETTER IN THE MAIL, THAT THEY GIVE IT TO AN ALTERNATE ON THE DELEGATION LIST.

Debby Lindhurst-Lollar, Chairperson

Credentials Committee

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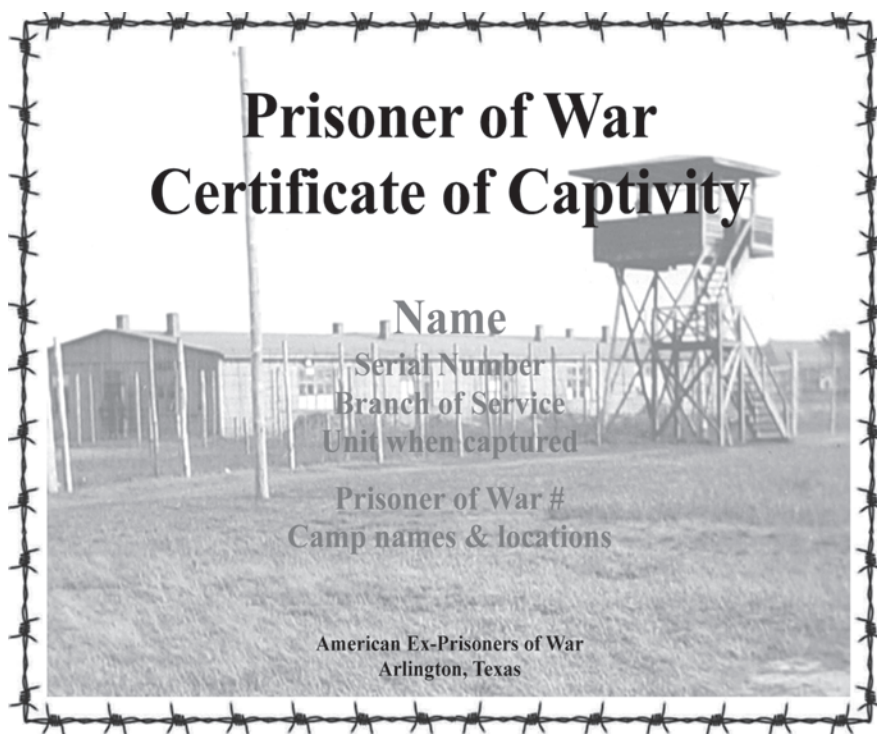
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## Special POW Documentary

By Alice A. Booher

Our Thanks to all Veterans and especially to those featured in our Documentary!

	<b>CPO William Ingram</b> — World War I US Navy 1918-1919 USS Houston Purple Heart Medal WWI Victory Medal
	<b>Cpl. Richard Bassett</b> — Korean War US Army 1950-1951 8th Army, 24th Infantry Division, Company I Third Battalion, 24th Infantry Division Purple Heart, POW Medal, Combat Infantry Badge Reservist Service Medal
	<b>Col. Hal Kushner</b> — Vietnam War US Army 1962-1968 First Cavalry Division First Squadron, 1st Cavalry Division Silver Star, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Purple Heart, 1 Oak Cluster
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*Present*  
**Honoring Our Veterans**  
with a Special Tribute to our  
**Heroic ex-Prisoners of War**

**Sunday November 6, 2011**  
Hosted by Anastasia Baptist Church

*Presenting the Documentary Film*  
**"Prisoners of War: Stolen Freedom"**  
*Featuring the Story of Capt. Giles Norrington*

Produced and Directed by Eric Flagg & Michael Rothchild  
Jellyfish Smack Productions in association with  
Florida Veterans Programs & Projects, Inc.  
Event Producers: Bill Dobson & Michael Rothchild  
Assistant Producer: Gary Bruce

USA (Vietnam) and CAPT Giles Norrington, USN (Vietnam).

An event initially showcasing the POW documentary was held at the Anastasia Baptist Church in St. Augustine, FL on November 6, 2011, under the sponsorship of the FVP&P, The Veterans Council of St. John's County, Allied Veterans of the World, and Rolling Thunder Florida Chapters 3 and 4. The film also aired on PBS in Jacksonville on November 13.

Colonel Kushner, sole survivor of his helicopter crash, was befriended by a farmer who betrayed him to the Viet Cong shortly after feeding him. Moved from camp to camp for 5/1/2 years, he ended up in the Hanoi Hilton.

Captain Norrington, shot down during a bombing mission in May 1968, and severely injured, was held in isolation until moved where two cellmates could help him address basic human needs, and then into a large room with 56 other navigators and pilots during his nearly 5 years captivity.

Ken Burns may be the most well-known film chronicler of veterans' documentaries, but he has nothing on a non-profit (501c3) organization, The Florida Veteran Program, and Projects, Inc. (FVP&P) which has completed the fifth in a series, a remarkable "Prisoners of War: Stolen Freedom", featuring four former POWs: CPO William Ingram, USN; Cpl Richard Bassett, USA; COL Hal Kushner,

Chief Ingram enlisted at age 17 on the USS HOUSTON, and was taken POW when the Japanese sunk the vessel in March 1942. He was put to work on the railroad project to build the Bridge on the River Kwai in Thailand for 3 ½ years. On repatriation, he discovered his brother had also been a POW.

Norrington was the keynote speaker for the St. Augustine program and provided pen and ink drawings of captivity for the program cover as well as for the documentary itself.

Corporal Bassett, author of "And the Wind Blew Cold: The Story of An American POW in North Korea", was held during the bitter winter of 1950-1951 in the North Korean POW Camp 5. He would later teach history for more than 20 years at St. Augustine High School.

The FVP&P's next production in association with Dr. Corey Thayer and students at the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts in Jacksonville, will tell the stories of many returning troops from Iraq and Afghanistan, as part of a remarkable ongoing educational outreach to both civilian and veteran communities.



# taps



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**ANGIER, Madeleine B**, of Williston, VT died on Christmas Day, 2011. She was a member of the Vermont Chapter, AXPOW. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, J Francis, a POW in Stalag Luft III.

**AUSTRIA, Benjamin C**, of San Antonio, Texas, died November 9, 2011. He served with the 12<sup>th</sup> Med Battalion, Philippine Scouts and served during the Battle of Bataan. Captured by the Japanese forces, he escaped while on the infamous Bataan Death March, joined the Philippine Guerrillas and later the First Cavalry Division for the liberation of Manila. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Irene.

**BAKER, Dewey O**, 86, of Jackson, TN passed away Aug. 11, 2011. He was serving in the 78<sup>th</sup> (Lightning) Infantry Division when he was captured in the Battle of the Bulge; he was held until liberation. His wife, Frances, predeceased him by 7 months; he leaves 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**BENALLY, Kenneth Lee**, of Waterflow, NM passed away Jan. 13, 2012. He was 92. He was captured by the Germans in Oct. 1944 and held in Stalags XIII A and IIIC. While on a forced march, he escaped with 12 others, walked across Poland and boarded a ship for the US in Odessa. He leaves 3 daughters, 1 brother, 4 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**BLACKFORD, Lloyd N**, 88, of Heath, OH passed away Nov. 20, 2011. During WWII, his plane was shot down and he was captured; he was held in Stalag Luft IV. He and several others escaped during a march. They were recaptured, questioned and released. They walked their way to liberation.

**BLACKFORD, Ethel** died Dec. 23, 2011. Both were life members of AXPOW. Survivors include 2 daughters, 1 son, 3 sisters, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**BRADLEY, Joseph Harrison**, 88, of New Braunfels, TX died Oct. 3, 2011. He was captured when his plane, the "Dry Run" was shot down over the Ploesti oil fields; he was captured and held until liberation. Joe leaves his wife of 64 years, Jenny, 2 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-granddaughters.

**BRICE, Elmer A, Sr.**, 87, of Dillsburg, PA passed away Dec. 24, 2011. During WWII, he served in the Army; he was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held in Bad Orb until liberation. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Janet, 1 son, 2 daughters, 1 brother, 2 sisters, 8 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

**BRYAN, Bruce R**, of Allen Park, MI, died October 18, 2011. Bryan was a B-24 pilot with the 15<sup>th</sup> AF, 449<sup>th</sup> BG 716<sup>th</sup> BS and was held in Luft 1, Barth after capture. An AXPOW life member since 1986, he was a member of the Wolverine Chapter. His wife, Marjorie (also a life member), 4 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren survive him.

**CONARD, Georgina**, of Lakewood, CO passed away Jan. 29, 2012. She was the widow of ex-POW John and a member of the Mile High Chapter, AXPOW. She leaves 1 daughter, 1 son, 1 brother and grandchildren.

**COPELAND, Lawrence G**, of Boulder, CO died Jan. 26, 2012 at the age of 89. He was a member of the Northeast Colorado Chapter, AXPOW. During WWII, he served

with the 15<sup>th</sup> AF, 459<sup>th</sup> BG. After capture, he was held in Luft 1, Barth. His wife, Mary, 2 sons, 1 daughter and 7 grandchildren survive him.

**CUMMING, James F**, 87, of Erie, PA died Oct. 29, 2011. He was captured while serving with the 36<sup>th</sup> Div., 141<sup>st</sup> Inf. Reg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, Co E in Italy. He remained a POW for 15 months until liberation in April 1945. Jim was a member and past commander of the Barbed Wire Assoc. of NW PA. He leaves his wife of 65 years, Betty, one son, one daughter, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**CURRY, Loyal B**, of Birmingham, AL passed away Oct. 5, 2011. He was 89. He served with the Air Corps during WWII; he was shot down over Nuremburg, captured and held until liberation. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Jean, 1 son, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**DUBINSKI, Charles**, 94, of Los Vegas, NV died Nov. 30, 2011. During WWII, he served with the AAC; he was captured and held as a POW in Germany for 18 months. Chuck leaves his loving wife of 68 years, Alice, 1 son, 1 grandson, 1 brother and a host of extended family and friends.

**ENDECOTT, Delta Joan** passed away February 14, 2012. She and her husband, Tom had been married for





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69 years. Delta was a life member of AXPOW and was Adjutant/Treasurer for the Department of MO for several years. National Convention attendees always saw Delta walking, talking and smiling at everyone. In addition to her husband, one daughter, two sons, seven grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren and many friends and relatives survive her. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

**FARRIS, William Paul**, 89, of Post Falls, ID died Jan. 6, 2012. He was a navigator on a B-17 shot down over Europe; he was captured and held for 15 months. Bill was a member of AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Winona, 2 daughters and 3 grandsons.

**FAULKNER, James O**, 90, of Muldrow, OK died Nov. 23, 2011. In 1940, "J.O" enlisted in the Marines. On April 9, 1942, his troop was captured on Little Baguio, Bataan. He endured the Bataan Death March and 3 ½ years imprisonment by the Japanese. He leaves 1 daughter, 1 son, 2 granddaughters, 1 great-granddaughter and a warm and loving extended family.

**FOUGA, Adolfo "Bud"** of Katy, TX passed away Dec. 20, 2011. He served in the AAC on a B-17; his plane was shot down over Germany, he was captured and held in Lufts 1 and 4. Bud is survived by his wife, Grace, 1 son, 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren.

**FOUKE, Vincent A**, of Fayetteville, NC died Nov. 16, 2011 at the age of 90. He was serving in the AAC when he was shot down over Leipzig; he was captured and held in several POW camps, including Luft III. After retirement, he became involved with the SERE program. He leaves his loving wife of 64 years, Belle, 7

children 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**FURNIVAL, Joseph A**, of Chippewa Township, PA died Jan. 11, 2011. He was 95. He was captured while serving with the 110<sup>th</sup> Inf., 28<sup>th</sup> Div, Co B, USA in the Battle of the Bulge. Joe was a member of AXPOW. Survivors include 2 daughters, 1 son, 6 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 1 sister.

**GEARHART, Richard H** of St. Louis, MO passed away December 18, 2011. He was a Past Missouri Dept. State Commander and a Past Greater St. Louis Area Chapter Commander. He served with B Company, 141st Infantry, 36th Infantry Division in Italy, and was captured at the Rapido River in January 1944. He was a POW for 15 1/2 months in Stalags 4B and 2B. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mabel, 2 daughters, a sister and a brother, 4 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

**HALLORAN, Ray F "Hap"** of Menlo Park, CA died June 7, 2011. He served with the "Rover Boys Express" of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Wing on Saipan in WWII; he was captured and held in the Kempei Tai and Omori POW camps until liberation. After the war, he made many journeys of healing to Japan, where he met both civilian survivors and former Japanese soldiers. Hap is missed by his 3 children and many friends on both sides of the Pacific.

**KABBE, Helmet** of Huntley, IL passed away Jan 12, 2012. During WWII, he served with Co C, 48<sup>th</sup> Div., 9<sup>th</sup> Armored. He was held in Stalags IIIA, IIIB. Helmet is survived by 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

**KENNEDY, Duane S Sr**, past member of the Agua Fria Chapter, AXPOW passed away Dec. 16, 2011. During WWII, he served with Co L, 39<sup>th</sup> Inf., 9<sup>th</sup> Div. Duane is survived by 1 son, 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**KING, Pearl**, member of the Middle GA Chapter, AXPOW, died Jan. 2, 2012. She was the wife of Korean ex-POW John. In addition to her husband, Pearl leaves 1 son and 3 grandchildren.

**KLOPCHIN, Andrew G**, of Rockland, NY died Oct. 14, 2011. He was 87. He was shot down over Romania in 1944 while serving with the 743<sup>rd</sup> BS, 15<sup>th</sup> AF; after capture, he was held in Bulgaria until liberation. Survivors include 1 daughter, 1 son and 2 grandchildren.

**LUTTERBIE, Carlton**, 91, of Greenfield, WI passed away Oct. 24, 2011. He was stationed in Kunming China with the 14<sup>th</sup> AAC, Flying Tiger unit. Their B-24 was disabled and they were forced to bail out; Carl and 3 others landed in territory held by the Black Lolos (reputed to be headhunters). They were marched for 28 days until ransomed by the US. Carl leaves his loving wife of 69 years, Johanna, 4 sons, 8 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and many friends.

**MARTIN, Walter W "Wally"**, of Spring Hill, FL passed away Jan. 17, 2012. He was 86. During WWII, he served with the 106<sup>th</sup> Inf., Co E, 423<sup>rd</sup> Reg. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held in Stalag IVB until liberation. Wally is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marguerite (Peggy), 1 son, 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. He was a proud American who loved his country.

**MAZZACANE, Robert W**, 87, of Trumbull, CT died Dec. 30, 2011. He served with the 100<sup>th</sup> BG, 418<sup>th</sup> BS, and was shot down near Frankfurt. After capture, he was held in Luft IV, and then marched across Germany. He was a life member of the CT Chapter, AXPOW. MAZZACANE, Louise L, 84, died Jan. 26, 2012. Survivors include one daughter and one sister.

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**MORFORD, Robert Murl**, 87, of Sauk Rapids, MN died Dec. 2, 2011. While serving with the 5<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div, he was captured in France; he was held in Stalag IIA and a labor camp until liberation. Bob was a member of the Central MN Chapter, AXPOW. 8 children, 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren survive him.

**MORNINGSTAR, Clayton E**, of Maple Lake, MN passed away Feb. 4, 2012. He was shot down over Germany during WWII, captured and held 14 months. He was a member of the Central MN Chapter, AXPOW. Marilyn, Clayton's wife of 65 years survives him; he also leaves 3 sons, 6 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**MOSS, Carl** of Summerfield MI, died January 2, 2012. He served with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 389<sup>th</sup> BG, 564<sup>th</sup> BS and was held in Luft IV. A member of the Central Michigan Chapter, he is survived by his wife, Mary, 2 sons, 1 daughter and 1 granddaughter.

**NEY, Winona L**, 83, of Tucson, AZ passed away Dec. 28, 2011. Tootie was the widow of ex-POW Zane (12A and 2B). She and close friend Eva Moore (deceased) were active at nearly all national conventions. Their road trips made for some very funny stories. All her friends at AXPOW will miss her.

**NONN, Leo**, 93, of Northridge, CA, member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, AXPOW, died Nov. 28, 2011. He was captured on Wake Island in Dec. 1941. He and others working at the airfields fought valiantly with the Marines for 15 days against overwhelming odds. Leo spent 3 ½ years in prison labor camps in China, Manchuria, Siberia, Korea and Japan.

**OLIPHINT, John H**, of Colorado Springs, CO passed away Dec. 19, 2011. He was shot down over France and captured by the Ger-

mans; after escape, he joined the French Underground who got him back to England. In Korea, he was shot down, captured by the Chinese and later escaped. John is survived by his wife, Ruth, 1 son, 2 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

**PALMIERI, Patsy**, 90, of Westover, WV died Jan. 28, 2012. During WWII, he was captured in the Battle of the Bulge; he was held until liberation. Patsy was a member of the Barbed Wire Mountaineers Chapter #1, AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 69 years, Virginia, 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren, 4 brothers and 1 sister.

**PIKE, Murray**, 92, died February 9, 2012. He served in the European Theater of Operations in the Army, K Co, 142<sup>nd</sup> Infantry, 36<sup>th</sup> Division. He was held in Stalags IIB, VIIA, and Montova, Italy. He was a former member of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter.

**SCHERMER, Eugene B**, of Elk Park, NC passed away Oct. 29, 2011. He was shot down while serving with the AAC during WWII; he was held in Stalag 17B until liberation. His beloved wife, Joy survives him; he also leaves two sons.

**SHAY, William**, of Punta Gorda, FL died December 28, 2011. He was a member of Florida's Peace River Chapter in Port Charlotte, FL. Survivors include his wife, Sally and 2 sons.

**SPARKS, Oscar W**, of Pryor, Oklahoma, died October 16, 2011. He served with the 324 Fighter Group and was held in Luft 1. A member of the Tulsa Chapter, he is survived by his wife of 67 years, Amy.

**STEPHENSON, William J**, of Jacksonville, FL died Nov. 27, 2011. He was 92. During WWII, he was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held. William leaves his wife of 69 years, Helen, 1 son, 3 daughters, 7

grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**STEWART, Norris Richard "Dick"**, age 89, member of the Barbed Wire "Buckeye" Chapter, AXPOW passed away recently. He was 89. Dick was captured while serving with the AAC during WWII. Survivors include 2 sons, 1 daughter, 7 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

**STONE, Henry "Hank"** of Oakham, MA died Feb. 5, 2012. He was 93. During WWII, he served with the 30<sup>th</sup> Inf., Div., 120<sup>th</sup> Bn, Co D. He was captured at Mortain and held until liberation. He leaves his wife, Bernice; his first wife, Josie, predeceased him.

**SUMNER, Paul Edwin**, 95, of Denver, CO passed away Dec. 9, 2011. He was captured while serving with the 429<sup>th</sup> BS, 8<sup>th</sup> AF and held in Stalag Luft III until liberation in May, 1945. Paul is survived by two sons.

**SWIDARSKI, Steve**, 91, of Maple Heights, OH passed away recently. He was a POW in Germany for two years after being shot down while serving with the AAC. He was a member of the Barbed Wire "Buckeye" Chapter, AXPOW. Steve is survived by his beloved wife, Lena, 4 sons, 2 daughters, 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**VELA, Amador**, 86, of Brownsville, TX passed away Oct. 22, 2011, one week before his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday. He served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Div. in Europe where, after a year in combat, he was captured and held as a POW by the Germans. Amador was a frequent past commander of the South Texas Chapter, AXPOW and formed many lasting friendships through the organization. He leaves his beloved wife of 64 years, Elvira,

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3 children, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**WALKER, Robert F**, 85, of Cincinnati, OH died Sept. 14, 2011. During WWII, he served in the USA, 422<sup>nd</sup> Reg., Co D, 106<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held in various POW camps and work details. He was former commander of the OKI Chapter, AXPOW; he also served as President of the 10<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. Association.

**WOTZ, Albert A**, of Boardman, OH passed away Dec. 16, 2011. He was 87. He was captured while serving

with the AAC during WWII and held for 11 months. Albert was a member of the Steel Valley Chapter #13, AXPOW. He is survived by 3 daughters, 2 grandsons, 1 great-granddaughter and 2 sisters.

**YANO, Albert J**, 87, of Parma, OH died Feb. 12, 2012. He was a member of the Barbed Wire "Buckeye" Chapter, AXPOW. Albert was captured in Germany while serving with the AAC; he was liberated by Gen. Patton. He leaves 5 sons, 1 daughter, 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



## The Legacy of your love can live on after...

An important way you can help ensure that the American Ex-Prisoners of War is always there for returning POWs, their families and their dependents is through your will or living trust. It's very simple to make a bequest to the American Ex-Prisoners of War. Just add the following to your will or living trust: "I give, devise and bequeath to the American Ex-Prisoners of War, 3201 E. Pioneer Parkway, Suite 40, Arlington, TX 76010, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate."

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## national chaplain



**PNC Gerald Harvey**

We read the words of the Psalmist: "As a deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you Oh God." Psalm 42:1

When we lived in Africa, we would often visit the game parks. This time of year there was very little rain. Places where animals could find water were few in number. The roads in the park lead to these watering holes. There would be a platform from where you could see every thing. You would go early in the morning and wait to see the animals come to drink.. They needed water, but it was also dangerous. They would very cautiously come and make sure there were no enemy nearby.

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God gives us a natural thirst for a good drink when we are parched and dry. He also created within us a natural thirst for goodness, for right living, and a desire to know Him, the source of true righteousness.

I remember when I was a prisoner in Germany, riding all day in a locked box-car on a train. We were crammed in tightly. Finally the train stopped and they let us out for a short time. We were so hungry and thirsty, but they did not bring us anything. We were close to a small village. A very old German man came by with his bucket of beer that he was taking home. He was so moved by us that he gave his bucket for us to share. We were humans in need. He cared for us. Even though no one had more than a sip from his bucket, we were all grateful.

Today, are you thirsty, really dying of thirst in spirit and soul? Do you seek to quench an inner thirst from so many different wells: Money, status, fame, pleasure, material goods, and relationships? Then you realize that you have paid an exorbitant price for something that gave no true and lasting satisfaction. Soul satisfaction has only one source: God.

As we seek out a cool drink to satisfy us, let it be a reminder to us that God is ready and able to satisfy our souls.

## TOP 10 SIGNS YOU MAY NOT BE READING YOUR BIBLE ENOUGH

- 10 The Preacher announces the sermon is from Galatians ... and you check the table of contents.
- 9 You think Abraham, Isaac and Jacob may have had a few hit songs during the 60's.
- 8 You open to the Gospel of Luke and a WWII Savings Bond falls out.
- 7 Your favorite Old Testament patriarch is Hercules.
- 6 A small family of woodchucks has taken up residence in Psalms.
- 5 You become frustrated because Charlton Heston isn't listed in either the concordance or the table of contents.
- 4 Catching the kids reading the Song of Solomon, you demand: "Who gave you this stuff?"
- 3 You think the minor prophets worked in the quarries.
- 2 You keep falling for it every time when pastor tells you to turn to First Condominiums.

And the No. 1 sign you may not be reading your Bible enough:

The kids keep asking too many questions about your usual bedtime story: "Jonah the Shepherd Boy and His Ark of Many Colors."





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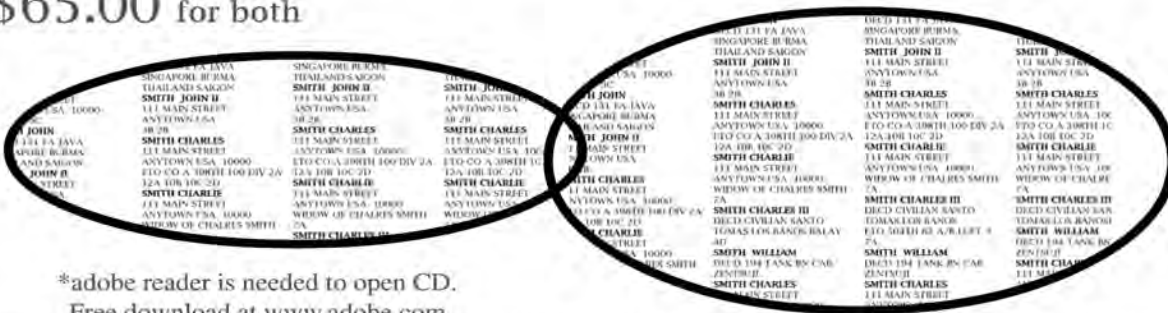


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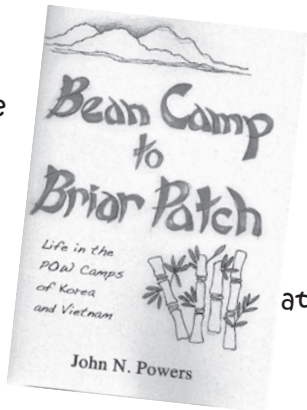
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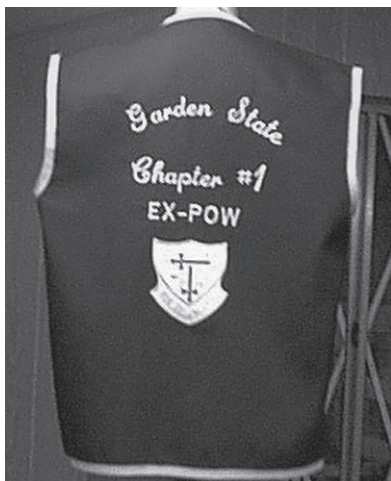
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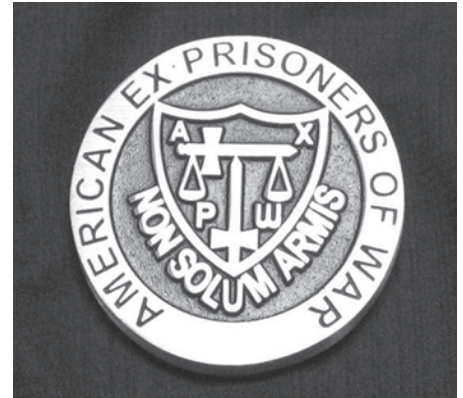
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