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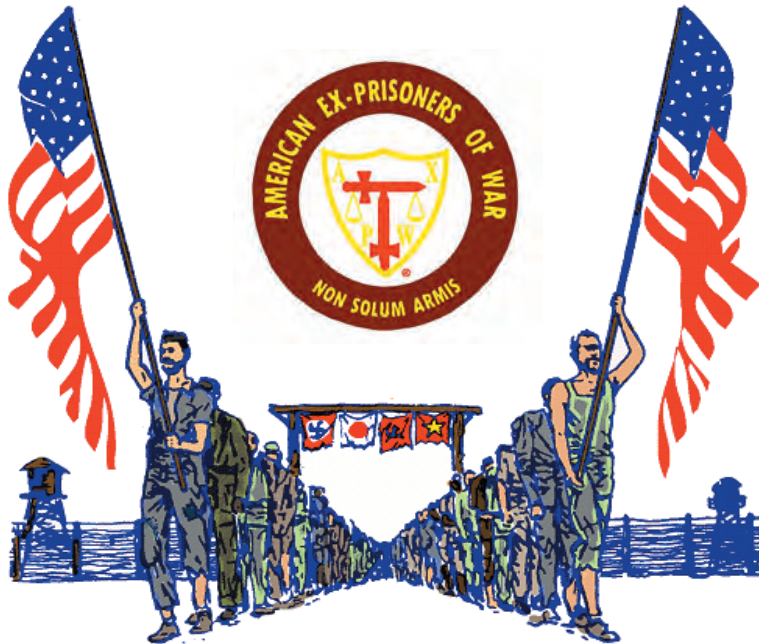
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Hardly feels like spring in the Northeast, but...we're heading into the warmer weather and that means it's National Convention time. Everyone in Texas is gearing up to show you all a great time! This year, we're featuring the Next-of-Kin -- along with Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor, Cowboy Stadium and The Ballpark, the Convention committee has put together activities to please POWs, their kids and grandkids. Andersonville is bringing an exhibit that tells the POW story...the next-of-kin chorus will sing their hearts out at the Commander's Reception...there are tours of Cowboy Stadium and more. Along with the business of AXPOW, you and your families will enjoy the camaraderie, the sights and sounds of Arlington. So COME ON DOWN!

**AXPOW Challenge Coins - featured on the back cover:
History of the Challenge Coin**

During WWI, in one squadron, a wealthy lieutenant ordered medallions struck in solid bronze and presented them to his unit. It became tradition to ensure that all members carried their medallion or coin at all times. This was accomplished through challenge in the following manner - a challenger would ask to see the medallion. If the challenged could not produce a medallion, they were required to buy a drink of choice for the member who challenged them. If the challenged member produced a medallion, then the challenging member was required to pay for the drink. This tradition continued on throughout the war and for many years after the war while surviving members of the squadron were still alive.

From WWI through today, the challenge coin tradition has spread throughout military units, in all branches of service, and even to non-military organizations as well as the United States Congress, which produces challenge coins for members of Congress to give to constituents. Today, challenge coins are given to members upon joining an organization, as an award to improve morale, and sold to commemorate special occasions or as fundraisers.

UMB Credit Card

Every time a member - or member's family or friends - signs up for the new UMB credit card (which features our marching men on the face), AXPOW receives \$50.00. That's like making a \$50 donation to the organization when you sign up. We also get a percentage of every dollar spent if you use the card each month.

We'd like to ask all members who are still using the old Bank of America card to switch over to the UMB credit card with the Marching Men. Won't you take a few minutes and apply for this card today? More information is on the facing page.

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Dear Members,

Happy Passover, Happy Easter! I hope this Bulletin finds you and your family in good health.

At this time, we are in the process of developing my testimony to the Joint House/Senate Veterans Affairs Committee in Washington, DC this March. Congress has long-standing Veterans Affairs Committees, which reach out to the various Veterans Service Organizations to receive feedback on veteran needs and key Federal initiatives. We are fortunate to have a seat at the table which provides an opportunity to submit written comments, but more importantly, to communicate face-to-face with those key decision-makers. In addition to the testimonies from the VSOs, the Senators and Representatives have a brief Q&A period to express their opinions and get answers to their questions from the organizations' representatives.

There is nothing more important to a veteran than one's own health. The Ex-POW Bulletin recognizes the need and includes information in several forms. With the POW MedSearch column, topical medical issues are explained. With your specific dealings with the VA on medical records, Ruth Powell and Bill Jeffers include in their columns lots of good tips for dealing with the VA medical facilities. Generally, it's all about

documentation and follow-up. Make sure you request a copy of your route sheet containing your medical information after each appointment and keep track of the time between medical appointments, etc. Also, if your medication is not available during your appointment, it can be ordered based on criteria. The two key messages are documentation and communication. Speak up if you feel you are not receiving the proper care. In the end, if you are not satisfied, contact your patient representative. Each VAMC has an advocate dedicated to ex-prisoners of war.

The National Convention is coming up in June. As always, it is a great time to reconnect with everyone from all over the country. One of the main topics of the convention this year is where the organization is heading in the future. I have communicated broadly and separately to many individuals about the effort underway by the Board of Directors to examine the organization and its direction. I encourage all of you to be a part of the process and write your comments to the Board, be heard and give your input!

Funding is a part of this process. Like all organizations, adequate funding is essential to perform our mission, so please donate to the best of your ability to our direct mail programs, the Voluntary Funding and others as they come up. We cannot exist without you. You help us to "help those who cannot help themselves".

Thank you

God Bless Our Troops

God Bless America

~~~~ Remember ~~~~

**See you in Arlington  
June 26-29**

# news from hq



I hope all my friends in the North have thawed out by now. As I write this, all y'all are in a deep freeze. Stay warm.

We are working hard on the upcoming National Convention. It is June 27-29 at the Hilton Arlington here in Texas. The National Board will be meeting on Wednesday, June 26. It is an open meeting so you are all invited to attend.

This year we are focusing on the next-of-kin. We are hopeful that many of you will attend. It's a great location for a family vacation. We are arranging for a private group tour of the Cowboys Stadium in Arlington on June 27 in the afternoon. You will have the opportunity to have your picture taken on the 50 yard line!

We also have 6 Flags over Texas and Hurricane Harbor nearby. There is a free trolley to take you to and from these fun spots.

Also, by coming to the convention, you get the convention rate at the Hilton. That is a huge savings right there. And your convention registration includes 3 full breakfasts and 3 lunches at the hotel. Check it out now!

Although we are shutting down the merchandise store we have received requests for several items. We have restocked graveside flags, 3' by 5" logo flags with grommets and flashlights. We have a brand new item for you. It is a Challenge Coin with our logo on one side and the 5 Branches of Service on the other side. They cost \$10 each. See the back cover for a picture.

Hope to see you in June!  
Clydie, Marsha, Donna, Sally

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**2013 VA Compensation Rates:**

|      |                                                                                                             |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10%  | \$129                                                                                                       |
| 20%  | \$255                                                                                                       |
| 30%  | \$395 <b>Veteran Only</b><br>\$442 <b>Veteran &amp; Spouse</b><br>\$ 43 <b>Additional for A/A spouse</b>    |
| 40%  | \$569 <b>Veteran Only</b><br>\$631 <b>Veteran &amp; Spouse</b><br>\$ 58 <b>Additional for A/A spouse</b>    |
| 50%  | \$810 <b>Veteran Only</b><br>\$888 <b>Veteran &amp; Spouse</b><br>\$ 72 <b>Additional for A/A spouse</b>    |
| 60%  | \$1026 <b>Veteran Only</b><br>\$1120 <b>Veteran &amp; Spouse</b><br>\$ 86 <b>Additional for A/A spouse</b>  |
| 70%  | \$1293 <b>Veteran Only</b><br>\$1402 <b>Veteran &amp; Spouse</b><br>\$ 101 <b>Additional for A/A spouse</b> |
| 80%  | \$1503 <b>Veteran Only</b><br>\$1628 <b>Veteran &amp; Spouse</b><br>\$ 115 <b>Additional for A/A spouse</b> |
| 90%  | \$1689 <b>Veteran Only</b><br>\$1830 <b>Veteran &amp; Spouse</b><br>\$ 129 <b>Additional for A/A spouse</b> |
| 100% | \$2816 <b>Veteran Only</b><br>\$2973 <b>Veteran &amp; Spouse</b><br>\$ 144 <b>Additional for A/A spouse</b> |

**If you need help, the VA is there for you.**

**VA Benefits and Programs for Ex-POWs**

**POW Veterans Outreach Coordinators**

Each VA Regional Office has a POW Veterans Outreach Coordinator who is a direct point of contact for you to learn more about what benefits you qualify for, assist you with applying for those benefits, and refer you to other organizations and resources that will help you meet your needs.

Find your local POW Veterans Outreach Coordinator at the nearest VA Regional Office.

**VA Disability Compensation**

Former POWs are eligible for VA disability compensation for disabilities related to their military service and captivity. Certain conditions are presumed to be related to time in captivity. These presumptive disabilities are based on studies of the long-term effects of captivity, deprivation, trauma, and cold injury on former POWs.

**VA Health Care**

Former POWs who have a service-connected disability are eligible for VA health care. This includes hospital, nursing home, and outpatient treatment. Former POWs who do not have a service-connected disability are eligible for VA hospital and nursing home care without regard to their ability to pay. Additionally, former POWs without a service-connected disability are eligible for outpatient care on a priority basis.

**VA Benefits for Dependents and Survivors of former POWs**

Dependents and survivors may be eligible for compensation, pension, health care, education, and home loan benefits. Typically,

these benefits are available to a surviving spouse, dependent child(ren), and/or parent(s) of a deceased former POW or a former POW with a service-connected disability.

**Special Monthly Compensation (SMC)**

is an additional tax-free benefit that can be paid to Veterans, their spouses, surviving spouses and parents. For Veterans, Special Monthly Compensation is a higher rate of compensation paid due to special circumstances such as the need of aid and attendance by another person or a specific disability, such as loss of use of one hand or leg. For spouses and surviving spouses, this benefit is commonly referred to as aid and attendance and is paid based on the need of aid and attendance by another person. Learn about special monthly compensation benefit rates by talking to a National Service Officer or the POW Veterans Outreach Coordinator.

**Other Benefits:** VA provides additional housing and insurance benefits to Veterans with disabilities, including Adapted Housing grants, Service-Disable Veterans' Insurance, and Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance.

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**For AXPOW National Service Officers: VA FORM 21-22 has been updated**

The new form: "APPOINTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION AS CLAIMANT'S REPRESENTATIVE" must be used for all new claims. To get copies, go to: <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-22-ARE.pdf>.

There are also copies available at National Headquarters.

## POW Presumptives:

Disabilities Presumed to be Service Connected Under 38 CFR 3.3.09(c)

### Peptic Ulcer Disease

The major complications of ulcers are bleeding, obstruction due to scarring and perforation. Surgery is usually reserved for cases with complications. It commonly involves vagotomy (sever-

## Peptic Ulcer

A peptic ulcer is a defect in the lining of the stomach or the first part of the small intestine, an area called the duodenum.

A peptic ulcer in the stomach is called a gastric ulcer. An ulcer in the duodenum is called a duodenal ulcer. See also:

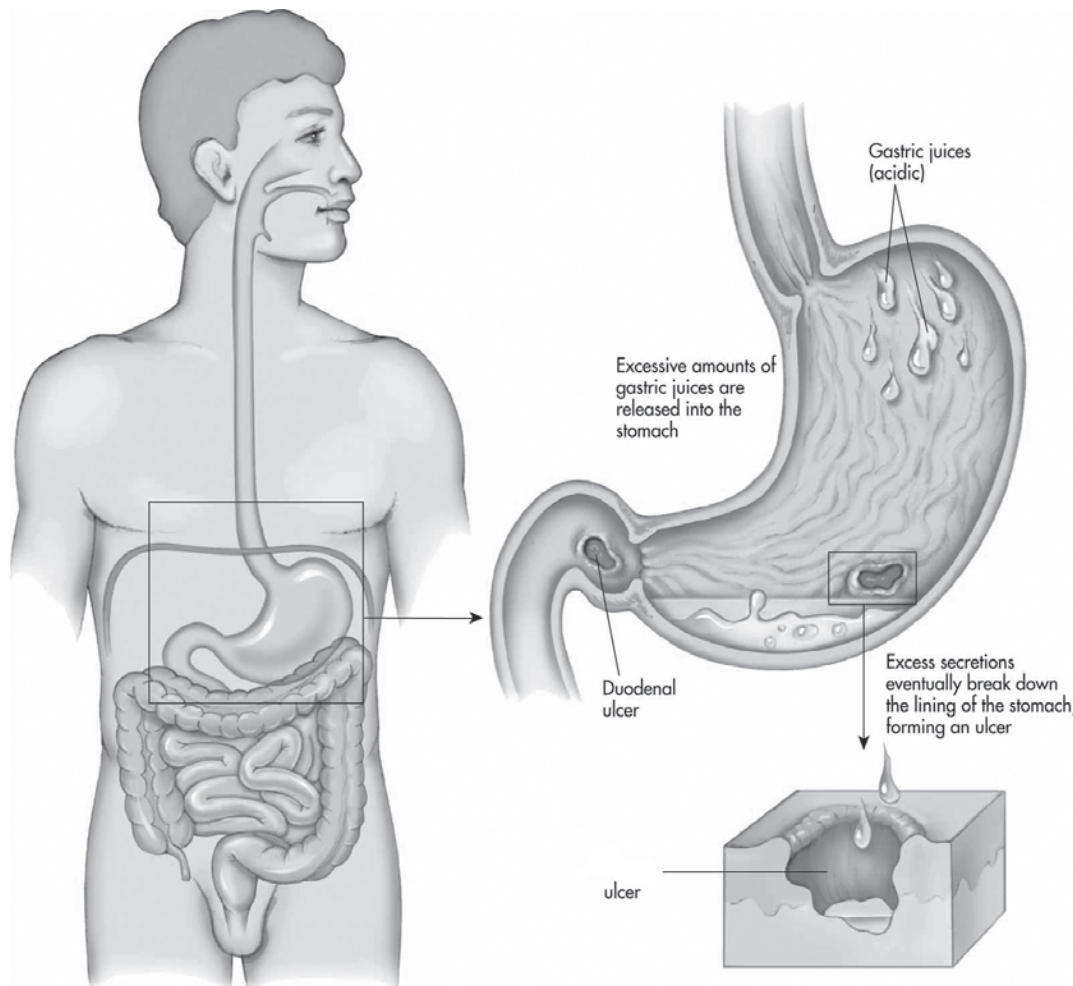
- Gastritis
- Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD)

### Causes, incidence, and risk factors

Normally, the lining of the stomach and small intestines is protected against the irritating acids produced in your stomach. If this protective lining stops working correctly and the lining breaks down, it results in inflammation (gastritis) or an ulcer.

Most ulcers occur in the first layer of the inner lining. A hole that goes all the way through the stomach or duodenum is called a perforation. A perforation is a medical emergency.

The most common cause of such damage is infection of the stomach by bacteria called *Helicobacter pylori* (H.pylori). Most people with peptic ulcers



Originally ulcers were felt to be due to the action of hydrochloric acid and pepsin (thus "peptic") on the lining of the stomach or duodenum where most occur. There are, in fact, numerous contributing causes to ulcers, both endogenous and exogenous. Among the latter are cigarette smoking, the use of adrenocorticosteroids and the use of aspirin and other nonsteroidal, anti-inflammatory drugs.

ing the nerve which stimulates gastric secretion) and procedures to enlarge the pylorus, remove acid secreting cells from the stomach or to create an opening from the stomach to the intestines.

Even after surgery, ulcers may recur and other complications such as dumping syndrome, diarrhea and weight loss are not uncommon.

## medsearch continued...

have these bacteria living in their gastrointestinal (GI) tract. Yet, many people who have these bacteria in their stomach do not develop an ulcer.

The following also raise your risk for peptic ulcers:

- Drinking too much alcohol
- Regular use of aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, or other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Taking aspirin or NSAIDs once in a while is safe for most people.
- Smoking cigarettes or chewing tobacco
- Being very ill, such as being on a breathing machine
- Having radiation treatments

A rare condition called Zollinger-Ellison syndrome causes stomach and duodenal ulcers. Persons with this disease have a tumor in the pancreas. This tumor releases high levels of a hormone that increases stomach acid.

Many people believe that stress causes ulcers. It is not clear if this is true, at least for everyday stress at home.

## Symptoms

Small ulcers may not cause any symptoms. Some ulcers can cause serious bleeding.

Abdominal pain is a common symptom, but it doesn't always occur. The pain can differ from person to person.

Other symptoms include:

- Feeling of fullness — unable to drink as much fluid

- Hunger and an empty feeling in the stomach, often 1 - 3 hours after a meal
  - Mild nausea (vomiting may relieve this symptom)
  - Pain or discomfort in the upper abdomen
  - Upper abdominal pain that wakes you up at night
- Other possible symptoms include:
- Bloody or dark tarry stools
  - Chest pain
  - Fatigue
  - Vomiting, possibly bloody
  - Weight loss

## Signs and tests

To diagnose an ulcer, your doctor will order one of the following tests:

· Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD or upper endoscopy) is a special test performed by a gastroenterologist. A thin tube with a camera on the end is inserted through your mouth into the GI tract to see your stomach and small intestine.

· Upper GI is a series of x-rays taken after you drink a thick substance called barium.

Upper endoscopy is also done on people who are at high risk for stomach cancer. Risk factors include being over age 45 or having symptoms such as:

- Anemia

- Difficulty swallowing
- Gastrointestinal bleeding
- Unexplained weight loss

Testing for *H. pylori* is also needed.

Your doctor may also order these tests:

- Hemoglobin blood test to check for anemia
- Stool occult blood test to test for blood in your stool

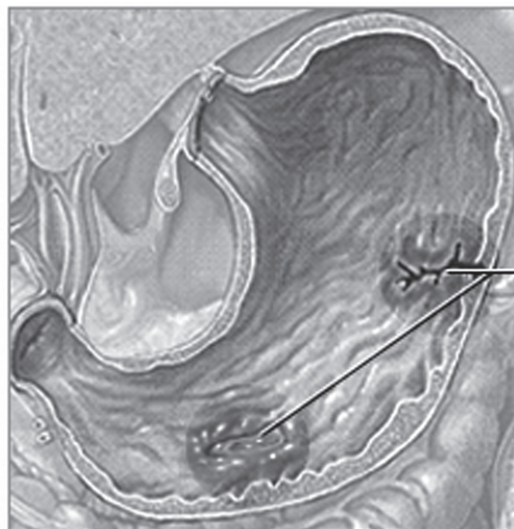
## Treatment

Treatment involves a combination of medications to kill the *H. pylori* bacteria (if present), and reduce acid levels in the stomach. This strategy allows your ulcer to heal and reduces the chance it will come back.

Take all of your medications exactly as prescribed.

If you have a peptic ulcer with an *H. pylori* infection, the standard treatment uses different combinations of the following medications for 5 - 14 days:

- Two different antibiotics to kill *H. pylori*, such as clarithromycin (Biaxin), amoxicillin, tetracycline, or metronidazole (Flagyl)
- Proton pump inhibitors such as omeprazole (Prilosec), lansoprazole (Prevacid), or esomeprazole (Nexium)



Stomach ulcers



## medsearch, continued

Bismuth (the main ingredient in Pepto-Bismol) may be added to help kill the bacteria

If you have an ulcer without an *H. pylori* infection, or one that is caused by taking aspirin or NSAIDs, your doctor will likely prescribe a proton pump inhibitor for 8 weeks.

You may also be prescribed this type of medicine if you must continue taking aspirin or NSAIDs for other health conditions.

Other medications that may be used for ulcer symptoms or disease are:

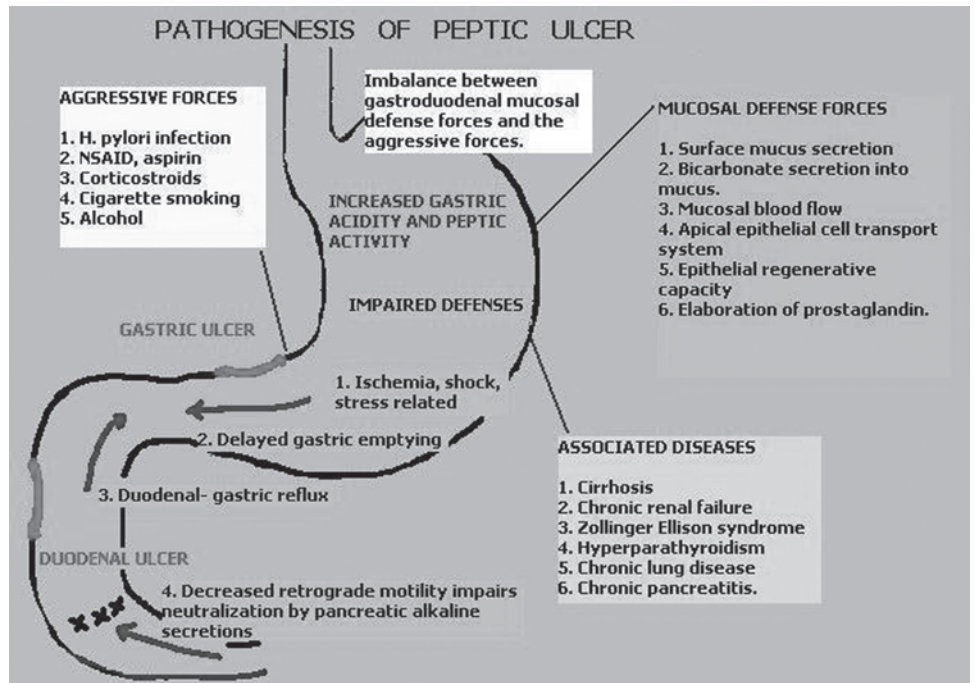
- Misoprostol, a drug that may help prevent ulcers in people who take NSAIDs on a regular basis

- Medications that protect the tissue lining (such as sucralfate)

If a peptic ulcer bleeds a lot, an EGD may be needed to stop the bleeding. Methods used to stop the bleeding include injecting medicine, or applying metal clips to the ulcer. Surgery may be needed if bleeding cannot be stopped with an EGD, or if the ulcer has caused a tear (perforation).

## Prognosis

Peptic ulcers tend to come back if untreated. If you follow your doctor's treatment instructions and take all of your medications as directed, the *H. pylori* infection will likely be cured and



you'll be much less likely to get another ulcer.

## Complications

- Bleeding inside the body (internal bleeding)
- Gastric outlet obstruction
- Inflammation of the tissue that lines the wall of the abdomen (peritonitis)
- Perforation of the stomach and intestines

Calling your health care provider  
Seek urgent help if you:

- Develop sudden, sharp abdominal pain
- Have a rigid, hard abdomen that is tender to touch
- Have symptoms of shock such as fainting, excessive sweating, or confusion
- Vomit blood or have blood in your stool (especially if it's maroon or dark, tarry black)

Call your doctor if:

- You feel dizzy or light-headed
- You have ulcer symptoms

## Prevention

Avoid aspirin, ibuprofen, naproxen, and other NSAIDs. Try acetaminophen instead. If you must take such medicines, talk to your doctor first. Your doctor may:

- Test you for *H. pylori* first
- Have you take proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) or an acid blocker

- Have you take a drug called misoprostol

The following lifestyle changes may help prevent peptic ulcers:

- Do not smoke or chew tobacco.
- Limit alcohol to no more than two drinks per day.



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## Public History: Youth Volunteers, Professors, and POWs

by Eric Leonard, Chief of Interpretation & Education and Megan Salter, Site Supervisor, Eastern National Bookstore

On two recent Saturday evenings in November and January, the National Prisoner of War Museum at Andersonville National Historic Site opened for rare nighttime opportunities to view the museum exhibits and experience the Civil War prison site. Visitors of all ages accessed the reconstructed northeast corner of the Confederate military prison from the museum courtyard, their path illuminated by candle lanterns. Among the replica shelters were living history volunteers - including high school participants in the park's award-winning

Historic Interpreter Apprentice Program - who helped the public gain a better understanding of the living conditions endured by Union prisoners during the often-overlooked winter period from 1864 to 1865.

Inside the museum, attendees packed the theater to hear special guest presentations. The November event featured a program on the Belle Isle Civil War military prison in Richmond, Virginia by Michael J. Bennett, a recipient of a 2011-2012 POW Research Grant, funded by the Friends of Andersonville. The speaker for the January event, also sponsored by the Friends of Andersonville, was Dr. John K. Derden, Professor Emeritus of History, East Georgia College. Dr. Derden spoke about the findings documented in his recent book, "The World's Largest Prison: the Story of Camp Lawton," which focus on recent archeological discoveries from another Civil War military prison in Georgia that operated fewer than two months in late 1864.



A visit to the National Prisoner of War Museum is a moving experience under any circumstance. The Night Museum programs have created new opportunities and rich experiences for visitors, especially members of nearby communities who may not have made a recent visit to the national park in their own backyard. The next Night Museum event is scheduled for November 16, 2013.

In addition to the park's largest annual Civil War living history special event the second weekend in March, the Night Museum programs represent an increasing number of activities associated with the approaching 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

Andersonville prison and Andersonville National Cemetery. As always, please visit the park website at [www.nps.gov/ande](http://www.nps.gov/ande) or find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AndersonvilleNPS](http://www.facebook.com/AndersonvilleNPS) to see the full suite of National Park Service efforts to educate Americans about the courage and sacrifices of POWs.

On that note, William Pebley recently donated 100 copies of *Heroes, ... Survivors: A Book about South Carolinian Ex-Prisoner of War Experiences*, compiled and edited by James A. Eidson, III, to the Eastern National bookstore in the National Prisoner of War Museum. This valuable collection of accounts from former POWs lends personal insight into the lives of men and their families who were willing to pay whatever price asked of them by their nation in wartime. Mr. Pebley is a member of the South Carolina Palmetto Chapter of AXPOW. A former National Service Officer, he currently resides with his wife in South Carolina.

Says the editor of the collection: "It is my hope that future generations will be enlightened by these eyewitness experiences to better understand man's inhumanity to man, the horrors of warfare, and the ability of the human spirit to survive under the most deplorable conditions and emerge to live lives well-lived and flourishing." Proceeds from the sale of this \$25 book will serve to fund future programs at Andersonville National Historic Site. Eastern National promotes the public's understanding and support of America's national parks and other public trust partners by providing quality educational experiences, products, and services.

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## “Where do we get such men?”

- RADM George Tarrant, played by Frederic March in the 1954 movie, *Bridges at Toko-Ri*

So why do people join our Armed Forces with so many options that seem at first glance to be better choices? This comparatively low-paying profession is rife with dangerous tasks, long periods of family separation, many hours on duty with no “overtime reimbursement.” Further, our military system is enveloped by a totally separate system of justice in which the majority of cases are resolved solely by “the Boss.” It’s an organization wherein individual rights are stripped away and slowly given back as “perks” and “privileges.” Why would *anybody* want to do it, let alone the thousands who join every year?

While there are risky civilian occupations there are none where an individual can be *ordered* to perform dangerous tasks with the possibility of being killed or going to jail for non-performance. The worst financial manager in the world could do this cost-benefit analysis in his head, conclude that it has no merit and head back to his Microsoft Excel™ spreadsheets where he’ll toil until 5:00 p.m. and go home.

It seems reasonable to ask, “What kind of idiot would join in the first place?” A better way to explain it is “What kind of marketing genius can convince a young man to swap several years of his life for such disincentives and only a vague promise of the possibility of adventure, a terrific experience and doing something for something larger than one’s self?”

Those are great questions with surprising answers. The draft went away more than 30 years ago. Despite gloom and doom prophecies from “pundits” who never wore any kind of uniform, our armed forces continue to do their duty and perform well. Many voluntarily join each of our armed forces every year. And many more reenlist to stay in. Voluntarily.

Despite those “experts” in Hollywood, academia and the mainstream (sic) media who constantly refer to our military professionals by a derogatory “they” (as contrasted to “we,” the enlightened intelligentsia), morale remains high in the day rooms, ready rooms, bases, ships, aircraft and military vehicles of all kinds. These are far and away some of the happiest, proudest individuals in the world despite nay-saying influencers’ trying to demoralize them. Morale, ironically, appears much higher than in the newsrooms of many newspapers and it was reported thus incredulously by embedded reporters during the race across Iraq.

These wonderful young people – and the military *is* a young profession – are not idiots. A large percentage falls into the upper reaches of intelligence and vocational aptitude tests. And this is despite an ongoing war – two wars – that will probably last for a while. I’d bet that the average college SAT scores of military officers picked at random are higher than those of the contemporary typical critics of the “military-industrial complex” who might be able to turn on a calculator – with training.

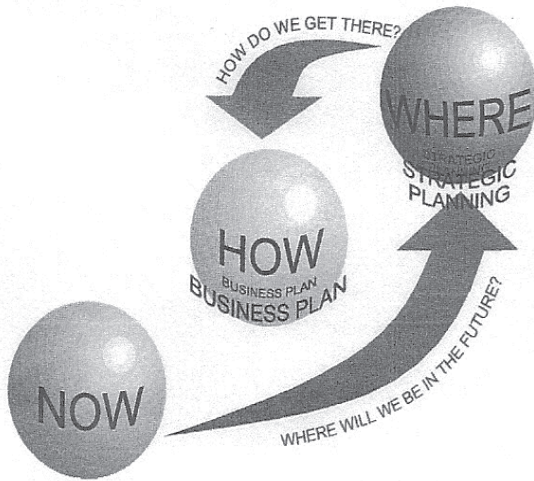
The reasons these volunteers join are many and not intuitive to anyone who’s never served. There are certain aspects of military service that have

no direct civilian counterpart. Our service personnel are together in their units 24/7 often for months at a time – which is not a normal part of a civilian job. With rare exceptions, there’s no automatic compensation for extra work and most of the military rewards are intrinsic as opposed to buying loyalty with a wad of cash.

There’s camaraderie and esprit de corps and a feeling that one is doing something for a purpose larger than one’s self. The bonds that tie military units and branches and individual services together are strong and have little counterpart in civilian life. For the combat arms, there is adventure and the pride of being the best at what they do. It can be seen following the annual Army-Navy football game where each team and the Corps of Cadets and Brigade of Midshipmen stand respectfully during the singing of *the other school’s alma mater*. This mutual respect shown by teams and student bodies who seconds before had been beating each other’s brains out is an encapsulation of all that makes our Armed Forces great and different.

They know that after graduation they’ll all be playing on the same team – Uncle Sam’s – but with a much more deadly set of rules.

The bond is created early in service and remains during military tours of duty and for decades afterward. This weekend my Navy squadron, the Black Diamonds of Navy Attack Squadron 216 (VA-216) is meeting in Richmond to dedicate a restoration of one of our aircraft. Nearly every living member of that squadron is here and enjoying a terrific time re-living shipboard life, liberty and our combat flying missions – harrowing and humorous. And for a brief period of time, each of us was transported to an earlier era where things were simpler, “black and white” and there were actual concrete standards. We toasted departed comrades and the young chargers who are carrying the banner now. And each felt a little sorry for those who’ve never experienced the satisfaction of serving in their country’s armed forces.



## April 9 POW Recognition Day

In the last bulletin Commander Susino stated that the Next of Kin and the Strategic Planning Committee will make recommendations at the upcoming convention to help in the transition to a predominately Next of Kin membership.

In the not too distant future we see that Next of Kin will move into the operation of our organization. One way to help them in this transition is to invite them to attend or participate in Na-

tional Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day on April 9, 2013.

Our recommendation will include stimulus to further implement the April 9 Recognition Day.

This event is a natural in publicizing our history. In Tucson POW Recognition Day is sponsored by the Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Health Care System. Their public relations department pub-

lishes the event with radio, television and newspaper. Our EX POW's then bring in memorabilia to show to visitors. We talk about our personal experiences as a POW and have model planes, pictures and videos to enhance our talks. In one experience a TV station recorded my experience and ran it on their channel for two weeks.

Our recommendation will include the motivation of our Next of Kin to be involved in and subsequently take over for us on April 9. To do this time is short

as we currently only have 6 POW's left in our chapter and they are all over 90 years of age.

Although these are recommendations we will make to our membership at the convention the time for you to act is now. Please implement April 9 POW Recognition Day and invite your Next of Kin to attend.

Do not just read this article. Call your VA and do it.

## American Ex-Prisoners of War 2013 National Convention

As a major step to enhance the transition to what will be a predominantly managed Next of Kin AXPOW organization we are dedicating our June 2013 convention to our Next of Kin. Many events will be for the children and grandchildren of our EX- Prisoners of War. Thus we will brain storm ideas that might appeal to next of kin. For example, we may have a trip to the 6 Flags amusement park and a tour of the Cowboy Stadium.

We are thinking of a special session for the NOKs to discuss their ideas for the future of the organization. We plan to have a band during the Commanders reception along with the NOK chorus for your entertainment. The idea here is to have as much fun as possible, and a great opportunity for NOK to become more acquainted with each other. Membership with the National POW group is not required to attend the convention although it is strongly encouraged to join our happy family.

ND Lew Sleeper, Chairman, Joint Strategic Planning & NOK Committees

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See you in Texas!

# va outreach



**JVC Bill Jeffers  
Chairman**

This article will complete the series addressing VA Health Care benefits available to eligible veterans.

The VA can provide special modes of travel to accommodate the needs of certain veterans (wheelchair vans or ambulance) or reimbursement of travel costs for approved VA medical care. The reimbursement is calculated on a set amount per mile subject to a deductible of \$3 for each one-way trip and \$6 for a round trip. The maximum deductible is \$18 per calendar month. Exceptions to the deductible are travel to a compensation or pension examination or travel requiring a special mode of transportation. There are eligibility requirements for travel benefits, such as service-connected disabilities, scheduled pension or compensation examinations..

The VA maintains several Health Registries, each of which relates to diseases or health issues which have been identified as being associated with military operations which took place in specific areas during specific time periods. These registries are: Gulf War, Depleted Uranium, Agent Orange and Ionizing Radiation. The latter includes radiation risk activities

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associated with service at Department of Energy gaseous diffusion plants and other radiation exposure sites.

The VA provides readjustment counseling services in many community-based Vet Centers. These Vet Centers do not require enrollment in the VA Health Care System. The Vet Center counselors provide individual, group, and family readjustment counseling to combat veterans to assist them in making a successful transition from military to civilian life; counseling services treatment for PTSD as well as help with any other military-related problems that affect functioning within the family, work or other areas of every-day life; other psycho-social services including education, medical referral, homeless veterans, VA benefit referral, and brokering of non-VA services.; military sexual trauma counseling to veterans of both genders in any era of military service.

Bereavement counseling is available through the VA's Vet Centers to all immediate family members of service members who die while on active duty (including federally-activated members of the National Guard and Reserve components. Vet Center bereavement services for surviving family members may be accessed by calling 202-461-6530. The location of Vet Centers can be found by visiting [www.vetcenter.va.gov/](http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/).

Veterans receiving VA care for any condition may receive VA prosthetic appliances, equipment and services. VA medical services include VA-furnished sensory aids including diagnostic audiology and diagnostic and preventive eye care services. The VA will provide hearing aids and eye glasses to veterans who receive increased pension based on the need for regular aid and attendance or being permanently housebound, receive compensa-

tion for a service-connected disability, are former POWs or a Purple Heart recipient. Otherwise, hearing aids and eyeglasses are provided only in special circumstances and not for normally occurring hearing or vision loss.

Home improvement and structural alterations grants are made by the VA for veterans for the continuation of treatment or for disability access to the home and essential lavatory and sanitary facilities. VA grants up to \$4100 lifetime benefit for service-connected disabilities and up to \$1200 for non-service-connected veterans. Such grants provide for medically necessary improvements and/or structural changes to the veteran's residence for specifically-approved purposes.

The VA has health care benefit programs for two special eligibility situations. One is for the birth children of certain Korea and Vietnam veterans diagnosed with Spina Bifida. It provides comprehensive health care benefits for such children, including outpatient, inpatient, pharmacy, prosthetics, medical equipment, and medical supplies. The other is for veterans participating in vocational rehabilitation who may receive VA health care benefits, including prosthetics, medical equipment and supplies.

There are VA services for blind and visually impaired veterans. Visually impaired veterans (not blind) and who are enrolled in the VA health care system may be eligible for services at a VA medical center or for admission to an outpatient VA blind rehabilitation program. They also may receive a total health and benefits review, vision loss adjustment counseling, rehabilitation assessment and training to improve independence and quality of life, low-vision devices and training in their use, electronic and mechanical aids. Blind veterans may be eligible for all of the



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above, plus home improvements and structural alterations, specially adapted housing, automobile grant, recommendation for a guide dog and training in the use of same, costs for veterinary care and guide dog equipment, talking books, tapes and Braille literature.

Veterans eligible for VA medical care may also apply for general mental health treatment and specialty services. For more on VA Mental Health services, visit [www.mentalhealth.va.gov/MentalHealthGroup.asp](http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/MentalHealthGroup.asp).

Outpatient dental care is provided by the VA, but the extent of care varies by eligibility criteria. Former POWs fall in the category that can receive any needed dental care.

Nursing home care is provided by the VA through three national programs: VA Community Living Centers, State Veterans' Home Program and Contract Community Nursing Home Program. The general criteria for nursing home placement requires that the resident must be medically stable (not acutely ill), have sufficient functional deficits to require inpatient nursing home care, and is assessed to be in need of institutional nursing home care. The VA also offers a variety of other long-term care services, either directly or by contract with community-based agencies. The VA facilitates In-Home and Community Based Care, Respite Care, and Caregiver Training Programs.



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*Pin-up Kids from the 1950s  
Sylvia Stone, daughter of ex-POW  
Preston Stone*

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## Reading the Bones

by Alice A. Booher



For centuries and in myriad cultures, psychics and other mystic diviners have called upon the “inner meanings and outer demonstrations” of natural phenomena, e.g. shells, pebbles, nuts or bones to purportedly resolve life puzzles. Not surprisingly, there is an authentic modern and infinitely more scientific variation of this theme, and it is helping to identify long missing American soldiers. As has been and will be discussed in this *Bulletin*, new

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science is making some significant progress.

A case in point is Zoltan Dobovich. Zoltan’s mother, Rosalie (Rose) and his father Joseph both came to the U.S. from Hungary to make a better life for their family. Settling in Allentown, PA, they had five kids. Zoltan would be remembered as a quiet, reserved kid who tagged along with his brothers to skate. Exactly two years after Pearl Harbor, Zoltan enlisted (along with his brothers Stephen and Anthony).

On November 1, 1946, Staff Sergeant Zoltan Joseph Dobovich, USAAC, a radioman, age 21, and 7 other crew members went MIA aboard a B-17G Flying Fortress enroute from Naples, Italy to Bovington, England. For months, search and rescue attempts were nonproductive. In 1947, a French military unit operating in the French-Italian Alps near the peak of Aiguilles des Glaciers, a mountain in the Mont Blanc region, found some plane wreckage at an altitude of more than 12,000 feet.

According to the POW/MIA Awareness Committee of New Jersey, the French returned what few remains were recovered to the U.S. without individual identifications, and these were buried on October 10, 1947 in a single grave at Arlington National Cemetery with a marker citing all the 8 names. There was no anticipation for other remains until the glacier descended the slope. In 1972-1975, more remains were found, and again in 1983 the Italian military found more remains, but the then-state of science still prevented any identifications.

In 2003, investigators contacted a family member for DNA samples, but Zoltan’s older brother, who had never gotten over the brother’s death, was ill and the family did not want to

upset him. An Army contractor, Megan Smolenyak, a genealogist, was brought in to address the ID as a high-priority case. Problematic was that DNA is passed through mitochondrial (maternal) DNA, and the only living survivors were the children of his brother, Anthony, who died in 2006. Smolenyak, who works via the Past Conflict Repatriations Branch at Ft. Knox, KY, researched Zoltan’s mother Rose, who was one of 6 kids, 5 of whom were girls, and was able to trace the DNA that way. A relative who remotely had heard of Aunt Rose but had never heard of Zoltan Dobovich provided a sample that allowed for a DNA match by JPOW/MIAAC in Hawaii.



As reported by the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on New Year’s Eve 2012, some 66 years after his being declared MIA/DIA, Zoltan Dobovich was flown to the Philadelphia Airport, escorted by Rolling Thunder Patriot Riders, and on December 27, 2012, he was laid to rest at the Brig Gen William Doyle Veterans National Cemetery in New Jersey witnessed by veterans and a newly united family he never knew, his dog tags hanging from the silver rail of his casket.

The family was able to memorialize both Zoltan and his big brother Anthony who rests only a few graves away. The *Burlington County (PA) Times* quoted one of the Vietnam veterans from the local American Legion post attending, “now our MIA’s will start to reappear (with DNA identification) and this is a grand, grand thing”.



**March 14-16, 2013. USS Houston CA-30 Survivors Association & Next Generations Annual Reunion** will be held at: Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown. Contact: John Keith Schwarz Executive Director- USS Houston CA-30 Survivors Association & Next Generations; [contact@usshouston.org](mailto:contact@usshouston.org); 202-268-2261/703-867-0142.

**April 20, 2013. The Department of Missouri will hold their state convention** at the Elks Club in Columbia. The Elks Club is graciously hosting the event again this year. Final schedule is still pending but there will be a morning social, memorial service, business meeting with election of new officers, and a dinner followed by installation of officers and entertainment. There is no charge for Ex-POWs who attend. There will be a slight charge for next of kin and other guests. Missouri members will be receiving more information soon. If you have any questions you can contact Ray Ruetsch at 573-817-9332.

**April 25-28, 2013. Stalag Luft III Reunion** (The Great Escape Prison Camp) will be held in Crystal City, Virginia. If you would want additional information on the program, please contact me, Val Burgess at: 307.674-4080 or email: [vburgess@burgessdesigngroup.com](mailto:vburgess@burgessdesigngroup.com).

**June 7-8, 2013. 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.

**June 26-29, 2013. The American Ex-Prisoners of War National**

**Convention** will be held in Arlington, Texas at the Hilton Arlington Hotel. We've got a great convention planned, so now it's your turn to start planning to attend. There is more information on the following pages.

**Oct. 1-6, 2013. The 30th Annual Mukden Survivors and Descendants reunion** will be held in Hamburg, PA. Anyone interested in more information please contact the hosts, Terry and Dawne Clay (Wayne Miller's daughter). Dawne's Email address is [dkclay1@comcast.net](mailto:dkclay1@comcast.net). Home address is: Dawne and Terry Clay, 751 Garfield Rd, Mohrsville, PA 19541. Home telephone # 610-926-0667.

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I am a documentary filmmaker researching the story of Stalag VIII. My interest stems from a famous piece of classical music, Quartet for the End of Time, by the French composer, Olivier Messiaen, which he composed when he was imprisoned in Stalag VIII-A. I and my co-producer, Jeff Bieber from WETA, are interested in producing a **documentary that would combine Messiaen's music with the stories and reminiscences of Allied POWs which we would like to make to coincide with 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.**

Initially, we thought that we might restrict our research to Stalag VIII-A but there is a powerful argument that we should widen our search to include PoWs from all camps. The mass imprisonment affected thousands of men from many countries and we feel that there is the potential to make a powerful documentary that embraces the history but provokes a powerful message for the modern era too.

We appreciate that the men who were incarcerated are declining in number, with many passing in recent years, but we very much hope that you might be able to help us think of ways that we can reach out to former POWs from the war in Europe and I much look forward to hearing from you. Best wishes, David Belton; [davidbelton@me.com](mailto:davidbelton@me.com). (Editor's note, if you don't have email and would like to participate, contact me (on page 3) and I'll pass your information along to David. Cheryl.)

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SIEGBURG , GERMANY - Michaelsburg Abbey / Stalag 6 G - the Lazaret/ Hospital / Monastery / Benedictine Monks and Nuns / on a High Hill overlooking the City. WALDBROL , GERMANY - Liberated in April, 1945. I am looking for anyone who was a **prisoner or knows anything about Siegburg or Waldbrol , Germany** during WW2. The location of the POW Camp had many different names but it was NOT the Stalag 6G in Bonn , Germany . Part of the Monastery was a hospital for wounded German soldiers. Another part and barracks were used for the wounded Allied prisoners. In addition to wounded combat soldiers a lot of wounded Army Airmen were brought there when their planes were shot down. The Airmen that were well enough eventually went to Dulag-Luft. From there maybe they all went to Stalag Luft 3 or maybe to many different Stalags. If you have any information, I would really appreciate being able to talk with you. My email address is: [jeanj@jjworld.com](mailto:jeanj@jjworld.com) and my phone number is 786 768 2288. Thank you, Jean Dasburg





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## Short Agenda:

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**Resolution to change Article XIII (Voting Procedures) of the American EX Prisoners of War By Laws**

Whereas, the organization is suffering from a shrinking number of POW members and members in general and the number of members attending State and Chapter meetings is rapidly diminishing ; and

Whereas, Article XIII. Provides for voting to accommodate a large number of members which is no longer the case; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Bylaws be changed to eliminate delegate voting and provide for voting by those members present. These changes are implemented by the changes below.

Article XIII. National convention

Article E. Delegates shall be removed.

Article F. Voting. (Shall be revised as indicated) Shall be renumbered to

Article E. Voting

1. Voting on all business at the National Convention shall be by the members present in assembly at the time a vote is called .
2. The election of officers and directors shall be by show of hands or other appropriate method. A paper ballot may requested by the majority present or one of the candidates for office or at least 3 members of the Board of Directors or the presiding officer. The counting of the paper ballots shall be done by the election committee.
3. When more than two candidates are seeking one office, the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to office.
4. All issues shall be decided on a majority vote except bylaw changes which must be by 2/3 majority vote.

As a result of the above the Credentials committee shall be dissolved.

- Article XII Appointments and committees, Article B. Committees, 5. National Convention,
- b. Credentials shall be removed.
  - d. section removed

Article XV. State Departments

A. Formation and Chartering

2. All voting on business matters or resolutions, at a state department convention or annual meeting shall be by a show of hands or voice vote of duly registered members present at the time voting is taking place. A division of the house may be ordered. The election of officers and directors shall be by show of hands or other appropriate method. A paper ballot may requested by the majority present or one of the candidates for office.

# News Briefs

## Not Always a Bed of Roses

by Alice A. Booher

In many ways, it was not the usual Rose Bowl Parade that glided down the street for the 124<sup>th</sup> time in Pasadena on New Year's Day 2013. Watched by some 85 million internationally, the streets were lined with another 700,000 bleached spectators, including a large military contingent with families. Led by a unique four-band group of spit-and-polished U.S. Marine musicians, the parade has the usual assortment of equestrian units, 40 floats, an international assortment of bands and glamorous vintage cars carrying sort-of famous folks. As mandated, all float surfaces were covered with "organic materials", e.g., various American and international flowers, foliage, grasses, bark, seeds. For the children of varied ages, some floats were dragons and fairies or just plain goofy, and in one case, carried a young couple actually being married. But an underlying certain seriousness of purpose was hinted at by the selection of the international scientific inspiration, Dr. Jane Goodall, as Grand Marshall, while even she added to the fantasy aura of the day by reading from Dr. Seuss for the taped camera.

But it was several other floats that were most extraordinary. First came the nurses float; then came the one dedicated to and carrying both representational and real working military dogs, "Dogs for Defense" or "Canines With Courage" including some injured in Iraq and Afghanistan. In front was a Afghanistan-deployed soldier named Paz, who, as it turns out, had been brought home as surprise for his wife and son flown in from Germany and watching in the stands, and who joined him on the front of the float for the remainder of the parade.

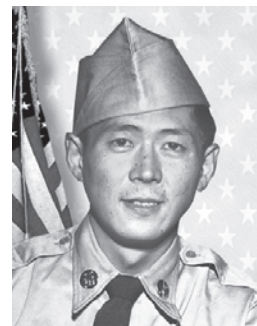
As the parade turned the corner onto Colorado Avenue, the stands arose in unison. For the first time in history, the Department of Defense sponsored an imposing, 55'



long, 21' tall float to honor the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Korean Conflict, complete with giant stunning replicas of several numbered soldier figures from the National Korean War Memorial in Washington. Financed by funds allocated by Congress to celebrate the Korean Conflict anniversary, the elegant float had been assembled with love by a collage of folks including many Korean-Americans and veterans and their families. The floral scripting said it all: "No Longer Forgotten", remembering those who went to a place they did not know to defend a people that they know. Riding on the front in a group were six extraordinary veterans of that Conflict: James Ferris, USMC sergeant in Korea and Vietnam; Michael Glazzy, USMC, who operated radar to guide Marine Corsairs in support of ground troops; Minoru Tonai, who spent several years in an internment camp for civilians of Japanese descent and later served as an Army medic in Korea; and two Silver Star recipients, James McEachin, distinguished African-American author, producer and songwriter, but also an Army 1LT wounded at Old Baldy, who met racial discrimination too after he returned home; and Solomon Jamerson, an air observer directing artillery positions despite heavy fire on his own aircraft.

And finally, Hiroshi H. (Hershey) Miyamura, born the son of Japanese immigrants in NM, who joined the Army near the end of WWII and served with the occupation force in Italy with the famous 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team. Discharged,

he joined the Reserve, and after North Korea invaded the South in June 1950, he was called back to active duty and assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry regiment, 3d Infantry Division, part of the American defense at the Chosin Reservoir. On the night of April 24-25, 1951, near Taejon-ni, he would fight ferociously, tend to fellow-wounded and cover their withdrawal, all of which would eventually be documented in the citation awarding him the Medal of Honor (MOH). In the interim, however, he had been taken POW, marched for a week without food along with 30 other POWs, and held for 28 months, during which time he had dysentery and starvation; his award of the MOH was kept secret for fear of further in-prison reprisals. While he was a POW of the Chinese, his family did not know



whether he was even alive, including his wife Terry. Repatriated August 23, 1953 at Freedom Village near Panmunjon, he received the MOH from President Eisenhower later that year. His family (wife and 3 kids) may not have known exactly what his medal meant, but they knew that he began to occasionally travel to Korea at the request of the government for celebrations and recognition, and would speak to veterans and community as requested. His granddaughter, Marisa, went to the U.S. Air Force Academy, and became a communications officer assigned to Scott AFB. But on New Year's Day 2013, in his late 80's, he and his onboard Rose Bowl Parade



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float comrades represented a common denominator in American veterans and their long due recognition. An as the float passed by a stand full of some 300 special soldier guests, and the crowd roared its salute, a single B-2 Spirit from Whitman AFB, MO did an elegant, gliding and swooping flyover.

## Fisher House

The Fisher House Foundation recently dedicated a new home to the Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System (VAPHS). The new 9,500 square foot Pittsburgh Fisher House located at University Drive C, Bldg 33 Pittsburgh, PA 15240 will serve the families of veterans receiving care at VAPHS. The Pittsburgh Fisher House features 10 suites, each with a private bathroom. For a family to stay at the house free of charge, they must have a family member — veteran or active-duty service member — receiving inpatient care at VAPHS and reside 50 miles or more from the hospital. To contact call (412) 360-2030 or email: michael.clark3@va.gov. For more information about Fisher Houses, visit the Fisher House Foundation website <http://www.fisherhouse.org>.

## Electronic Payments

The U.S. Department of Treasury began phasing out paper Social Security checks and other federal benefit checks on May 1, 2011. It required anyone applying for Social Security checks and other federal benefits on and after that date to receive their payments electronically.

Those who began receiving Social Security checks before May of 2011 have until March 1, 2013, to sign up for electronic payments, the Treasury Department announced. Those who don't sign up to have their Social Security checks direct-deposited by

that date would receive their benefits through the Direct Express card program.

The change applied to Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Veterans Affairs benefits, and anyone who receives benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board, Office of Personnel Management and Department of Labor (Black Lung).

In 2010, more than 540,000 Social Security and Supplemental Security Income paper checks were reported lost or stolen and had to be replaced, the Treasury Department said.

Phasing out paper Social Security checks entirely is expected to save taxpayers about \$120 million every year, or more than \$1 billion over 10 years. Government officials also pointed out that eliminating paper Social Security checks will "provide positive benefits to the environment, saving 12 million pounds of paper in the first five years alone."

## VA

### Transplant Program

The VA National Transplant Program started providing solid organ transplants to Veterans in 1961 when Thomas E. Starzl, M.D. performed VA's first kidney transplant in Denver. Since then, the Program has expanded services to provide Veterans with heart transplant services in 1980, bone marrow 1982, liver in 1989, and lung in 1991. Most transplants are performed in specific VA medical centers across the country. VA also utilizes several VA sharing agreements with University affiliates and local emergency contracts for critical heart and liver cases. Locations where transplants are performed include (\* indicates VHA approved but not yet operational):

Bone Marrow Transplant - Seattle WA, Nashville TN, and San Antonio TX

Heart Transplant - Palo Alto CA, Salt Lake City UT, Madison WI, Nashville TN, and Richmond VA  
Kidney Transplant - Portland OR, Iowa city IA, Nashville TN, Pittsburgh PA, Birmingham AL \*, and Miami FL \*

Liver Transplant - Portland OR, Madison WI, Nashville TN, Houston TX, Pittsburgh PA, Miami FL \*, and Richmond VA

Lung Transplant - Seattle WA, Madison WI, and Baltimore MD \*

Transplant candidates must undergo detailed physical, laboratory and psychological evaluations to ensure proper selection and therapy. Tests are done to confirm the diagnosis, and to assess the candidate's ability to tolerate surgery. For more information regarding the VA National Transplant Program, contact your VA specialist, primary care provider, or nearest VA medical facility. For a list of VA medical facilities, refer to [http://www2.va.gov/directory/guide/division\\_flesh.asp?dnum=1](http://www2.va.gov/directory/guide/division_flesh.asp?dnum=1).

## POW Rescued

### But At A Cost

by Alice A. Booher

Dilip Joseph, M.D., who works with the non-profit Colorado Springs-based Morning Star Development, and two Afghan colleagues, were kidnapped from the village of Jegdalek in the Sarobi district just outside Kabul on December 5, 2012 after visiting a remote rural medical clinic. They were taken to a mountainous area about 50 miles from the



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Pakistan border. Joseph has been Morning Star's medical adviser for three years.

Morning Star was quickly in contact with the captors, although it was not clear who was responsible, Taliban or smugglers. Afghan residents including elders and tribal chiefs quickly became involved in the negotiations and talks, and Joseph's two Afghan colleagues, one of whom is also a physician and the other, a driver/ administrative staffer, were released fairly quickly. The kidnapers demanded \$100,000 in ransom, and while Morning Star paid no money, the Afghan physician's family reportedly paid \$12,000 to "smugglers".

However, multiple intelligence sources informed the Department of Defense that Dr. Joseph, who had not been released, was in imminent danger of injury or death, and GEN John R. Allen, USMC, commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, ordered a mission to rescue him from captivity. After several days of on and off negotiating, the Navy's Special Warfare Development Group, more usually known as SEAL Team Six, was notified. Said to have rehearsed in depth, the raid was successful in releasing Dr. Joseph from captivity. During that action on the hideout where he was being held, at least 2 Taliban leaders (Shah and Raza Gul) were arrested, and 6-7 Taliban insurgents died, as well as an American Special Forces member.



The SEAL Team 6 member who died in the successful rescue of the American physician was 28 year old Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Nicholas

D. Cheque, a highly decorated veteran from Monroeville, PA who lived in Virginia Beach, VA. He was a 2002 graduate of Norwin High School in North Huntingdon, PA, an eastern suburb of Pittsburgh where he was a member of the wrestling



team; he enlisted right after graduation and served in Iraq where he earned many commendations including the Bronze Star and two others for combat valor. He joined the East Coast based Naval Special Warfare Command unit in 2008; it was the elite group that killed Osama bin Laden in May 2011. Cheque's heroism and that of his fellow special operators has been since praised by President Barack Obama and Defense Secretary Leon Panetta as reflecting the highest ideals of citizenship, sacrifice and service upheld.

## VA Medical Records Review

The Department of Veterans Affairs has launched a new initiative that could eliminate the requirement for an in-person medical examination for some Veterans and shorten the time it takes to process Veterans' disability compensation claims.

The initiative is called Acceptable Clinical Evidence (ACE). This initiative was developed by both the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) in a joint effort to provide a Veteran-centric approach for disability examinations. Use of the ACE process opens the

possibility of doing assessments without an in-person examination when there is sufficient information in the record.

Under ACE practices, a VA medical provider completes a Disability Benefits Questionnaire (DBQ) by reviewing existing medical evidence. This evidence can be supplemented with information obtained during a telephone interview with the Veteran - alleviating the need for some Veterans to report for an in-person examination.

"ACE is a process improvement that will help us meet our goal to eliminate the claims backlog and provide more timely benefits to our Veterans, their families and survivors," said Undersecretary for Benefits Allison A. Hickey. "The initiative also saves Veterans the inconvenience and costs associated with attending a medical examination."

When a VA medical provider determines VA records already contain sufficient medical information to provide the needed documentation for disability rating purposes, the requirement for Veterans to travel to a medical facility for an examination may be eliminated.

If VA can complete a DBQ by reviewing medical records already on file, it will use the ACE process. This would then expedite the determination of disability ratings - in turn eliminating the wait time to schedule and conduct an exam from the claims process.

During a 15-month pilot test at one VA regional claims processing office, 38 percent of claims submitted were eligible for ACE.

The ACE initiative is a part of the VBA's agency-wide Transformation Plan - a five-year, multifaceted organizational change that is based on more than 40 personnel, process and technology initiatives designed to improve claims processing.

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# Another Positive Facet of New Technologies and POW/MIAs

by Alice A. Booher

In the January-February 2013 issue of this magazine, you read about new forensics and facilities related to POW/MIA Recovery both at the longstanding facility in Hawaii and at a new facility at Offutt AFB, OK. Thus, it should not come as a surprise that resolutions to some long-held secrets are finally surfacing. One special answer recently came to surviving family members of a young man with the straight-forward name, Bobby Ray King.



Bobby Ray, all 114 lbs. of him on a 5 foot, 5 inch frame, was 17 years old when he joined the U.S. Army from Seymour, TX. Born in 1931 in Bastrop

County, TX, to Ben F. and Drake Vada Maye King, Bobby Ray was with the Battery A, 90<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division as he became victim of what would become known in history as a war-crime, the Bloody Gulch Massacre. The unit had been surrounded when North Koreans opened fire on them. The North Koreans rounded up 75 POWs, whom they lined up and shot.

King was declared MIA, and while his body was thought to have been found in a foxhole in South Korea's Pongam-ni, it could not then be positively identified. He was buried with full military honors as an unknown soldier, "X-216" in the "Courts of the Missing" area of Honolulu's National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as "Punchbowl" for its configuration resting within a dormant volcanic crater. Several years later

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SGT King's status was changed from MIA to KIA with a date of death shown as Aug. 12, 1950, but a positive ID of his body remained elusive. However, there were folks who wanted some answers, not the least of whom was Sgt. Dylan Shaw, the Army casualty officer assigned to King's family in Burseson, TX. His persistence was aided by family members, including Bobby Ray's mother, who sent the Army a photo of her son smiling in his uniform. Her boy had had a tooth knocked out as a kid, and fact which was clearly demonstrated in the photo; that small fact helped in the positive ID some 6 decades later, in Spring 2012, when combined with dental records and enhanced X-ray technology. Enhanced techniques including specialized chest radiology had initially led the command to disinter several caskets containing unidentified remains.

According to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, more than 7,900 service personnel remain unaccounted for from the Korean War. Punchbowl itself includes more than 2,900 unknown burials from both WWII and Korean Conflict. Astounding statistics with regard to the unknown remains and their resting places and status with Punchbowl are found on the Cemetery website. [Punchbowl, which now almost exclusively accepts cremated remains, is administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; a new, separately administered veterans (Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery) cemetery has been built and dedicated on the windward side of Oahu at Kaneohe that provides for in-ground burials of veterans and their dependents.]

After SGT King's remains had been identified, the military instigated an intensified outreach for family mem-

bers including on social media sites emanating from Baylor County, TX.

On December 7, 2012, the body of Bobby Ray King was returned to his remaining family members with burial at the Dallas-Worth National Cemetery. Also returned to the family was a packet of letters from his mother to the Army written after he was declared MIA. Bobby Ray's great niece, Danna Yeates, who had been 2 years old when her Uncle Bobby died, accepted his Purple Heart ribbon. Yeate's own son just finished a stint in the Marines.

## Missing/Captured

Of the 16 million Americans who served in WWII, more than 400,000 died during the war. At the end of the war, there were approximately 79,000 Americans unaccounted for. This number included those buried with honor as unknowns, officially buried at sea, lost at sea, and missing in action. Today, more than 73,000 Americans remain unaccounted for.

During Operation Glory in 1954, North Korea returned the remains of more than 3,000 Americans. Concurrently, U.S. Graves Registration teams recovered remains from South Korean battlefields. The United States identified thousands of these remains. In 1956, a total of 848 that could not be identified were buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as the Punchbowl. Others were added later as unknowns.

There are more than 1600 Americans listed by the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) as missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. The number of Americans announced as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is now 911. Another 63 US personnel, recovered post-incident and identified before the end of the war, bring the officially listed total recovered and identified to 974.

US Service member reported missing or captured while supporting combat operations:  
Army Spc. Bowe R. Bergdahi, 25,  
June 30, 2009, Afghanistan



# Your Stories



## Letters found in a Wyoming suitcase tell story of World War II POWs

By Benjamin Storrow



The letters came from all over. They came from small towns like Keokuk, Iowa, and Rockland Ill., and big ones like St. Louis and Philadelphia. Some arrived on fancy letterhead, others on postcards.

Most start like this: Dear Mrs. Reed, thank you.

*I wish to thank you for sending me the message from my husband, Col. Thomas Austin Lynch, who is a prisoner of war in Taiwan Camp on Formosa. I have not heard from him since Dec. 1941 and this is the first message I have had.*

— Grace C. Lynch, Chicago, Ill., March, 1943

*We sincerely appreciate and thank you for relaying the message from our son... We thank God and may He bless you for your kindness in writing us.*

— Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Nugent, Hawesville, Ky., February, 1943

*We have been writing since Jan. when the war department sent us instructions etc. but evidently the mail has not yet been received. I appreciate*

*your interest in writing to me along with many others.*

— Minnie Woodward, Austin, Minn., April 1943.

Letters like these were all but forgotten — stashed in an old suitcase found in an old house — until last fall. They tell of the Americans captured by Japanese troops during World War II and the agony of their families, waiting for word of their loved ones.

They also tell of a woman sitting by her radio, scanning the airways for shortwave broadcasts from Japan, in hopes of hearing news of American POWs.

### The suitcase



Val Burgess, a Sheridan resident, is an amateur historian with a longstanding interest in prisoners of war. Her uncle Vernon Burda was a navigator in a B-24 bomber shot down over Croatia during World War II. He survived 10 months in a German POW camp.

Burda expressed a desire in 1993 to return to the place where he was once held captive. Burgess was fascinated. It was the first time her uncle spoke of his experience in the war. A commercial designer, she offered to help organize a fundraising campaign so Burda and other survivors of the camp could go back. Soon her phone started ringing with people eager to learn more about the trip. Many were old POWs.

“They turned into these amazing people with these stories they were telling me,” Burgess said. “It was like ‘Are you kidding me? You did what?’”

She’s been interested in POWs and recording their stories ever since. Over time, she has built up a reputation, interviewing POWs across the country. It was in this way that Burgess came by the suitcase.

A woman in the 1980s bought a home in Sheridan. There, she found an old, black suitcase stuffed with letters. She held onto it for years, waiting for the right person to give it to. Then Burgess came along.

A look inside the suitcase reveals a jumbled stack of 3-by 5-inch notecards tied with a red bow, scrolls of paper and stacks of letters and postcards.

Together they might tell a hundred stories, or a thousand.

### Mrs. Reed

Mrs. Reed is Cora Reed.

Her obituary says she was born in 1897 in Denton, Texas. In 1932, she married George E. Reed in Hardin, Mont. George was a therapist with the Veterans Administration at Fort McKenzie. He died in 1978. Cora died in 1980. The couple’s two sons are also dead, each dying at relatively young ages.

During the war, the Sheridan Press interviewed Cora about her letter writing. She began listening to Japanese POW broadcasts in December 1942. Whenever she heard an American prisoner’s name, she wrote to members of his family.

At that time, she had received 300 responses from families in every state in the union except Delaware, South Dakota, Mississippi and Wyoming.

She told the paper that it was sometimes difficult to hear the names of the soldiers because the Japanese broadcaster flipped his l’s and r’s. Noise at a construction shop across the street from her home also made it difficult to hear sometimes.

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"A name like Smith or Jones isn't so bad, but when you try to get a name like Uczyuski or Kondrzsiewicz coming in Japanese phonetics with a little static mixed in, it's a real job to get it right," Reed told the paper.

She frequently used a postal directory with listings throughout the country to track down the right names. George filed the names of all the soldiers' families to whom she wrote. On a large map of the United States, he placed a white pin for each card sent and a red pin for each card received.

Little else is known about the Reeds, Burgess said. She has researched the former Sheridan couple since October, when she acquired the suitcase, but has turned up little outside the newspaper article.

It says the Reeds were longtime hobby radio listeners before they started listening to the Japanese broadcasts.

### Shortwave nation

Theirs was a common hobby, said David Hochfelder, assistant professor of history at the State University of New York, Albany, who is researching wartime radio broadcasts from Germany, Italy and Japan.

It is unknown how many Americans tuned into these wartime broadcasts, Hochfelder said, but he knows of one family that received around 140 letters regarding an interned relative mentioned on Radio Tokyo.

Jerry Berg, an author of three books on shortwave radio, agreed.

"There were a lot of women," Berg said in a telephone interview from his home in Massachusetts. "This was something they could do at home and feel they were doing to help the war effort."

Many of the responses received by Reed mention other letter writers.

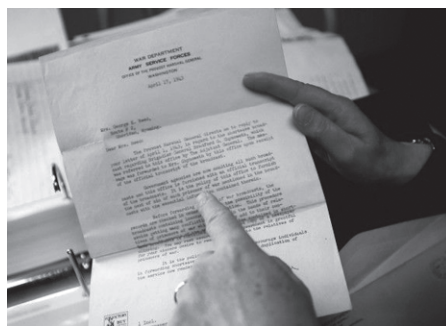
Soldiers sometimes spoke during the POW broadcasts, Hochfelder said. In other instances Japanese broadcasters read out letters composed by the prisoners. They typically listed the soldier's name, his next of kin and a message for his family.

"The purpose of these broadcasts was to draw listeners," Hochfelder said. "They would intersperse the POWs in with the slanted news items." The recordings appear accurate, he said, noting they were designed to boost the rest of the broadcast's credibility. Listeners were urged to record the POW messages and inform their next of kin.

That made them unpopular with the U.S. government, which worried about citizens listening to enemy propaganda. Listening was not illegal, but disseminating the content was.

The Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service attempted to discourage letter writers like Reed. Sometimes they wrote writers asking them to stop. Other times they sent uniformed military personnel to writers' homes.

"In the 1930s and '40s radio was so new, people didn't understand the social psychology," Hochfelder said. "People attributed the fall of France to Nazi propaganda."



Cora Reed received a letter from the War Department.

"Dear Mrs. Reed," Col. Howard F. Bresee wrote in a letter dated April 17, 1943. "You may rest assured this government is grateful [sic] for your

sincere desire to render a service to the relatives of prisoners of war."

But, he added, "It is the policy of this office to discourage individuals in forwarding shortwave messages. To do so is a duplication of the service now rendered by government agencies."

Reed told the Press she stopped writing after receiving the War Department message, but that responses from her previously written letters were still coming in from across the country. She never wrote the families back after hearing from them.

"Our family isn't much to write," she explained.

### The future

Burgess hopes to make an online database of all the soldiers and families listed in Reed's letters. She spends her free time poring over the documents and researching the men and women mentioned.

She has, for instance, located the descendants of a general and his wife who were captured in the Philippines. The family, who lives in Connecticut, was exhilarated at news of their forbearers.

Yet to catalog all the letters, research all the individuals involved and compile that information on a website is labor intensive. Burgess is requesting grants she hopes will allow her to take on the work full time.

Building an online archive will allow people today to learn more about what their families went through during the war, Burgess said. These letters represent their family history.

"These are peoples' lives," she said. "Right now we are bringing so many thousands home."

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# AXPOW – Forged in Wartime...Tempered by Peace



1940's officers

It all began on December 24, 1941. General MacArthur had designated Bataan as the center of American resistance to the Japanese invasion of the Philippines. On Christmas Eve, he ordered his forces to withdraw and prepare for a last stand. The conditions of the peninsula – jungle, swamp and mountains – that were ideal for repelling the invaders, also made Bataan almost impossible to supply, and shortages of food and medicine plagued the forces throughout the siege.

in March, his armies appeared to be holding the Japanese to a draw, but dwindling supplies of food and medical supplies weakened them. MacArthur insisted the Americans could hold out until May. They could not. On April 9, 1942, they surrendered. And the most horrific death march in history began.

So too, begins our story. The idea for our organization began with two mothers – Mrs. Charles W. Bickford and Mrs. Fred E. Landon – whose sons were captured by the Japanese. With the help of Dr.

V.H. Spensley, whose son was also captured, the Bataan Relief Organization was created to provide supplies and support to the survivors of Bataan. Their motto: “We will not let them down” struck a responsive chord in every family with a child, parent, brother or sister fighting for the light of freedom.

It has been a long process from these two mothers to the very special organization we now have, but we have not forgotten our roots. We are families. And we are unique in that respect. We have no associate members or auxiliaries. We believe that our former prisoners survived because they were loved. And they came home to stand arm in arm with the ones who loved them to help ensure that their experiences would not be forgotten next time Americans paid with their freedom to fight for ours.

Families are our strength. It is the family that provides the unwavering love and support for all of us. And it is the family that makes it possible for us to live up to our motto: “We exist to help those who cannot help themselves.”

## April 9<sup>th</sup>...uniquely ours

The Fall of Bataan and the seed that became AXPOW began on April 9, 1942.

The first National Convention was held on April 9, 1948 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was the beginning of the creation of a truly national organization for ex-POWs from all conflicts. Today, membership is made up of ex-POWs and families from the

### NATIONAL FORMER PRISONER OF WAR RECOGNITION DAY, 2012

#### BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

For more than 200 years, members of our Armed Forces have upheld an oath to protect and defend. In times of war, generations have answered our country's call with courage and valor, braving the peril of combat and pressing onward in the face of tremendous adversity. Their extraordinary service reflects our highest ideals, and their sacrifice will forever live on in our national memory. On National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day, we pay solemn tribute to those patriots who gave their freedom to preserve our own.

Thousands of America's sons and daughters have suffered unspeakably as captives in foreign lands. Many prisoners of war experienced physical torture and profound anguish, subjected to inhumane treatment and cut off from their comrades, their country, and their loved ones. Some would never return. Yet, in the direst circumstances, these service members demonstrated indomitable courage and unbreakable resolve. They stood fast for what they believed in, making immeasurable sacrifices for the millions they protected. At home, spouses, children, parents, and friends called upon that same spirit of perseverance to sustain them through long periods of prayer and uncertainty.

When he chronicled the experiences of our GIs during World War II, Ernie Pyle wrote that their world can never be known to the rest of us. Though the sacrifices they made and the burdens they bore may defy our full understanding, it is our moral obligation to keep faith with our men and women in uniform, our veterans, and their families -- to honor their service through the support of a grateful Nation. Today, we recognize heroes who endured one of war's most tragic costs. For them, and for all who have served, let us rededicate ourselves to fulfilling the sacred trust we share with all those who have worn the uniform of the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2012, as National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day of remembrance by honoring all American prisoners of war, our service members, and our veterans. I also call upon Federal, State, and local government officials and organizations to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

BARACK OBAMA



## AXPOW – Forged in Wartime...Tempered by Peace continued



*Statuary Hall April 9, 1992*

*Sen. John McCain, Reps. Sam Johnson & Pete Peterson, AXPOW Executive Director Chuck Williams, Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell (at podium), House Speaker Tom Foley...what an honor!*

Revolutionary War to Desert Storm, Somalia, Bosnia, China and Iraq. As future POWs come home, we expect to meet them with open arms and support.

(thanks to Helen Smith): The second national convention of Bataan Veterans Organization held in Hollywood, CA, April 8-10, 1949. At the afternoon session on April 8, the topic was NAME CHANGE. Several suggestions were made. One suggested was Associated Prisoners of War. Kenneth Day made the following statement: Quote from April 8-10, 1949 minutes. "We are now trying to change the form of this group. We are trying to make it a national organization of ex-prisoners. Not prisoners. I am not a prisoner of war. I am an ex-prisoner of war. I am sorry to have to disagree with you on that. I

think you have an excellent point there, too. The suggestion of Associated Prisoners of War would have been pretty good, until they dropped an atom bomb on Hiroshima, and immediately after that there were no more prisoners of war - among the Americans at least. Then we became ex-prisoners of war.

On the literature, on the publicity, on everything that we have posted to publicize this convention, under the name Bataan Veterans Organization is Former Prisoner of War."

The name chosen was American Ex-Prisoners of War.

April 9<sup>th</sup> was chosen by AXPOW as OUR unique Day of Recognition. Until the mid-1990s, we enjoyed annual Congressional Proclamations. For our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1992, we were given special recognition with a ceremony in Statuary Hall, with guest speak-

ers from both House of Congress. After Congress discontinued commemorative days, we began receiving Presidential Proclamations. In 2012, President Obama's latest proclamation paid tribute to all former prisoners of war...

*"For more than 200 years, members of our Armed Forces have upheld an oath to protect and defend. In times of war, generations have answered our country's call with courage and valor, braving the peril of combat and pressing onward in the face of tremendous adversity. Their extraordinary service reflects our highest ideals, and their sacrifice will forever live on in our national memory. On National Former*

*Prisoner of War Recognition Day, we pay solemn tribute to those patriots who gave their freedom to preserve our own...*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2012, as National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day. I call upon all Americans to observe this day of remembrance by honoring all American prisoners of war, our service members, and our veterans. I also call upon Federal, State, and local government officials and organizations to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities."*

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## Past National Commander Gerald Scott Harvey

May 2, 1925 - January 1, 2013



**National Commander 2005-2006**

Gerald Harvey, age 87, a resident of Chillicothe, Missouri, went home to meet his Lord at The Baptist Home, Chillicothe, Missouri, on Tuesday, January 1, 2013.

He was born the son of Scott and Gertrude (Scadden) Harvey on May 2, 1925, in St. Joseph, Missouri. He was a 1943 graduate from Central High School, St. Joseph, Missouri. After graduation, Gerald volunteered for the AAF and trained as a Radio Operator-Gunner. Assigned to the 8th AF, 401st BG at Deenethorpe, England, he was shot down and crashed into the North Sea. He was held in prison camps in Oberusel, Wetzler, Stalag XIIID and VIIA before being liberated by General Patton on Apr. 29, 1945. He attended William Jewell College where he earned his B.A. degree. He completed a Master of Divinity at the Southern Baptist

Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and a Doctor of Ministry at the Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. He was recognized as a master photographer by the Professional Photographers of America. On August 10, 1946, he was united in marriage to Eunice



Pearl Listrom in St. Louis, Missouri. She preceded him in death on March 16, 2012. They served as Baptist Missionaries, for 24 years, in the southern African country of Rhodesia/Zimbabwe. Following their missionary service they traveled all over the world visiting family, missionary families, and seeing new places. After retirement from the mission field he worked at State Fair Community College in Sedalia in the media department and teaching photographic classes.

Gerald was a member of the First Baptist Church, Chillicothe, Missouri, and a former member of the First Baptist Church, Sedalia, Missouri. He had been an active life member of AXPOW since 1988. He served as Sr. Vice Commander, Commander and Chaplain of the Missouri State Fair Chapter; as Chaplain, Jr. Vice, Sr. Vice and Commander of the Dept. of Missouri. He served as a



National Director, Junior Vice Commander, Sr. Vice Commander and National Commander 2005-2006. He was the organization's current National Chaplain.

Survivors include five daughters, Judy Miller and husband Gary of Chillicothe, Missouri, Janet Graves and husband Dudley of Rome, Italy, Jill Owens and husband Tim of Bangkok, Thailand, Joy Simpson and husband Kendall of Olathe, Kansas, and Jennifer Wright and husband Bobby of Sedalia, Missouri; 28 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and wife, Eunice Harvey.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Missouri Baptist Home and/or American Ex-Prisoners of War and may be left at or mailed to Lindley Funeral Home, PO Box 47, Chillicothe, MO 64601.

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Past National  
Commander

James Austin Clark II

January 28, 1922-January 26, 2013

National Commander 2008-2009



James "Jim" Austin Clark II passed away January 26, 2013, two days before his 91st birthday. Mr. Clark was born January 28, 1922 in Milford, Nebraska. He attended the University of Oklahoma and enlisted in the Army Air Corps in January, 1942.

Jim was assigned to the 362nd Fighter Group, 378th squadron, 9th Air Force, as a Fighter Pilot. On July, 23 1944, he was shot down by flak over St. Lo and he became a prisoner of war, held in Stalag Luft III, XIID and VIIA. He was liberated April 29, 1945.

Just prior to his overseas service, Jim married Lessie Geraldine "Jerri" Jarvis of St. Petersburg, Florida. At the time of his death, they had been married for 69 years.

Jim moved his family to Bastrop, Louisiana in 1961. He established

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a successful business, Clark's Home Furnishing Center, and remained an active member of the business community until his retirement 32 years later. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bastrop.

Jim was a workhorse at both the local and national levels of AX-POW for the past 32 years. He organized the N.E. LA Chapter and was Commander for almost 12 years. He is also the Dept. of LA Commander - a post he'd held since 1987. Jim completed 12 years as National Director, two terms as JVC, Senior Vice Commander and National Commander. He and his wife, Jerri, hosted the successful Baton Rouge Convention in 1998. He has also been chairman of three national committees.



Jim is survived by his wife, Jerri, and three children, Carole Ann Roberdeau and husband Danny of Milwaukee, WI; Jerry Lee Clark of Alamogordo, NM; James "Jim" Austin Clark III and wife Shirley

of Maurice, LA; He has eight grandchildren, Chris Roberdeau and wife Shelby of Seattle, WA; Jen Roberdeau and husband Ken Schelper of LaCrosse, WI; Ashley Almond, Debbie Hernandez and husband Leo all of Alamogordo, NM; Mark Almond and wife Penny of Captain, NM; Dawn Cuellar and husband Tim of Fort Smith, AR; James



"Chip" Austin Clark IV and wife Kaysha, Dr. Jacob Scott Clark and wife Roxanne all of Lafayette, LA. He has 13 great-grandchildren. 13 great-grandchildren.

**AGLER, Betty L.**, 83, of Van Wert, OH died Aug. 23, 2012. She and her husband, Joseph who preceded her in death, were faithful members of the Northwest Central Ohio Chapter #7 since 1985. She is survived by 1 daughter, 2 sons, 2 brothers, 3 sisters, 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**ALBRIGHT, Dale E.**, 87, of Bluffton, OH died Dec. 20, 2012. He was an active member of the Northwest Central Ohio Chapter #7 since 1984. During WWII, he served with the 15<sup>th</sup> AF, 775<sup>th</sup> BS, 463<sup>rd</sup> BG. Survivors include 1 son, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**ALLEGER, Etta**, 87, of Palm Harbor, FL died December 3, 2012. She is survived by Charles, her husband of



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68 years, 1 daughter and 3 sons. Etta and her husband are members of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter. She was a sweet, gentle lady.

**ARZAGA, Eulalio "Ely"**, of Killeen, Texas, died December 12, 2012. Ely was a member of the Philippine Scouts of the US Army and was assigned to 26<sup>th</sup> CAV Regt. A member of the Cen-Tex Chapter, he was a survivor of the Bataan Death March. He is survived by his wife, Anna.

**BERNS, Lawrence L.**, 86, of Elkader, IA passed away April 15, 2012. During WWII, he served in the AAC on a B24 Liberator. He was shot down over Hungary, captured and held until liberation. He was a life member of AXPOW. His first wife, Marguerite, predeceased him; he leaves 9 children, his wife Ethelyn, 2 stepchildren and many friends.

**BETTS, Betty Jane** passed away Nov. 5, 2012. She was 91 and was the widow of Ex-POW David C. Betts. She is survived by 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**BEVERS, Lee**, of Watertown, SD died Jan. 5, 2013. He was 92. He was captured while serving with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 96<sup>th</sup> BG, flying out of England and he was sent to Luft I in Barth. Lee was a life member of AXPOW. He was preceded in death by 3 wives; he is survived by his wife, Jeann, 3 sons, 6 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, 3 brothers, 3 sisters and extended family.

**BROWN, Forrest**, of North Conway, NH passed away Nov. 13, 2012 at the age of 94. During WWII, he served in the Army and was a POW. His loving wife, Elizabeth, survives him; he also leaves 2 sons, 1 daughter, 7 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and his beloved dog, Daisy.

**BURCHBY, Glen R.**, 88, of West Lafayette, IN (formerly of Kodak, TN) died Nov. 28, 2012. He was a life member of AXPOW and former commander of the Smoky Mt. Chapter. During WWII, he served with the 7<sup>th</sup> Armored Div. He was captured Dec.

23, 1944 during the Battle of the Bulge and held in Stalag IV-B until liberation. Glen is survived by his wife of 64 years, Louise, 4 children and 7 grandchildren.

**BUSH, Hildegard**, 83 of Sun City, Arizona was born in Rheingonheim, Germany passed away on January 25, 2013. Hilda, widow of Maurice E. Bush, was a long time member of the Agua Fria Chapter, Sun City, Arizona.

**CAPEN, Grace, E.**, 82, of Sacramento, CA passed away December 10, 2012. Grace was the widow of Morris Capen, civilian internee, Santo Tomas Internment Camp/Los Banos Internment Camp, WWII, Philippine Islands. Grace and Morris were both life members of AXPOW and former, long-time members of the 49ers Chapter, Sacramento, AXPOW. Survivors include 2 daughters.

**COLE, Robert L.**, died January 16, 2013. He served during WWII in ETO, 8<sup>th</sup> AF, as a B-17 Radio Operator. He was shot down over Germany and held in Stalags VI, IV, VIIA, XIIIID. He is survived by Dorothy, his wife of 65 years; 1 daughter and 2 grandchildren. He was a member of the Florida Gulf Chapter, AXPOW.

**DeVIVO, Frank H.**, of Council Bluffs, IA died Dec. 1, 2012 at the age of 91. He was captured on Corregidor on May 8, 1942 and was a POW for 3 ½ years in slave labor camps, forced marches and a "hellship" voyage to northern Japan. Frank was a charter member of the first chapter in Iowa and the Iowa state dept. He leaves his wife of 66 years, Doris, 2 daughters, 2 sons, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

**DEWIG, Fred J.**, 92, of Evansville, IN passed away Jan. 9, 2013. He was captured while serving with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 305<sup>th</sup> BG. He was held 28 months in Stalags VIIIB, IIIB and XVIIIB. His wife of 66 years, Betty, survives him; he also leaves 3 daughters, 1 son, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He was a life member of AXPOW.

**FEDORS, John Sr.**, of Berkeley Township, NJ died Sept. 2, 2012 at the age of 91. He joined the Rangers during

WWII and was captured while trying to take the Italian town of Cisterna. He spent 1 year as a POW. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Geraldine, 1 daughter, 1 son, 2 grandchildren and 1 sister

**FENTON, John L.**, of Littleton, CO passed away Jan. 5, 2013. He was 89. He served in the Infantry during WWII; 83<sup>rd</sup> Div., 331<sup>st</sup> Inf., K Co. BRZSR. He was captured and held in 4B, 12D and 4F. 5 children, 10 grandchildren, 1 sister and 1 brother survive him. Jack was a member of the Mile High Chapter, AXPOW.

**FOURNIER, Roger C.** of Stuart, FL and Barkhamsted, CT passed away December 1, 2013. He became a POW in WWII while serving as a Tech Sgt. /Squad Leader in the Army's 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry Div. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Loretta, two sons and one daughter, four grandchildren, two brothers, two sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews. Roger was a member of the Suncoast Chapter, AXPOW.

**GALAZIA, Charles L.**, 85, of Austintown, OH died Dec. 28, 2012. During the Korean War, he was captured while serving in the Army; he spent 28 months in a POW camp. He will be sadly missed by his friend Norma Bichum and his extended family and friends.

**GARIVAY, Joyce**, of San Antonio, TX died Jan. 17, 2013. She was the widow of Raul "Buster" Garivay, WWII POW. Joyce was an active member and frequent sight at National and State Dept. conventions. She always had a big smile for everyone she met. Survivors include 1 nephew, several cousins, special friends Paul and Sina Chandler and Mauro Escalante. She will be missed by everyone.

**GAST, William H.**, 89, of St. Henry, OH died Nov. 3, 2012 at the age of 89. He served in the 8<sup>th</sup> AF and was a POW during WWII. He leaves his wife, Geraldine, 4 daughters, 2 sons, 1 brother, 1 sister, 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.



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**GATERMAN, Walter N.**, of Missouri passed away January 4, 2013. Beloved husband of Maxine; loving father of 3; cherished grandfather of 6; dear great-grandfather of 11. Uncle, cousin and friend to many. He served his country in the US Army's 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in WWII. He was an ex-POW (Stalag 4B) and a charter member of Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge.

**GOODNO, Robert**, of Parish, NY died December 18, 2012. He served in the European Theater: H Co, 351<sup>st</sup> Infantry, 88<sup>th</sup> Division. He was held in Stalag VIIA/Arbeit-Komm 3990/Germany; Moderna, Italy; and in 3 other camps in Italy. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Loucile; 3 sons, 3 stepsons, and 2 stepdaughters. He was a long-time member of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, AXPOW.

**GUTIERREZ, Pablo P.**, of Bayard, NM died Dec. 17 at age 93. He served with the National Guard's 200th/515th Coast Artillery, deployed to the Philippines during WWII. On April 9, 1942, U.S. and Filipino forces were surrendered. He survived the Bataan Death March and 3 ½ years of captivity before being liberated. He leaves his daughter Rosemary and a large and loving family.

**HALL, James Kenneth**, of Arlington, Texas, died Dec. 27, 2012 at the age of 80. Jim served in the US Army with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Div., 38<sup>th</sup> FA, Charlie Battery in Korea. He was held in Camp 5 for 33 months. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Alice, 2 daughters, 1 son, 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was a life member of AXPOW.

**HARRIS, Betty Ruth**, of Portland, OR passed away Oct. 1, 2012. She was the widow of Ex-POW Ted (captured in the Korean War). Survivors include 1 daughter, 6 nieces and their families and a large extended family.

**HOLDER, Clementi L.**, 92, of Athens, GA died Jan. 23, 2013. She was the widow of Ex-POW Howard "Boomer" Holder (POW in Oflag 64 after his capture in North Africa). She is survived by four children and three grandchildren.

**KEARBEEY, Byron Robert**, of Dunnellon Florida, passed away at the age of 88 on August 28, 2012. He was captured in the Philippines and imprisoned at Tarlac and Cabanatuan #1 before being shipped to Niigata 5B in Japan, where he most of his 3 years of captivity, before being liberated in September 1945. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Darlene and 2 sons. He is survived by son Garrett, 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

**LONG, Clifton A.**, of Yoakum, TX died Jan. 11, 2012 at the age of 91. He served in the Army during WWII and was a POW. He leaves 1 daughter, 5 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and 1 sister and their families.

**LONG, Robert "Bob"**, of Columbus, OH died January 11, 2013. He was an engineer and top gunner on a B-17, 367<sup>th</sup> BG, 8<sup>th</sup> AF. After capture, he was held in Lufts 6 and 4. He is survived by one son, three grandchildren and two great grand children.

**McMULLEN, Charles**, 90, died in January, 2013. Charles was with the 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry Div. and captured on Dec. 19, 1944 at the Battle of the Bulge. He was liberated in early May 1945. He was a life member of the AXPOW Chapter #1 of Fresno, CA. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, June, one son and two daughters.

**MYERS, Charles Ervin "Chuck"**, of Youngstown, OH passed away Jan. 5, 2013. Chuck fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was captured and held by the Germans. He was a member of the Steel Valley Chapter #13, AXPOW. He leaves 2 sons, 4 daughters, 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren and their families.

**O'RORKE, James**, of Red Feather Lakes, CO died Jan. 6, 2013. He was 90. During WWII, he was captured

while serving with the Army Signal Corps in the Philippines; he survived the Bataan Death March and 3 ½ years of captivity. Survivors include 3 children, 5 grandchildren and a large extended family.

**RENO, William E. Jr.**, 93, of Leawood, KS passed away Dec. 17, 2012. He was a POW during WWII. He is survived by 2 sons and a special nephew, 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**RIZIO, Anthony J. Jr.**, 93, of Saratoga Springs, NY passed away Mar. 23, 2012. He was captured while serving with the 15<sup>th</sup> AF flying out of Foggia, Italy, 773<sup>rd</sup> BS and held in Lufts I and IV. He was a member of the Northeast NY Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his 2 loving sons, 2 grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

**SAUNDERS, Paul Hayward**, of Salt Lake City, UT died Mar. 30, 2012. He served in the Army during WWII, 612<sup>th</sup> Tank Destroyer Bn. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held in a work camp near Chemnitz. His wife of 66 years, Edna May survives him; also 3 daughters, 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

**SCARNECCHIA, Fannie**, 86, of Struthers, OH passed away Oct. 7, 2012. She was the widow of ex-POW Salvador (held in WWII). Both Fannie and her husband were members of AXPOW. She leaves 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**STECKLEIN, Frank C.**, of San Antonio, TX died Jan. 8, 2013 just three months shy of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. After graduation, he joined the Army Horse Cavalry; then in 1941, he was transferred to Nichols Field, Philippines. He was captured on Luzon and held for 3 ½ years in prison camps in the Philippines and Japan. Frank was a member of ADABC and AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Judy, 1 son, 1 daughter, 1 sister, 1 brother, 1 granddaughter, 4 stepdaughters and 1 stepson.

**STILL, James Edwin**, 64, died December 26, 2012 in Lake City, FL. He

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was the son of Homer E. Still, Jr., who was a POW in Germany in WW II. Jim served as a Combat Medic in Vietnam and died from two forms of cancer caused by exposure to Agent Orange. He is survived by his stepmother Ann Still, 1 daughter, 1 brother and 1 grandson. He was a member of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, AXPOW.

**STITT, Joseph C.**, of Laconia, NH passed away Oct. 13, 2012. He was 87. During WWII, he served in the Army. He was held in Stalag 4B after capture.

**STONE, Bruce M.**, of Frederick MD, died February 26, 2012. He served with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 351<sup>st</sup> BG, 511<sup>th</sup> BS and was held in Stalags Luft 4, Luft 6 and 7A. A member of the Chuck Williams Mid-Maryland Chapter, he is survived by his wife of 65 years, Wilhelmina.

## chaplain



ND Benny Rayborn

It is with sadness that I write this article; The passing of Chaplain Harvey has left very big shoes to fill. He will surely be missed. I am honored to assume this position and I will do my best to honor his memory. If I can be of service please contact me at 601-928-9200.

There are several things that every service man or woman have in common; one of which is that military service is not a joy ride. It is not always easy being a defender of our country, our friends and our fami-

**TERINGO, Pete**, 90, of Warren, OH died Dec. 27, 2012. He was a member of the Mahoning Valley Chapter, AXPOW. During WWII, he served in the Army, 5<sup>th</sup> Inf., Div., Co. C. He was captured in Metz, France and held in Stalag II-A until liberation. Survivors include 3 sons, 1 daughter, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson and 1 sister.

**WESTERHOLM, Leo Lyder**, 90, of Victoria, Texas and long time resident of Port Lavaca passed away December 11, 2012. He was 90. Leo proudly served his country in the Medical Detachment of the 501<sup>st</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, I Company, First Platoon of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. He paratrooped into Normandy as part of the Normandy Invasion June 6, 1944, D-Day, was captured and became a Prisoner of War until the end of WWII. He served in all capacities as member of the Ex-POW

lies. The stress and hardship endured by our family members and friends in the military was made worse by being a prisoner of war. This unfortunately is the way it has always been.

II Timothy 2:3 says "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." "Hardness" was a way of life and each longed for an escape to a more peaceful place.

Just as our loved ones have been pressed into extreme hardness so also are we Christians also pressed to do the unthinkable ...to give up. To sink into despair and depression. However, we too long for a more peaceful place. A place to escape the battles that we wage against the devil. A constant battle for the hearts and minds of our children and grandchildren as well as for ourselves. .

Just as our soldiers now fight in Afghanistan to secure the freedom of the Middle Eastern people it is also a fight to maintain our freedom and safety from the cowardly attacks by terrorists. This too has been the way

Crossroads Chapter. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, June Edwards, 1 brother, 1 daughter, 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

**WHELESS, James P.**, of Bonham, TX, died January 9, 2013. A member of the Dallas Metroplex Chapter, "J.P." served in the 34th Infantry and was held in Stalag 7A. He was predeceased by his wife, Thelma Jo.

**YOUNGERS, Edward C.**, of Calamus, Iowa passed away Jan. 18, 2013. He was 92. During WWII, he served with the 98<sup>th</sup> BG, 337<sup>th</sup> BS. He was captured and held in Stalags 7A and 17B. Ed helped start the Mid-Iowa Chapter as well as other chapters in the State. Ed was the first Department of Iowa Commander. He leaves his wife of 64 years, Uvonne "Sis", 1 daughter, 1 son, 4 grandchildren and a large extended family.

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*Benny*

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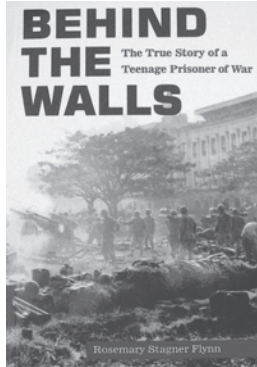
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