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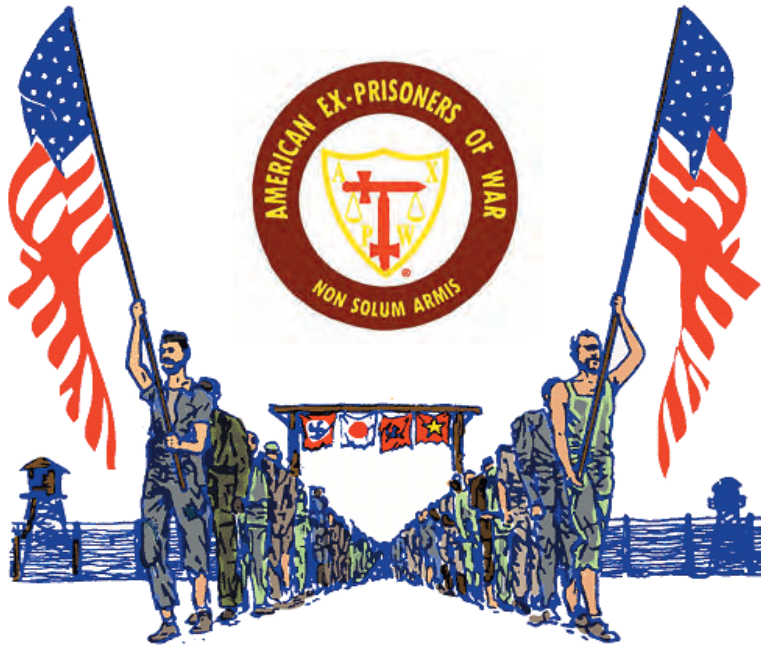
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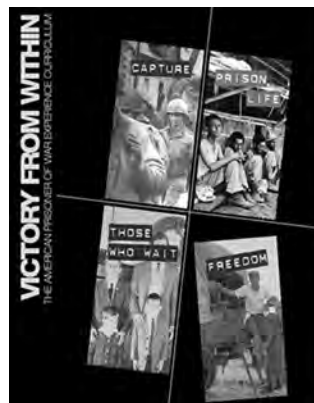


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They once were among the most universally admired and revered men in the United States. There were 80 of the Raiders in April 1942, when they carried out one of the most courageous and heart-stirring military operations in this nation's history. The mere mention of their unit's name, in those years, would bring tears to the eyes of grateful Americans.

The 16 five-man crews, under the command of Lt. Col. James Doolittle, who himself flew the lead plane off the USS Hornet far out in the Pacific, knew that they would not be able to return to the carrier. They would have to hit Japan and then hope to make it to China for a safe landing.

They bombed Tokyo, and then flew as far as they could. Four planes crash-landed; 11 more crews bailed out, and three of the Raiders died. Eight more were captured; three were executed. Another died of starvation in a Japanese prison camp. One crew made it to Russia. The Doolittle Raid sent a message from the United States to its enemies, and to the rest of the world: We will fight. And, no matter what it takes, we will win.

Of the 80 Raiders, 62 survived the war. They were celebrated as national heroes, models of bravery. MGM produced a motion picture based on the raid; "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," starring Spencer Tracy and Van Johnson, was a patriotic and emotional box-office hit, and the phrase became part of the national lexicon. In the movie-theater previews for the film, MGM proclaimed that it was presenting the story "with supreme pride."

And now only four Raiders remain: Dick Cole (Doolittle's co-pilot on the Tokyo raid), Robert Hite, Edward Saylor and David Thatcher. All are in their 90s. These four, and the 76 who are no longer with them, remain true American heroes.

*Happy Birthday,
AXPOW!
April 14, 1942*



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Has it been cold, or has it been cold...??? I certainly hope all of you in the affected areas have been safe and warm. Let's also hope the bitter weather is about over with Spring approaching.

We recently conducted the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Travelling POW Legacy Exhibit in Americus, Georgia. Not an accurate number, but there was approximately 50 people in attendance to include POW's, their families, Park Rangers from Andersonville NHS, and dignitaries/professors from Georgia South Western University. I do hope all of you get to see the exhibit in the near future...it is truly outstanding. Although it's still in the discussion phase, I feel sure the exhibit

will be at the Bush Library during our National Convention in June.

A short word of ATTENTION for all of you: This year we'll conduct the election for our National Board of Directors by "mail-in" ballot. Please watch for your ballot that will be printed in the May-June issue of "The Ex-POW Bulletin". Simply remove the ballot, fill in your vote, and mail it in.

'Tis the season of State Conventions. Some are already over and several are scheduled in the coming months. Please support your State Department with your attendance. While on the subject of Conventions, the 2015 National Convention was supposed to be at the Embassy Suites in Oklahoma City, OK. Negotiations with the hotel has faltered, and at present, we'll be conducting the Convention once again at the Hilton Hotel in Arlington, TX. It will be discussed and voted on at this year's Convention, and other sites may be available if "hosts" can be obtained for 2015.

Last but not least, don't forget to support your local festivities on 9 April honoring POW Recognition Day. After all, this is our day so let's make it as enjoyable as possible.

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National Convention News:

We are working hard on the upcoming National Convention. It is June 25-28 at the Hilton Arlington here in Texas. The National Board will be meeting on Wednesday, June 25. It is an open meeting so you are all invited to attend.

The Hilton Arlington is completely remodeled! Its lobby, bar and restaurant are new and improved. They even moved the front door!

We have scheduled a trip to the President George W. Bush Library and Museum in Dallas. Space is limited so get your registration in early.

The MedSearch and NSO seminars are being combined this year and will concentrate on PTSD and its effects on veterans. We hope to have good attendance and are inviting other service organizations to attend.

IMPORTANT!

We have a new voting procedure this year. We will be printing a ballot in the May/June issue of the Bulletin with instructions on how to fill it out and mail to Headquarters. Every member has the opportunity to vote. We will not have delegates and nominations for office will close in March. If you have any questions, please contact us and we will try to answer them.

Clydie,
Marsha,
Donna

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For AXPOW Credit Card Holders with UMB Bank

Some of you may have received a letter from UMB Bank with a new credit card. This was done to protect you after Target experienced a card compromise involving credit and debit card account data.

UMB Bank will continue to monitor your card with their sophisticated fraud monitoring system to protect your account. "We take your account security and privacy very seriously, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us at 1-800-821-5184."



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Dental Insurance for Veterans & Dependents

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides comprehensive dental care to Veterans who meet eligibility standards; however, the benefit is not available to many Veterans. VA would like all Veterans and beneficiaries to have access to good oral health. Good oral health is more than just a nice smile or ability to chew favorite foods - it impacts a person's overall health throughout his or her life.

VA's Dental Insurance Program (VADIP) offers enrolled Veterans and beneficiaries of VA's Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA) the opportunity to purchase dental insurance at a reduced cost. VA is offering this service through Delta Dental and MetLife.

VADIP is a three-year, national pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of providing a premium-based dental insurance plan to eligible individuals. The program is man-

dated by Public Law 111-163, Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010.

Eligibility for VADIP

Veterans enrolled in the VA health care program and CHAMPVA program beneficiaries are eligible to participate in VADIP. Participation in VADIP will not affect Veterans' eligibility for VA dental services and treatment.

Dependents of Veterans, except those eligible under CHAMPVA, are not eligible for VADIP; however, separate coverage options may be offered dependents by the insurance carrier.

Dental Plan Information

VA has contracted with Delta Dental and MetLife, private insurers, to administer the dental insurance program.

Individuals interested in participating in VADIP may complete an application online, over the phone or by mail. A direct link to each provider's VADIP webpage is available from www.va.gov/healthbenefits/VADIP. The following shows contact information for each provider.

Delta Dental:

855-370-3303 <http://deltadentalvadip.org/>
Correspondence: PO Box 537013 Sacramento, CA 95853-7013
Correspondence: PO Box 537009 Sacramento, CA 95853-7013

MetLife:

888-310-1681 www.metlife.com/VADIPMetLifeDental
Claims PO Box 981282 El Paso, TX 79998-1282

Coverage under VADIP began January 1, 2014, and is provided throughout the United States and its territories. The initial participation period will be at least 12 calendar months.

Afterward, VADIP beneficiaries can renew their participation for another 12-month period or be covered month-to-month, as long as the participant remains eligible for coverage and VA continues VADIP.

Multiple plan options will allow participants to select a plan that provides benefits and premiums that meet their dental needs and budget. The offered plans vary and may include diagnostic, preventative, surgical, emergency and endodontic/restorative treatment.

Coverage for VADIP dental services will be provided in the United States and its territories.

The contracted insurance carriers must accept all eligible beneficiaries who request participation.

Each participant will pay a fixed monthly premium for coverage, in addition to any copayments required by his or her plan.

How do I apply for VADIP?

Eligible individuals interested in participating in VADIP may apply by mail, online or by phone. For details, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/VADIP.

For more information on VADIP, visit www.va.gov/healthbenefits/VADIP and click the insurer's link for specific information regarding registration, rates and services, or call Delta Dental at 1-855-370-3303 or MetLife at 1-888-310-1681.

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TIA's

A transient ischemic attack (TIA) is when blood flow to a part of the brain stops for a brief period of time. A person will have stroke-like symptoms for up to 24 hours, but in most cases for 1 - 2 hours.

A TIA is felt to be a warning sign that a true stroke may happen in the future if something is not done to prevent it.

Causes

A TIA is different than a stroke. After a TIA, the blockage breaks up quickly and dissolves. Unlike a stroke, a TIA does not cause brain tissue to die.

The loss of blood flow to an area of the brain can be caused by:

A blood clot in an artery of the brain

A blood clot that travels to the brain from somewhere else in the body (for example, from the heart)

An injury to blood vessels

Narrowing of a blood vessel in the brain or leading to the brain

High blood pressure is the number one risk for TIAs and stroke.

The other major risk factors are:

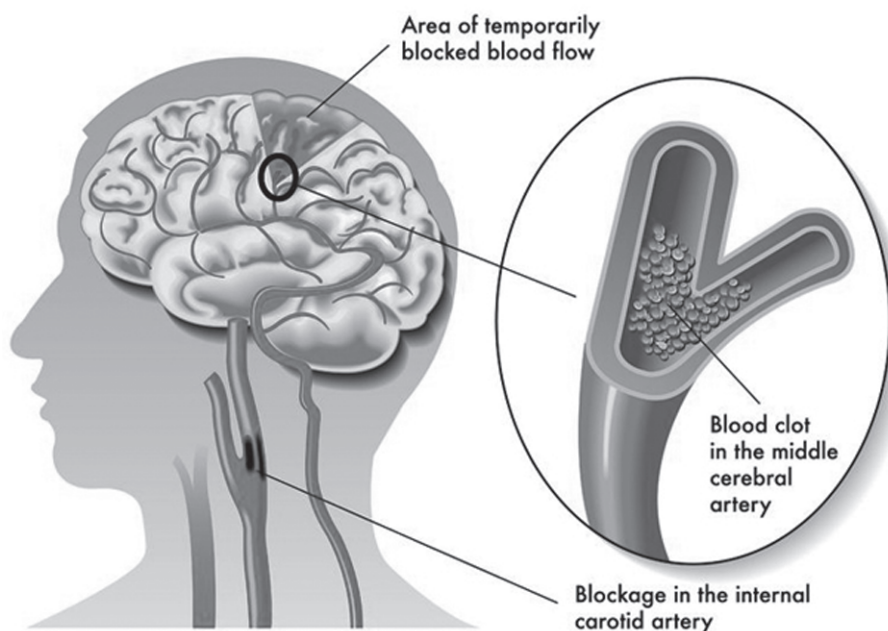
- Atrial fibrillation
- Diabetes
- Family history of stroke

- High cholesterol
- Increasing age, especially after age 55
- Race (African Americans are more likely to die from stroke)

People who have heart disease or poor blood flow in their legs caused by narrowed arteries are also more likely to have a TIA or stroke.

Risk Factors You Cannot Change

Transient Ischemic Attack



- Your age. Risk of stroke increases with age.
- Your gender. Men have a higher risk of getting heart disease than women except in older adults.
- Your genes or race. If your parents had a stroke, you are at higher risk. African-Americans, Mexican Americans, American Indians, Hawaiians, and some Asian Americans also have a higher risk for heart problems.
- Diseases such as cancer, chronic kidney disease, and some types

of arthritis

· Weak areas in an artery wall or abnormal arteries and veins

Blood clots from the heart may travel to the brain and cause a stroke. This may happen in people with man-made or infected heart valves or in certain heart defects you were born with. Other causes of blood clots are a very weak heart and some abnormal heartbeats,

Risk Factors You Can Change

You can change some risk factors for stroke, by taking the following steps:

- Do not smoke. If you do smoke, quit.
- Control your cholesterol through diet, exercise, and medicines, if needed.
- Control high blood pressure through diet, exercise, and medicines, if needed.
- Control diabetes through diet, exercise, and medicines, if needed.
- Exercise at least

30 minutes a day.

· Maintain a healthy weight by eating healthy foods, eating less, and joining a weight loss program, if needed.

· Limit how much alcohol you drink. This means 1 drink a day for women and 2 a day for men.

· Avoid cocaine and other illegal drugs.

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Good nutrition is important to your heart health and will help control some of your stroke risk factors.

- Choose a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.
- Choose lean proteins, such as chicken, fish, beans and legumes.
- Choose low-fat dairy products, such as 1% milk and other low-fat items.
- Avoid sodium (salt) and fats found in fried foods, processed foods, and baked goods.
- Eat fewer animal products and foods that contain cheese, cream, or eggs.

Read labels, and stay away from “saturated fat” and anything that contains “partially-hydrogenated” or “hydrogenated” fats. These products are usually loaded with unhealthy fats.

Your doctor may suggest taking aspirin or another drug called clopidogrel (Plavix) to help prevent blood clots from forming. DO NOT take aspirin without talking to your doctor first.

If you are taking these drugs or other blood thinners, you should take steps to prevent yourself from falling or tripping.

Follow these guidelines and the advice of your doctor to lower your chances of stroke.

Symptoms

Symptoms begin suddenly, last only a short time (from a few minutes to 1 - 2 hours), and go away completely. They may occur again at a later time.

The symptoms of TIA are the same as the symptoms of a stroke, and include sudden:

- Abnormal feeling of movement (vertigo) or dizziness
- Change in alertness (sleepiness, less responsive, unconscious, or in a coma)
- Changes in feeling, including touch, pain, temperature, pressure, hearing, and taste
- Confusion or loss of memory
- Difficulty swallowing
- Difficulty writing or reading
- Drooping of the face
- Inability to recognize objects or people
- Lack of control over the bladder or bowels
- Lack of coordination and balance, clumsiness, or trouble walking
- Loss of vision in one or both eyes
- Numbness or tingling on one side of the body
- Personality, mood, or emotional changes
- Trouble saying or understanding words
- Weakness on one side of the body

Exams and Tests

Almost always, the symptoms and signs of a TIA will have gone away by the time you get to the hospital. A TIA diagnosis may be made based on your medical history alone.

The health care provider will do a complete physical exam to check for heart and blood vessel problems, as well as for problems with nerves and muscles.

Your blood pressure may be high.

The doctor will use a stethoscope to listen to your heart and arteries. An abnormal sound called a bruit may be heard when listen-

Stroke Risk Scorecard
Each box that applies to you equals 1 point. Total your score at the bottom of each column and compare with the stroke risk levels on the back.

RISK FACTOR	HIGH RISK	CAUTION	LOW RISK
Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> >140/90 or unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> 120-139/80-89	<input type="checkbox"/> <120/80
Atrial Fibrillation	<input type="checkbox"/> Irregular heartbeat	<input type="checkbox"/> I don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular heartbeat
Smoking	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoker	<input type="checkbox"/> Trying to quit	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonsmoker
Cholesterol	<input type="checkbox"/> >240 or unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> 200-239	<input type="checkbox"/> <200
Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Borderline	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Exercise	<input type="checkbox"/> Couch potato	<input type="checkbox"/> Some exercise	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular exercise
Diet	<input type="checkbox"/> Overweight	<input type="checkbox"/> Slightly overweight	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy weight
Stroke in Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure	<input type="checkbox"/> No
TOTAL SCORE	<input type="checkbox"/> High Risk	<input type="checkbox"/> Caution	<input type="checkbox"/> Low Risk

Risk Scorecard Results

- High Risk ≥3:** Ask about stroke prevention right away.
- Caution 4-6:** A good start. Work on reducing risk.
- Low Risk 6-8:** You're doing very well at controlling stroke risk!

Ask your healthcare professional how to reduce your risk of stroke.

To reduce your risk:

1. Know your blood pressure.
2. Find out whether you have atrial fibrillation.
3. If you smoke, stop.
4. Find out if you have high cholesterol.
5. If diabetic, follow recommendations to control your diabetes.
6. Include exercise in your daily routine.
7. Enjoy a lower-sodium (salt), lower-fat diet.

Act FAST and CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY at any sign of a stroke:

F **FACE:** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

A **ARMS:** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S **SPEECH:** Ask the person to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?

T **TIME:** If you observe any of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately.

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ing to the carotid artery in the neck or other artery. A bruit is caused by irregular blood flow.

Tests will be done to rule out a stroke or other disorders that may cause the symptoms.

· You will almost always have a head CT scan or brain MRI. A stroke will show changes on these tests, but TIAs will not.

· You will have an angiogram, CT angiogram, or MR angiogram to see which blood vessel is blocked or bleeding.

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· You may have an echo-cardiogram if your doctor thinks you may have a blood clot from the heart.

· Carotid duplex (ultrasound) can show if the carotid arteries in your neck have narrowed.

· You may have an EKG and heart rhythm monitoring tests to check for an irregular heartbeat.

Your doctor may do other tests to check high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, high cholesterol, and other causes of, and risk factors for TIAs or stroke.

Treatment

The goal is to prevent a stroke.

If you have had a TIA within the last 48 hours, you will likely be admitted to the hospital so that doctors can search for the cause and observe you.

High blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, and blood disorders should be treated as needed. You may receive blood thinners, such as aspirin, to reduce blood clotting. Other options include dipyridamole, clopidogrel, Aggrenox or heparin, Coumadin, or similar medicines. You may be treated for a long period of time.

Some people who have clogged neck arteries may need surgery (carotid endarterectomy). If you have irregular heartbeats (atrial fibrillation), you will be treated to avoid future complications.

Outlook (Prognosis)

TIAs do not cause lasting damage to the brain.

However, TIAs are a warning sign that you may have a true stroke in the coming days or months. More than 10% of people who have a TIA will have a stroke within 3 months. Half of these strokes happen during the 48 hours after a TIA. The stroke may occur that same day or at a later time. Some people have only a single episode, and some have more than one episode.

You can reduce your chances of a future stroke by following-up with your health care provider to manage your risk factors.

When to Contact a Medical Professional

A TIA is a medical emergency. Call 911 or another local emergency number right away. Do not ignore symptoms just because they go away. They may be a warning of a future stroke.

Alternative Names

Mini stroke; TIA; Little stroke

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THINK FAST!

FACE

Does one side of the face droop? Ask the person to smile.

ARMS

Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

SPEECH

Is speech slurred? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Is it repeated correctly?

TIME

If the person shows any of these symptoms, call 911 or get to the hospital immediately.



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



10. POWs at Cabanatuan Camp 3 beaten with clubs.



11. Bilibid POW hospital ward, Philippine Islands.



12. Bataan Death March, April 1942.



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



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



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



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



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



7. Survivors of Suchon Tunnel Massacre, Korea.



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



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

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Andersonville Cuts The Ribbon On New Traveling Exhibit

By Eric Leonard

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on January 17th at Georgia Southwestern State University for "Victory From Within: The American Prisoner of War Experience," a new traveling exhibit produced by Andersonville National Historic Site in partnership with the Friends of Andersonville and American Ex-Prisoners of War.

The American Ex-Prisoners of War signed a three-way

fundraising agreement with the Friends of Andersonville and the National Park Service.

This ultimately resulted in enough private capital to attract a 50% match of public funding via a park partnership project grant from the National Park Service. After several years of planning and fabrication, the exhibit made its debut at the university.

Former prisoners of war, trustees from the Friends of Andersonville, and staff from Georgia Southwestern State University and Andersonville National Historic Site were on hand for the event. Jim Covington, president of the Friends of Andersonville, addressed those gathered for the special occasion. Joining Jim to deliver remarks were Superintendent Brad Bennett; Dr. Brian Adler, vice president for academic affairs, Georgia Southwestern State University; James Lollar, National Commander for American Ex-Prisoners of War; and Ed DeMent, chairman, National Education Committee, American Ex-Prisoners of War.

The 1,200 square foot traveling exhibit is based on the thematic organization of the National Prisoner of War Museum, built around the themes of "Capture," "Prison Life," "Those Who Wait," and "Freedom."



Hosting facilities will need to meet NPS standards for temperature and humidity control and security to ensure the preservation of artifacts. Receiving institutions will set-up, promote and market the exhibit, bear shipping costs, arrange for a former POW to attend the exhibit opening, host the exhibit for a three- to six-month period, use NPS-provided educational materials, and record the number of visitors.

Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia, will host the exhibit from February through June 1st. Future venues are currently being arranged by Chief of Cultural Resources Alan Marsh.

Institutions seeking more information, or to schedule the traveling exhibit should contact Alan Marsh, Chief of Resource Management at 229-924-0343 ext. 115 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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Andersonville Committee



JVC Ed DeMent, Chairman

(Traveling Exhibit Speech, 1/17/2014)

Good morning,

What you see today came about by a phone call made in 2007.

I was here for the dedication of our museum in 1998 and was very impressed by what I had seen.

The year that my wife and I worked here, I met Fred Boyles, Park Superintendent of Andersonville, and Fred Sanchez, Chief Park Ranger.

As years went by, I was always thinking of what the Ex-POWs could do for the park's museum. I made the call to Mr. Boyles and asked what we, as an organization, could do. For some time he had been hoping that there could be an addition to the library. However, the estimated cost would be in the thousands and unfortunately we did not have the membership to support it. Instead I suggested, "What about a moving museum to travel the country?" He said that the request had been made in the past, but was not carried through.

I took the request to our National Commander, Gerald Harvey. He quickly gave me permission to pursue the request as Chairman of an Ad Hoc committee.

I made contact with Mr. Boyles and he informed me that he could form

a committee from the park as well. We met and I was introduced to Alan Marsh, Chief of Resource. The committee was formed with Fred Boyles, Fred Sanchez and Alan Marsh representing the park. Bill Price, Maxine Price, Ester Carboni and I represented AXPOW. Our name for this endeavor would be known as "American Ex-POW Traveling Legacy", which is now known as "Victory From Within".

After many phone calls and meetings, Mr. Boyles informed us that he was being transferred to another location. With a heavy heart, we felt that our project was over.

But a blessing happened - Mr. Brad Bennett took over the park. He showed us that he was interested in our project and would make inquiries to continue on.

The largest problem was, of course, funding. Many phone calls and meetings took place and a plan was formed as Mr. Bennett has already shared.

A little over two years ago, Eric Leonard, Chief of Interpretation and Education, joined our group.

The American Ex-Prisoners of War are indebted to the wonderful staff at Andersonville who have made this dream a reality.

Traveling Exhibit Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, January 17, 2014.

As you've been hearing, it took a lot of people, hard work, money and time to turn this dream into a reality, but we did it! To be honest, there were some skeptics and some doubters along the way who didn't think we could pull this off, so I would like to add my thanks to the Friends of Andersonville and to the National Park Service who remained optimistic and supportive through all stages of its development.

I especially want to thank my fellow POWs and spouses who shared their personal stories and insights with Andersonville National Historic Site during the design phase of the traveling exhibit and the teachers' guide:

Bill and Maxine Price, Bill Norwood, Wayne and Barbara Waddell, Bill Robinson, and -someone extra special to me - Ester Carboni.

We all agree that children today aren't learning enough about American Ex-Prisoners of War. This "Victory From Within" traveling exhibit and curriculum meets this need by using written accounts, pictures, artifacts and video interviews of ex-POWs. Echoing themes from the National Prisoner of War Museum, the Traveling Exhibit includes sections on capture, prison life, those who wait and freedom.

These stories will be preserved not only for today's students, but for generations to come. This legacy will ensure that our experiences will continue to inform, educate and inspire Americans in the future. This exhibit, as it travels the country, will encourage more Americans to visit Andersonville National Historic Site and the National Prisoner of War Museum. Even for those who can't make the trip to Georgia. The exhibit and curriculum will help more citizens understand the true cost of freedom and form a deeper connection to the meaning of patriotism.

Next month, this exhibit will travel from Georgia South West to the museum at Georgia Southern University to reach new audiences into the early summer. After that, a couple of good locations out of state have been suggested by POWs in this room. Alan Marsh, who is coordinating the future schedule, is following up on those leads. Now that we've seen the exhibit, we are all encouraged to be ambassadors. Please reach out to your fellow POWs across the country to suggest venues in their home cities.

At this time, on behalf of Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of St. Petersburg, I am proud to present our certificate of appreciation. Thank you for being here today.

Now, I invite you to join us out in the library for the ribbon cutting.

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE...let's go cut that ribbon!

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PNC Charles Susino Jr
Chairman

As reported in our Legislative Alert in mid December, Washington passed a 2014 budget lead by Senator Patty Murray and Representative Paul Ryan. Their agreement was communicated as a means to avoid the government shutdown in January and included many compromises from both parties.

The good news was they did not include the chained Consumer Price Index (CPI) which was a major concern however they singled out retired military veterans by reducing the cost of living adjustment equal to inflation less 1% from the period of retirement to age 62. This provision would go into effect in December 2015. As the military retiree reaches age 62, the retired pay would be adjusted upward as if the COLA had been the full CPI adjustment in all previous years, and the service members would receive the full COLA from then on. Service members would never see a reduction in benefits from one year to the next. The savings to Congress would be approximately \$6 billion over ten years.

We and other veterans' organization objected strongly to this provision encouraging the politicians to make it a top priority in 2014 to correct this wrong.

2013-2014 Legislative
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Senator Bernard Sanders, Chairman of the Senate Veterans Committee, took the leadership role in introducing a new Bill, S.1950, Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014. This is the broadest reaching Veterans' Bill in decades. It was developed by taking components from several proposed Bills over the past year or so and encompasses into one comprehensive law including provisions from proposed bills such as:

- S.944 - Veterans Health and Benefits Improvement Act of 2013
- S. 851 - Caregivers Expansion and Improvement Act of 2013,
- S. 1604 - Veterans Health Care Eligibility Expansion and Enhancement Act of 2013,
- S. 6 - Putting Our Veterans Back to Work Act of 2013,
- S. 1581- Veterans Programs Improvement Act of 2013,
- S. 1740 - Department of Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility Lease Authorization Act of 2013,
- S. 932 - Putting Veterans Funding First Act of 2013, and
- S.1844 - Military Retirement Restoration Act.

The American Ex-Prisoners of War has taken a position of strong support. Additional information regarding this Bill can be found at:

<http://www.sanders.senate.gov/download/s-1950?inline=file>

**Show your support by
contacting your Senator today!**

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V A OUTREACH #12

The Veterans Benefits Administration introduced in mid-2010 a nationwide benefits claims initiative known as the Fully Developed Claims (FDC) program. This program decreases the time the VA spends processing a claim and also reduces the backlog of claims.

Participation in the program is voluntary and enables veterans and their families to:

1. Provide all evidence and medical records (both private treatment records and Federal facility records) at the time of claim submittal.

2. Certify that no further evidence will be submitted.

The VA recommends and encourages veterans to appoint a Veterans Service Organization (VSO) representative for assistance with FDCs. VSOs serve and advocate for Veterans, Service Members, and their families. They can assist in filing claims for VA dis-

ability compensation, pensions, vocational rehabilitation and employment, education, home loan guaranty, life insurance, death benefits, health care, and much more at no cost. VSOs are federally recognized, trained and approved by the VA to prepare, represent, and submit claims. VSOs can greatly help in the FDC process by assembling the required documents and information and reviewing a Veteran's claim prior to submission.

The Veteran (or claimant) must complete VA Form 21-22 (Appointment of VSO as Veteran's Representative) if they wish a VSO to serve as an advocate on their behalf during the claim process. Veterans can partner with a VSO online through the website www.eBenefits.va.gov or find a VSO near them, or call 1-800- 827-1000 for assistance. eBenefits is a joint VA and Department of Defense (DOD) online portal allowing Veterans, Service Members, survivors and their families to browse VA and DOD benefits information.

Once an eBenefits account is created, users can:

1. Quickly access eBenefits tools
2. Apply for benefits online

3. Download military service records

4. Access benefits claim status 2417.

Submitting an FDC online through an eBenefits account will accelerate the claims process.

The electronic claims submission capability via eBenefits powered by VONAPP Direct Connect (VDC) streamlines the way claims are accepted by the VA. VDC is a web-based interface within eBenefits that intakes claims. VDC prepopulates information and helps Veterans navigate through the online claims submission process using interview-style questions.

Information is loaded directly into VA's claims processing system known as the Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS) for paper-less claims processing.

The capabilities of electronic claims submission are:

1. Access, complete, and electronically submit claims for benefits.
2. Upload medical claim information
3. Manage benefits.

AXPOW National Convention June 25-28, 2013

We've planned a visit to the new George W. Bush Presidential Library & Museum. The tour is limited so get your registration in early!



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AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR:

There are still 1,643 personnel listed by the Department of Defense (DoD) as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. The most recent DoD posting on the issue identified SSG Lawrence Woods, USA/SF, of TN listed as KIA/BNR in south Vietnam on October 24, 1964. His remains were recovered on April 13, 2010 and identified September 4, 2013. Earlier DoD posted the identification of Colonel Francis J. McGouldrick, Jr. USAF, of CT, listed as MIA in Laos on December 13, 1968. His remains were repatriated May 22, 2012 and identified August 28, 2013. The number of Americans announced by DoD as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is still 940. Another 63 US personnel, recovered by the US and ID'd before the end of the war, bring the official total of US personnel accounted for from the Vietnam War to 1,003. Of the 1,643 unaccounted for personnel, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia under Laos under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam- 1,275 (VN-469, VS-806); Laos-308; Cambodia-53; PRC territorial waters-7; over-water losses on

Captured/Missing:

US Service member captured while supporting combat operations: Army Spc. Bowe R. Bergdahl, June 30, 2009, Afghanistan

DoD's list of No Further pursuit cases number well over 600.

VIETNAM WAR FIELD OPERATIONS: Despite nearly endless challenges, including budget glitches, operational postponements and juggling required to schedule Joint Field Activities (JFAs), JPAC is deploying teams to two Southeast Asian countries during this first month of 2014, despite more last-minute scares regarding funding reliability.

LAOS:

With budget agreement reached, JPAC started a JFA in Laos January 14th that is expected to conclude on February 17th. Three teams are concluding recovery operations and one Investigation Team (IT), augmented by the DIA Stony Beach specialist, will also conduct several investigations.

CAMBODIA:

Operations in Cambodia by one Recovery Teams (RT) and one Underwater Recovery Teams (URT), postponed twice this past year, are now scheduled for January 28th-April 2nd. Since the Stony Beach specialist is permanently in-country and conducts investigations needed, there are no investigations scheduled in conjunction with the JFA.

RECENTLY ACCOUNTED-FOR and LAID TO REST: Americans from the Korean War:

- Cpl. Billy M. McIntyre, U.S. Army, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 31st Regimental Combat Team, was lost on Dec. 7, 1950, near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. He was accounted for on Feb. 27, 2013 and was buried with full military honors Jan. 20, 2014, in Oklahoma City.

- Cpl. Joe W. Howard, U.S. Army, Battery A, 503rd Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division, was lost Dec. 1, 1950, near Kunu-ri, North Korea. He was accounted for Dec. 5, 2013, and was buried with full military honors in Jacksonville, Fla., on Jan. 9, 2014.

- Sgt. 1st Class Joseph E. Gantt, U.S. Army, Battery C, 503rd Field Artillery, 2nd Infantry Division, was lost Nov. 30, 1950, in the vicinity of

Somindong, North Korea. He was accounted for Nov. 26, 2013, and was buried with full military honors in Inglewood, Calif., Dec. 28, 2013.

- Cpl. William A. Newton, U.S. Army, Headquarters Service Company, 2nd Engineer Combat Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, was lost Nov. 30, 1950, near Kunu-ri, North Korea. He was accounted for Nov. 20, 2013, and was buried with full military honors in Kountze, Texas, Dec. 20, 2013.

U.S. HAS RECENT 'PROOF OF LIFE' VIDEO of POW BOWE BERGDahl

The United States has obtained a "proof of life" video of American soldier Bowe Bergdahl who disappeared from his base in Afghanistan in 2009 and is the only U.S. service member held captive by enemy forces, officials said.

The video — which was on a thumb drive intercepted by the U.S. last week — shows a frail, shaky Bergdahl making a reference to the recent death of South African leader Nelson Mandela, the officials said.

Although the Taliban has offered to release Bergdahl in exchange for five Taliban prisoners being held at Guantanamo Bay, U.S. military officials told NBC News they believe he is being held hostage by the Haqqani network in neighboring Pakistan.

Those holding him have released several videos of Bergdahl in captivity, but the last one was more than three years ago. The latest video is proof that he is still alive, U.S. military officials say.

Bergdahl, who is from Idaho, joined the Army in 2008 and was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division in Fort Richardson, Alaska. Less than a year later, he was deployed as a machine gunner to a combat outpost in Pakista Province, Afghanistan, a militant hotbed.

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Alice Gollin
Chairman

Prisoners and the YMCA

By Dorothy Janson - Part II

There was satisfaction as well as risk in these covert activities, but so much was needed and we could do so little.

Quite without warning in the beginning of September 1943 we were evicted from M. Merlinden's house because a General Baba, recently arrived from Malaysia, decided it would be a good place for his headquarters. Luckily we found another house not far away on Calle Loring, and moved our by now meager possessions by carabao cart. Even though we no longer saw the prisoners every day, they remained uppermost in our thoughts. Would we ever hear anything further about the International YMCA war prisoner aid?

It was not until the 13th of November that a telegram from Minister Bagge advised us that the Tokyo war prisoners bureau had no objection to YMCA relief work, but that the final decision rested with Chief Camp Commandant Major General Iitiro Morimoto in Manila. My husband was advised to contact Morimoto, explaining the proposed welfare which did not include camp visits or supplying foodstuffs. The next day Helge presented a petition to the chief camp commandant requesting permission to organize the Neutral Welfare Committee of the International YMCA. He happily returned home with a signed permit to form a committee for the purpose of "promoting the welfare of

war prisoners", including supplying food, clothing and medicine, and permission to accept local donations for this purpose. Mr. K. Yakushiji, the interpreter, had been most helpful in arranging the matter.

Certain restrictions were imposed: everything was subject to inspection by military headquarters, no interviews with prisoners permitted nor conduct which would benefit enemy nationals. Civilian internment camps were not included: welfare for them must go through the Department of External Affairs.

The Swedish Minister was promptly advised of this positive result and his further instructions requested. He replied that the International YMCA proposed supplying recreational materials - books, games, sports equipment, etc., i.e., articles outside the scope of Red Cross activities which would not "infringe on their prerogative". The Tokyo Committee of International YMCA knew that the Red Cross was not allowed to function in the Philippines, but was under the impression that a Red Cross shipment recently landed would suffice for "most urgent needs". A shipment had been received but it was woefully inadequate and a large portion never even reached the prison camps.

The Neutral Welfare Committee in Manila suddenly found itself in the anomalous position of having permission from the Japanese Commandant to provide badly needed basic sustenance while the War Prisoners Aid of the International YMCA was limited to supplying articles for mental and physical recreation. In other theatres of war it could be said that "the Red Cross saved our bodies; the YMCA saved our minds", but the prisoners in the Philippines were dying of starvation, not lack of amusement!

In reply to a telegram to the Swedish Ministry emphasizing that we had permission to send in food and medication and requesting funds for this purpose, we were instructed to collaborate with Mr. Bessemer.

Mr. J.O. Bessmer, a Swiss national, was at this time the Red Cross delegate in Manila. He was most cooperative and wholeheartedly agreed that the YMCA would not, in this instance, "infringe" on the prerogatives of the Red Cross.

The difficulties caused by this absurd matter of protocol were offset by the ease with which a committee was formed. Helge Janson was chairman, with eight eager volunteers: Danish, Swiss, Irish, Belgian and three women who deserve most honorable mention. Mrs. Camy Westly, a Norwegian with two sons fighting in Allied airforces; Sylvia Melian, a member of a prominent Spanish family; and Mme. Gladys Savary, born in Nebraska, but a French national by virtue of marriage. Another Swede, Mr. A. Grieffe, kept very accurate accounts.

As soon as the possibility of aiding the war prisoners became known, donations of money, foodstuffs, medicine, etc. began pouring in from Filipino, Spanish, Swiss, Swedish and other neutral companies and individuals.

Purchasing, packing, labeling and transporting was strenuous but exciting work. During the month of December 1943, shipments were made to seven military prison camps in the Manila area (about 4,700 men), and the prison on Park Avenue was first on the list. My husband accompanied a very large shipment to prison camp #1 in Cabanatuan on Dec. 19th and was able to get an official receipt signed by Lt. Col. John B. Brettell. A typical shipment included shirts, pants, socks (which we knitted out of string and which were probably more uncomfortable than going barefoot), jam, cookies, peanuts, mongo beans, corn meal, bananas, vitamins, cigars, smoking tobacco, soap, toothbrushes, Chinese checkers, playing cards and guitars. But although the committee had scrupulously followed instructions, on the 31st of Dec. 1943, we were suddenly ordered to cease all further shipments. The only reason given was that Manila was suffering from a shortage of food, which was, of course, all too true!

During the first three months of 1944, numerous petitions to resume deliveries in accordance with the permit were presented to the chief commandant. All were turned down until the end of April, when a new commandant, Major General Shiyoku Ko, seemed to be more humane and the committee was allowed to resume its activities. So far, no deliveries had been made to the civilian internment camps. From the beginning, private individuals had

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been allowed to assist their imprisoned friends via the "package line" at Santo Tomas, and Mr. Carroll Grinnell, chairman of the Santo Tomas Executive Committee, had written my husband saying that the civilian internees wanted the war prisoners to have preference. But in the middle of April, the Japanese Embassy advised my husband that the shortage of food, especially for the children, in Santo Tomas was exceedingly grave. A petition to make weekly deliveries of milk and eggs was granted, and before the end of the month, in addition to the war prisoner camps, two sizeable shipments to the civilian internment camp were made.

Instructions from military headquarters were capricious to say the least. Shipments to war prisoner camps had to be unloaded at Japanese headquarters who issued undecipherable receipts in Japanese because it would take too long to get receipts signed by American recipients. They refused to accept ten innocent band instruments which we had obtained with great difficulty, and a number of innocuous books had to be censored and probably never reached their destination. A shipment of milk and eggs for Santo Tomas was left standing in the hot sun for at least a day. Itemized accounting prepared for the YMCA in Tokyo was not forwarded because it revealed the exorbitant cost of food, a reflection on the sad state of Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere!

But in spite of the palpable danger of trying to help Americans, the frustrations and difficulties in obtaining food and other commodities, the committee continued working. On April 21st, the Swedish Ministry advised that the YMCA funds could be used for food, clothing and medicine, and forwarded P*30,000 for this purpose. At the end of April and during May, weekly shipments were made to more than 2,500 war prisoners, to the children in Santo Tomas, and in the beginning of June large deliveries to the civilian internment camps.

As every victory in the South Pacific brought the American forces closer, the Japanese grew ever more vicious in their endeavor to stamp out any

pro-American activity. The Kempetai were using the dungeons of Ft. Santiago with terrifying efficiency, and members of the underground kept vanishing. On June 7th Helge was brusquely advised that no further welfare shipments would be accepted and no more local donations allowed. No reason or explanation was given.

Could it be that the Allied invasion of Normandy on the 6th of June had displeased them?

The committee still had a stock of valuable staples - clothing, vitamins, beans, etc. and some perishable goods which were sent to Manila hospitals where there were civilian internees among the patients. My husband kept insisting that the YMCA be allowed to deliver what was already purchased, and finally, through the intervention of the Swedish Ministry in Tokyo, the balance of welfare goods was sent into Santo Tomas.

By now, US forces were firmly entrenched in Leyte and there were almost daily air raids on Manila harbor and nearby airfields. Inflation had reached astronomical proportions (P475 for a sack of mongo beans, P500 for a picul of sugar) and living conditions in Manila had deteriorated alarmingly. During one of the last calls my husband and Mr. Bessmer made on the Japanese Embassy, they were told that Tokyo had ordered all relief work in the Philippines terminated. (Some members of the Embassy had tried to be helpful, but had no influence on the military authorities.) There was nothing more for the Neutral Welfare Committee of the International YMCA to do. I was glad that I was not aware that Helge had twice been interrogated by the Kempetai and investigated by the Japanese military.

The once frightening rumors that Manila might be bypassed were evidently unfounded, but it was no longer a safe place to live. It was wonderful to see our planes overhead - perpetually dashing to a makeshift shelter was nerve-wracking and tiring! Fear, hunger - and HOPE. Hope of liberation, hope of victory, kept us going, but there were many who did not live to see this long-prayed-for end to captivity. Nearly 500 civilian internees, countless prisoners of war, would not be there to welcome the 1st Cal-

vary, the 37th Infantry, who dashed down from the north. We were freed on February 11, 1945 by the 11th Airborne, who punched their way up from the south. (The Park Avenue prisoners were among thousands who had been loaded onto unmarked ships for transfer to prisons in Japan; ironically, American bombers sank a number of these vessels.)

Joy and tragedy were so closely interwoven during those fateful days of February 1945! The liberation of Santo Tomas, the gaunt, haggard faces of our friends; the wondrous sight of American GIs, tanks, jeeps and our flag; the horrendous destruction of Manila...

I am happy to report that with one exception, all members of the committee came through unscathed. Mr. Greiffe was shot four times by a Japanese officer just as the Americans were advancing up Taft Avenue, but three of the bullets did no damage and the fourth was undoubtedly the only Japanese bullet a Swedish hospital had to remove some months later.

The work of the committee was highly praised in a letter addressed to my husband from James F. Byrnes, Secretary of State, dated April 12, 1946 "...Understanding as we do the obstacles which you and your committee had to overcome, we are particularly appreciative of the unselfish spirit of the neutral citizens who participated in this work".

It was gratifying to be thus esteemed, but the real reward was the satisfaction of having been able to alleviate some of the suffering inflicted by the erstwhile conquerors of the Philippines, and to experience the untiring effort, generosity and courage of all the women and men of good will who assisted the Neutral Welfare Committee of the International YMCA.

**During World War II in the Philippines, the occupying Japanese government issued fiat currency in several denominations; this is known as the Japanese government-issued Philippine fiat peso.*



March 13-15, 2014. USS Houston CA-30 Survivors Association & Next Generations Reunion will be held at: Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown. Contact: John Keith Schwarz Executive Director- USS Houston CA-30 Survivors Association & Next Generations; 202-268-2261/703-867-0142. contact@usshouston.org.

April 25-27, 2014. Flatiron Air Ambulance Crash-Rescue Bi-Annual Reunion will be held at Fort Rucker, AL. For information, contact: Warren R. Blake, P.O. Box 67, North Conway, NH 03869. 978-994-7935 ; flatironcrs@juno.com

April 24-27, 2014. Norfolk reunion for civilian internees and families. We are booked and contracted at Marriott Courtyard in Norfolk. Our hotel is a block and a half from MacArthur Memorial property. Contact: Sascha Jansen Mabuhayma@aol.com.

April 12, 2014. The Department of Missouri will hold their state convention at the Columbia Elks Club. It will start at 9:00 AM with coffee and pastries. Business meeting will begin at 10:00 followed by installation of officers. Lunch will be served at noon followed by the Memorial Service. For more information, contact Ralph Kalberloh, 400 Turnberry Lane, Jefferson City, MO 65109. Phone 573-659-4407 or cell 573-619-4977; rkalberloh@aol.com.

June 25-28, 2014. The American Ex-Prisoners of War National Convention will be held in

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Arlington, TX. More information is on pages 27-29.

July 27-Aug 3, 2014. The Korean War Ex-POWs 2014 Reunion will be held in Louisville, KY at the Brown Hotel, 335 West Broadway. The room rate is \$110.00 per day, plus tax. The discounted rate will apply three (3) days prior and after the scheduled reunion dates to accommodate those who may wish to come early or stay late. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel direct at 502-583-1234.

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My father, Carl Hill, was captured on Corregidor. Somewhere after capture (he was held at Cabanatuan, O'Donnel and others before being shipped to Japan on a Hell Ship), he received a **cigarette case from Sgt. Charles Calafato**, who was also serving with the 59th Coastal Artillery. Mr. Calafato was from New York; his cigarette case had the name "Margie" inscribed in it. He was killed when the ship transporting him was sunk (the Arisan Maru) on Oct. 24, 1944. I would like to return this case to a member of Mr. Calafato's family. If anyone has any information about him, I would appreciate the help. Thank you. Carl Hill, rivervet@plix.com; 509-684-5746.

I am Harry Spiller, an author of 14 books including several oral military history bks on WWII and Korea. I am working on a project to do a **Oral History Vietnam POW book**. Looking for XPOWs who would be interesting in telling their stories in my book. If you are interested you may contact me at: harryspiller@yahoo.com or Harry Spiller 12 Razor Drive, West Frankfort. Il 62896. We can move forward details from there.



My name is Sandy Wacker and I am emailing you on behalf of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the **Make the Connection campaign**. We are reaching out to Veterans Service Organizations like the American Ex-Prisoners of War to spread the word about Make the Connection, which helps Veterans and their loved ones access information and resources to address challenges related to mental health, physical wellbeing, and life events. Make the Connection (www.maketheconnection.net).

MakeTheConnection.net is a one-stop, video-rich website where Veterans and their loved ones can privately explore information on and watch personal video testimonials about facing health and life challenges. To learn more, AXPOW might be interested in the following pages and videos:

- Veterans: www.maketheconnection.net/veterans
- Video Gallery: www.maketheconnection.net/stories-of-connection Veteran Strength and Connection 60 Second PSA: www.maketheconnection.net/stories/story.aspx?story_id=421 Take advantage of resources tailored for Veterans: www.maketheconnection.net/stories/story.aspx?story_id=383
- Information and Resource Locator: www.maketheconnection.net/resources
- Spread the Word: www.maketheconnection.net/resources/spread-the-word

Make the Connection is also on Facebook (www.facebook.com/veteransmtc) and YouTube (www.youtube.com/veteransmtc).

News Briefs

Andersonville's Sesquicentennial Celebration

by Alice A. Booher

Part One in a Three Part Series

Macon County, GA hosts something about which many already know a great deal, after years of efforts to reconstruct and educate about the infamous Civil War prison, to maintain and venerate the National Cemetery, and to open the National POW Museum at that location in 1998. In addition to occasional articles, Andersonville's National Park Service leadership and staff provide a regular *Bulletin* column to keep everyone updated, and will continue to do so. This series highlights a unique and special effort for 2014-2015.

"Sesquicentennial" reflects a lapse of 150 years, and the National Historic Site at Andersonville has just launched an extraordinary and admittedly ambitious two year long commemorative program with targeted focus on all aspects of the Civil War POW system, entitled in the aggregate "*When We Held Each Other Prisoner*".

Andersonville Prison (Camp Sumter), which would eventually hold 45,000 Union prisoners, opened in February 1864. During the subsequent 14 months, the notoriously overcrowded, unsanitary outdoor facility would

be the death (some of wounds, most of disease) of 13,000 prisoners, most of them men.

Site Superintendent Brad Bennett recently assessed the unique challenge of commemorating the American Civil War POW: "*As opposed to a battle conducted over days or weeks, the Civil War prisoner of war story is a longer, more complicated tragedy measured in the words of one prisoner, 'by inches' "*.

tation and Education recently acknowledged to *The Civil War Picket* that their story, both complicated and emotional, can be designated "*We did this to ourselves*".

The commemorative two years will be broken into twelve two month segments, with focus on a single-word theme that represents the events, conditions or emotions of POWs; and will feature other prisons and their sto-



A January 2014 news release announcing the 150th anniversary identified their charge as exploring the prison and the stories of those held there, but also "providing an understanding of the overall prisoner of war story of the Civil War and the shared experiences of prisoners in both North and South". Accordingly, myriad yet linked events from January 2014 through 2015 will involve an expanded visual and educational venue.

Of the total of some 150 prisons across North and South, Historian Robert C. Doyle identifies 35 major Union prison camps and 39 major Confederate prison camps. Eric Leonard, Andersonville Chief of Interpre-

tries to more fully present the experience. The pivotal themes are: *Creation, Arrival, Confinement, Desperation, Evacuation, Conversion, Negotiation, Departure, Apprehension, Accountability, Sacrifice and Dedication*. In addition to the primary underlying Andersonville (Camp Sumter) component, highlighted prisons are multiple Richmond, VA (Complex) sites; Rock Island, IL; Camp Ford, TX; Ft. Delaware, DE; Camp Lawton, GA; Temporary camps; Camp Douglas, IL; Florence, SC; Coastal Fortifications; Elmira, NY; Salisbury, NC and Ft. Lafayette, NY.

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Programs will include special "First Saturday" activities, concluding in September 2015 with a memorial illumination at the prison site; and for the 13,000 POWs buried at Andersonville, the funeral they never had will be celebrated in honor of the War's 56,000 POWs who died.

Activities will be varied, and a lot of volunteer assistance will be required, so to learn, help or participate: go.nps.gov/livinghistoryprisoners ; call 229 924-0343 ; website (<http://go.nps.gov/cwprisons>); or www.nps.gov/ande/; Facebook (www.facebook.com/AndersonvilleNPS); or Twitter (www.twitter.com/andeNHS)

Fort Bragg honors two World War II veterans

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Fort Bragg honored two World War II veterans on Jan. 16, 2014 during a private reception that also served as a farewell for troops soon deploying to Afghanistan.

John Mims, a Bataan Death March survivor, and Roy "Swede" Boreen, a Pearl Harbor survivor, were named honorary Sky Dragons during the event at the Fort Bragg Club.

Sky Dragons is the nickname of the 18th Airborne Corps, which is deploying to serve as International Security Assistance Force Joint Command.

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Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson walks with John Mims, left, a Bataan Death March survivor, and Swede Boreen, a Pearl Harbor survivor. Tommy Bolton, far right, shows them the way to receive their honorary Sky Dragons award.

Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson, commander of Fort Bragg and the 18th Airborne Corps, praised the two veterans during the short ceremony.

"What we do is for each other," he said. "But it's also to honor veterans."

Anderson escorted both men, arm-in-arm, to the side of a podium before presenting them with framed plaques.

He then hugged Mims and Boreen.

"I love all of you," Mims said. "And there's nothing you can do about it."

Mims retired from the Army at Fort Bragg as a master sergeant in 1963. Boreen went on to serve 21 years in the Navy, retiring in 1959.

Both were recognized for their unwavering commit-

ment to the military and their heroic sacrifices for freedom, officials said in a release.

Mims, 92, was 15 years old the first time he joined the Army, during the Great Depression. He served 11 months before officials found out the truth about his age and kicked him out.

But two years later, and still underage, he joined again. Eventually, Mims would be sent to the Philippines during World War II.

There, he would become a Japanese prisoner of war and would survive the brutal, 65-mile march that killed thousands.

Mims spent four years as a prisoner of war, during which he was beaten, tortured, starved and isolated.

To survive, Mims said he ate dogs, cats, rats, snakes, grass and lizards. When he left the camp, he weighed only 67 pounds, nearly 100 pounds less than when he got there.



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"I've got to be a miracle of Jesus," Mims said from his home in the Ashemont community in Moore County in 2010.

"Because some of the stuff I've gone through, people don't go through."

Boreen, who lives in Pinehurst, spoke with The Fayetteville Observer for the 72nd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor last month.

Then a 21-year-old sailor, Boreen witnessed a Kate bomber emblazoned with the rising sun drop the first of nine torpedoes that would eventually sink his ship.

"I saw the pilot's face, and he was grinning like a 'possum eating you-know-what," Boreen said.

Now 93, Boreen said that after a torpedo hit his ship, he ran down to his battle station on the ship's third deck and began closing watertight doors between compartments.

"Just as I was slamming down the last dog on this one door, another torpedo hit a fuel tank, sprung the door, and I was completely covered in oil," he said.

Boreen recounted his escape from the damaged ship and said that once outside, he saw bombers coming over "like a flock of ducks" before watching one of the planes drop a bomb on the USS Arizona.

"That battleship just went up, flames and everything, 400 to 500 feet in the air," Boreen said.



Omnibus Veterans Affairs Bill

An omnibus veterans affairs bill introduced by Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) would fully repeal pension reductions, ensure veterans benefits if the government shuts down again and introduce new veteran hiring goals.

The bill (S.1950), introduced Jan. 16, would rescind the 1 percent cut in the cost of living adjustment for military retirees under 62 that became law under the fiscal 2014 omnibus appropriations bill.

The cut originated in the budget compromise signed in December and was meant to save \$6 billion over ten years. The Sanders bill doesn't propose any spending reductions to offset the money that would have been saved by the COLA cuts.

The legislation would also make a long-term change designed to fund Veterans Affairs Department disability, health and education benefits even if the government shuts down again.

Currently, the Veterans Health Administration gets appropriated a year in advance to prevent hospitals from closing in the event of a shutdown and the new bill would extend that practice to the Veterans Benefits Administration.

The bill would also create new hiring goals for veterans seeking government jobs. It would require the Office of Personnel Management to make sure agencies hire 15,000 more veterans in the government within five years. Other provisions include expanding veterans' healthcare to include dental coverage and new reporting requirements to help end the VA claims backlog by 2015. The VA would provide quarterly updates to Congress with

data including projections of incoming claims, how many claims have been completed and how many are being appealed.

The Affordable Care Act, VA, and You

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If you are enrolled in any of VA's programs below, you have coverage under the standards of the health care law:

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- More than 1,700 places available to get your care. This means your coverage can go with you if you travel or move.

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· Met the new requirement to have health care coverage that meets the minimum standard.

The goal of the VA health care system is to achieve excellence in patient care and customer satisfaction. VA's medical mission is singular — to serve Veterans by providing the highest quality health care available anywhere in the world. America's Veterans deserve nothing less.

To The Heart of the Matter

by Alice A. Booher

Twins Eloise and Louise Bowles were born in 1919. Eloise added an "H" to her name, making her column "Hints from Heloise". She married a USAAF captain, Mike Cruse, moved in 1948 to Nanking, China, they moved back to TX and had a daughter named Heloise. Mother Heloise began in 1959 to dispense clever and helpful guidance, preaching for many readers the "gospel truth". When she died in 1977 her daughter took up the "Hints" tradition, running daily in 500 newspapers and "Ask Heloise" in *Good Housekeeping*.

For many faithful readers, it seems almost heretical not to believe "Hints From Heloise", but a December 2013 syndicated column made many sit up and take notice, guided by a letter from someone in Ft. Wayne, IN who wrote that when heart pacemaker

"batteries wear down, the pacemaker must be replaced. Used pacemakers cannot be refurbished and put in humans again, but they

can be placed into a pet to help prolong its life. A used pacemaker can be brought to a veterinarian, who will forward it to a veterinary university in your state. Here in Indiana it is Purdue University. They can use pacemakers in which the battery has expired or if a person passes away."

Heloise replied that "pacemakers are being used for animals - dogs, some cats, and even a horse or two. This is a pretty new practice, but it seems to be growing...Also, if a loved one is being buried or cremated, the pacemaker usually is removed and returned to the family. Call your veterinarian or a college of veterinary medicine in your state to find out if it accepts pacemakers or can direct you to an organization that does".

We did not want to spread this information without confirmation, so we did some further research - and sure enough, there are myriad examples of this occurring with great impact on the life of the animal. *Medicine.Net* refers to a board certified veterinary cardiologist at Purdue who said about 20 pets are outfitted yearly with pacemakers, primarily older dogs. An Oregon State cardiology professor confirmed to *CBS News* that there are 300-500 implants a year. The pacemaker can extend the dog's healthy life for 3-5 years or even more on occasion. There is also a nonprofit Companion Animal Pacemaker Registry and Repository (CanPacers) in Washington State which distributes donated pacemakers nationwide to animal hospitals. A new pacemaker can cost from \$5,000-\$10,000 but CanPacer will sell the refitted devices to vets for about \$500, with proceeds going to animal cardiology research. A further check independently with a practicing vet confirmed that this is true...quite remarkable! And like the donation of organs, what an extraordinary way to extend the

positive impact of the person whose pacemaker it was in the first place with collateral satisfaction for that individual and/or his or her family.



*Healthy Amber & Willow with BG
Cornum, USA (Ret)*

New health coverage for vets' service dogs

By Karen Jowers
Staff writer, Military Times

Free medical coverage for the service dogs of veterans is now being handled under a new Veterans Affairs Department contract with pet health insurance company Trupanion.

The program pays 100% of the costs for veteran-owned service dogs for ongoing preventive care as well as emergency care and other medical treatments and prescription medications. The coverage is available only to veteran-owned service dogs that VA has determined are eligible for the program, as well as VA-owned PTSD dogs. The contract is expected to speed up the process for reimbursement to veterinarians.

VA provides the information about eligible dogs directly to Trupanion. Information was not immediately available about how many dogs are eligible. VA is mailing information to vet-

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erans whose dogs qualify for the program, and letting them know a package is coming from Trupanion with information about using the program. A Trupanion tag with the policy number will be in the packet.

Veterinarians submit their bills directly to Trupanion for reimbursement. If the veterinarian prefers to be paid before treatment, they can call Trupanion's support team 24 hours a day, and the bill will be paid immediately.

"Veterans and veterinarians no longer have to worry about the cost of the treatment, giving veterinarians the ability to do what they do best — care for pets," said Britta Gidican, a spokeswoman for Trupanion.

AF lays to rest

an 'American hero'

By Staff Sgt. David Salanitri, Air Force Public Affair Agency

WASHINGTON (AFNS) —

Friends, family members, political leaders, former prisoners of war and service members paid their respects as an Air Force Ace was interred at Arlington National Cemetery Jan. 23, 2014.

Brig. Gen. Robinson "Robbie" Risner, a Korean War fighter ace and Vietnam prisoner of war, died Oct. 22, 2013 at Bridgewater Retirement Community in Bridgewater, Va., at the age of 88. "America has lost one of its greatest heroes," said Ross Perot, a close friend of Risner, during the service at the Memorial Chapel on Fort Myer, Va. Though Risner's life on earth has ended, his flying legacy lives on, Perot said, speaking about how Risner passed on his aviation wings for both Perot's son and grandson to wear.

"Robbie approved that my son Ross could pin Robbie's wings on my grandson," said Perot. "Can you imagine what that meant?" Perot went on to share anecdotes from throughout Risner's celebrated career, describing him as an "Oklahoma cowboy" who was hero and a friend, whose "love of God and love of country what was got him through seven and a half years as a prisoner of war."

But for many other POWs, they credited their survival to Risner's leadership.

"When the POWs came home from Vietnam, time and time again, I'd hear them say 'if it hadn't been for Robbie Risner, I wouldn't have made it,'" Perot said, sharing a particular moment that defined Risner's character.

While imprisoned in Vietnam, Risner gathered fellow POWs for a church service — something that was strictly prohibited. While the troops were singing the song "Onward Christian Soldiers," guards rushed in, taking Risner and two other leaders to what Perot referred to as "the box," a place of solitary confinement.

When this occurred, "more than 40 POWs stood proudly, some of whom are here today, and sang a strictly forbidden song, the Star Spangled Banner," Perot recalls. "How's that for guts?"

Upon Risner's return from the POW camp, Perot asked him, "'Robbie, what was going on in your mind as they dragged you back to the box?' He looked me in the eye. His eyes were twinkling. He said 'Perot, with those guys singing the Star Spangled Banner, I was nine feet tall. I could have gone bear hunting with a stick!'"

That moment and his words are reflected by a statue, exactly 9 feet high, that now stands at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO.

H.R.2189 Impact on VA Aid & Attendance

Although only a small percentage of the millions of veterans and their families use the Aid and Attendance benefit offered by the VA, it is clearly a vital program for those in need of medically related assistance with their daily activities. At present this program is financially "means" tested and there is currently no penalty for applicants who divested themselves of assets and subsequently applied for benefits. But because of perceived abuse of the program generated by a GAO report, a Senate bill was introduced into the Congress in 2012 that imposed a three-year "lookback" period for uncompensated transfers prior to the filing of the VA application. The bill did not get traction, but was replaced in 2013 by a new House bill that contains similar provisions (H.R.2189). The bill passed the House on Oct. 28 (404 to 1) and was referred to the Senate for review. While most bills take time to become actual law, it appears from the movement of this bill that legislation may be forthcoming in 2014 that will drastically affect veterans and their family members who use the Aid and Attendance benefit. The language contained in the bill, if made into law, will make the following changes:

Improvement of claims processing — A commission will be appointed to address the issue

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Thompson: She Vowed to Return

by Alice A. Booher

of claims backlog. While some claims are resolved in 30 days, the average is usually many months. This legislation mandates that all claims will be approved or denied with 125 days of application.

Claim Status Website — In an effort to keep applicants informed of pending claims without waiting on hold on the telephone for lengthy periods of time (or being able to get through at all), a section of the bill directs “the Secretary to maintain on the VA website publicly accessible information concerning pending and completed claims of compensation for a veteran’s service-connected disability or death.”

Pension (aka Aid and Attendance) — The bill provides “that if a veteran eligible for a pension for service or for a non-service-connected disability, or the spouse of such veteran, disposes of a resource that was part of such veteran’s estate for less than its fair market value within three years before applying for such pension, the Secretary shall deny or discontinue the pension payment for months beginning on the date of such disposition and ending when the uncompensated value of such resource is reached.” This language appears to mean that the VA pension program will soon review financial transactions of an applicant much like the federal/state Medicaid long-term care services program (i.e. nursing home care). Given the budget constraints on government, it was inevitable that this gifting ability would be restricted.



The term “Shanghai-ing” usually involved shipboard kidnappings by trickery, but some Americans went to Shanghai quite willingly, including the family of Dorothy Davis. Her grandfather David Herbert Davis and grandmother Sarah Green Gardiner and their daughter, Susie went from New Jersey in 1879 to become missionaries and set up schools. Son Ted, was born in 1882, then twins in 1887, one of whom died at age 10 months of whooping cough. The remaining twin, Alfred Carpenter Davis was homeschooled until returning CONUS where his sister Susie died of a ruptured appendix. Fluent Chinese speaking Alfred went to Alfred University, met Marjorie Anderson and returned to the China coast (Manchuria, Korea, Indonesia, Sumatra and Malaysia) as an electrical equipment importer, sending for his family in 1914. Daughter Eva was born in Shanghai, and less than two years later, a second daughter, Dorothy, was born on October 26, 1917.

According to Dorothy’s extraordinary WWII memoir, *The Road Back: A Pacific POW’s Liberation Story* (Texas Tech University Press, 1996), some of her earliest memories in Shanghai were of fighting between the warlords and other constant turbulence.

The two girls and their mother returned CONUS by ship in March 1929 to see her grandmother and spend some time in school. They visited an aunt and her husband in Philadelphia and again visited then on Corregidor Island in 1926 (she had been a WWI Army nurse in France with the Ambulance Cops with the British Expeditionary Unit, and he was with the Army’s Quartermaster Corps).

Dorothy recalled that the specifics of the Depression were confusing, the visit was not easy, and they eagerly returned by ship to Shanghai’s turbulence. On high school graduation her father capitulated and said she could go to Columbia University’s Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, but it was delayed due to the lack of funds. She qualified academically, but failed the first physical examination due to anemia from frequent bouts of amebic dysentery. While being treated with Emetine, she spent time with typing and shorthand.

Finally, at age 19, with 11 other passengers, Dorothy boarded the freighter, *Anna Maersk* for NYC via the Panama Canal in May 1937. Met by her sister Eva, now a secretary, summer was spent at YWCA camp; they learned the Japanese had bombed Shanghai but her family was safe in Hong Kong.

Her first year in nursing she learned that most of their hospital patients had pneumonia; until recently, 50% had died, but with prontosil or sulfapyridine, many survived, but with many

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side effects - she would develop streptococcic sore throat that led to rheumatic fever with delayed recovery. In senior year, Dorothy developed intractable abdominal pain, eventually attributed to amebic recurrence.

Graduating in 1940 after making up her 6 months lost before being eligible for state boards, she returned via another Maersk freighter to Manila where her family had relocated. She filed application to join the Army Nurse Corps, but paperwork had to go to Washington, so during the wait, she worked as a Civil Service nurse at the Army Hospital, Sternberg General.

She fell in love with a dashing young Army officer, Dan Childers, a pneumonia patient; they became engaged and set the wedding for spring 1942. Soon, Don's unit, the 47th Infantry Philippine scouts was on the way to Bataan; she would receive several notes from him on scraps of paper but never saw him again.

The bombing of Clark Field after Pearl Harbor strained the capacity of all medical facilities; Dorothy was assigned to set up an ancillary hospital for casualty overflow from Sternberg and its Santo Scholastic annex. She often inquired about her Army Nurse Corp application as she could not leave Manila with the army nurses absent commission and being sworn in. On Christmas Eve they moved to field Hospital Number 2 on Bataan; she was able to visit her parents and sister on New Year's Eve before they were all captured and taken to Santo Tomas.

A letter (scanned in *The Road Back*) to her aunt in Brookline, MA from the Surgeon General's Office

read that they only knew that she had been on duty at Sternberg and waiting her appointment with the Army Nurse Corps (ANC) when hostilities broke out; that they were "unable to get orders to her so we do not know her status". Dorothy and other medical volunteers treated fellow prisoners as best they could. Dorothy had severe rheumatic fever recurrence with high fevers, swelling and a heart murmur; and then required surgical removal under local anesthetic of her appendix which was found full of *entamoeba histolytica*. During recovery, Dorothy tried to work including picking weeds, worms and weevils out of rice until she developed symptoms such as high fever and a double mitral heart murmur.

Just before the end of the second year of internment, she and her mother were 2 of 4 internees as part of a prisoner exchange by train, the *Teia Maru* and eventually the *Gripsholm*. Before she left the latter ship, she received a telegram from Col Blanchard, the chief Army nurse, saying that she had been accepted into the Corps before the fall of Manila and was to report to Washington, DC, where she was debriefed on all of the other POW Nurses about which the military knew little.

Since she had never been sworn in, the Army would not pay her back pay, so she waited, during which time she was called to the White House to have lunch with Mrs. Roosevelt. All she wanted to do was get back to nursing in the Philippines, so eventually she decided to forfeit military time-in-grade, accepted pay as a Civil Service nurse, was sworn into the ANC and went for further training at Walter Reed AMC then by train to the West Coast and Camp Stoneman and Letterman AMC.

Embarking in December 1944, they did not see land until mid January 1945; a torpedo hit the ship and stranded them including 60 nurses in New Guinea.

Waiting for a new (hospital) ship, and concerned at not hearing from fiancé, Don, one night she met a driver, Jack Thompson, soon to be shipped with the signal corps to Leyte. He was smitten but kept his distance due to Don. Traveling back roads, they arrived at Santo Tomas on February 9, 1945 where she was welcomed back by the army nurses of the 49th General Hospital, and reunited with her POW sister Eva and father.

In *The Road Back*, she described the return and preparations for care during liberation: "there was work to be done at Santo Tomas. I felt as though I had never left. Since I knew my way around, I was able to get to work quickly". In addition to battle wounds, nearing 4,000 internees were suffering from severe malnutrition and medical problems, with an unofficial death count of 456.

As American troops advanced in Manila, fighting was intense and many civilians were infected with *tetanus bacillus*, never having been immunized; antitoxin supplies, intended for preventative use, did not go far. Dorothy felt more useful in her new surgical nurse position, but she finally got word, after three and a half years of not hearing, that her fiancé Lt Don Childers, a Bataan veteran, had died along with other American POWs on a Japanese ship sunk by American bombs.

She set up a hospital at the old racetrack. Dorothy developed viral pneumonia, and ended up hospitalized in the same building where she had been prisoner.

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Evacuated via Kwajalein Island to Tripler General Hospital (GH) in Honolulu, she accompanied patients on cross country train to Rhoads GH, Rome, NY. She was reunited with her family after finishing full courses of carbasone for amebic dysentery and sulfa for bacterial dysentery, and returned to duty at Walter Reed AMC. Jack Harrell Thompson reappeared with a clear intent to marry her, and since fighting had stopped, Dorothy requested and was granted a return to nursing in Manila, stationed at the 10th General Hospital, Ft. McKinley. Second Lt Jack picked her up on arrival, and they were married three months later, March 15, 1947 and honeymooned at a cottage at Camp John Hay, Baquio. After 9 months of marriage, and willing to remain in service in the Philippines, when orders were cut for Jack to go CONUS and her to go to Okinawa, Dorothy asked for ANC discharge to be with her husband.



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According to *Texas Women In World War II* by Cindy Weigand, (Republic of Texas Press, 2003), wherein Dorothy is one of those featured (along with Hattie R. (HR) Brantley, another of the WWII POW nurses), she had enough points to do so she retired as a Captain from the ANC. Weigand also credits Thompson with assisting on the WWII contexts of the entire volume.

When Jack was transferred in 1945 to Ft. Sam Houston, she became a civilian nurse at Brooke AMC. Just before Jack was sent to Vietnam, in 1961-2, they relocated to San Antonio, (according to articles in the *Southgate Amateur Radio News*, October 2013; and *San Antonio Express-Press*, September 30, 2013) and she was hired as the head Nurse of the OB/GYN department at Nix Hospital. She later was on staff of the newly built Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, and retired as Director of Nurses there in 1982.

Dorothy and Jack were active in the American ExPOWs, American Red Cross and the Military Affiliate Radio Systems (MARS). They had become avid recreational vehiclors (RVers) and travelled the country extensively, also embracing the Amateur Radio network with enthusiasm (her "handle" was KF5XD). Their marriage lasted 67 years, ending with Jack's death on April 6, 2013. A month before his death, in March 2013, the *San Antonio Express-News* had run a wonderful piece

on their recollections of WWII solicited as part of the Institute of Texas Culture oral history project. Her adult children said that they had been taught that "what did not kill you would make you stronger"; they called it "mom's story", and said her daughter Peggy, "it was a little daunting to know what she went through".

In March 2008, two of their children and family had visited some of the family living in Manila, welcomed as they visited their mother's old haunts as an internee.



Dorothy Thompson died at age 95 on September 2, 2013 in San Antonio, survived by her three children: Jack H. Thompson, Jr. (and wife Jane); daughter Marjorie S. Camp (and husband Roger); daughter Peggy T. McCray (and husband John), numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. For some time, her sister Eva had lived in a close by nursing facility. After a Memorial Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, burial was at the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

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Hamilton hit four home runs,
tying the major league record
for most homers in a single
game, accomplished only 13
times since 1900.

2. Cowboys Stadium
houses the world's two long-
est arches, the world's largest
sliding glass doors, and the
world's largest HDTV video
board that stretches from 20
yard line to 20 yard line and
consists of 30 million LED
lights.

3. The cost to build the
center-hung HDTV monitor at
Cowboys Stadium (\$40+ mil-
lion) was more than the entire
construction cost of the old
Texas Stadium.

4. Not to brag, but every-
thing really is BIGGER IN
TEXAS! The entire Statue of Lib-
erty can fit inside Cowboys Sta-
dium with a few feet to spare.
It is 320 feet from the blue star
at midfield all the way up to
the closure of the retractable
roof. New York's Statue of Lib-
erty is only 305 feet in height.

5. The first event at Cow-
boys Stadium (June 2009) was
not a sporting event. The sta-
dium kicked off with a concert
featuring country music super-
stars George Strait and Reba
McEntire, with opening acts
Blake Shelton and Lee Ann
Womack.

16. About 105,121 fans at-
tended the first Dallas Cow-
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ANDERSON, John H., 90, of Kernersville, NC (formerly of Mexico Beach, FL) passed away Nov. 21, 2013. He was commander of the Greater Greenboro Chapter, AXPOW and a former commander/member of the Hutchinson-Poplaski Chapter in Panama City, FL. During WWII he served with the Army Air Corps. He was captured and held for 8 months in Germany. His wife 64 years, Hazel, predeceased him; he leaves 5 children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren who miss him.

BOCCALERO, Carl "Joe", of Los Angeles, CA died Nov. 27, 2013. He was captured while serving in the Army with the 12th Armored Div., 17th AIB at the Battle of the Bulge. He spent 5 months as a POW. Joe's loving wife, Alberta, predeceased him. He is survived by 2 daughters, 3 grandsons and their families.

BREEN, Ann, 88, of Elkhart, IA passed away Dec. 15, 2013. She was an active member of the Mid-Iowa Chapter, AXPOW. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, John. John was a POW in Germany (Co A, 38th Inf., 7th Div./Stalags 2A, 2B and 11B).

BURICH, Helen, of Madrid, IA died Apr. 20, 2013. She was the wife of Johnnie (ex-POW/Co A, 23rd Inf., 2nd Div., held in 13C). Both were members of the Mid-Iowa Chapter, AXPOW.

CREEDE, Frank J. Jr., of Fresno, CA years passed away Jan. 2, 2014. He was a rifleman in the 106th Inf. Div. and was captured on Dec. 19, 1944 in the Battle of The Bulge. He was held in Stalag IX-B in Bad Orb, Germany and was liberated

on April 2, 1945. Frank was a member of Fresno Chapter #1, AXPOW.

CUNNINGHAM, Ruth G., 91, of Spokane Valley, WA died Oct. 10, 2013. In 1980, she was instrumental in organizing the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter, AXPOW. She was extremely active in the chapter and served as adjutant for more than 30 years. Ruth's late husband, Cecil, was captured while serving with the 7th Material Squadron, 19th BG. He was held in Davao, PI and Yokkaichi, Japan for 3 ½ years. Ruth leaves two loving daughters, 3 granddaughters and 7 great-grandchildren and their families.

CZAWLYTKO, Mary Teresa, 86, of Baltimore, MD passed away May 11, 2013. She was the wife of ex-POW Walter (WWII, 8th AF, 458th BG, 577th BS, captured and held in Luft IV). She was a life member of AXPOW and member of the Albert J Bland MD North Chapter. She was active in her chapter. In addition to her beloved husband of 65 years, survivors include 1 daughter, 4 sons and their families, 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

FOLEY, CHARLES W. "Mick" passed away January 24, 2014 at the age of 91. Charley was a past chapter commander of the St Louis Chapter. He served with B Co., 301st Inf. Regiment, 94th Infantry Division. He was captured at the Battle of the Bulge, and was a POW in Stalags 12A and 11B. As a POW Charley was made to do forced labor and would steal and smuggle potatoes, rutabagas, and whatever he could, down his pants legs, and bring them back to camp to help feed his fellow

POWs. He volunteered for 21 years at the VA Medical Center at Jefferson Barracks. Always looking after his "brothers". He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette. He is survived by one son and one daughter.

GIBBS, Cobb, of Tupelo, MS died Dec. 9, 2013. During WWII, he was captured while serving with the Army Air Corps, 8th AF, flying out of England. He was shot down over Holland and held until liberation by the Germans. He was a member of the Northeast Mississippi Chapter, AXPOW. Cobb leaves his wife, Ann, 1 son, 6 grandchildren, 2 stepchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and their families.

GOUGH, Dianne Ruth, wife of AXPOW James Gough Chapter Adj/Treas, passed away on January 5, 2014. Dianne was a faithful member and supporter of Fresno Chapter #1 and will be missed. Dianne is survived by her husband, James, one daughter and 2 sons.

HEARTFIELD, Eugene R., 92, of Fredericksburg, TX died Nov. 20, 2013. Reagon was shot down while serving with the 397th BG. He was Held in Stalag Luft III until liberation.

HELENTHAL, Mary E., 95, of East Moline, IL died Dec. 17, 2013. She was the widow of ex-POW William. They had both been members of the Western IL Chapter, AXPOW. They leave behind 3 daughters, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

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LEFEVER, Paul W. "Yite", 93, of Strasburg, PA died December 23, 2013. He was the husband of the late Lucille (Harnish), who died in 2008. Paul served in the 397th BG, Army Air Corps, during WWII. He was a tail gunner in the B-26 Bomber, the "Draggin Lady." It was shot down December 23, 1944 over Germany. The airplane crashed near Steineberg and Paul was captured as a prisoner of war. He was liberated on April 29, 1945 by an Army battalion led by General George Patton. He was a member of the Conestoga Chapter, AXPOW. Paul is survived by 1 son, 2 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

LITTLE, Leo Armistice, age 89, of Clever, MO, passed away December 21, 2012. He served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII, was captured and held Stalags 7A and 11B. He was a member of the Greater Ozarks Chapter, AXPOW. He went on the Ozarks Honor Flight in September of 2010 to Washington D.C. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Iris Ann, two children and their spouses, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

LUCERO, Anna R., 98, of Albuquerque, NM died Sept. 16, 2013. She was the widow of Robert (ex-POW/Philippines/Bataan Death March). For many years, Anna and Bob were active members of AXPOW and ADBC. She is survived by 1 daughter, 2 sons, 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

LUNA, Rosendo, of Seattle WA passed away Jan. 5, 2014. He was 98. During WWII he was captured

while serving with the Philippine Scouts at Ft. McKinley in Rizal, Philippines. He was a POW for 3 ½ years in Orion, Balanga, Orani, Bataan Labao, San Fernando, Pampanga and Camp O'Donnell in the Philippines. Rosendo was a life member of AXPOW and ADBC, member of the Seattle Chapter. He leaves his wife, Salvacion, 2 children, 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren and their families.

MARABLE, Paul Davis Jr., of Waco, TX died Dec. 19, 2013. He was 92. In June 1944, while serving with the 90th Inf. Div. he was captured and held in a POW camp in Poland until liberated by Zhukov's Red Army. Paul is survived by his wife of 67 years, Betty Lewis, 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 1 brother and 1 sister.

McHARG, Owen Stanton Jr., 94, of Yarmouthport, MA died Jan. 9, 2014. He was captured during WWII while serving in the AAC with the 8th AF, 305th BHG, 364th BS flying out of England. After capture he was held in Luft 1, Barth until liberation. Survivors include 2 sons, 2 daughters, 8 grandchildren, 1 sister.

MEYERS, Arthur R., of Denver, CO passed away Dec. 26, 2013. He was a member of the Mile High Chapter, AXPOW. He served in WWII with the AAC; he was captured and held in Stalag Luft 1, Barth. He leaves his wife, Joy, 4 stepsons, grandchildren nieces and nephews and their families.

NICHOLLS, Edwin H., of Aurora, CO died Nov. 17, 2013. During WWII, he served with the 8th AF, 390th BG, 570th BS. He was shot down, captured and held in Stalag Luft 1, Barth. Ned was a member of the Mile High Chapter and life member of AXPOW. His son, daughter and 2 grandchildren survive him.

SHUMAN, Edwin Arthur III, 82, passed on December 3, 2013. His death occurred in Annapolis, Maryland from complications due to a fall on his boat on his way to a goose hunt. Ned was a U.S. Naval Academy graduate class of 1954, served for 34 years and was a prisoner of war in Vietnam for 5 years. He was a member of the New York Yacht Club, Annapolis Yacht Club, The Storm Trysail Club, the Cruising Club of America, and the Golden Eagles. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Donna, and his first wife Eleanor, 2 daughters, 2 sons and their families, 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson. He is also survived by 3 sisters and 2 brothers.

SLATER, Phyllis Gail, 74, of Independence, MO died Aug 27, 2013. Her hobbies included games of chance and puzzles, She is survived by her husband of 53 years Edward (Korean War ex-POW); 1 son, 1 daughter, 6 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, her beloved sister and brother, along with many nieces.

SMART, Fred, of Fresno, CA, passed away on January 7, 2014 at the age of 90. Fred was a long standing member of Fresno, Chapter #1 and a life member of AXPOW. Fred was a B-17 tail gunner on a B-17 named "Patches" of the 390th Bomb Group and was shot down on Oct. 14, 1943 over Germany. He was held in Stalag 17-B and liberated by Gen. Patton's 3rd Army in May 1945. Fred is survived by 2 daughters and 1 son.

WAGNER, Philip E., 91, of Sacramento, CA passed away November 16, 2013. Phil was a B-24 pilot in the U.S. 15th Air Force, 484th BG(H), 827th BS and was shot down on his 13th mission on a bombing raid over the oil fields of Ploesti, Romania in August 1944. His entire crew survived and became POWs. Phil

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was in Stalags 3 and 7A. His wife deceased him as did a sister. He is survived by another sister, son Paul, daughter Pamela, one grandson and two great-grandchildren. Phil was a life member of AXPOW, and an honored member of the 49ers Chapter, Sacramento. He will be greatly missed by members of the 49ers Chapter.

WALLACE, Henry Edward, 93, of Newport News, VA passed away

November 23, 2013. He served during World War II with the 8th AF, 94th BG, 332nd BS. On his 15th Berlin bombing mission he was shot down and spent the next 14 months in Stalag Lufts III and VII. He was a member of AXPOW and Past Commander of the James L. Hale Memorial POW Chapter. Ed is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Irene, 2 sons, and 1 granddaughter. He is greatly missed by his family and friends.

WATSON, William C. Jr. of Decatur, GA and member of the

Greater Atlanta Chapter, AXPOW, passed away December 23, 2013. During WWII he was captured in the Battle of Bitche in the Voges mountains of France while serving with the 100th Division, 398th Infantry Regiment, Company A. He was held for 6 months until liberated by the Russian Army at the end of the war. Bill's wife Margie and son Bill predeceased him; he is survived by 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, his sister and one brother.

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I am the flag of the United States of America.
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I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over great institutes of learning.
I stand guard with the greatest military power in the world.
Look up! And see me!
I stand for peace - honor - truth and justice.
I stand for freedom
I am confident - I am arrogant
I am proud.
When I am flown with my fellow banners
My head is a little higher
My colors a little truer.
I bow to no one.
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped - I am saluted -
I am respected
I am revered - I am loved, and I am feared.
I have fought every battle of every war for more than 200 years:
Gettysburg, Shiloh,
Appomattox, San Juan Hill, the trenches of France,
the Argonne Forest, Anzio,
Rome, the beaches of Normandy,

the deserts of Africa, the cane fields of the Philippines, the rice paddies and jungles of Guam,
Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Guadalcanal
New Britain, Peleliu, and many more islands.



And a score of places long forgotten by all but those who were with me.
I was there.
I led my soldiers - I followed them.
I watched over them.
They loved me.
I was on a small hill in Iwo Jima.
I was dirty, battle-worn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me, and I was proud.
I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries I have helped set free.
It does not hurt, for I am invincible.
I have been soiled, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my country, and when it is

by those
with whom I have served in battle - it hurts.
But I shall overcome - for I am strong.
I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stand watch over the uncharted new frontiers of space
from my vantage point on the moon.
I have been a silent witness to all of America's finest hours.
But my finest hour comes when I am torn into strips to be used for bandages for my wounded comrades on the field of battle,
When I fly at half mast to honor my soldiers,
And when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving mother at the graveside of her fallen son.
I am proud.
My name is Old Glory.
Dear God - Long may I wave.

-by Howard Schnauber
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chaplain



ND Benny Rayborn

The Devil Made Me do It!

In my “youth”, I remember watching a television show called *The Flip Wilson Show*. Flip Wilson would do something naughty on the show and he would excuse himself by saying “The devil made me do it!” and of course, there was laughter.

Now, as then, many people believe that the devil was the source of *all* mischievous, naughty, bad, mean and cruel things that happened. One reason for this belief is that many people know that Jesus said in John 8:44 that the devil “...was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth...” in essence, the devil is very bad.

Further, many of you have read that “...your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” (I Peter 5:8) And like most BIBLE believers you understand correctly that one way the devil would devour people is to put ideas into their heads. And yes, coming from the devil, none of the ideas would be good. The ideas may sound innocent but coming from the devil they are all evil.

By now you are asking, “How

could the devil have an ‘innocent’ sounding idea?” We need look no further than Matthew 4:3 “And the tempter came to him, he said, “If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.” What is wrong with that? First eating is a normal thing to do. My father who was held in Stalag VIIA said there was three things he wanted when liberated and the first was “...to not be hungry”. Even today he cringes at the thought of someone “being hungry” or “starving”.

So how could eating food be evil? It was evil because Jesus according to verse 2 was fasting which is an absence of going to the dinner table to eat. It was His will that he not eat therefore, for the devil to suggest eating was indeed very evil.

If the devil does not always make us do wrong (and /or sin) then why do we do wrong? James 1:14, “But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed.” In short, we

want it (lust), we see that “it” can be done(drawn) and we want to do it (enticed).

Yes, the devil does, as Flip would say, make us do wrong or at least gives us the idea. However, many of these ideas come from our own minds.

Unfortunately I have learned I am no different than anyone else. Even I have to fight these urges. To resist the temptation we can rely upon our own strength. Quite often our strength is not enough. So how can we win the battle? I would remind you of the AA adage, if you can’t resist the urge, appeal to a “Higher Power” and of course, we know that “Higher Power” is God.



Benny



Capitol City (Texas) Chapter Meeting, Jan. 2014.
Chapter Commander Sina Chandler is at far right.



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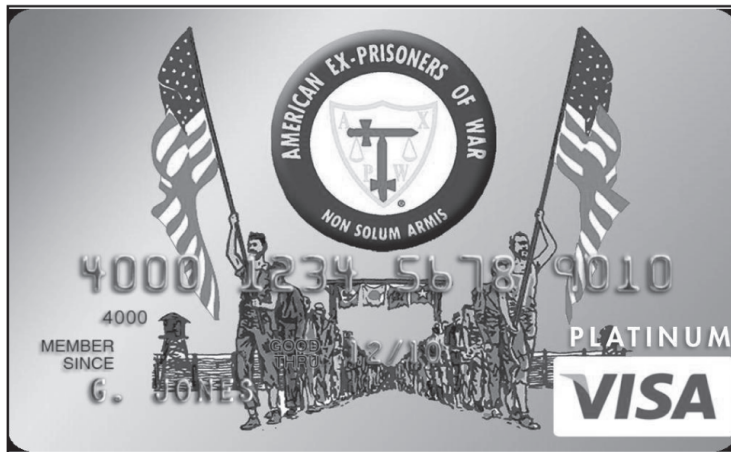
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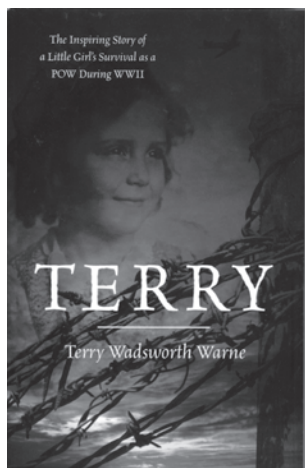
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**plus \$15.00 S/H/I
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(For members only)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Size (Men/coat, Women/chest measurement)

Long, Regular or Short _____

Name on front of vest

Chapter Name (back of vest)

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(for members only)

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Name _____

Line 1 _____

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