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*Statuary Hall~April 9, 1992~50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Fall of Bataan*

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### Happy Birthday AXPOW...

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

Fierce Japanese assaults began on January 9<sup>th</sup>, and gradually forced American and Filipino troops deeper into the jungles. When the US ordered General MacArthur to leave the Philippines in March, his armies appeared to be holding the Japanese to a draw, but dwindling supplies of food and medical supplies weakened them. MacArthur insisted the Americans could hold out until May. They could not. On April 9, 1942, they surrendered. And the most horrific death march in history began.

So too, begins our story. The idea for our organization began with two mothers – Mrs. Charles W. Bickford and Mrs. Fred E. Landon – whose sons were captured by the Japanese. With the help of Dr. V.H. Spensley, whose son was also captured, the Bataan Relief Organization was created to provide supplies and support to the survivors of Bataan. Their motto: “We will not let them down” struck a responsive chord in every family with a child, parent, brother or sister fighting for the light of freedom.

COVER: Poster for the Bataan Relief Organization

INSIDE COVER: AXPOW’s 50th Anniversary, held at Statuary Hall, Washington, DC. My dad, Executive Director Chuck Williams, is to the right of Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell (at podium).

### UMB Credit Card

Every time a member – or member’s family or friends – signs up for the new UMB credit card (which features our marching men on the face), AXPOW receives \$50.00. That’s like making a \$50 donation to the organization when you sign up. We also get a percentage of every dollar spent if you use the card each month. You also get benefits from using the card...there is no annual fee and at the end of the year, you’ll receive a statement of your annual charges, broken down by category. Makes filing your taxes easier!

So benefits for us and benefits for you. Won’t you take a few minutes and apply for this card today?

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On December 7<sup>th</sup>. Pearl Harbor day that will live in infamy. I was invited to the Veterans memorial park in Tampa, Florida, to be the keynote speaker.

The story of the attack by Japan has been told many times, with the research and various publications. There were interesting facts before and after that I used in my presentation.

I have never experienced having a standing ovation. It was such a pleaser knowing that my words were well received.

I am looking forward going to Washington D.C. on March 16<sup>th</sup>. I will be sitting with our past commander Charles Susino before the veterans committee who will ask for additional funds to help our ex-POWs' widows.

Within the next months I will be speaking to various organizations to tell of our experience as a prisoner of war. There are many groups who are very interested.

I always make sure that I speak of our American flag. Some months ago I was a speaker at the Marine base in Albany, Georgia; subject was patriotism and our American flag.

Speaking of our flag, I have a message to our youth. Respect and Honor our flag. Our flag represents the greatest country on earth. Let's put and install patriotism into their lives.

Noted below is my presentation. It was well received and was published in the morning newspaper.

God Bless Our Military  
Yours in Patriotism

*Edward L. DeMent*

### American Patriotism

It's not about words that describe patriotism; it's about feelings - its even more than a feeling. It's the unexplainable emotion you get inside wen you talk about America. It's the feeling you have as you listen to the Star Spangled Banner just before a football game.

America...It's a country. A country that has housed our families for 100s of years and your neighbor, whether next door or across the nation....and patriotism...it's a belief so strong in the rights of other Americans that you would be willing to argue to defend the rights of those individuals. Other individuals that came to America that don't even know American **Patriotism**...yea, its been called an attitude!

You're darn right...I believe it is an attitude...it's one that many home boys and girls share. It'smy country, right or wrong, it's my country. And I believe in it and what we stand for. And like many organizations, teams, or even gangs, we identify ourselves by certain colors. Red, white and blue, and the pattern we display them is the symbol of our country. The "Stars and Stripes", "Old Glory". Yeah. The American Flag.

But you know, even our flag didn't always have the meanings or instill

the feelings that it does today. It had to earn its place in history to lead men, women and children in the path of American Patriotism, because as Americans, we don't follow just anyone.

There's that attitude thing again. We believe that before we follow anything or anyone, it has to prove itself.

As our country grew, the symbol known as "Old Glory" grew and gained respect among other nations. The stripes, 13 of them, became known for the original 13 colonies, where our history began. The red came to be recognized for hardness, valor, and the blood spilled on countless battlefields.

The independence from Great Britain, Civil War, the World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf Wars and will probably be spilled again and again to protect your rights and mine in America. The white stripes... recognized for the innocence and purity of America. The blue represents valiance, perseverance, and justice. And of course, each star recognizes each state that believes in the **Democracy** of the United States. She had earned her place as a symbol of American patriotism.

**American Patriotism.** True American **Patriotism** is not about the words. It's about the feeling, the emotions when you see the stars and stripes waving in front of our schools and homes. It's the attitude we have about our country. It's the sadness we feel when she flies at half-mast because we lost another hero to our country.

True American Patriotism!  
It's a gift we all share inside.  
We live to feel it.  
We life to embrace it.  
We live to love it.

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## Paradigm Shift

During my second tour at The Pentagon in the 1980s, I was exposed to a new catch phrase: *paradigm shift*. Seemingly, every briefing by military and civilian service planners tried to justify dynamic changes in force structure based on their perception of an evolving threat. The Army wanted to go to a lighter, more agile, more mobile components; the Navy and Marines wanted to be able to fight in littoral waters; and the Air Force was configuring for “global reach-global power” capability as overseas bases were being closed.

In the 90s, on my third tour, following the Gulf War, the services again brought forth briefings to the Joint Chiefs and lobbied Congress under the guise of a new *paradigm shift* to compete for reduced Defense budget dollars to combat an emerging terrorist threat.

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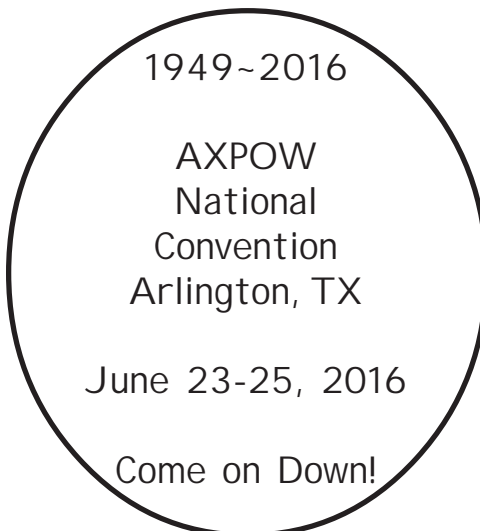
Today, command elements continue to refine the mission as technologies and tactics evolve and new threats such as cyber warfare emerge. Likewise, businesses have sought new products and new production methods to capture the market just as horseshoes gave way to tires, personal mobile phones replaced party lines, and video conferencing and FaceTime changed our ability to interact.

Our AXPOW Organization is facing a paradigm shift. With fading interest in fraternal activities and the diminished need to assist returnees and their families, we must move forward to consolidate our focus and our remaining resources on the legacy of the POW experience and efficiently archive our historic database. This emphasis will forever preserve the sacrifices of those who have given so much and will provide a venue of remembrance for future generations.

I challenge you to engage with ND Charles Anthony Susino and the Strategic Planning Committee as they prepare for the annual convention. This is your opportunity to contribute to the future of AXPOW.

Reflect, consider, and plan now to attend our National Convention.

David



# news from hq



Happy spring, everyone. I hope you all survived winter. I know some of you had a tough time of it.

First and foremost, There is an error in the convention notices. The room rate at the Hilton Arlington is \$122 per night. I am sorry for the mistake. I just used last year’s rate. But it’s good that it was caught early by a member making her reservation. Thanks, Ruth Powell.

Also, remember that we shortened the convention by one day. The board meeting is now on Thursday, June 23. Friday and Saturday will be the convention meetings and seminars. The Commander’s reception is Friday night, June 24 and the banquet is Saturday night, June 25.

The Texas Rangers are in town during the convention. They will be hosting the Boston Red Sox. Friday and Saturday are night games, but if you want to stay over, Sunday’s game is at 2:05 in the afternoon. To get tickets to the games, call The Texas Rangers ticket at 817-273-5100. The ticket costs range from \$14 to \$71. It is worth going to a game just for the food. Did you know that nachos were first introduced to baseball fans at the Rangers Ballpark in 1976. Bring your family with you. There are tons of things to do in Arlington. Hurricane Harbor is a mile down the road and Six Flags Over Texas is a couple of miles away. All these places are on The Trolley routes and the rides are free!

Hope to see you here in June!  
Clydie

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## Hyperthermia: A Hot Weather Hazard for Older People

### Introduction

Warm weather and outdoor activity generally go hand in hand. However, it is important for older people to take action to avoid the severe health problems often caused by hot weather.

"Hyperthermia" is the general name given to a variety of heat-related illnesses. The two most common forms of hyperthermia are heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Of the two, heat stroke is especially dangerous and requires immediate medical attention (see Definitions).

### Health and Lifestyle Risk Factors

The temperature does not have to hit 100° for a person to be at risk. Both one's general health and/or lifestyle may increase a person's chance of suffering a heat-related illness.

*Health factors which may increase risk include:*

Poor circulation, inefficient sweat glands, and changes in the skin caused by the normal aging process.

Heat, lung, and kidney diseases, as well as any illness that causes general weakness or fever.

High blood pressure or other conditions that require changes

in diet. For example, people on salt restricted diets may increase their risk. However, salt pills should not be used without first asking a doctor.

The inability to perspire, caused by medications including diuretics, sedatives and tranquilizers, and certain heart and blood pressure drugs.

Taking several drugs for various conditions. It is important, however, to continue to take prescribed medication and discuss possible problems with a physician.

Being substantially overweight or underweight.

Drinking alcoholic beverages

*Lifestyle factors that can increase risk include:*

Unbearably hot living quarters. People who live in homes without fans or air conditioners should take the following steps to reduce heat discomfort: open windows at night; create cross-ventilation by opening windows on two sides of the building; cover windows when they are exposed to direct sunlight; and keep curtains, shades, or blinds drawn during the hottest part of the day.

Lack of transportation. People without fans or air conditioners often are unable to go to shopping malls, movie houses, and libraries because of illness and/or the lack of transportation. Friends or relatives might be asked to supply transportation

on particularly hot days. Many communities, area agencies, religious groups, and senior citizen centers provide such services.

Overdressing. Because they may not feel the heat, older people may not dress appropriately in hot weather. Perhaps a friend or family member can help to select proper clothing. Natural fabrics such as cotton are best.

Visiting overcrowded places. Trips should be scheduled during non-rush hour times and participation in special events should be carefully planned.

Not understanding weather conditions. Older people, particularly those at special risk (see health factors), should stay indoors on especially hot and humid days, particularly when there is an air pollution alert in effect.

### How is hyperthermia treated?

If the victim is exhibiting signs of heat stroke, seek emergency assistance immediately. Without medical attention heat stroke is frequently deadly, especially for older people.

*Heat Exhaustion may be treated in several ways*

Get the victim out of the sun and into a cool place - preferably one that is air-conditioned.

Offer fluids but avoid alcohol and caffeine. Water and fruit and veg-

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etable juices are best.

Encourage the individual to shower or bathe, or sponge off with cool water.

Urge the person to lie down and rest, preferably in a cool place.

### How is Hyperthermia Detected?

*Symptoms may include:*

- Confusion
- Dizziness
- Elevated Heart Rate
- Fainting
- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle Cramps
- Nausea
- Profuse Sweating or Absence of Sweating
- Rash
- Reddened Skin
- Seizures
- Vomiting
- Weakness

It is important to recognize the difference between the very serious condition known as heat stroke and other heat-related illnesses. Persons experiencing any of these symptoms should consult a doctor.

Summer can bring heat waves with unusually high temperatures that can last for days and sometimes weeks.

According to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there were 7,415 death due to heat-related illness in the United States from 1999 to 2010, or an average of approximately 618 death per year.

Heat waves lead to more deaths annually in the United States than

tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, and hurricanes combined.

In the summer of 1980, a severe heat wave hit the United States, and approximately 1,700 people lost their lives from heat-related illness; and in the summer of 2003, tens of thousands of people died in Europe from an extreme heat wave.

The summer of 2012 heat wave in the United States led to many heat-related deaths, and numerous all-time high temperature records were broken throughout the United States.

Most recently, a summer heat wave in Pakistan in 2015 led to more than 1,000 fatalities.

High temperatures put people at risk.

### Definitions

Heat Stress occurs when a strain is placed on the body as a result of hot weather.

Heat fatigue is a feeling of weakness brought on by high outdoor temperature. Symptoms include cool, moist skin and a weakened pulse. The person may feel faint.

Heat syncope is sudden dizziness experienced after exercising in the heat. The skin appears pale and sweaty but is generally moist and cool. The pulse may be weakened, and the heart rate is usually rapid. Body temperature is normal.

Heat cramps are painful muscle spasms in the abdomen, arms, or legs following strenuous activity. The skin is usually moist and cool and the pulse is normal or slightly raised. Body temperature is mostly normal. Heat cramps often are caused by a lack of salt in the body, but salt replacement should not be considered without advice from a physician.

Heat exhaustion is a warning that the body is getting too hot. The person

may be thirsty, giddy, weak, uncoordinated, nauseous, and sweating profusely. The body temperature is usually normal and the pulse is normal or raised. The skin is cold and clammy. Although heat exhaustion often is caused by the body's loss of water and salt, salt supplements should only be taken with advice from a doctor.

Heat stroke can be LIFE-THREATENING! Victims of heat stroke almost always die so immediate medical attention is essential when problems first begin. A person with heat stroke has a body temperature above 104° F. Other symptoms may include confusion, combativeness, bizarre behavior, faintness, staggering, strong rapid pulse, dry flushed skin, lack of sweating, possible delirium or coma.

Heat-related illnesses can become serious if preventative steps are not taken. It is important to realize that older people are at particular risk of hyperthermia. Many people die of heat stroke each year; most are over 50 years of age. With good, sound judgment and knowledge of preventive measures the summer can remain safe and enjoyable for everyone.

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The presidential race to the White House is in full swing and it is important all citizens and especially veterans to engage in the political process. This will be the first change in leadership in eight years coming at a time with increased complexity in foreign affairs, social, and economic issues etc. Please advocate your positions especially as it pertains to military and veterans issues.

Regarding veterans benefits, TRICARE has established a 24 hours a day, Nurse Advice Line (NAL) that is available at no cost to TRICARE beneficiaries at 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273). Effective, Feb. 1, 2016, TRICARE copayments increase for brand home delivery and retail pharmacies.

Regarding VA activities, recently the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs held a hearing to discuss Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert McDonald's plan to transform VA into a high performance organization. Secretary McDonald outlined priorities for 2016, focusing on improving veteran experience, employee experience, support services, establishing a culture of continuous improvement, and enhancing strategic partnerships. While we believe

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this is a logical approach changing culture in a large organization is very difficult. We are anxious to hear progress reports with material change and from our membership. Further, the VA Office of the Inspector General testified that the patient backlog reduction was attributed primarily to mandatory overtime and workforce reallocation rather than the success of paperless Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS) deployed since 2013.

The National Capital Memorial Advisory proposed the National Desert Storm Memorial in Washington within the Reserve which houses the Vietnam, Korean, and WWI and WWII memorials. We support this initiative.

The Department of Defense communicated the results of an internal review of the military decorations and awards program. The review includes combat and valor recognition, such as the Medal of Honor process, as well as to update recognition to reflect changes in military operations.

They include:

- Improve timeliness of the Medal of Honor and other valor awards;
- Standardization of the meaning and use of the "V" device applicable to valor-only to clarify the distinctive recognition for preeminent acts of combat valor;
- Creation of a new combat "C" device to distinctly recognize service members performing meritoriously under the most arduous combat conditions;
- Adoption of a common definition of Meritorious Service under Combat Conditions to determine eligibility for personal combat awards;
- And the introduction of an "R" remote impacts device to recognize service members who use remote

technology to directly impact combat operations

The Army has recommended former prisoner of war, Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, be tried by general court-martial under charges of desertion (Article 85) and misbehavior before the enemy (Article 99) under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Bergdahl spent almost five years as a Taliban captive before being released on May 31, 2014, in a controversial prisoner swap that freed five Taliban leaders from the U.S. military detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. If convicted, maximum punishments could include a dishonorable discharge, reduction in rank to E-1, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and life in prison, as well as the death penalty.

Proposed legislation continues in Washington on improving services to the veterans. The Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee is enhancing and looking to advance, "The Veterans Homeless Programs, Caregiver Services and Other Improvements Act of 2015 (S. 425) and "The Increasing the Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability to Veterans Act of 2015 (S.290), which would eliminate pensions for senior VA employees convicted of serious crimes.

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A career with the National Park Service is similar to a career in the military in that it often involves moving around to different sites in order to gain the experience, skills, and opportunities needed for promotion. Consequently, it is not uncommon for staff at Andersonville National Historic Site to change.

As we have written about over the past 18 months, there has been a period of significant turnover in the small (less than 20) staff at Andersonville. Alan Marsh, Lamar Melton, and Bob Seales retired. Kim Robins passed away. Brad Bennet, Amy Hite, Eric Leonard, Chris Barr, and Stephanie Steinhurst moved on to new positions at other parks. New arrivals during that time include Charles Sellars, Charles Barr, and Jody Mays. We continue to make progress in refilling the remaining vacant positions and hope to be fully staffed soon.

Our latest change comes as our Acting Chief of Facility Management, Kevin Bentley, moves on to Ocmulgee National Monument to serve as the Chief of Facility Management. Kevin has done a terrific job at both Andersonville and Jimmy

Carter National Historic Site and we all wish him the best as he goes on to new adventures.

The "Victory From Within" traveling POW exhibit continues to be on display at the Fort Douglas Military Museum until May 3, 2016. We are working with other venues as we plan for the exhibit's next forum.



As a reminder, the National Park Service Centennial is being celebrated at parks across the nation. This year-long recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the National Park Service will be incorporated into events held at Andersonville National Historic Site throughout 2016.

On February 11, Kellee Blake, former Director of the National Archives in Philadelphia, presented a program entitled "Shoremen on Trial: The Andersonville - Eastern Shore Connection." This one-time program looked at what happened

to two of Andersonville Prison's leading figures.

Captain Richard B. Winder was the architect and quartermaster. Dr. Isaiah White was the Chief Surgeon for the prison hospital. A scandalous divorce, allegations of items stolen from prisoners, and other events make for an intriguing tale of the fate of these two men.

Park staff are preparing for our upcoming Living History Weekend, which will take place on March 12-13. Civil War reenactors will portray both Union prisoners and Confederate guards during this annual weekend event.

We also continue to work with The Ride Home in planning National POW/MIA Recognition Day events in 2016. The park's first Avenue of Flags event for 2016 will take place from April 1-11. This event occurs in coordination with National Former POW Recognition Day on April 9. We

hope any former POWs who are able to visit the area will honor us by attending one or more of these events and visiting the National Prisoner of War Museum at Andersonville National Historic Site.

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JVC Alice Gollin, Chair

## Once upon a time...

as they say in the realm of Fairy Tales...there was a young man, Martin Lane Squires, from the little town of Forks, Washington who had graduated from Jump School in 1943. On a later tour of duty in New Guinea he was assigned to the Provisional Reconnaissance Platoon of the 11th Airborne Division. This was just the next step to a thrilling, most exacting, one of a kind, war time rescue of civilian prisoners of the Japanese Imperial Army in the annals of war that Sgt Martin Squires was definitely part of.

Los Banos, Philippines – February 23, 1945 – 7:00 am. Margie Evalyn Whitaker, an eighteen year old prisoner of the Japanese at the Los Banos camp, who lived in the Philippines prior to the war with her family, was standing in line at the mandatory morning roll call. Shots could be heard in the early dawn, as the appearance of nine C-47 airplanes came into view. As they looked upward, the sky was suddenly filled with parachutes descending on the camp. Almost instantly, the heavy rumblings of Amtracks became a reality as they skillfully maneuvered through the gates of the camp. It only took a moment for the prisoners to realize that the Los Banos Prison Camp was being liberated.

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The night before the rescue, Sgt Squires was part of the pre-liberation process by hiding out in a nearby schoolhouse. At dawn, with Filipino guerrillas, Squires group crept into camp where they took out the guards, then signaled the planes to disgorge the jumpers.

As the soldiers oversaw the transport of the prisoners, loading them on the Amtracks to take them across Laguna Bay to freedom, the fine, multi precision tactics of Filipino guerrillas, the 672nd Amtracks Division, and 11th Airborne parachute jumpers, were the heroes of this historical rescue operation.

After the war, the Whitaker family settled in Bellingham, Washington with Margie attending college at Western. Post war, Martin Squires came home to his mother and father who also recently moved to Bellingham. After weeks of sitting at home just relaxing, and not showing any interest in socializing, Martin's mother became increasingly worried about her son.

A local journalist wrote a story about Mrs. Whitaker and her two daughter's war experiences appearing in the local newspaper, caught Martin's mother's eye. She mentioned the story to Martin about these women who were in the Los Banos camp and kept suggesting he call the student who attended Western College. When Martin realized his mother was adamant with her request, he simply said, "Aw Mom! You give her a call." .....And she did!

On August 16, 1947, Margaret E. Whitaker married Martin L. Squires. To this day, he is still her hero! Thank you, Grandma Leta!

Vee Squires Steele –  
A loving daughter

**How I love romantic fairy tales.  
When combined with an amazing  
war- thriller – you have a gem. sjj**



**Aug. 12- 13, 2016. The Ohio State AXPOW Convention** will be held at the Drury Inn & Suites Columbus South, 4109 Parkway Centre Drive, Grove City, Ohio 43123. Please make your room reservation by calling 1-800-325-0720—Group No 2255454 before July 10, 2016. The state organization will pay for all food and rooms, however, you must reserve your room with your personal credit card. Send your convention registration to Patty Myers; pattyrcp@yahoo.com or mail to 1138 Hawthorne Ave, SW, Canton, Ohio 44710-1414.



Dear Cheryl,

I was pleased to see the list of POWs from Leominster in the last issue on page 29. Nine of them were from my outfit, the 168<sup>th</sup> Eng. Combat Btn. Of the nine, only two of us still remain, Felice Gabrieli (still in Leominster) and myself. We were taken prisoner in St. Vith, Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge. Many of us were force-marched to Gerolstein, Germany where they kept us temporarily until we were marched out to POW camps. Unfortunately, the warehouse was not marked with a cross on the roof which was required by the Geneva Convention, so we were bombed by our own planes. After a few days, some of us were marched to Stalag XIII A, Limberg, in freezing weather. I was later shipped by boxcar to XIII C, Hammelberg and due to the overcrowding and the ice cold weather, many of us ended up with frozen feet. I salute the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts of Leominster, MA for honoring us. Incidentally, 80 years ago, I was a Boy Scout in North Leominster Troop 6.

Richard Lewis, 7 Gasaranda Lane  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

# pow/mia



## Vietnam Serviceman Accounted For

On Jan. 21, 1968, Sgt. 1st Class Billy D. Hill, assigned to the 282nd Aviation Battalion, 17th Aviation Group, 1st Aviation Brigade in his second tour to Vietnam, volunteered to be the door-gunner in the lead helicopter on a mission to Khe Sanh transporting South Vietnamese soldiers into the advisory headquarters. As the helicopters approached the landing zone, the lead helicopter was shot down by a rocket propelled grenade. Hill was believed to have died in the initial attack and was declared missing in action shortly after.

Nearly 57 years after that fateful day, Billy Hill's remains were recovered and identified by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. Billy Hill was then returned to his family and buried at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, Killeen, Texas, where nearly 1,000 mourners came to honor him.

Billy Hill was buried on what would have been his 69th birthday. And

though his father said the ceremony did not provide him closure over his son's death, it was at least one last opportunity to celebrate his birthday and who he was as a man.

"It's something I never expected in my entire life," said Bill Hill. "I figured I'd be dead and gone before they found him."

Luckily Bill Hill was proven wrong on his assumption of never seeing his son return home. Already 91 years old at the time of his son's funeral, he did not have much more time to wait. Five days after his son was laid to rest, Bill Hill passed away in Gatesville, Texas.

## Serviceman Missing from Korea Identified/Returned

The Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing from the Korean War, have been identified and returned to his family.

U.S. Army Pfc. David S. Burke, 18, of Akron, Ohio, will be buried Jan. 15, in Rittman, Ohio. On Nov. 25, 1950, Burke was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, when his unit was attacked by the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces (CPVF), near the border between China and North Korea. Under pressure, outnumbered and surrounded by CPVF roadblocks, they were unable to escape. After suffering heavy casualties, the unit was forced to surrender to the CPVF, and four offic-

ers and 136 enlisted soldiers were taken prisoner, including Burke. Following the attack, the U.S. Army declared Burke missing in action.

In September 1953, as part of a prisoner of war exchange known as "Operation Big Switch," returning American soldiers who had been held as prisoners of war reported that Burke had died between March and May 1951 from malnutrition. A military review board later amended his status to deceased.

Between 1990 and 1994, North Korea returned to the United States 208 boxes of commingled human remains, which when combined with remains recovered during joint recovery operations in North Korea, account for the remains of at least 600 U.S. servicemen who fought during the war. North Korean documents included in the repatriation indicated that some of the remains were recovered from the area where Burke and other members of his unit were held at POW Camp 5.

## North Korea Sanctions Amendment

In a meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in late January, Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) successfully amended North Korea sanctions legislation to protect efforts to recover the remains of American servicemembers in North Korea.

Senator Shaheen introduced the amendment after the Coalition of Families of Korean and Cold War POW/MIA's, based in Portsmouth, NH, voiced its concern that the bill could unintentionally hamper the North Korea POW/MIA Accounting Mission. At this writing, The North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act of 2016, which strengthens sanctions against North Korea following a recent fourth nuclear test, is expected to be overwhelmingly approved by the full Senate.

Medal of Honor recipient, retired Army Lt. Col. James "Mike" Sprayberry speaks with employees of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency in Arlington, Virginia, Nov. 9. Sprayberry served two tours in Vietnam and was awarded the Medal of Honor as a result of his heroic actions in April 1968 during Operation Delaware in the A Shau Valley, where he neutralized enemy forces and saved numerous soldiers.





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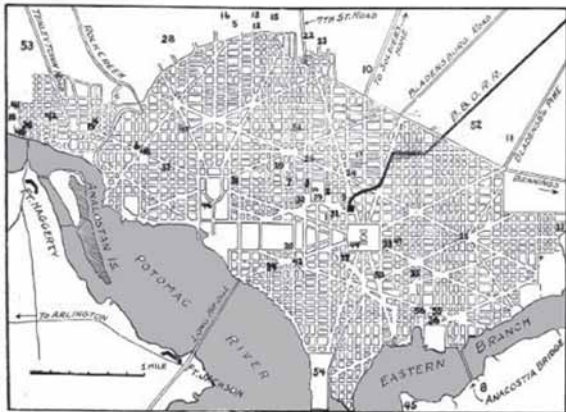
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# Civil War Hospitals: The DC State of Medicine

by Alice A. Booher



Map Showing Location of War-time Hospitals

In our ongoing series of articles concerning specific Civil War POW camps, both North and South, we have provided data about the onsite medical care; some had actual medical buildings/facilities and others “made do”. We have and will continue to discuss Civil War medicine in the context of Clara Barton and her Missing Soldiers office, in the history of the Armed Forces Retirement Home (formerly Soldiers and Airmens’, originally called “The Military Asylum” in Washington), and in the current PBS hit *Mercy Street*, a Union Hospital with both North and South patients and staff, just across the Potomac River in Alexandria, VA. Articles are planned on pivotal medical, specific POW sites and Ameri-



can medicine which changed in and by Civil War.

Much has been written about medical expertise/care or lack thereof of that era, and it is fascinating

reading. For instance, the U.S. National Library of Medicine’s “*History of Medicine*” celebrated the bicentennial of the Washington DC Area (including Georgetown, Alexandria), with a web tour noting that the military initially used federal facilities, churches, large houses, etc., to care for wounded soldiers, but as the casualties mounted, the city housed as many as 50,000 wounded. See

<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/medtour/intro.html>.

*The Examiner* notes that an overwhelming number of sick and wounded soldiers required drastic measures in DC. Regimental tents were set up all around the city to act as hospital camps and to provide for the overflow. Soldiers convalescing in field hospitals were sent to Washington; various buildings were repurposed (e.g., Miss Lydia’s Female Seminary became Seminary Hospital and The Reynolds Barracks Hospital was constructed on the south lawn of the White House). <http://www.examiner.com/article/civil-war-hospitals-washington-dc>. Susan Lawrence of the Univ. of Nebraska details Civil War Washington in her “*Organization of the Hospitals in the Department of Washington*”. See <http://civilwar.org/introductions/other/hospitals.php>.

The District of Columbia Hospital Association’s excellent new publication, *Heritage*, features the early years of hospitals in the Nation’s Capital [obtainable from DCHA, 1152 15<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 900, NW Washington, DC 20005, pp. 120, photos, \$32., a portion of net pro-



ceeds to benefit wounded warriors at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center].

“*Heritage*” notes that “(a) the time the District was created [1790], hospitals were rare in the nation and nonexistent in the District... Hospitals, where they existed, were for the poor and usually provided social services, a workhouse to provide shelter, and often a jail for those convicted of minor crimes.”



At the time of the Civil War, Washington’s population was about 75,000, which grew to over 130,000 by War’s end. As war dragged on, options for treating wounded and ill were sorely limited. Before War, D.C. had 5 hospitals; by War’s end, there were an estimated 86 hospitals of which we will cover a few. [See also <http://www.pacw/hospitals/dchospitals.html> in a contribution sourced in part from John Wells Buckley, “The War Hospitals”, in Marcus Benjamin (Ed.) *Washington During War Time: A Series of Papers Showing the Military, Political,*

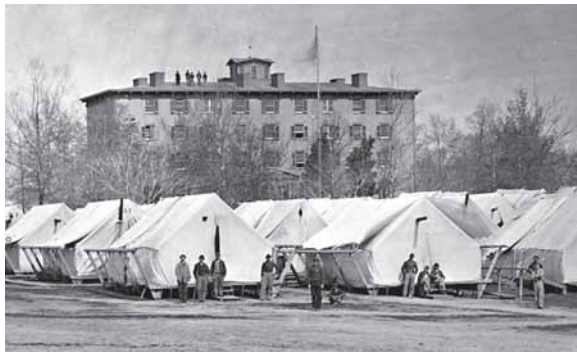
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*and Social Phases During 1861 to 1865*, Washington, DC: National Tribune Press, 1902(??), pp. 138-153.]



The first “real” hospital in DC was the Washington Infirmery [referred to as “The Poorhouse”], created in 1806 by Congressional appropriation. The Columbian College was founded by Congressional Act in 1821 and funded by a bequest by George Washington; the Hospital was established in 1824 as the city’s



first teaching hospital (renamed The George Washington University in 1904). The building (until destroyed by fire) was occupied until 1861 when the U.S. Army had it to the government for an army hospital. By order of Pres. Lincoln, the college was ordered to convert the campus into barracks, troop quarters and two hospitals, Columbian College and Carver General with more than 2100 beds. The College was split in many ways by the War. Students went to both North and

South to fight; faculty did likewise, e.g., Dr. A.Y.P. Garnett became the personal physician of Jefferson Davis, Confederacy President while faculty member Dr. Robert King Stone became the physician for President Abraham Lincoln.

The Washington Infirmery and Washington Asylum (1844) merged in 1846 and relocated to an Anacostia River site; this would become D.C. General Hospital and was taken over when War was declared.

In 1852, Lincoln also signed the Congressional Act that created St. Elizabeth’s Hospital (unhappily named the Government Hospital for the Insane of the Army, Navy and DC). Nurse activist Dorothea Dix was instrumental in its establishment, and the site was unique in many ways including that it also provided for African American patients, and had a campus of 60 buildings and a cemetery containing 300 Civil War soldiers, both Confederate and Union, and 150 civilians.

Providence Hospital was founded in 1861 near Capitol Hill by the Daughters of Charity, chartered by Congressional Act signed by Pres. Lincoln in 1864. While created to treat DC’s poor, Providence was primarily used to treat soldiers and was not open until 1866 for the public. Freedman’s Hospital was established in 1862 on the grounds of



Camp Barker (created as soldiers’ barracks) to care for freed, disabled and aged blacks. After implementation of the Confiscation Acts (1861, 1862), formerly enslaved persons were treated there until 1864 and then sent to Campbell Hospital which had 1500 beds. In 1863, Dr. Alexander Augusta, surgeon, professor of medicine and veteran became the first African American to head a hospital.

Kalorama Hospital was a house turned into a hospital for those with contagious diseases. A Christmas Eve 1865 fire killed a number of still recuperating soldiers. Douglas Hospital, located in three row houses including the homes of Sen Steven Douglas, Vice Pres. John Breckinridge and Sen Henry Rice was open from January 1862 to December 1865.

The war medical crisis had required some unusual choices. For instance, two wings of the Patent Office morphed into a hospital (1861-1863); and the U.S. Capitol was turned into a hospital (1862) with 2000 cots in the Rotunda and the House and Senate chambers. Accordingly, it might be observed that while Washington has a good many idiosyncrasies today, the Civil War crises made for extraordinary circumstances and resolutions - worthy of further investigation to include how many of these facilities developed into the foundation for the fine medicine including the medical schools now thriving there.

# News Briefs

## Iranian Hostages to Receive Compensation

The Americans who were held hostage at the U.S. Embassy in Iran and/or their families will receive financial compensation for their ordeal, because of a little-noticed part of a budget bill passed by Congress in Dec.

"I think this process begins to close the door for those individuals who were held captive in Iran to bring about closure," Kevin Hermening, a former Marine guard at the embassy, told CNN on Thursday. He is now a financial planner in Wisconsin. "I guess the important point to make — the finish line appears in sight," but he added it may still be a long time before he and his former comrades see a check.

The budget bill included a provision authorizing each of the 53 hostages to receive \$10,000 for each day they were held captive. In addition, spouses and children would separately receive a one-time payment of \$600,000. Thirty-eight of the former hostages are still alive.

The ordeal for the Americans who were working at the embassy began on November 4, 1979, after the Iranian revolution, when the compound was overrun. They were held for 444 days. The hostages were freed in 1981.

The bill also authorizes payments to other victims of separate international terrorism attacks. What is different for the former hostages is that they were never allowed to take Iran to court because of the agreement with Tehran that freed them.

"The hostages have never received any compensation from Iran through court actions, all efforts having failed due to foreign

sovereign immunity and an executive agreement known as the Algiers Accords, which bars such lawsuits," stated a report in November from the Congressional Research Service.

The payments will come from penalties paid after some banks, including BN Paribas, were found violating American economic sanctions against Iran.

## USS Oklahoma Remains Identified

Almost 75 years after they were killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor, the remains of five U.S. sailors who perished when their battleship was sunk, have been identified.

The five men, who were exhumed last year from their graves in Hawaii and examined in special military laboratories, were among 429 sailors and Marines killed when the USS Oklahoma was torpedoed and capsized.

They had been buried as "unknowns."

The battleship's loss of life at Pearl Harbor was second only to the 1,100 lost on the USS Arizona, whose wreck remains a hallowed Pearl Harbor historic site.

The men identified were Chief Petty Officer Albert E. Hayden, 44, of Mechanicsville, MD; Ensign Lewis S Stockdale, 27, of Anaconda, MT; Seaman 2nd Class Dale F. Pearce, 21, of Labette County, KS; Petty Officer 1st Class Vernon T. Luke, 43, of Green Bay, WI; and Chief Petty Officer Duff Gordon, 52, of Hudson, WI.

The Oklahoma had a complement of about 1,300, including 77 Marines.

## HR 2915

Representative Julia Brownley introduced H.R. 2915, the Female Veteran Suicide Prevention Act. If enacted, this bill would identify men-

tal health and suicide prevention programs that are the most effective with the best outcomes among women veterans at risk. The bill would require VA to report the results of this analysis to the Congressional Veterans' Committees.

Recent data reveals the suicide rate of women veterans is nearly six times higher than women in general; for women ages 18-29, the risk is even higher, at nearly 12 times the rate of women in general. These findings have prompted clinicians and policy makers at VA to develop a number of outreach initiatives and clinical approaches to enable VA to better deal with this health care crisis.

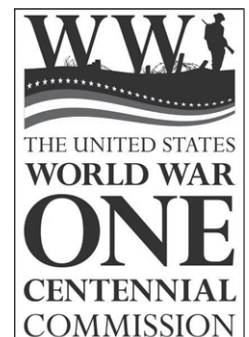
VA experts are examining the many reasons suicide rates among women veterans are higher. According to VA's suicide prevention office, a history of military sexual assault may be a major contributing factor. Enactment of Mrs. Brownley's bill would improve VA's evaluative efforts in this challenging area.

Please write your Representative today to urge co-sponsorship and passage of H.R. 2915.

## Decision Made but a Work In Progress: WWI Memorial Update

by Alice A. Booher

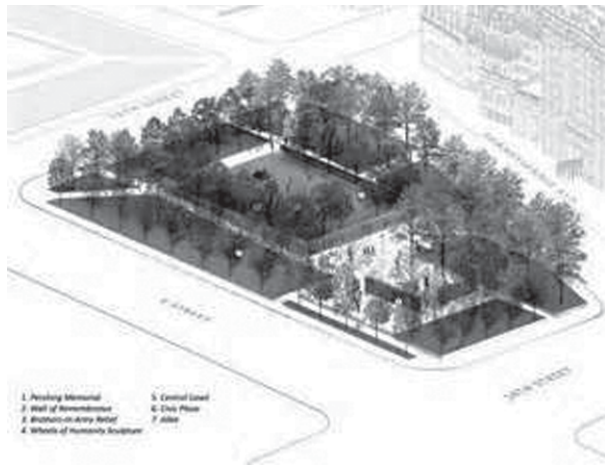
We earlier brought you several *Bulletin* articles concerning the stimulus from the last remaining WWI veteran Frank Buckles and ongoing plans for a national WWI Memorial to be located at the site of the current Pershing Park on Pennsylvania Avenue between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets, NW in Washington, DC, a



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block from the White House on the West and with a direct view on the East up The Hill to the U.S. Capitol. The designated site is the current commemorative area for GEN John J. Pershing, the leader of the Ameri-



can Expeditionary Force in WWI, including a pool, water-feature and a large statue.

A “blind” design competition was opened on May 21, 2015, after which some 350 proposals were submitted to the WWI Centennial Commission for consideration. The entries were then described by the Commission’s Vice Chairman Edwin Fountain as showing “a lot of imagination and creativity”. From that large multinational entry group, an independent expert panel selected five finalists, described by one analyst as exhibiting “less radical, if less eye-popping concepts”, noting that the memorial and urban park needed to harmonize with its urban surroundings. Five finalists were announced on August 19 and each received \$25,000.

One critic opined that these five entries were all classic in nature; clear in meaning; sturdy and noble in materials; incorporate “symbolism and iconography legible to the ordinary person”; and prove that we “are still capable of building dignified, beautiful memorial”. Fountain said the designs were “wide ranging in style,

a deliberate choice by the seven-member jury to offer a variety of options for the memorial”.



Over the next five months or so, the finalists worked with the commission, public agencies and

myriad others to develop and refine their initial design concepts. A jury then assessed the results and made recommendations to the WWI Commission. At the Washington Press Club, on January 26, 2016, delayed a day by the blizzard of 2016 which virtually shut down Washington, the winning design by Joseph (Joe) Weishaar was announced.

Weishaar, a 25 year old, 2013 graduate of the University of Arkansas’s Fay Jones School of Architecture and Design, rendered the design in his free time as an intern at another firm, and now works for Brininstool & Lynch in Chicago. He calls his design “The Weight of Sacrifice”. He was assisted by Sabin Howard a New York City sculptor and teacher who has worked in Italy and served on the board of the National Sculpture Society, in refining his design and sculptural focal points.

Fountain indicated that the design concept will probably change significantly as it goes through the final design process which will include approval by the U.S. Commission on Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission, and will also be subject to historic preservation and

environmental laws. There are also others who are concerned as preserving portions of the original Pershing site.

According to the follow-ups in the New York Times and The Washington Post on January 27, the memorial will feature an open plaza of bas-relief panels which will be available for touching by visitors, free-standing bronze sculptures and green space including a lawn containing some 118,516 cubic feet of soil, one foot for every American who died in WWI. Apparently the current statue of Pershing will remain in some form. Military Times quoted Weishaar in describing his entry: “The integration of a park around and atop the memorial alludes to the idea that public space and personal freedom are only available through the sacrifice of our soldiers”. In addition to Weishaar and Howard, the larger design team includes the firm GWWO, Inc., landscape architect Phoebe Lichwar, Henry Adams Consulting Engineers



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and Keast & Hood. According to the WWI Memorial Commission, it is "a work in progress". Funding will be private and is estimated at \$35-40 million, with the goal for the memorial to be completed by November 2018.

## VA benefits for children with spina bifida

Children who have spina bifida (except spina bifida occulta) and meet the following requirements may be eligible for VA compensation, health care, and vocational training:

- Are biological children of Veterans who served:

In Vietnam during the period from January 9, 1962 through May 7, 1975, or

In or near the Korean demilitarized zone between September 1, 1967 and August 31, 1971 and were exposed to herbicides. Veterans who served in a unit in or near the Korean demilitarized zone anytime between April 1, 1968 and August 31, 1971 are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides.

- Were conceived after the date on which the Veteran first entered Vietnam or the Korean demilitarized zone during the qualifying service period.

Complete [VA Form 21-0304](#) (Application for Benefits for Certain Children with Disabilities born of Vietnam and Certain Korea Service Veterans. Mail the completed form to

the address on the form. Questions? Call toll-free 1-888-820-1756 or 1-800-829-4833 (TDD for hearing impaired).

## Oldest Female Veteran Passes Away

Alyce Dixon, died peacefully in her sleep at the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center's Community Living Center. She was 108 years old.

She is well-known in the community for her elegant sense of style, her long repertoire of eyebrow-raising jokes and very strong opinions. She credits her long life to sharing and caring.

"I always shared what little I have, that's why He let me live so long. I just believe in sharing and giving. If you have a little bit of something and someone else needs it, share," she said.

Dixon was born in 1907, when an American's average life expectancy was only 47 years. She was born Alice Ellis in Boston. At the age of 16, she changed the spelling of her name to Alyce after seeing a picture show starring actress Alyce Mills. She lived life on her own terms from that day forward.

She was married for a time, but divorced her husband over an \$18 grocery bill. He found out she was sending money home to her family and put her on a strict allowance. This didn't sit well for the independent young woman.

"I found myself a job, an apartment and a roommate. I didn't need him or his money," she said.

She later joined the military in 1943. She was among one of the first African-American women in the Army. As a member of the Women's Army Corps, she was stationed in England and France where she played an important role in the postal service as part of the 6888<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

After leaving the Army, she served the government for many years at the Census Bureau and for the Pentagon where she served as a purchasing agent, buying everything from pencils to airplanes. She retired from government service in 1973.

At the medical center, she was affectionately called the "Queen Bee" and was known for impeccable dress. She never left her room without fixing her makeup and hair. She always wore stylish clothes and jewelry and sported well-manicured nails. She loved to sit in the medical center Atrium and watch the people. She was disappointed in how young women dress today. "I tell everyone to dress nice for yourself and you'll feel better, even if you don't feel good," she said. "Wear your jewelry, fix your hair. No one has to tell you that you look good...do it for yourself."

She led a long and full life. She has met presidents, the first lady, members of Congress, high-ranking military officers, celebrities and musicians. She also held media interviews with many local and national outlets.

According to medical center director, Brian A. Hawkins, MHA, she will be missed, "...especially the caregivers and Veterans of our Community Living Center. She was one-of-a-kind; a strong-willed, funny, wise, giving and feisty WWII Veteran. Her message touched a lot of people."

## Chapter News

Members of Vermont Chapter #1 and families met in Montpelier at the Pioneer Street VFW for the fall meeting and turkey dinner.

Left to Right, Ralph McClintock, Clyde Cassidy, Francis Angier, Richard Hamilton, Harry Howe, Bill Busier.



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# The RIDE HOME



3818 Litchfield Loop Lake Wales, Florida 33859

[www.theridehome.com](http://www.theridehome.com)

863 324 7268

Spring, 2016

Dear Former Prisoners of War and Families of our Missing in Action,

We respectfully request that you join us as our guest at the *National POW/MIA Recognition Day* event, **The RIDE HOME**, to be held 15 – 17 September 2016 in Americus/Andersonville Georgia. Our goal is to answer the call of every sitting President since 1978;

***"I call upon the people of The United States to join me in Honoring and Remembering all former Prisoners of War and those still Missing in Action who valiantly served our great nation."***

It will be our privilege to provide your room accommodations, seating for two at both the Heroes Dinner and Ground-Pounder & Fly-Boy luncheon, Military styled recognition for your service, transportation for you and a guest/spouse while you are in Americus, as well as fellowship and camaraderie you can only find with those who served this great nation with you.

Take a moment, please, and complete the registration on the next page, mail it back to us at the address above and we'll handle the arrangements. If you have a question or concern or perhaps would like to confirm your participation this year verbally, call us and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in September.

Until they all come home.....

Warm regards,

On behalf of the Board of Directors for The RIDE HOME, INC.,

Jim 'Moe' Moyer

The RIDE HOME Inc. is a Non Profit Corporation paying tribute to Former American Prisoners of War and the families of those Americans still Missing in Action. National POW/MIA Recognition Day reminds us of the sacrifices our soldiers and their families make for our great country every day and our responsibility to let them all know that we Will NOT Forget. Combined Conflict totals in the last century equate to more than 120,000 Prisoners Of War repatriated and over 83,000 still listed as Missing in Action. To pay tribute to the Former Prisoners of War and The Families of those Still Missing In Action, we host The RIDE HOME. This annual event takes place in and around the cities of Americus and Andersonville, Georgia, home of the National Prisoners of War Museum. This annual event is open to the public and we respectfully request your attendance as we show our gratitude for the sacrifices these former POWs and MIA families have made for Our Great Country.

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# The Ride Home 2016

Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
September 15-16-17, 20  
www.theridehome.com  
The RIDE HOME Inc.  
3818 Litchfield Loop  
Lake Wales, Florida 33859

YES, I will attend

NO, I will not attend

Please return this form by June 30 2016, to the RIDE HOME address above.

POW or MIA Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
MIA Rep Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOK Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

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Area of Capture: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Capture: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Release: \_\_\_\_\_

Area at time MIA: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of MIA: \_\_\_\_\_

Remains returned: \_\_\_\_\_

## Room Accommodations

We will try our best to accommodate your room preferences; however, we cannot guarantee your request.

Room accommodations will depend on availability at the time your information is received.

Your lodging is offered Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights courtesy of The Ride Home.

Please reserve a room for the following dates (check all that apply):

Thursday, September 15 \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, September 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, September 17 \_\_\_\_\_

Smoking: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking? \_\_\_\_\_

Bed Size: Queen/King: \_\_\_\_\_ Two Doubles: \_\_\_\_\_

## Special Requirements

Handicap accessible, handicap shower, etc.

Are you interested in being a passenger on a motorcycle at either of the Escort Rides?

(Circle one) YES NO

Concerns or Questions - Contact Ginny or Moe at 863 324 7268 or [moehog@verizon.net](mailto:moehog@verizon.net)

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## **GENERAL FUND**

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An important way you can help  
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families and their dependents  
is through your will or living  
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It's very simple to make a  
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this sentence with your  
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to your will or living trust:

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the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ or  
\_\_\_\_\_percent of the rest,  
residue and remainder of my  
estate."

Please take a few minutes of  
your time to help.

Thank you!

## Things To Do at the 2016 National Convention

Hilton Arlington is located 10 miles south of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in the entertainment district of Arlington, TX. Area attractions include the Dallas Cowboys Stadium, Ranger Ballpark in Arlington, and the Arlington Convention Center.

### **Rangers Ballpark in Arlington**

Catch a game at the home of the  
American League Champs while staying  
at the hotel.

### **Six Flags over Texas**

This 212-acre theme park is located a  
short drive from the Arlington Hilton.

### **Dallas Cowboys Stadium**

Attend an event or plan a tour at Dal-  
las Cowboys Stadium, just minutes  
from our hotel.

### **Six Flags Hurricane Harbor**

Just down the street from our hotel,  
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# new members

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Canton NY  
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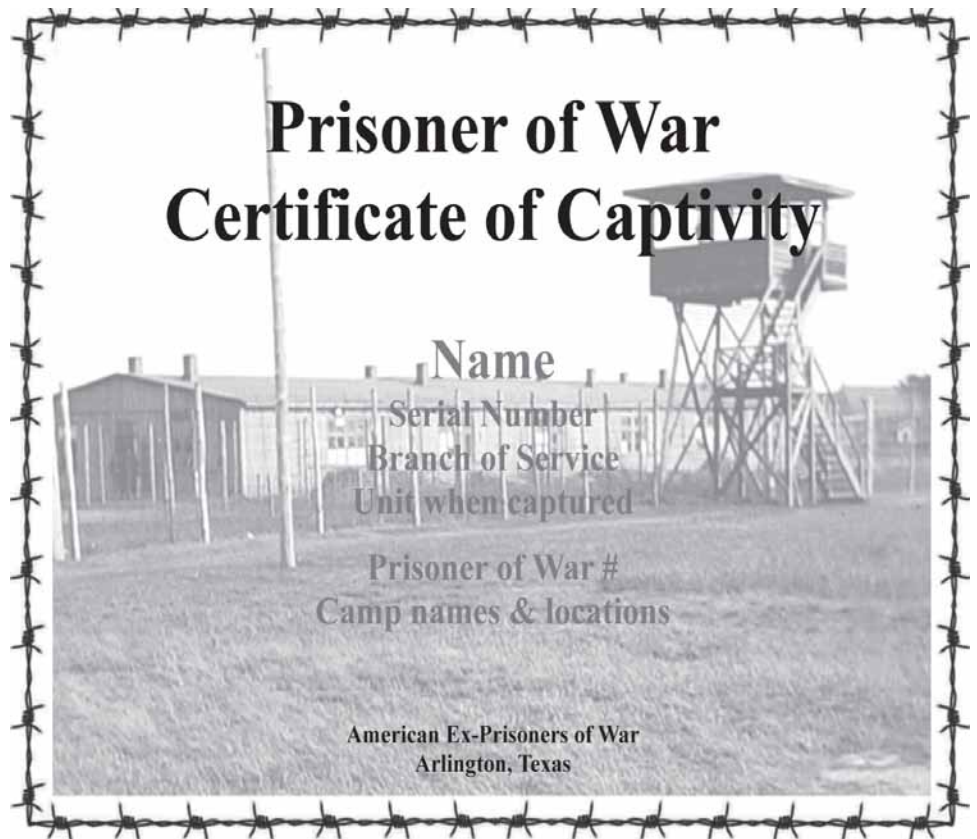
## New Associate Member

Alice A. Booher, Arlington, VA

Retired Counsel, Board of Veterans Appeals. For decades, she has been involved in numerous veterans-oriented projects. She has been an independent book reviewer and journalist for national print media for many years, particularly specializing in women veterans, intelligence, Vietnam, and prisoner of war (POW) matters. She has been resident staff reporter for the EX-POW Bulletin since 1999.

## Certificate of Captivity

Suitable for framing, this certificate of captivity, printed on 8½" x 11" quality paper, proudly displays your history as a prisoner of war. Each certificate background is personalized to the theater of operation. To receive this certificate from AXPOW, please order from National Headquarters. If you are ordering at Convention, you can place your order in the Merchandise Room. We will need your name, service number, branch of service, unit when captured, POW number (if known), camp names and locations. You can call 817-649-2979 or email: [axpow76010@yahoo.com](mailto:axpow76010@yahoo.com). You may include a picture with your order.



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# taps



Please submit taps notices to:  
Cheryl Cerbone, 23 Cove View Drive, South Yarmouth, MA 02664

**BERENS, Frank J.**, of Louisville, KY passed away Nov. 17, 2015 at the age of 97. During WWII, he served with the AAC; he was captured and held in Romania. Frank was a life member of AXPOW. Survivors include 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandson.

**BLOEDORN, John H.**, of Watertown, WI died Sept. 17, 2015. He was 92. He was captured while serving in France with the 80<sup>th</sup> Div.; he was held in Stalag 4B, Muhlberg. John's family includes his loving wife of 69 years, Lois, 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**BLUE, Theresia A.**, of Oswego, IL, wife of ex-POW Kenneth, passed away Dec. 2, 2013. Thessy and her husband were members of the Fox River Valley Chapter, AXPOW. She is survived by Kenny, 1 son, 2 brother and 2 sister.

**BOGARD, Barbara**, 91, loving wife of PNC Carroll, died July 2, 2015. She joined her husband in the state and national activities of AXPOW and was a welcome presence at National Conventions and events. In addition to her husband, Barbara leaves 3 children, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all who knew her.

**CAMACHO, Arturo**, of Ft Worth (formerly of Ranger, TX), died December 21, 2015. Art was AXPOW life member #1409 since 1967, and was a past commander of the Fort Worth Chapter. He served in the 60<sup>th</sup> CAC, and was held in Zentsuji and Cabanatuan. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Elisa.

**COPELAND, George**, 95, passed away January 2, 2016. He served in the Army Air Corp with the 448<sup>th</sup> BG in WWII; he was captured, held and participated in the Black March across Germany from Feb. until liberation. He was a Charter Member of the Greater Ozarks chapter, AXPOW. George is survived by his wife of 65 years, Maxine, one son, two daughters, six grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

**DAUDLIN, Frances**, of Castro Valley, CA passed away recently. She was the widow of ex-POW Norman. Frances leaves a daughter, a son, 4 grandchildren, 7 great-grand children, and their families.

**DENNIS, L.E. "Larry"**, 97, of Sterling, IL died Dec. 7, 2015. He was assigned to the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 92<sup>nd</sup> BG, 407<sup>th</sup> Sq during WWII. He was captured flying over Norway and held 18 months in Stalag 17B. He is survived by his wife, Judy, 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Larry was a life member of AXPOW.

**DIEHL, Elwin H.**, of Red Oak, IA died Dec. 4, 2015. He was 94. Elwin served with the 168<sup>th</sup> Inf., Co. M. He was sent to North Africa, captured and held for 26 months. He was a life member of AXPOW. 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, 2 sisters, 1 brother and their families survive him.

**ELLIS, Eileen**, of Clifton Park, NY passed away recently. She was the widow of ex-POW Bernard. Survivors include one son, John.

**ERNST, Benjamin H. Sr.** of Nashville, TN died September 10, 2015 at the age of 97. He was captured while flying B-25 bombers over Sicily in 1943; he was held until April 1945 liberation. Ben was a life member of

AXPOW and active member in Tennessee. His wife, Dorothy predeceased him; survivors include his son Benjamin and a niece.

**GORSKI, Chester**, of Red Bank, NJ passed away June 15, 2015. He was a Korean War veteran, with the 38<sup>th</sup> Artillery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. After capture, he was held in Camps 1,3, 5. He is survived by his wife, Mary, 2 sons, 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren.

**GUDERLEY, George, of Inverness, IL** passed away July 31, 2015 at the age of 92. He was captured while serving with the 463<sup>rd</sup> BG, 774<sup>th</sup> BS; he was held in Luft IV and Stalag 11B. His wife, Lois, survives him; he also leaves 1 son, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren, 1 sister and their families.

**HARLOW, George L.**, 91, of Beach Park, IL died Dec. 15, 2015. He served in the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 445<sup>th</sup> BG, 702<sup>nd</sup> BS; he was shot down, captured and held 1 ½ years in Stalag Luft IV, then marched to Stalag Luft 357 before escaping to the English front. George is survived by Sandy, the love of his life, 4 children, 4 grandchildren and their families.

**HAUSER, William Henry**, 92, of Concord, NH passed away Dec. 26, 2015. He served in the USA, 84<sup>th</sup> "Railsplitters" Inf. Div. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and was a POW until liberation. Bill was a member of NH Chapter #1, AXPOW. Survivors include his loving wife, Alva, 4 children, 6 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter and their families.

**HENRY, Nat B.**, of Franklin, NC died Jan. 11, 2016. He was 68. While serving in Vietnam, Nat's unit was attacked and all but five men were lost. Nat was one of them and was captured July 12, 1967; he was held until March 5, 1973. In October

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2012, the state named the bridge on the 441 by-pass in Henry's honor. He leaves his wife of 39 years, Becky, 1 son, 2 brothers, 1 granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

**HERBIG, James A.**, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, died October 17, 2015. Jim was tail gunner on B-17 "Stardust" with the 95<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group in England. He was shot down in Germany on August 16, 1944 and held in Luft IV, and marched in the Black Death March. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren who miss him.

**HILDEBRAND, James, M.**, 95, Of Orangevale, CA, a long-time member of the 49ers Chapter, and a life member of AXPOW, passed away Nov. 26, 2015. James was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Catherine, in April of 2015. He was a member of the 16<sup>th</sup> BS, 27<sup>th</sup> BG (Light) in the Philippines and became a prisoner of the Japanese on Bataan, in the surrender of April 9, 1942. He was a survivor of the Bataan Death March and was one of 513 men liberated in "The Great Raid" on the Cabanatuan POW camp in the Philippines in late January 1945. James and Catherine had four children. He leaves 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. This man had a positive outlook on life and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

**JAFFRE, Arthur J.**, of Dayville, CT passed away Dec. 13, 2015. He was 93. Arthur was captured while serving with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Div., 502<sup>nd</sup> Parachute Inf. Reg. He was dropped behind enemy lines on D-Day, was captured and twice escaped. Survivors include 1 son, 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, 2 sisters, a large extended family and good friend Arthur P Rickey.

**JAMES, Lee R.**, of Albany, GA died Jan. 12, 2016. During WWII, he was assigned to the 305<sup>th</sup> BG, 365<sup>th</sup> BS stationed in Chelveston, England. He was shot down, captured and held in Luft I, Barth until liberation. Lee is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Palma, 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

**JONES, Wm. Dean**, of Manchester, IA died March 18, 2015 at the age of 90. During WWII, he served with the 15<sup>th</sup> AF, 301<sup>st</sup> BG, 419<sup>th</sup> BS, flying out of Italy. He was shot down, captured and held in Stalag 17B, then marched to Braunau where he was liberated. Dean was a life member of AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 63 years, Ruth, 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**KANNAPINN, William B.**, of Palmetto, FL passed away Sept. 8, 2015. He was 91. He was captured while serving with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 92<sup>nd</sup> BG during WWII; he was held at Stalag Luft 1, Barth until liberation. Bill was past commander of the Imperial Chapter and member of the Manasota Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Jo-Ann, 1 daughter, 1 stepdaughter, 1 granddaughter, 4 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandson, 1 sister, and their families.

**KHOURY, Theodore**, 95, member of the Brooklyn Key Chapter, AXPOW, died Nov. 1, 2015. He served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Div., 4<sup>th</sup> Div., 114<sup>th</sup> Reg. After capture he was held in IIIA, IIIB and IIA. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, 2 daughters and grandchildren.

**LIZOTTE, ROBERT A.**, 92, of Burlington, VT, died October 5, 2015. He was a member of Vermont Chapter #1, AXPOW. He was captured while serving with the 461<sup>st</sup> BG, 767<sup>th</sup> BS, flying over Italy. He remained a POW until the end of WWII. He is survived by his wife of 70

years, Ruth, and 7 children, 20 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

**McCREARY, Walter**, of Columbus, OH died Dec. 20, 2015 at the age of 97. And original Tuskegee Airman, he flew 89 missions before his plane was hit by enemy flak on a strafing run over Hungary on Oct. 22, 1944. He bailed out, was captured and turned over to German soldiers, and held until liberation. In 2007, he and other Tuskegee Airmen were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest honor that Congress can give civilians. His wife, Dorothy, died in 1997; survivors include his daughter, Stephanie and her family.

**PALTRINERI, Louis P.** of Holliston, MA passed away May 4, 2015 at the age of 90. During WWII, he served on a B-17, flying out of England. He was captured and held in Germany until liberation. He was selected the Holliston Citizen of the Year in 1995. Survivors include his wife, of 71 years, Treva Fay Lynch of Kearney, Nebraska, 2 daughters, 4 sons, 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

**PERDUE, Louise**, 88, of Rockwall, TX died Aug. 31, 2015. She and her husband, ex-POW C.B., celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in July. Louise is remembered with love by her husband, 3 daughters and their families. She will be greatly missed.

**PICKETT, Faye**, of Salem, OR passed away Nov. 11, 2015. She was the widow of Ernest (468<sup>th</sup> BG, held in Japan). Faye is survived by 2 sons, 1 daughter, many grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She truly enjoyed people and genuinely loved her many friends.

**ROTHMAN, Irving**, 92, of Lyndhurst, OH died Dec. 9, 2015. He

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was shot down and captured on his 8<sup>th</sup> mission, flying with the 95<sup>th</sup> BG (H); he was held in various camps in Germany and Poland and was an interpreter on the infamous Black March. Irving was the adored husband of Nina, father of 2 sons, 3 step-children, grandfather of 12 and great-grandpa of 7.

**SELLS, Jim Frank**, of Las Vegas, NV passed away Aug. 5, 2015. He was 91. He was captured while serving with the 28<sup>th</sup> Inf., 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, Co K; he was held in Stalag 7B. He leaves his loving wife of 69 years, Verna, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 2 sisters, 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

**STANLEY, Henry "Grady"**, of Garland, Texas, died January 3, 2016. Their home was destroyed by the devastating tor-

nadoes that struck Rowlett, Texas on January 2. He survived the tornado but he died the next day from the stress. Grady was a Bataan Death March survivor; he endured 3 ½ years of captivity before being liberated. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, JoAnn, four children, 5 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

**TAVLIAN, Nevart "Neva"**, 91, of Fresno, California, passed away Jan. 13, 2016. She was the widow of Sgt. Ernest Edward Tavlian (1917 - 1994), who served with the AAC's 680<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Co/Third Aviation Pursuit in the Philippines. Ernest survived the Bataan Death March and was interned at Camp O'Donnell, Cabanatuan, and Fukuoka Camp No. 4 in Moji, Kyushu, Japan. Neva was a long-time active member and Adjutant/Treasurer (1992) of AXPOW Fresno Chapter # 1. Neva is survived by one son, three daughters, six grand-

children, and many nieces, nephews, Chapter # 1 friends.

**THOMAS, Eleanor**, member of Fresno Chapter #1, died Dec. 30, 2015. She was a long-time resident of Tulare, CA, but had been living in McKinney, TX since 2011. Eleanor and her late husband, James (34<sup>th</sup> BG, 18<sup>th</sup> BS/Luft IV) were life members of AXPOW. She is survived by a son & daughter and grandchildren and a host of long-time friends.

**WALKER, Lillian**, 94, of Seminole, FL, passed away on November 21, 2015. She graduated Hartford School of Nursing and married Horace Alan Walker while serving in the Army Air Corps. They had 3 sons, a daughter, and many grandchildren. Alan served in the ETO: 461<sup>st</sup> BG(H) and was held in Stalag-Schuman, Bulgaria for 110 days. They were both members of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, American Ex-Prisoners of War.

## chaplain



ND Benny  
Rayborn

Some years ago I worked at a "Half-way House" for Federal prisoners. Let me say immediately that working with Federal prisoners is not the same as working with our Ex-POWS.

Federal prisoners are incarcerated because they broke a law (or sev-

eral laws) of our land. In essence they deserve to be in prison. However, our EX-POWS were held by a foreign government because they were answering a very important calling: they were fighting for our country's freedom. In a few words, they were fighting for you and me. One group had no honor and the other group deserved the highest honor that we can accord them.

I recall one man who did not want to be discharged from the Half-way house. He did not want to be free. The employees literally had to force him to pack his clothing, sign out and depart our facility.

I related this to my Father who was a POW in Germany, and he stated "I can barely believe some one does not want to be free."

Our Federal prisoner knew he had to leave but he was reluctant. In Genesis 19:16 we find, "And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand.." The men forced Lot to

leave Sodom. Lot wanted to stay in Sodom, apparently he liked the town. To save his life and that of his family he had to leave!

Often, we know the correct thing to do but we fail to act properly until forced to do so by others. Lot was the first recorded and even now, many are reluctant to do the "right thing." Don't be like Lot (nor, the Federal prisoner). Live and act righteously. James 4:17 "...to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

I leave you with this prayer: "Lord God, may we always know the right and good thing to do and may we always do the right and good thing. In Your Holy Name. Amen"

**Benny**





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Formed at Camp Greene, NC, on November 17, 1917 for service in World War I. The "IVY Division" has a long and distinguished heritage that continues through World War II, the Cold War in Europe, Vietnam, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

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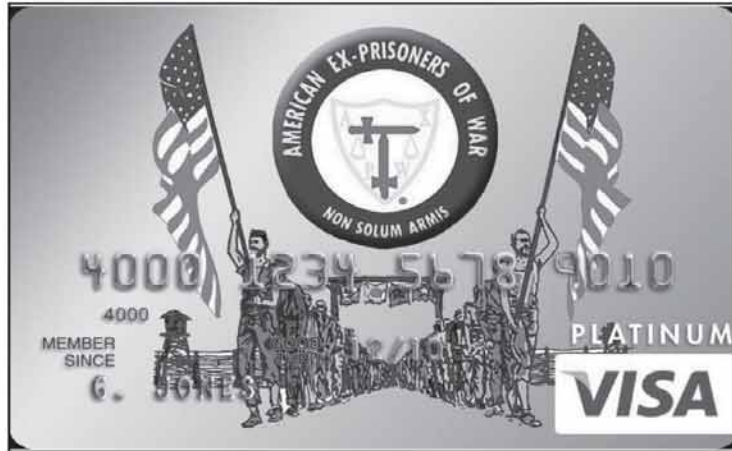
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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total: \$**

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