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The Ride Home

“The Ride Home” is held in Andersonville, Ga., every September in conjunction with National POW/MIA Recognition Day. This year the event was held on Friday, Sept 21, 2007. The Ride Home was a joint effort among volunteers from six Florida chapters and two Georgia chapters of Rolling Thunder Inc.

The “Ride” is part of a series of events over several days conducted under the auspices of the National Parks Service (NPS). Events include a candlelight ceremony, keynote addresses by former POWs, tribute dinners, and a recognition and rededication ceremony at the Andersonville National Historic Site.

Most of the POWs honored were from Florida and Georgia, but a few were there from as far away as Mississippi.



national commander



Warren G. King, Sr.

My Fellow POWs,

Our early March midyear will be held in the Washington, D. C. area as we will once again be working for the final two presumptives: osteoporosis and diabetes II. Osteoporosis is in the new bill before Congress, but we will be doing our best to get Diabetes II added to the list. Our Washington office has compiled some excellent information to support our request. I will be testifying before the Joint Senate and House Veterans Affairs Committees, and I will be supported by the Board. These are the last two presumptive conditions, and we are going all out to get them.

This issue of the Bulletin will not include any information about our midyear meeting. However, I plan to send a letter to every Board member so the information can be transmitted to you, the members. I've noticed that many emails have been going to and fro; some of them include good information, some need some truth serum. I'll be discussing those as well.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is again seeking former prisoners of war who do not have compensation benefits. If you, or anyone you know, has not been examined for compensation in the past few years and who does not have 100% compensation, please not only tell them about our National Service Officer program, but submit the names and means of

contacting them to Doris Jenks. She has contact information in with her column in every copy of the Bulletin. Doris will send the information to a service officer who will work with the former prisoner of war (or a surviving spouse if the former prisoner of war died of a service connected condition or had 100% for a year before death). We need to live up to our motto.

I want to make one thing very clear. Every organization, and particularly our own AXPOW, must present a unified picture to the world. That "world" includes Congress, other veterans service organizations, and the Department of Veterans Affairs in particular. No one other than the Commander is authorized to speak for the organization. When others, no matter how good their intentions may be, try to represent the organization, the picture we present becomes fractured. We must avoid such situations at all costs. So, if you receive information that seems a bit strange to you, please contact me. I will do my best to get you a true statement.

Recently, a lady wrote to me saying that she had purchased insurance to protect her credit rating. Why? Because she was certain that her personal information including her social security number had been taken from the Arlington, Texas office. I am sure the Auditor, who audited the records in National Headquarters, protected personal information including social security numbers. Yes, our names and addresses are there because that office maintains the membership files and the mailing lists. I regret that false information was sent far and wide. Please accept my apology for not correcting this information earlier.

We members of the American Ex-Prisoners of War are becoming quite aged. All the more reason for us to work as a team. In that spirit, as your Commander, I will be out front. I trust that the entire Board is supporting me in my efforts to correct some mistakes of the past and to work toward a successful future. As we all learned while we were in service, you

salute the insignia, not the person. So, as your Commander, I ask for that type of consideration. We must go on together in a concerted effort to bring our organization back to its original purpose.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Warren G. King, Sr.".

Warren G. King, Sr.
National Commander

**From National Treasurer
Sonnie Bill Mottern.**

Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations — Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt organizations that were previously not required to file returns may be required to file an annual electronic notice. Small tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less may be required to electronically submit Form 990-N, also known as the e-Postcard. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 added this filing requirement to ensure that the IRS and potential donors have current information about your organization.

Due Date of the e-Postcard. The first e-Postcards are due in 2008 for tax years ending on or after December 31, 2007. The e-Postcard is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your tax year. For example, if your tax year ended on December 31, 2007, the e-Postcard is due May 15, 2008.

You cannot file the e-Postcard until after your tax year ends.

Please contact Sonnie Bill if you have any questions.

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Happy Birthday, AXPOW!

On April 9, 1942

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

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



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A bequest is your living legacy...

Within the last couple of months, AXPOW has been the grateful recipient of two very substantial bequests. We are deeply appreciative. These special gifts came from members who believe their support for our organization will help ensure we continue to exist in the future.



To leave a bequest is to make a permanent statement of your values. It is by this act that the world will remember you, what you cared about and for what you stood.

To the families of Ruby & Edward Lanich and Wilbur Mauger
 A heartfelt thank you!



Update: FEB. Bulletin "Looking for" carried a request for information from those who knew Lt. Cmdr. S.E.L. Stening, Ian has changed his email address to pfennigs1@bigpond.com.

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Public Law 110-181 H.R. 1585: National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 Subsection G, Section 675

Amends the Spence Act to increase amounts of back pay for members of the Navy and Marine Corps selected for promotion while interned as prisoners of war during WWII, to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. It requires the recalculation of previous payments.

The Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act directed the Department of the Navy to pay back-pay to persons interned during World War II who were selected for promotion but not available to accept the promotion. The bill authorizes payment to the former member or the surviving spouse of the deceased former member.

The original law specifically stated that back-pay would be determined using the amount the member would have been paid. This calculation was at the World War II pay rates and was **not** adjusted for inflation.

Several important aspects of this law are: Only the service member or surviving spouse is entitled to the back-pay. If the former member or surviving spouse are no longer living, no claim will be paid.

Only Navy and Marine Corps POW's during World War II, December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946, are

eligible. Navy POW applications should be sent to:
**Navy Personnel Command, 5720
Integrity Drive, PERS-62W,
Millington, TN 38055-6210**

Marine POWs should send their application to:
**Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps,
2 Navy Annex, RFL-F7, Wash-
ington, DC 20380-1775**

Provide what information you have available from your personal files. Do **not** request information from the National Personnel Records Center to complete your application. These will only delay processing your application since it could impact the availability of your personnel record when the Navy tries to locate it for verification.

On Feb. 10, 2008, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake named Shoshana N. Johnson, of El Paso, TX, an African American and Hispanic (born in Panama), to his Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans.

Johnson, a retired Army specialist from the Persian Gulf War in Iraq, mother of a young daughter and cook, and a daughter of a career Army soldier, was the first black female POW in American history when the 407th Maintenance Co. was attacked and several members captured in 2003.

She now speaks nationwide on her experiences. Chartered in 1995, the DVA's Advisory Comm. on Minority Affairs is one of several such committees who advise the Secretary on special constituencies, another one of which is the Former POW Committee.

Economic Stimulus Package

On Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008, Congress passed a slightly modified economic stimulus package from the House-passed package. The final measure included several additional elements supported by both Democratic and Republican Senators — expansion of tax rebates to low-income seniors and disabled veterans or their survivors and language to ensure illegal immigrants don't get the rebates. The Senate voted, 91-6, to add those provisions to the House-passed bill. The House subsequently cleared the modified measure for the president by a 380-34 vote; President Bush said he would support the modified measure.

Important note: YOU MUST FILE A 2007 INCOME TAX RETURN IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A CHECK!! If your only income is your POW Disability and Social Security or DIC and Social Security, you can receive \$300.00, but you must file!

We still need your support for our Bills!

HR1197: Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2007 (Introduced in House).
S848: Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2007 (Introduced in Senate).

HR156: To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who died on or before September 30, 1999, under the same eligibility conditions as apply to payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who die after that date.

VA Outreach S*O*O*N Before it's too late



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OUTREACH DISCOVERY Chapters: Down with Waste!

In the process of Outreach across the country, our National Service Officers are making contact with many widows who have never had their Dependency and Indemnity Compensation from the VA. Often, if they had their widow's benefit, they did not understand what ChampVA for Life, the free medicare supplement, could mean for them.

But! In making these calls, we are getting a lot of messages like, "The number you have called is no longer in service." Such response leaves us with a mystery. Did this POW widow move to a nursing home? Did she move to live with a son or daughter? Did she die? It's frustrating. She may be alive and in need, but unreachable.

Recently, when I called a widow in Walsenburg, Colorado, I talked with the man who answered the phone, and told him who I was and that I was calling Mrs. R. to see if she had her widow's benefit. He said, "I'm sorry to tell you we lost Mom a year ago". There is a problem in this for AXPOW!

I'm sure any life member of American Ex-Prisoners of War, like this lady in Walsenburg, when she dies, her EX-POW Bulletin continues to be sent to her...unless someone lets our AXPOW Headquarters office know she has died, so her life membership concludes. The magazine continues to arrive, and is most likely thrown away, wasted.

The big issue for AXPOW is WASTE, financial waste. Our EX-POW Bulletin costs money to send to each of us. And in our budget situation we cannot afford unnecessary expense. So here is a challenge to every AXPOW Chapter and individual member.

If you know of an AXPOW member who has died, please let our AXPOW Headquarters in Arlington, Texas know. Such deceased members will then be deleted from the official roll, and the EX-POW Bulletin will no longer be sent to them. We cannot continue to waste our budget on an inflated membership roll, with such ensuing expense. Of course, this applies also to deceased former POWs who are life members, but whose deaths go unreported.

January 2008 EX-POW Bulletin TAPS column: Calls, to make sure widows have VA widow's benefit are in process now by these NSOs:

MI, Ed Kazmierczak & Robert Fletcher; CA, James Avjian; MS, Nancy Mullins; AR, Mary Rolen; IA, Betty Grinstead; MA, Cheryl Cerrbone & Kay Arnold; MO, Marion Rippee; VA, Les Jackson & Mary Rolen; FL, Janet Van Duzer & Rose Mary Merideth; PA, Frank Kravetz & Don Lewis; NC, Paul Dallas; WA, Rudy Collins; NY/CT, Melanie Bussel; IL, Mariane Roenna; NV, Alan Dunbar; OH, Maynard "Doc" Unger; AX, Louise Dunham; TN, Charles Heffron; WI, Walter Peterson; IN, Guy Stephens; OK, Ben Garrido; NE/KS/NH/TX/NM, Fred Campbell.

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Doing Outreach is a tedious task, with lots of phoning without any result, such as numbers no longer in service, hearing/speaking/understanding difficulties with some, and often suspicions generated because of scam calls often received. But it's all worthwhile when a widow calls: "I got a letter from the VA saying I got my widow's benefit". Like today, when I talked with Mrs. B in Kansas City, KS, widow since December, 2005. She had not known she was eligible since her husband died of heart problems. "Thank you so much for what you did. I told my son it's like being in heaven, with that additional \$1,091 a month".

And Mrs. N in Smalltown Kansas: "That first check of over \$13,000 is a godsend. We needed a new furnace and it will take care of that and then some. That you so much!"

And this makes Outreach worthwhile, and a joy to make it real.

We Exist to Help Those Who Cannot Help Themselves!

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Oh my, another year has come and gone. What did you do to better the life of a hospitalized veteran? Or home bound veterans' family? Hopefully, we can all say we did something worthwhile.

There is still a never-ending job to do good towards our fellow man. Let this year of 2008 be one we can say "well done thou good and faithful servant".

Here are some up-coming events. If they are in your area, see what you can do.

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2008 Events

March 30-April 4: National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, Snowmass Village, Aspen, CO.

July 25-29: National Veterans Wheelchair Games, Omaha, NE

Aug 20-24: National Veterans Golden Age Games, Indianapolis, IN

Oct 20-26: National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, Loma Linda, CA

Each one of these events needs hundreds of volunteers as well as monetary donations. See what you can do to help make them successful. This past year, we have lost so many of our dear patriots and ladies. They have gone on to a greater reward. We need to pick up where they left off and continue to do what our slogan says "to help those who cannot help themselves."

Our hours are continually dwindling, but we are holding our own per VA standards. Keep up the good work. Stay well, wash your hands and be happy.

To our commander, I thank you for reappointing me to another term as your VAVS Director.

The VAVS National Advisory Meeting will be in Orlando, FL at the Rosen Center Hotel, April 9-12, 2008. It is located at 9840 International Drive. I will be attending, representing our organization. Would love to see some of our members in attendance. It is a great learning meeting.

To those who are grieving over the loss of a loved one, may you have peace and comfort.

Til next time,
Jean Thiede, VAVS Director

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Home Health Care:

There is a VA program that does exist, (Home Health Program) which can assist with bathing, dressing (activities of daily living) if the veteran is unable to do on his/her own and the caregiver is not able to assist. This is a program for veterans who without this assistance would need to consider institutional care, e.g. nursing home placement.

An aide will come in for a bath visit several days a week, depending on the need. Any veteran is eligible for the program if they meet the level of care. Homemaker services might be ordered if there is no caregiver or the caregiver is unable to assist with the instrumental activities of daily living, such as meal preparation, light housekeeping. To get enrolled, you would speak with the social worker assigned to the veteran's primary care team for the assessment and application.

There is also a respite program, if eligibility criteria are met. This allows for 30 days in a year of respite care which might include an admission to our NHCU for 13 days (24 hour care) or in-home respite for a block of 6 hours in a day for 30 days (usually set-up for every other week) or a combination of both totalling 30 days in a year.

So, if anyone caring for a veteran

needs help, please contact a social worker for assessment and an application.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS:

ACCREDITATION OF SERVICE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES:

The Department of Veterans Affairs is amending its regulations governing the accreditation of representatives of claimants for veterans' benefits. As amended, the regulations require service organizations to recertify the qualifications of their accredited representatives every 5 years and to notify VA when requesting cancellation of a representative's accreditation based upon misconduct or lack of competence, or if a representative resigns to avoid cancellation of accreditation for misconduct or lack of competence.

The VA is establishing a phased series of initial compliance dates based on the first letter of representatives last names. The initial compliance date for service organization representatives accredited more than 5 years before the effective date of this rule is April 9, 2008 for representatives with last names beginning with letters A through F; July 8, 2008 for representatives with last names beginning with letters G through M; October 6, 2008 for representatives with last names beginning with letters N through S; and January 5, 2009 for representatives with last names beginning with letters T through Z.

It is my understanding in speaking to an employee at the General Counsel, active service officers who wish to continue their accreditation need only to submit Form 21. This form can be signed by the National Service Officer Director. So if it is more than 5 years since you were accredited, please notify me at BEFORE the mentioned dates above and I will do so.

Packet #5 (What Every POW's Wife Should Know Before She is Your Widow) has been updated again, with much time and effort on the part of Marlene Agnes, to include the most recent laws and benefits published. The packet may be purchased from National Headquarters. Cost of the updated packet is \$15.00~includes S/H.

Aging and Your Eyes

Are you holding the newspaper farther away from your eyes than you used to? Join the crowd—age can bring changes that affect your eyesight. Some changes are more serious than others, but no matter what the problem, there are things you can do to protect your vision. The key is to have regular eye exams so you can find problems early.

Five Steps to Protect Your Eyesight

Have your eyes checked every 1 or 2 years by an eye care professional. This can be an ophthalmologist or optometrist. He or she should put drops in your eyes to enlarge (dilate) your pupils. This is the only way to find some eye diseases, such as diabetic retinopathy, that have no early signs or symptoms. If you wear glasses, they should be checked too.

Find out if you are at high risk for eye disease. Are you over age 65? Are you African-American and over age 40? Do you or people in your family have diabetes or eye disease? If so, you need to have a dilated eye exam.

Have regular physical exams to check for diseases like diabetes and high blood pressure. These diseases can cause eye problems if not treated.

See an eye care professional right away if you suddenly cannot see or everything looks dim or if you see flashes of light. Also see an eye care professional if you have eye pain, fluid coming from the eye, double vision, redness, or swelling of your eye or eyelid.

Wear sunglasses that block ultraviolet (UV) radiation and a hat with a wide brim when outside. This will protect your eyes from too much sunlight, which can raise your risk of getting cataracts.

Eye Problems

Some eye problems do not threaten your eyesight. Others are more serious diseases and can lead to blindness.

Common Eye Problems

The following common eye complaints can be treated easily. Sometimes they can be signs of more serious problems.

Presbyopia (prez-bee-OH-pee-uh) is a slow loss of ability to see close objects or small print. It is a normal process that happens as you get older. Holding the newspaper at arm's length is a sign of presbyopia. You might also get headaches or tired eyes when you read or do other close work. Reading glasses usually fix the problem.

Floaters are tiny specks or "cobwebs" that seem to float across your eyes. You might notice them in well-lit rooms or outdoors on a bright day. Floaters can be a normal part of aging. Sometimes they are a sign of a more serious eye problem such as retinal detachment. If you see many new floaters and/or flashes of light **see your eye care professional right away**. This is considered a medical emergency.

Tearing (or having too many tears) can come from being sensitive to light, wind, or temperature changes. Protecting your eyes, by wearing sunglasses for example, may solve the problem. Sometimes,

tearing may mean a more serious eye problem, such as an infection or a blocked tear duct. Your eye care professional can treat both of these conditions.

Eyelid problems can come from different diseases or conditions. Common eyelid problems include red and swollen eyelids, itching, tearing, being sensitive to light, and crusting of eyelashes during sleep. This condition is called blepharitis (ble-fa-RI-tis) and may be treated with warm compresses. Other less common eyelid problems, such as swelling or growths, can be treated with medicine or surgery.

Eye Diseases and Disorders

The following eye problems can lead to vision loss and blindness. Often they have few or no symptoms. Having regular eye exams is the best way to protect yourself. If your eye care professional finds a problem early there are things you can do to keep your eyesight.

Cataracts are cloudy areas in the eye's lens causing loss of eyesight. Cataracts often form slowly without any symptoms. Some stay small and don't change eyesight very much. Others may become large or dense and harm vision. Cataract surgery can help. Your eye care professional can watch for changes in your cataract over time to see if you need surgery. Cataract surgery is very safe. It is one of the most common surgeries done in the United States.

Corneal diseases and conditions can cause redness, watery eyes,

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pain, lower vision, or a halo effect. The cornea is the clear, dome-shaped “window” at the front of the eye. Disease, infection, injury, and other things can hurt the cornea. Some corneal conditions are more common in older people. Treatments for corneal problems can be simple. You may just need to change your eyeglass prescription and use eye drops. In severe cases, corneal transplantation is the treatment. It generally works well and is safe.

Dry eye happens when tear glands don't work well. You may feel itching, burning, or have some vision loss. Dry eye is more common as people get older, especially among women. Your eye care professional may tell you to use a home humidifier, or special eye drops (artificial tears), or ointments to treat dry eye. In serious cases special contact lenses or surgery may help.

Glaucoma comes from too much fluid pressure inside the eye. Over time, the pressure can hurt the optic nerve. This leads to vision loss and blindness. Most people with glaucoma have no early symptoms or pain from the extra pressure. You can protect yourself by having regular eye exams through dilated pupils. Treatment may be prescription eye drops, medicines that you take by mouth, laser treatment, or surgery.

Retinal disorders are a leading cause of blindness in the United States. The retina is a thin tissue that lines the back of the eye and sends light signals to the brain. Retinal disorders that affect aging eyes include:

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD). AMD affects the part of the retina (the macula) that gives you sharp central vision. Over time, AMD can ruin the sharp vision

needed to see objects clearly and to do common tasks like driving and reading. In some cases, AMD can be treated with lasers. Photodynamic therapy uses a drug and strong light to slow the progress of AMD. Another treatment uses injections. Ask your eye care professional if you have signs of AMD. Also ask if you should be taking special dietary supplements that may lower your chances of its getting worse.

Diabetic retinopathy. This is a problem that may appear if you have diabetes. It happens when small blood vessels stop feeding the retina as they should. It develops slowly and there are no early warning signs. Laser surgery and a treatment called vitrectomy can help. Studies show that keeping blood sugar under control can prevent diabetic retinopathy or slow its progress. If you have diabetes be sure to have an eye exam through dilated pupils at least once a year.

Retinal detachment. This is when the retina separates from the back of the eye. When this happens, you may see more floaters or light flashes in your eye, either all at once or over time. Or it may seem as though there is a curtain in front of your eyes. If you have any of these symptoms, see your eye care professional at once. **This is a medical emergency.** With surgery or laser treatment, doctors often can bring back all or part of your eyesight.

Low Vision

Low vision affects some people as they age. Low vision means you cannot fix your eyesight with glasses, contact lenses, medicine, or surgery. It can get in the way of your normal daily routine. You may have low vision if you:

- *have trouble seeing well enough to do everyday tasks like reading, cooking, or sewing;
- *can't recognize the faces of friends or family;
- *have trouble reading street signs; or

- *find that lights don't seem as bright as usual.

If you have any of these problems, ask your eye care professional to test you for low vision. There are special tools and aids to help people with low vision read, write, and manage daily living tasks. Lighting can be changed to suit your needs. You also can try large-print reading materials, magnifying aids, closed-circuit televisions, audio tapes, electronic reading machines, and computers that use large print and speech.

Other simple changes also may help:

- *Write with bold, black felt-tip markers.

- *Use paper with bold lines to help you write in a straight line.

- *Put colored tape on the edge of your steps to help you keep from falling.

- *Install dark-colored light switches and electrical outlets that you can see easily against light-colored walls.

- *Use motion lights that turn on by themselves when you enter a room. These may help you avoid accidents caused by poor lighting.

- *Use telephones, clocks, and watches with large numbers; put large-print labels on the microwave and stove.

For More Information National Eye Institute (NEI)

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Andersonville Trust Receives Major Gift

The Andersonville Trust received its largest single gift in a bequest from the Estate of the late Rudy Lanich in 2007. The donation of over \$500,000 was given by Mrs. Lanich as a part of her will in memory of her spouse. Her husband, Edward R. Lanich was an Air Force veteran and former prisoner of war in World War II. Established in 1996, the Andersonville Trust is an endowment fund that was established by the Friends of Andersonville to provide financial support to the Historic Site.



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Edward Lanich entered military service in March of 1943 and participated in the Normandy Campaign and the Northern France Campaign. Beginning in June of 1944, Mr. Lanich served in the 8th Air Force 1st Bomb Division, 40th Combat Bombardment Wing, 306th Bomb Group, Squadron 368 as a flight engineer on a B-17. While flying his 17th mission, his plane was shot down near Stuttgart on September 11, 1944. The entire B-17's crew successfully bailed out but all were eventually captured by the Germans. After being interrogated in a Stuttgart jail, Mr. Lanich was transported in a closed rail car to Stalag Luft III. In January of 1945, Stalag Luft III was evacuated and the POWs began an 86-day force march. He credited his survival to skills learned as a boy growing up on a farm in Wisconsin. Mr. Lanich was finally freed on April 28, 1945. All of Mr. Lanich's B-17 crew survived their POW ordeals and continued to stay in touch over the years. Master Sergeant Lanich served 23 years in the Air Force and retired in 1967.

Edward and Rudy made their home in Colorado. After Edward's death, Ruby earned her pilots license and was active in Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). She earned her bachelors degree from the University of Northern Colorado and her masters degree from the University of Wisconsin. She taught accounting at the college level. She made a trip to Andersonville in 2004 and met with the Park's Curator, Kandace Muller. She donated a German issued knife, fork and spoon to the park's museum collection along with other documents that told Edward's story as a prisoner of the Third Reich.

"This gift to the Andersonville Trust marks an important milestone that will result in vital long term support of the park." Stated Mark Stibitz, President of the Friends of Andersonville, "Master Sergeant and Mrs. Lanich's legacy



gift will ensure that visitor services and resource protection at Andersonville will continue long into the future."

"Not only are we grateful to MSG Lanich for his many years of patriotic service but also to his wife Mrs. Lanich for her benevolence in remembering her husband in this way," remarked Fred Boyles, Superintendent.

The Andersonville Trust endowment was established to provide support to projects at Andersonville National Historic Site and the National Prisoner of War Museum. In the 12 years the Trust has been in existence over \$269,000 has been given as grants to the park for the purchase of land, promotional efforts, production of a film, development of exhibits, resource protection projects and to support special events. Oversight of the Andersonville Trust is charged to seven Trustees. An endowment fund, the corpus of the fund is invested and yearly earnings are granted to the park for projects. With the donation from the Lanich Estate, the corpus of the Trust is now above \$1.5 million.

Caption 1 - Edward Lanich is pictured here on the bottom row on the far right with his B-17 flight crew.

Caption 2 - The knife, fork and spoon issued to Edward Lanich as a POW was donated to the National Prisoner of War Museum in 2004 by his wife Ruby.



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John McCain, Former POW Has His Time Come?

On October 26, 1967 John McCain's A-4 Skyhawk was blasted from the skies over Hanoi by a combination of intense AAA fire and surface-to-air missiles (SAM). The crippled jet dove toward the earth at nearly supersonic speeds and McCain barely managed to eject before the plane crashed. In the high speed ejection, McCain was severely injured, having broken both arms and his right leg. His strength in coping through his recuperation was inspiring to many of us fellow POWs. The Communist Vietnamese would have let him die had not one of their brighter bulbs surmised that John Sidney McCain III might some relation to Admiral John Sidney McCain, Jr., who had just been ordered to the position of CINCPAC.

That position in WWII had been filled by Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz - he was the biggest cheese in the Pacific. Admiral McCain was in command of all forces in the Pacific - including the prosecution of the War in Vietnam. The intelligence officer who put that together was rewarded, I feel certain, with whatever material rewards the economic basket case could muster.

He had discovered, they thought, the keeper of the keys to the throne.

John McCain was always a tough, nearly fearless guy. His classmates from the Naval Academy tell tales of his legendary exploits skirting the regulations. He was known for pushing the envelope of what was considered "career-enhancing" behavior in the Navy.

He came out of Hanoi much more introspective than he went in as an admittedly slightly wild Navy tailhooker. After recovering from his massive wounds suffered five years before, he passed a flight physical and re-learned to fly. He commanded the largest aircraft squadron in the Navy and performed well. Captain John McCain's final tour was running the Navy's Liaison Office in the U.S. Senate where he made many friends among the legislators and congressional staffs. And whetted a latent appetite.

Always a popular, fun guy, John could be found at any time at the center of a circle of Laughing, happy people! He always emceed the Nam-POW reunions until his political responsibilities made it impossible. He also tuned down his zany humor since it was often mistaken for animosity in the political world.

That he'd end up in politics seems, in retrospect, inevitable. Gregarious and very fond of people, he is a natural politician. A feisty scrapper he has always had strong feelings and was never shy about letting people know where he stood

on any issue. He learned lessons in responsibility at home growing up in a Navy family and the Naval Academy. His employees are incredibly loyal and we outside observers suspect it's because he takes care of those around him - be they sailors, legislators, family or constituents. His reputation as one of the most principled public servant is unsurpassed. He is honest to a fault and his refusal to pander has tightened up several elections.

While there are individuals who don't care for his brand of politics, he has some of the highest "positives" of any national politician and remains, after 24 years in Arizona politics, one of the most popular politicians in the state. And his defense of liberty and freedom is with few peers. As readers of this Bulletin know well, there's nothing to make one appreciate freedom like loss of it.

Regardless of how one feels about John McCain personally, it should be a matter of pride that one of us has come so far in a quest for the highest office in politics. I feel certain that the entire AXPOW community will be watching the election with considerable more interest this year than in any in recent memory.

I wish my friend and fellow A-4 pilot and Vietnam POW all the best as he seeks his rendezvous with destiny. May he always have tailwinds and an abundance of fuel.

*L-R: Gary Bauer,
Paul Galanti, emcee-
former Gov. George Allen,
Senator John Warner,
the ex-POW Candidate, himself.
Background Galanti's A-4C
replica.*



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AMERICANS ANNOUNCED AS ACCOUNTED FOR

There are still 1,763 US personnel listed by the Department of Defense as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

The most recent identifications brought to 820 the number of US personnel returned since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. 90+% of the 1,763 still missing and unaccounted-for were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Laos and Cambodia under Vietnam's wartime control.

REAR ADMIRAL DONNA CRISP, USN, NOW JPAC COMMANDER

The Commander of the US Pacific Command, Admiral Timothy

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Keating, officiated at the Change of Command ceremony on January 4th. BG Michael Flowers, USA, turned over command of JPAC to the first US Navy Officer and first female officer to command JPAC, RADM Donna Crisp, USN. She returns to Hawaii from the Pentagon, having spent the last three+ years as the Director for Manpower and Personnel, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

A native of Bay Shore, NY, RADM Crisp was raised in Redlands, CA, and graduated from California State University at Long Beach in 1971 and was commissioned at the Naval Officers Training School, Newport, RI, in 1974. She is a Master Training Specialist and Secretary of Defense Reengineering Excellency award recipient with decorations including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, with three gold stars, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and various other unit and service medals.

SAILOR MISSING FROM WWII IS IDENTIFIED

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing from World War II, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is Seaman 1st Class General P. Douglas, U.S. Navy, of Newcomb, TN.

On July 6, 1943, the light cruiser USS Helena was struck by torpedoes fired by Japanese destroyers off the coast of Kolombangara Island, Solomon Islands, in what would become known as the Battle of the Kula Gulf. More than 700 servicemen were rescued, but Douglas was one of more than 150 servicemen who were missing as the ship sunk.

In June 2006, a resident of Ranongga Island, Solomon Islands, notified U.S. officials that he exhumed human remains and Douglas' dog tag that he found eroding out of the ground near a trail by his village. The officials contacted the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) who subsequently traveled to Ranongga Island to examine the burial location where they verified that no additional remains were present.

SOLDIER MISSING FROM KOREAN WAR IS IDENTIFIED

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing from the Korean War, have been identified and returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is Pfc. Billy M. MacLeod, U.S. Army, of Cheboygan, MI.

MacLeod was a member of Company B, 32nd Infantry Regiment, then making up part of the 31st Regimental Combat Team, 7th Infantry Division, operating along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. From Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 1950, the Chinese People's Volunteer Forces overran the U.S. positions, forcing their southward withdrawal. Regimental records compiled after the battle indicate that MacLeod was killed in action on Nov. 28, 1950.

Between 2002 and 2005, three joint U.S.-Democratic People's Republic of Korea teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), excavated an area with two mass graves on the eastern shore of the Chosin Reservoir. They were believed to be burial sites of U.S. soldiers from the 31st RCT. The teams found human remains and other material evidence. Analysis of the remains subsequently led to the identifications of eight individuals, including MacLeod.

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Food - Glorious Food

Triumphantly, the extraordinarily emaciated man in tattered and well-patched shorts, cinched with a rope, waved a slim notebook in the air as he called our names.

“Look here, look here,” he croaked in feeble excitement, “I have the most wonderful recipe just copied from a good friend, an excellent source. He assured me this was the very best of recipes. Guess what? This will surely be my first meal when I get back to the states!”

We watched as our old pre-war friend, a CEO of a large U.S. conglomerate, stepped into our creaky shanty in the Santo Tomas Internment Camp in Manila, Philippines, to share his unique find with our family. The year was 1944 and at this stage of our confinement, hunger and malnutrition were constant companions.

“George” was not his real name, but I shall call him George. George bent low to our ears as if he were telling us a great secret, his usually blank vacant stare, now showing a bit of glimmer as he whispered, “I can’t let you read it,” but I shall read it to you.” And so began the litany of ingredients, conjured up by man in a state of mental and physical limbo caused by degradation and hunger.

Salivating, George continued, “Get the biggest turkey you can find. Be sure it is a fat one. Lay it in a big roasting pan and stuff it with lots

of sausage, and maple syrup, pancake batter and oatmeal. In a large bowl mix one bottle of ketchup, one bottle of mustard, one jar of peanut butter, and one bowl of melted chocolate and maraschino cherries. Take big handfuls, and rub it all over the turkey, and roast the bird. Then cook lots of rice and mashed potatoes and mix them together. Serve it all with big, fat, juicy dill pickles. Oh, boy! Can you just taste it all now?”

George sat back on a stool with the satisfaction of a man who just ate the whole dinner himself. He smiled and looked at us for approval.

In prison camp scene, George was not unique. Many men, women and children, yes, children who never set foot in their own kitchens, sought out pieces of paper and half used note books to feverishly write down memories that centered on food. Food in any form was described in delectable meals, from minds tainted and bruised by long captivity and lack of basic nourishment.

This obsession with food was directly attributable to the fact these internees were no longer sustained by the camp chow line, which included lugao (soupy rice gruel), scraps from the camp gardens or items from individual plantings.

The imaginary food phenomenon spread like wildfire throughout the camp. For some unexplainable reason or from that mysterious commiseration of souls lost in anguish, the emptiness of slow starvation was momentarily relieved and, in some cases, the building hunger was ameliorated to some extent. I can personally attest to that.

When it grew dark in the shanty, my family would get into our mosquito nets and settled down for the night. The best part of the day was yet to come. I could hardly wait. We would take turns telling each

other what our first meal would be when we got back to the United States. Our imaginary dinner would begin with my mother and father very wisely ordering whiskey-sodas. While they savored their cocktails, I would state my choice, “Mmmm, let’s see, I think I will have a very big glass of ice cold milk. Then I will have those wonderful roasted lamb chops that our cook used to make with piles of creamy mashed potatoes and tomatoes, followed by mango ice cream on chocolate cake.”

My younger sister and brother, too young to remember any of this sort of food, would pipe up, “Me Too!” Then they would add, “What is a lamb chop? What is ice cream?” After this experience, for some odd reason, I would feel satisfied enough to fall asleep, sometimes.

If you see yourself in this story and you are beginning to feel strangely odd for past food longings in a Japanese concentration camp, stop right there. Don’t even give it another thought. You were as normal as could be in the environment at the time. Now, “Sleep tight and don’t let the bedbugs bite!” Oh, before you hit the hay, please pass me one of those drum sticks with that yummy ketchup, mustard, peanut butter, and chocolate glaze.

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events and information



April 2-10, 2008. The POW-MIA week in Hawaii will be held at the Hale Koa Hotel; phone number is 1-800-367-6027. April 9 is POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony at the Punchbowl starting at 10AM,. For more info please contact Shorty Estabrook, 16514 Clydesdale Run, Selma TX 78154; marites@satx.rr.com.

April 9-10, 2008. The Department of Missouri Convention will be held at the Inn at Grand Glaize Osage Beach, MO. Reservations: 800-348-4731. For information, contact Cmdr. Eugene Wopata, 816-252-3227 or Adj/Treasurer Delta Endecott, 816-657-4422.

April 16, 2008. The Department of Oregon will hold its annual convention at the Phoenix Inn Suites, 1590 Weston Court, NE, Salem, OR 97301. For more information, contact: Rojean Niemeyer at 503-777-1044.

May 3, 2008. Annual POW Luncheon will be held at Barksdale Air Force Base, LA. For reservations or more information call Colonel Steve dePyssler, 866-544-2412 or RAO@Barksdale.AF.mil or 318-456-5976 or FAX 318-456-3520.

May 13-15, 2008. The Department of Minnesota will hold its annual convention at the Best Western Kelly Inn, St. Cloud, MN. 320-253-0606. Please mention AXPOW when you make your reservation. For more information, contact Gladys Byrnes, 5688 Brent Ave., #322, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077.

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May 23-25, 2008. The Annual Georgia State Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn, Perry, GA. For further information, contact Commander Bobbie Jean McIntyre at 229 423-4984 or Ray Reiersen at 912 925-7073.

June 11-14, 2008. The Dept. of New York Convention will be held in Ellenville, NY. Trips to Monticello Race Track & Casino. Kathy Crosby to sing! For more information, contact: Wm. Lee Birch, 1990 Bethel Loop, #10H, Brooklyn, NY 11239; 718-642-7647.

June 13-14, 2008. The Department of West Virginia will hold its annual convention at the Holiday Inn, Bridgeport, WV. For information, contact Okla & Arlene Edgell, 212 Maplewood Dr., Fairmont, WV 26554; 304-363-5790.

June 19-21, 2008. The Department of North Carolina will hold its annual convention at the Hilton Charlotte University Place, 8629 J M Keynes Drive, Charlotte, NC 28262. Room rate \$79.00 for single or double. For reservations call 1-800-445-8667 or 1-704-547-7444. For information contact Doris C. Dallas 916 Bingham Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304 or call 1-910-867-2775.

July 27-Aug. 3, 2008. The Tiger Survivors Annual Reunion will be held at the Double Tree, 7801 East Orchard Road, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111. The TIGER CHOP CHOP will be at 5:30 PM on August 1, 2008 at the host hotel. Cost is \$38.00 per adult, \$19.00 under 12, payable in advance to Shorty ESTABROOK. DON'T FORGET AN ITEM FOR THE FREE RAFFLE. For more information, email Shorty at: marites@satx.rr.com.

Aug. 24-26, 2008. The 45th and final Reunion of Survivors of Bataan-Corregidor and other Former Prisoners of War will be

held in Pigeon Forge, TN. POWs, children, widows, guests are all welcome. For reservations call 1-800-282-2121. For more information, contact: Wayne Carringer 828-479-6205.

Sept. 24-28, 2008. The Korean War Veterans Association will hold its annual reunion at the Embers Hotel, Carlisle, PA. All Korean War Veterans Welcome! Please contact: Charles Egresitz, 717-652-4088 or 717-497-6971; apebble@aol.com for more information.

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We're looking for information about **Lt. Rev. Joseph Verbis Lafleur**. He was a prisoner of the Japanese, risking his own life to rescue or see to the needs of others. He was last seen aboard a sinking Hell Ship, persuading his men to leave the hold of the vessel before he did. We want to hear from anyone who may have known him or has information of exactly how he died. Please contact Mr. & Mrs. Pete Eveler, 13600 N. Loop Dr., Clint, TX 79836.

I am looking for any information on **John C Cure**, DOB 8/14/24. He was a paratrooper captured at Normandy after a jump and being caught in a tree. He has resided in Galena, KS all of his life. His home burned with all of his pictures and military records lost at that time. We have a local TV station that honors all servicemen and we want to nominate him for recognition for his services to his country; however we need a military picture and some type of documentation. Is it possible anyone might have that information? He is a patient of ours and, like so many, has so little and we want to give him recognition. Thank you, Judy A. Langevin, Cardiovascular Medicine, Stonebrook

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I am trying to locate any EX-POWs who may have met or known my cousin, **Capt. Wallace N. Emmer, USAAF**. He was from St. Louis, MO. He was a P-51-D pilot who was shot down on 9 Aug 1944 over France. He took off from ALS #A-2 near Cricqueville, France and was shot down by anti-aircraft fire over France. He was Sqdn Ops Officer and acting CO of the 353rd FS, of the 354th FG, 9th AF. Bud, or Wally (as he was also known), was badly burned in the explosion of his a/c but parachuted safely to the ground and was captured. Bud died on Feb. 15, 1945 from a heart attack as he was being repatriated in a prisoner swap. The letter with details of his death was sent to my aunt & uncle by the Sr. Allied POW, Col. Charles W. Stark. The camp may have been Dulag Luft Wetzlar, Stalag Luft 12A or 9B. If anyone knew him, please contact me: Tripp Alyn, P.O. Box 994, Newport, RI 02840 or aaatripp@cox.net.

Miditech Pvt. Ltd. is one of India's leading independent television software companies. We create cross-genre content for broadcasters like BBC, National Geographic Channel International, Discovery, Turner, Disney, SONY India etc. Currently, we're in the initial stages of developing a documentary series for an international audience on 'Prisoners of War'. The film will trace the lives of 5 POWs across the world. Through the real life accounts of Ex POWs the film attempts to bring to light the physical, mental and psychological traumas and disillusionments that these citizens go through when in captivity. In this regard we are seeking to **contact Ex POWs from the United States** who will be willing to share their stories with us and the rest of the world. Thanks & Regards, Dipti Chadha, Assistant

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Greetings from the Isle of Wight, United Kingdom. I am trying to trace my grandfather's great-nephew, the grandson of one of his brothers. Francis Harvey Tripp enlisted at Fort Dix c.1940 and was captured in North Africa in 1942 and released in 1945. His rank was Lt., U.S. Army. I am trying to find the address to which he was discharged following his return to the U.S. in 1945 and, if possible, information of his subsequent life, including marriage and children. He was born in 1917. My address is: D. Penberthy, 'Heathbank', Barrack Shute, Niton, Isle of Wight. PO38 2BE U.K. Any information will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged in the family history I am writing.

Howard Hunter was a B17 pilot who was shot down, along with his crew, and taken prisoner in Germany. He was released at the end of the war. Born in Bellport, NY on Long Island, he was my older cousin. Any information about him or his service records would be appreciated. Ed Amos, 2696 Kingdom Ave., Melbourne, FL 32934.

My father, Staff Sgt. **Armie S. Hill**, served in the Army Corps of Engineers (Company D, 19th Engineers) during World War II. He landed in Tunisia during the invasion of North Africa, was captured at the Battle of Kasserine Pass, and was held in POW Camp 98 on Sicily and POW Camp 59 in Servigliano, Italy. He escaped from Camp 59 and traveled cross country to where Allied forces had landed in southern Italy. Following his return to the States he was reassigned to Company A, 325th Engineer Battalion, 100th Infantry Division. He worked in guard detachment 5Dy7 on Pier 90 at the Port of Embarkation in New York City until the end of the war. I would like to hear from anyone who knew my father during the

war, or anyone (or the family members of anyone) who was held in Sicilian POW Camp 98 or Italian POW Camp 59. Please contact me at: Dennis Hill, 4001 E. Morningside Drive, Bloomington, IN 47408; e-mail to hilld@indiana.edu; phone (812) 334-0888.

I'm trying to locate two airman from W.W. II whom I believe were POWs. They are **John C. Monroe and Harold A. Simpson**. They flew with Lt. George Goodwin on "Goodwins Gremlins" out of Italy. I'm hoping they might have some information about my cousin, Ted Davis. Thank you. Jim Davis, 24367-190th Ave. Morning Sun, IA 52640; 319-865-3281.

Melinda Barnhardt Jud, an American currently at work on a volume centered on the diary of a Dutch POW in Japan, 1942-45, is interested in locating American survivors of **Sendai Branch Camp 4B in Ohashi**, as well as those from **Sendai Branch Camp 5B in Kamaishi** who might have known **Wim 'Lindy' Lindeijer**. She can be contacted at 4445 Labrador Court, Amissville, VA 20106, or MelindaBarnhardt@comcast.net.

I am searching for any information regarding **TEC5 Edward J. August**, who was captured with my father, Captain Tad Boyle on 22 Dec 44 near St. Vith, Belgium. They were serving with Combat Command B, 9th Armor under Gen. Hogue. Edward (perhaps nicknamed "Earl") August was my Dad's driver. They were separated on capture and my Dad never saw him again. According to the records I've located TEC5 August was eventually held at Stalag 4B Muhlberg Sachsen 51-13, in East Germany and was liberated by the Russians/repatriated to US. CH (Maj/Ret) Jim Boyle, 4800 Criss Dr., Fayetteville, NC 28303; 910-487-9975; chaplainboyle@earthlink.net.

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The Most Resilient Doughboy Frank Buckles

by Alice A. Booher



Frank Woodruff Buckles was born 1 February 1901 in MO. At 16, the Marines told him he was too young and too skinny, and the Navy told him he was flat-footed, so he lied to the Army recruiter to enter service. Buckles shipped out with 102 men of the 1st Ft. Riley (KS) Casual Detachment to England in 12/1917 on the *HMS CARPATHIA* [some of those onboard had been on the ship when it had picked up survivors of the *HMS TITANIC* on 4/15/1912]. Initially, the unit replaced the 6th Marines, but he then drove motorcycles, cars and ambulances in the Gironde area, St. Andre de Cubzac, Basens, Bordeaux and St. Sulpice, an area of great warehouses and a camp for German POWs. In his oral and written history in the Library of Congress, he recalled after the Armistice was signed, acting as

Army escort taking POWs back to Germany. On one such trip, he was on the train, got out to stretch and missed the coach, so he road in the boxcar with the German POWs, one of whom he would later meet in Brazil. He recalled other stories about guarding the German POWs in France, including one when another soldier was guarding the POWs by himself on a payday, got drunk on local Cognac, and was hauled back into camp by the POWs in a wheelbarrow with another POW following, holding his rifle. His WWI discharge papers as a Corporal were dated 11/13/1919 with payment of \$143.90, including a \$60 bonus. One of his fondest memories was meeting and talking at length with GEN John J. Pershing at a tribute in Oklahoma City in January 1920. Buckles said he was then only 18 and a corporal, but the general asked to speak to him and it turned out he had been born just 43 miles from his home in WV. He de-



scribed Pershing as a wonderful man who “was really tough and did not take any guff”. After WWI, Buckles went to work for the White Star steamship line in the 1930’s and 1940’s, and after stints in Canada and NY was living as a businessman facilitating movement of cargo (and people in cargo ships) in the Port of Manila, The Philippines on December 7, 1941. Taken prisoner by the Japanese, he was held at Santo Tomas and Los Banos for 3 years, 2 months during which time he planted a vegetable garden, helped with therapeutic exercises for a polio victim and tended other prisoners.

After release, and returning to the states, Buckles married Audrey Mayo in 1946 and in 1954 they settled in Charlestown, WV on a farm his ancestors had owned since 1732 (overlooking Civil War sites Antietam and Harpers Ferry). After WWI he was not recognized much as a veteran, but after WWII, he used VA educational benefits at business school, and later VA medical benefits including hearing aids.

He would implement his theory that talking about the past can be the best antidote to painful memories when he was on a flight to Spain and met a Japanese-American



who told Buckles that his father had been held in an internment camp in the US during WWII. Buckles told the man that they had all had rough times, and that he must go back and insist to his father that he talk about what happened. After the war, Buckles went with the 7th Regiment of NY, C Co. and has since personally remained a staunch advocate for veterans and active in veterans organizations. Buckles served as National Commander of the Veterans of WWI of the USA, Inc. a Congressionally chartered Veterans Service Organization founded in 1949 and encouraged its publication *The Torch*.

Oldest Doughboy, continued...



A well read man in a number of languages, after his wife's death in 1999, he took comfort in his some 1,000 books, while continuing to work his 330 acre cattle farm (Gap View Farm). His daughter, Susannah Flanagan, lives in northern Virginia.

Buckles continued to mow his hay fields with his John Deere tractors when invited to be the Grand Marshall of the 2007 Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C., at which time he was able to tell his story to the media. He recalled an earlier visit to Washington in 1999 to the French Em-

bassy where President Jacques Chirac awarded him and 3 others the Legion of Honor.

In 2007, as youngest of the then 3 remaining WWI known U.S. veterans (Mssrs. Richard Landis of FL and J. Russell Coffey of OH), he was the only one available to do parade duties. While a bit frail and raspy-voiced, Buckles' mind was sharp as a tack when recalling his WWI and II and POW-related memories. Since then, Mr. Coffey died on 20 December 2007 at age 109, and Mr. Landis died at age 108 on 4 February 2008, so Mr. Buckles is now the remaining surviving WWI U.S. veteran at age 107. The Pentagon's special WWI exhibit opened on his 107th birthday.

We salute you!

Pics: Frank, age 16; With tin cup from Santo Tomas captivity time; With French Legion of Honor (1999); Accepting salutes 11/11/07; Veterans Day 2007.



News Briefs

Eligible Taxpayers Must File a 2007 Tax Return to Receive Rebate

The IRS will use information on the 2007 tax return filed by the taxpayer to determine eligibility and calculate the amount of the payments.

Stimulus payments will be direct deposited for taxpayers selecting that option when filing their 2007 tax returns. Taxpayers who have already filed with direct deposit won't need to do anything else to receive the stimulus payment.

In most cases, the payment will equal the amount of tax liability on the tax return, with a maximum amount of \$600 for individuals (\$1,200 for taxpayers who file a joint return).

The law also allows for payments for select taxpayers who have no tax liability, such as low-income workers or those who receive **Social Security benefits or veterans' disability compensation, pension or survivors' benefits received from the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2007.** These taxpayers will be eligible to receive a payment of \$300 (\$600 on a joint return) if they had at least \$3,000 of qualifying income.

Qualifying income includes Social Security benefits, certain Railroad Retirement benefits, certain veterans' benefits and earned income, such as income from wages, salaries, tips and self-employment. While these people may not be normally required to file a tax return because they do not meet the filing requirement, the IRS emphasizes they must file a 2007 return in order to receive a payment.

Recipients of Social Security, certain Railroad Retirement and certain veterans' benefits should report their 2007 benefits on Line 14a of Form 1040A or Line 20a of Form 1040. Taxpayers who already have filed but failed to report these benefits can file an amended return by using Form 1040X.

The IRS is working with the Social Security Administration and Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure that recipients are aware of this issue.

To accommodate taxpayers who file tax returns later in the year, the IRS will continue sending payments until December 31, 2008. The IRS also cautions taxpayers that if they file their 2007 tax return and then move their residence that they should file a change of address card with the U.S. Postal Service.

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Members' forum



Dear Commander King:

Both houses of Congress have passed legislation funding VA Health Care at a rate substantially above the President's request. As of this date, the houses have NOT met to resolve differences in this bill. Political bickering is holding up this bill, as it has done so many times in the past, at the detriment of veterans needing care. This has got to stop!

VA funding should be timely, sufficient and predictable if it is to be efficient and provide effective health care. Clearly VA medical care should be funding on a mandatory basis to guarantee the government meets its obligation to insure all veterans receiving health care, do so in a timely manner.

It is shameful that our American Ex-Prisoners of War organization is not listed as a supporter of The Partnership for Veterans Health Care Budget Reform. The fact that we are not listed as a supporter of this project makes a mockery of our motto, "We exist to help those who cannot help themselves".

We of Garden State Chapter 1 (Dept. of NJ) urge our national organization to adopt a resolution of support for The Partnership and its

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purpose. Acknowledge that VA health care is a cost of war and should have mandatory funding!

Respectfully submitted,
Norman D. Fellman
Legislative Officer
Garden State Chapter #1

Dear Cheryl:

RE: Military Service Wage Credits with Social Security

This applies to those of us who were in the Armed Forces during WWII. The salaries in the 1940s were very low. This also applies for money earned during that time to earning power after the 1950s. Salaries increased, making a very, very small increase (if any) to our SS monthly. It was probably negative when you considered the effects of inflation.

Working your entire life at a job, they take the 29 best years of salary for your career and if you wanted would take one of your best salaried years and apply your military years to your gross pay and you would lose. My view is that this is a waste of time.

Yours truly,
Charles Susino, Jr.

Dear Editor:

Please print this in the EX-POW Bulletin:

The U.S.S. Houston (CA-30) Scholarship. Dedicated to the memory of the U.S.S. Houston, her officers and crew.

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Those eligible to apply include students entering the final year of high school with anticipation of going to college, as well as all college undergraduates up through the final year of study. Previous applicants and winners can re-apply.

Applicants are required to present grades or evidence of progress in school and may present outside work experience, extra-curricular activities, etc. Applications must also present an essay.

The '08 scholarship amount will be in the amount of \$3,000 (unless there is a tie so applicants — give it your best!)

Please remember that donations are appreciated - It would be an extraordinarily loving act to donate in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Make your checks out to: USS Houston Scholarship Fund % Pam Foster, 370 Lilac Ln, Lincoln, CA 95648

Dear Cheryl:

This appeared in the Waco, Texas paper recently. I assumed that anything ordered by a MD would be covered.

1/28/2008 -
WASHINGTON - TRICARE and ChampVA beneficiaries are now covered for the shingles vaccine for beneficiaries based on the endorsement and recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC. This will cover a single dose of Zostavax — the vaccine designed to prevent shingles — for eligible beneficiaries of TRICARE and Champ-VA, age 60 and older.

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Welcome to Kansas City

September in Missouri will see the foliage changing color with warm days and mild evenings and is a favorite time of the year for many. During the convention there will be entertainment each evening and tours are being planned to some of Kansas City's most popular sites. For the sportsman a huge new Bass Pro Shop is just being opened within a short commute from the hotel. The Sheraton Kansas City Sports Complex Hotel is conveniently located on Interstate 70 near the intersection of Interstate 435. The hotel is also near popular attractions like Arrowhead Stadium, Independence Center, and Starlight Theater. The Country Club Plaza and a newly renovated downtown are only minutes away while a variety of restaurants, casinos, and shops are also a short drive away. You may visit the hotel's web site and view the facilities at SHERATONKCSPORTSCOMPLEX.COM.

Kansas City is an energetic city forged by a rich history; it is brimming with activities to keep visitors entertained—eclectic cuisine, swinging jazz, one-of-a-kind museums, a thriving arts scene and fantastic shopping. Part of the city's charm lies in its beauty, with an impressive network of boulevards, spacious parks and of course, exquisite fountains. The world-renowned jazz legacy continues today in clubs throughout the city. For barbecue lovers, the city's signature food can be found at more than 100 barbecue establishments, but visitors also delight in restaurants of every ethnic origin. Discover dozens of unique museums, including the world-class Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum the American Jazz Museum, the Liberty Memorial and the beautifully restored Union Station. Shopping is elevated to an art form at the beautiful Country Club Plaza and at Hallmark's Crown Center. To Plan your trip or to order your free visitors guide, go to the Kansas City web site at WWW.VISITKC.COM or call at 1-800-767-7700.

Comments are paraphrased and quoted from both the Sheraton Hotel and Visit KC websites.

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National Convention

Tentative Agenda

Sept. 16-21, 2008

Tuesday Sept. 16:

National Service Officer Training
Registration Desk Open in PM

Hospitality Room
Evening Entertainment

Wednesday Sept. 17:

National Board of Directors
Meeting
Registration Desk Open
Hospitality Room Open
Hospitality Room
Evening Entertainment

Saturday Sept. 20:

General Business Session &
Balloting
Banquet and Installation of
Officers

Sunday Sept. 21:

Devotional
National Board of Directors
Meeting

Thursday Sept. 18

Opening Ceremonies
Registration Desk Open
Hospitality Room Open
Credentials Room Open
Ladies Luncheon
Legislative & MedSearch Seminars
Commanders Reception
with Entertainment

Note: If you are staying for the banquet, you will be checking out on Sunday, Sept. 21. If you are planning to attend the new Board of Directors meeting, please make plans to depart later in the day on Sunday.

Friday Sept. 19:

Past National Commanders
Breakfast
General Business Session
Camp Reunions

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Convention Registration

American Ex-Prisoner of War 61st National Convention



September 16-21, 2008
Kansas City, Missouri "The City of Fountains"

Registrant's Name: _____, Nickname: _____

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REGISTRATION (per person) until August 5 - \$80, after Aug 5 - \$85, no refund after Aug 5 \$ _____

Ladies Luncheon is Thurs. Aug 18 from 11:45 to 1:30. Come enjoy a healthy light and luscious lunch then delight at songs by the "Gospel Lovin 4" for a mere \$30 per lady attending. \$ _____

Payable to: 2008 Convention Fund, Delta Endecott, P.O. Box 362, Drexel, MO 64742 **Total** \$ _____

Saturday Night Banquet:

Entertainment will be provided for your listening and dancing pleasure.

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American Ex-Prisoners of War 61st National Convention

Hotel Registration Form

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Mail Form to Sheraton Kansas City Sports Complex,
9103 East 39th St., Kansas City, MO 64113

AMERICAN EX-PRISONER OF WAR FUNDING PROGRAM

The AXPOW Funding Program to support the operation of our organization was approved by the Board at the National Convention in Springfield, IL in October 2007. The program was officially announced in the November/December 2007 Bulletin and a follow-up printing appeared in the January and February 2008 issue. I am very happy to report that the program has been very successful and continues to be so.

I want to thank all POWs, and Chapters (the Treasurer reports over 300) that have already contributed as of this date. As you will recall, the program was designed to keep the AXPOW organization solvent and allow us to function in an orderly and efficient manner in the future. Your volunteer contributions are doing just that and will continue to help in coordinating the various functions within our organization in the future. The communication arm of the organization, The Ex-POW BULLETIN, which

keeps us informed about activities of other POWs, Medsearch, Legislation, Feature Stories, POW/MIA efforts, and much more will continue to be published with the help of your contributions.

Your contributions will continue to help keep the comradeship that we enjoy today through contacts with other POWs on a State, Local and National level through the various meeting we attend. And possibly the most important outreach program, the NSO program designed to seek out POWs, spouses, and dependent children who need help with benefits such as DIC and CHAMPVA will continue to be strengthened.

In addition to individual contributions, it is especially gratifying to see the number of Memorials, and Chapters contributing to the Funding Program. I would encourage all members, Chapters and State Departments who have not yet had an opportunity to contribute to do soon, in order that our organization will remain strong and available to assist all POWs and depen-

dents. In doing this, we can carry out our purpose, "We Exist to Help Those Who Cannot Help Themselves".

For those not familiar with the Funding Program, please refer to pages 18-19 of the November/December 2007 Bulletin, and the January and February 2008 issues for a complete explanation. Please note the Form to be filled out and sent back with your contribution in order that it may be properly credited in future Bulletins.

All contributions are to be made on a voluntary basis and mailed directly to the Treasurer at the address below for use in the operating of the AXPOW organization.

Thank you again for your assistance in making the Funding Program a success in order that the AXPOW organization will be available for all POWs and dependents.

Morris Barker
Jr. Vice Commander, AXPOW
710 Chapel View, Waco TX 76712
mbarker001@hotmail.com



AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR VOLUNTEER FUNDING PROGRAM



The AXPOW Volunteer Giving Program parallels that of other VSOs, whereby the entire membership, including life members, is given the opportunity to contribute to the operation of our organization, based on ability and willingness to contribute. All contributions are to be sent directly to the National Treasurer to be used for the operation of the organization. A complete accounting of contributors will appear in the Bulletin each month.

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ALLEN, Lloyd William, 83, of Pinson, TN died Jan. 9, 2008. During WWII, he served with the 15th AF. He was shot down over Hungary and held for nine months. Survivors include his loving wife, Bernice, 3 sons, 1 daughter, 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 1 sister and many nieces, nephews and close friends.

AUSTIN, WAYNE R., 86, of West Chesterfield, NH, passed away January 28, 2008. He was an engineer-gunner on a B-26 Marauder. He was shot down over Calais, France, captured by German occupiers, and taken to Dulag Luft, then Luft IV. Wayne was a member of VT Chapter #1, AXPOW. His wife Dorothy predeceased him. He leaves a son, a daughter and several grandchildren.

BAKER, Clyde D., of St. Louis, MO passed away Jan. 21, 2008. He was a paratrooper with the 509th Parachute Inf. Bn. He was wounded twice; then captured in Belgium and held for four months. Clydie was a member of the Greater St. Louis Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Betty, 2 daughters and a large, loving family.

BECK, Richard P., of Sumter, SC passed away Dec. 2, 2007. He was 87. He was serving in the Philippines with the 14th BS, 19th BG when he was captured. The Sixth Army Rangers liberated him at Cabanatuan after three years. He leaves his wife, Norma, 1 daughter, 1 son, 1 brother, 1 stepdaughter, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

BEHRENS, Henry W., age 93, of Brooklyn, NY died recently. Henry

was a member of the Brooklyn Key Chapter, AXPOW. During WWII, he served with the 2nd Bn HQ, 45th Div. He was captured and held at Stalag 2B until liberation. 1 sister, 3 nieces and 1 nephew survive him.

BELK, Samuel, 87, died Dec. 23, 2007. He was captured after being wounded at Mortain while serving with the 35th Inf. Div. The Belgian underground liberated him and he was handed over to the British. After the war, he joined the CIA and he became their resident expert on Soviet Foreign Policy.

BIGELOW, Leonard, age 87, of the Villages, FL passed away Dec. 31, 2007. He was shot down over France in June, 1943; he was a POW in Germany for 2 years. He leaves his wife, Rosemary and one son.

BODE, Iven "Buster", of Llano, TX died Nov. 8, 2006 at the age of 84. He was captured in Italy while serving with Darby's Rangers, 3rd Bn, Co. A. He was a prisoner in Stalag 2B, then marched across Germany. Iven was a life member of AXPOW and the Highland Lakes Chapter. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Jean, 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

BOTTOMS, Wade T., 88, of Teague, TX passed away July 23, 2007. He was surrendered on May 7, 1942 on Corregidor and held in several prison camps in the Philippines and Japan for 3 years and 4 months. He leaves his wife of 61 years, Judy, 2 daughters, 2 sons, 18 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

BREWER, Federico "Fred", of El Paso, Texas, died November 19, 2007. A survivor of the Bataan Death March, Fred served with the 200th CA, and has been an AXPOW life member since 1976. He was predeceased by his wife, Rebecca.

BUNN, Douglas A., member and past commander of the North Central Ohio Chapter #8, died March 23, 2007. He was 85. Doug was captured in China the day before Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. He was held prisoner for 3 ¾ years until liberation. Survivors include 1 son, 1 stepson, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

CAPEN, Alfred R., 85, of Manchester, NH, died Dec. 25, 2007. He was shot down while assigned to the 367th BS, 306th BG (H). He was a member of the NH Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by 2 sons, 1 daughter, 6 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 2 sisters.

CHANCE, Arthur F., of Weatherford, TX died Dec. 29, 2007 at the age of 85. He was a B-17 pilot with the 8th AF, 303rd BG when he was shot down over Frankfurt and held in Stalags Luft III, 13D and 7A. He is survived by a cousin, friends and camp roommate Fred Campbell.

CHILCUTT, Landon M. "Chili", of St. Louis, MO passed away Jan. 29, 2008. He was a paratrooper with B Co., 504th PIR, 82nd Airborne. As a POW, he escaped or got away from his captors 13 times. Chili was an active member of the St. Louis Area Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth, 1 daughter, 1 son and a large, loving family.

CHRISTIANSEN, Alice Pearl, active member of the Panhandle Chapter, AXPOW died Sept. 5, 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald. She leaves 2 sons and 1 daughter.

COSGROVE, Evelyn W., 86, of Amarillo, TX passed away Oct. 17, 2007. Evelyn was the loving wife of ex-POW Lynn Cosgrove. She and her husband were active members of the Panhandle Chapter, AXPOW.

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In addition to her husband, she is survived by 2 sons and 1 daughter and families.

CURTIS, Charles F. II "Chuck" died Dec. 25, 2007. Born in Clinton, IA, he served during WW II in the European Theater of Operations. He was in the 390th BG, 270th BS and was interned in Stalag Luft 1, Compound North 4. He was a member of the Seminole/Barbed Wire Chapter until it dissolved; he then joined and was active in the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter. He is survived by Marian, his wife of 45 years; 7 children, 8 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

DAGESSE, Herve, of Sun City West, AZ died Dec. 8, 2007 at the age of 88. He served in the Army during WWII. He was a POW in Germany for 16 months. Herve is survived by his wife, Patsy, 1 daughter, 1 stepdaughter and 4 grandchildren.

DAVIS, Avril James, of Bleakwood, TX died Dec. 11, 2007. He served in the Navy and was assigned to the USS Tanager, which performed minesweeping duties. While a patient at a US Navy Hospital in Manila, he was captured by the Japanese Army on Jan 2, 1942, and was interned at Pasay, Clark Field, Cabanatuan I, Las Pinas and Camp Sendai until liberation.

DEMETER, Edward J., of Parma, OH passed away Jan. 11, 2008. Ed was a member of the Barbed Wire Buckeye Chapter, AXPOW and former POW in Germany. He leaves his beloved wife Betty, 4 daughters, 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

DILLON, James, of Westfield MA, died January 17, 2008. "Bud" was a B-17 bombardier in the 8th AF, 384th BS, and was held in Germany from June '43 to May '45. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Helen.

DORNBROOK, Eugene F., age 88, of Parna Heights, OH died April 6, 2007. During WWII he served in the AAF and was a former POW. Eugene was a member of the Barbed Wire Buckeye Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his loving wife, Marie, 3 sons, 10 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

DOUGLASS, Walter Alexander, of Litchfield Park, AZ died Jan. 4, 2008 at the age of 86. He was captured on D-Day while serving with the AAF during WWII. He was a member of the Agua Fria Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Virginia, 1 son, 1 daughter, 3 grandsons and 2 great-grandsons.

ENDICH, Ruth, 87, of Bakersville, OH passed away Nov. 28, 2007. She and her husband, ex-POW Walter "Timer", were members of the North Central Ohio Chapter #8. In addition to her husband, she leaves 2 daughters, 1 son, 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 2 sisters.

FABIAN, Bill E., of Harlingen, TX passed away Dec. 24, 2007. He was 87. Bill was serving with the 82nd Airborne when he was captured in Sicily. He was held in Oflag 64 and Lukenwald until liberation. Both Bill and his wife, Margaret were NSOs and members of the Rio Grande Chapter, AXPOW.

FANT, Raymond, 96, of Texarkana, TX passed away Jan. 30, 2008. He served in the Army during WWII and was a German POW. He leaves his wife, Ruby, 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Raymond was a member of the former Four State Chapter, AXPOW.

FLICKINGER, Lila May, widow of Edward, passed away Dec. 23, 2007 in Lowellville, OH. She was a member of the Steel Valley Chapter #13. She is survived by one brother.

FREYTAG, Elmer W., 89, of Massilon, OH died recently. He

served in the Army during WWII; was a POW in Germany. He leaves his wife, Lois, 2 sons, 2 grandsons, 1 sister and numerous nieces and nephews.

GALVAN, Gilberto "Papa", of Detroit, MI passed away Jan. 2, 2008. He was a proud veteran and Korean POW. Survivors include his wife, Rosa, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

GLIXON, Harry R., of Sarasota, FL passed away Dec. 10, 2007. He was 86. During WWII, he served with the 94th Inf. Div., K301. He was a POW on the Ile de Groix off the coast of Brittany. At first designated as MIA, he became part of the only exchange of prisoners during WWII. He leaves his wife, Lorraine, 1 daughter, 3 sons, 2 stepsons, 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

GLUCK, Irene W., of York, PA died May 15, 2007. She was the wife of Donald, who spent 6 months as a POW at Stalag 7A in Germany.

GRAVES, Harold, 88, of Nisswa, MN died Nov. 30, 2007. He was captured while serving with the US Army in Germany. Hal was a member of MN Lakes Region Chapter, AXPOW, where he had served as commander and chaplain. He leaves his wife, Mary, 3 daughters, 3 sons, 9 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 2 sisters.

HICKS, Lonnis Orville, member of the Texas Panhandle Chapter died Nov. 11, 2007. He served with the 376th BG in Europe during WWII; he was shot down over Yugoslavia and held until liberation. His wife of 62 years, Janelle, 3 daughters, 1 son and 1 sister survive him.

HOWARD, Gladys, of the Coastal Plains Chapter in North Carolina died January 16, 2008. She leaves

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her husband, Hugh (former N. C. State Commander), one daughter and son-in-law, and two grandsons.

HUDNALL, Roy Gower, Jr. of Charlotte, NC passed away Dec. 23, 2007. He was 83. Roy was captured while serving in the Army during WWII. He was a tireless worker for AXPOW, serving as commander of the Metrolina Chapter and as 4-term state commander. He was also an NSO. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Lukin, 1 son, 3 grandchildren and loving extended family.

HUTCHINS, Dalton R., of Muscle Shoals, AL died Oct. 13, 2007 at the age of 81. He served with the 8th AF, 303rd BG during WWII; he was shot down and held in Stalag 17B. Survivors include his wife, Ima Jean, 1 daughter, 2 sons, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

JELGERHUIS, Alvin, of Orange City, IA (formerly of Edgerton, MN) passed away Dec. 14, 2007 at age 86. He served in the AAF, flying over the Himalayas to bomb Japan. He was shot down and held until liberation in Japan. Alvin was a member of the Great Lakes Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Della, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 8 grandchildren and 3 sisters.

JOE, Gloria Jee, of Bakersfield, CA passed away Jan. 15, 2008. She enlisted in the Coast Guard SPARS in 1944. Gloria was the wife of Edwin, who was a POW in Luft 4 for 10 months. Both were members of the Cessna-Sargent Chapter, AXPOW. She leaves her devoted husband of 62 years, 3 children, 4 grandchildren, her twin sister, brother and extended family.

JONES, Donald H., 84, member of North Central Ohio Chapter #8 died Nov. 16, 2006. During WWII, he

served in the 8th AF, 452nd BG, 728th BS. He was shot down over Czechoslovakia; he was held in Luft IV, then marched across Germany. He is survived by loving family and friends.

KERR, Stephanie "Penny", of Flemington, NJ died Dec. 3, 2007. She was the beloved wife of ex-POW Joseph Kerr, Jr., who served with the 392nd BG during WWII. He was a POW in Luft IV and made the march across Germany before liberation. In addition to her husband of over 60 years, Penny leaves two children, five grandchildren and a loving community of friends.

KING, Frank L. Jr., of Albuquerque, NM died Sept. 3, 2007. During WWII, he served in the AAF, 96th BG. He was shot down near Bremen and held until repatriated by the ICRC. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ann, 3 sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

KIRCHNER, Theophilus A., a member of Central MO Chapter, AXPOW passed away Dec. 24, 2007. He was 93 years old and lived in Lohman, MO. He joined the Army in 1941, and was a POW from 1944 to 1945.

KMIEC, Stanley, of Hamtramck, MI died Jan. 20, 2008. He was shot down over Bulgaria with crew member and Medal of Honor recipient David Kingsley. He is survived by two brothers and one sister.

KOLICH, Anthony M., 83, of Kansas City, KS passed away July 12, 2007. He served with the 8th AF, 379th BG, 526th BS; he was captured after being shot down over Bremen. After recovering from his injuries, he was held in a number of camps, including Luft 1 & 3. He was a life member of AXPOW and the Heart of America Chapter. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Mary, 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

KRUPINSKI, John G., of Mahwah, NJ died Dec. 2, 2007 at the age of

87. He served in the AAF during WWII. He was captured during the Schweinfurt raid over Germany and held in Stalag 17B. John was a life member of AXPOW. His wife of 58 years, Ann, survives him.

KUHMAN, Clement A., of Elyria, OH passed away Jan. 27, 2007. During WWII, he served in the Army. He was past commander of the Barbed Wire Buckeye Chapter, AXPOW and a former POW. Survivors include his loving wife Patricia, 4 daughters, 3 sons, 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

KUJALA, August, of Mt. Iron, MN, died October 31, 2007. He was 85. During WWII, he served in the AAF as an engine mechanic and a B-17 gunner. He was shot down on his 22nd birthday and held captive for 8 months. August was a devoted father, husband, grandpa and great-grandpa. He was married to his beloved Gladys for 60 ½ years. He will be missed by all who knew him.

KUTYS, Joseph J. passed away in Dec. 2007. He served in Korea with the 7th Cav Reg., 1st Cav. and was captured on Dec. 10, 1951.

MacDONALD, Warren H., of Rehoboth Beach, DE passed away Dec. 17, 2007. Assigned to the 464th BG, 15th AF, Warren was shot down over Czechoslovakia. He was interned at Luft 1, Barth. After the war, he worked in the DC office of the American Legion; he then served as Executive Assistant to the Director of Veterans Affairs during the Nixon administration. Survivors include his brother, Gerald.

MacNEILL, Barton W., of Sturgis, MS died Sept. 20, 2007. He was 84. He was shot down in Nov. 1944; he was held in a number of POW camps until liberation. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Read, 7 children 4 stepchildren, 17 grandchildren and 1 sister.

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McCORMICK, James R., of Coshocton, OH died June 6, 2007 at the age of 86. He served in the AAF during WWII as a tailgunner on a B24. He was a POW in Germany. Jim was a member of the North Central Ohio Chapter #8. Survivors include his wife Esther, 1 daughter, 3 sons, 2 stepchildren, 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

McNALLY, Clyde A., 87, of St. Cloud, MN passed away Oct. 1, 2007. During WWII, he served in the 28th Inf., 103rd Engineers. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and held until liberation. Clydie was a member of the Central MN Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 59 years, Lu, and 2 sons.

MONCRIEF, Stella T. "Sally", of Parma, OH died Jan. 18, 2008. She was 84. Sally was the devoted wife of 61 years to Milton, mother of 2 sons, grandmother of 2, sister of 3 and beloved aunt and friend to many. She was a member of the Barbed Wire Buckeye Chapter.

NATALE, Nicholas S., 82, of Cleveland, OH died June 19, 2007. He was a member of the Barbed Wire Buckeye Chapter, AXPOW and a former POW. Survivors include 3 daughters, 12 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, and a large and loving family.

PEARSON, Donald Carl, of Reno, Nevada, died Nov. 21, 2007. Don was a tailgunner on a B17 and was shot down over Germany. He was liberated in June, 1945, and was held in several different camps during those months. He leaves his wife of 62 years, Laura 'Pat', 3 daughters 5 grandchildren and one great grandson.

PRATHER, ROBERT E., 86, Colton CA passed away in Loma Linda, CA on October 17, 2007. He served in Europe during World War II and was captured in the Battle of the

Bulge. He is survived by his wife Peggy and daughter Cindy, 4 grandsons, 1 great-grandson, 2 brothers and 1 sister.

PRATT, Ernest Leonard, age 93, of Knoxville, TN passed away Nov. 12, 2007. He was a proud veteran and POW during WWII. He is survived by his wife, Doris, 1 stepdaughter, 1 stepson, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

PRESTON, Albert, 83, of Oklahoma City, OK died Dec. 29, 2007. Al served his country in the Air Force and was a POW in Korea. He is survived by his wife, Mary, 3 children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and loving extended family.

RAMUS, Adolph E., "Scotty", of Longmont, CO passed away Jan. 1, 2008. He was 84. Scotty was captured and held 13 months as a POW in Stalag Luft III in Germany. He is survived by his wife, Elda.

REDL, John, of Cedar Falls, IA died Dec. 3, 2007. During WWII, he was attached to the 59th CAC, "G" Battery in the Philippines. He was transferred to HQ Btry in Corregidor where he was captured. He was held 3 ½ years by the Japanese in Cabanatuan and Japan. He leaves his wife, Mary, 2 sons, 3 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

RITCHIE, Phyllis I., of Medina, OH died April 4, 2007. She was the widow of ex-POW Merle. Phyllis was a member of the North Central Ohio Chapter #8. She is survived by 2 daughters, 3 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 1 sister.

ROSS, William "Bud" of Oberlin, OH died May 21, 2007. He was 86. Bud served in the 8th AF, flying B-17s. He spent a year as a POW in Stalag 17B. He was a member of the Barbed Wire Buckeye Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his companion, Donna Hubbell, 2 daughters, 2 stepsons, 11 grandchildren, many great-grandchildren and 1 sister.

SARACENO, Joseph C., 89, passed away on Jan. 23 2008. Joseph proudly served in the US Army's 39th Inf., 9th Div. in WWII. He was captured in North Africa in 1944. Joseph was a member of the Agua Fria Chapter, AXPOW. He and his wife were dedicated members of the Agua Fria Chapter. He is survived by his wife Angie of 61 years, 2 daughters and 2 grandsons.

SELLERS, Rev. Father Benedict Joseph, of Cleveland, OH died April 2, 2007. He was a member of the Barbed Wire Buckeye Chapter and a former POW. He is survived by two sisters.

SHARPE, Omer E., of Lubbock, TX, passed away Jan. 6, 2008. He was a member of the 323rd BS, 91st BG (H), 8th AF., serving as a ball turret gunner in a B-17. He was shot down over Germany and was a prisoner of war for 14 months in Stalag Luft 4 Gross-Tychow (formerly Heydekrug) Pomerania, Prussia (moved to Wobbelin Bel Ludwigslust) (To Usedom Bei Savenmunde) 90 days walking. Omer is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jo, 1 son, 1 daughter, 1 granddaughter, 1 great-granddaughter and 1 brother. He was a member of Hub of the Plains Chapter, AXPOW.

SMITH, Charlie Webster, of Canyon, TX passed away March 29, 2007. He was captured in Africa in 1942, then transported to Camp 59 in Italy. Charlie escaped in Dec. 1943. Survivors include his wife, Ruby, 1 stepdaughter, 2 stepsons, 1 sister and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

SZOLOSI, Betty, of Sun City West, AZ died Feb. 1, 2008. She and her late husband, Andy, were members of Agua Fria Chapter. Andy served in the 1st Div., 26th Inf. and was captured in Italy. She is survived by

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two grandchildren. Correction: Andy Szolosi died December 7, 2007, and his wife was listed as Patsy; it should have read Betty.

TOMASKO, Paul M., of Cleveland, OH died March 8, 2007. He was a member of the Barbed Wire Buckeye Chapter, AXPOW and a former POW. He is survived by his wife, Sue, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

TROMBLEY, Julia M. died 28 Aug 2007. Her husband, Ray, was a POW, having been shot down while serving in the USAAC during WW II in Europe. Julia attended the Cadet Nursing Corps at Norwalk Nursing School, Norwalk, CT.

UPCHURCH, Mary, 85, of Cuba, AL passed away Jan. 29, 2008. She had been a LM and member of the Montgomery Chapter AXPOW. Mary was the wife of Carl (T/Sgt/Gunner on B17s, assigned to 336th BS, 95th BG,

8th AF, ETO, who predeceased her. Carl was shot down on May 23rd 1943 and liberated April 29th 1945.

VENGLARCIK, Fred, a member of Fresno, CA Chapter #1 passed away Jan. 18, 2008. Fred served in the 42nd Inf. Div. in WWII; he was captured in France on Jan. 6, 1945 and held in Stalag 4A in Germany. Fred was a long-time volunteer at the Veterans Medical Center in Fresno. He is survived by one son and one grandson. Fred helped many AXPOW members to receive their benefits and was very active member in his local chapter and will be missed.

vonSTERNBERG, Jeanne L., 84, of Parma, OH passed away May 7, 2007. Jeanne was the beloved wife of ex-POW Bob; both were members of the Barbed Wire Buckeye Chapter, AX-POW. In addition to her husband, she is survived by 2 sons and 5 grandchildren.

WAIDMANN, John J.Sr. passed away on Feb. 4, 2008 in St. Louis, MO. He

was a member of Company C, 393rd Infantry Regiment of the 99th Infantry Division during World War II in Europe. He was captured by the Germans on Dec. 17, 1944, on the German-Belgian border during the Battle of the Bulge and was held until April 26, 1945. He was a member of the Greater St Louis Chapter, and an AXPOW life member since 1987.

WEST, Ned A. 86, of Massillon, OH died recently. Ned served in the Army during WWII; he was a POW in Germany for 2 ½ years. He was a member of the North Central Ohio Chapter #8. Survivors include 1 daughter, 2 sisters, and many nieces and nephews.

WOJCIK, Stanley W., of Akron, OH passed away Nov. 8, 2007. Stanley served in WWII as a pilot with the 1st Fighter Group; shot down and held in Germany. He was a member of the North Central Ohio Chapter #8. He leaves his beloved wife, Frances, 1 son, 1 daughter and 2 grandchildren.

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I cannot help but think that all is not bad in our world. I know as well as anyone that there are bad things happening, but there are many good things also. I was handed a list of things some of our little people had to say to their God. I would like to share with you some of their thoughts. It might help us

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to remember that all good things come from God. All we have to do is ask and we shall receive.

Dear God. Instead of lettering people die and having to make new ones why don't you just keep the ones you got now? JANE.

Dear God. I went to this wedding and they kissed right in the church. Is that ok? NEIL.

Dear God. I think the stapler is one of your greatest inventions. RUTH.

Dear God. In Bible times did they really talk that fancy? JENNIFER.

Dear God. Thank you for the baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy. JOYCE.

Dear God. I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it. NAN.

Dear God. Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now. GINNY.

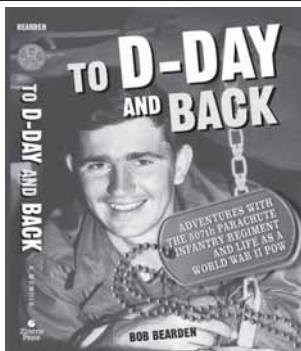
Dear God. If you watch in church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes. MICKEY D.

Dear God. If we come back as something please don't let me be Jennifer Horton because I hate her. DENISE.

Dear God. I would like to live 900 years like the guy in the Bible. Love CHRIS.

Let us pray: Help us Lord to become like little children when we bow before You in prayer and praise. May we always remember that blessings come our way only when we seek them through Your way and for Your honor and glory. May our worship give us the ability to serve others in Your Holy way. Forgive us our failings and may we continue to serve You as the true and living God. We do pray for those who need Your tender loving care and may there be peace, love and concern for others here on earth as it is in Heaven. AMEN.

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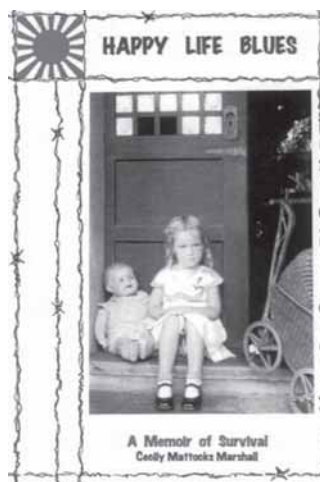
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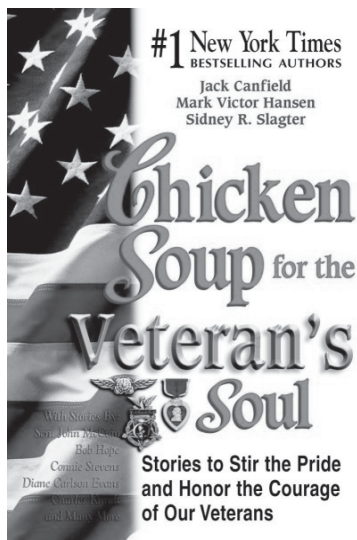
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Top L clockwise: This Nazi banner was displayed at a recent meeting of the Air Capital Chapter. It was liberated from the commandant's office of Stalag 5A. There are 61 signatures of ex-POWs and 103rd Inf. liberators; 2008 officers for three Portland area Chapters were installed with Maurice Sharp, PNC, and Bonnie Sharp, NW Director, officiating; Randall Whetzel, Chaplain, Phyllis Bowlin, Adjutant/Treasurer, Don Barton, Sr Vice Commander, Dale Bowlin, Commander, Bonnie and Maurice Sharp; Brooklyn Key Chapter's Lee Birch with Kathryn Crosby at Ft. Hamilton, NY; The O-K-I Chapter luncheon participants. Ted Burch, Bob Keller, John Stenger, Lou Grivetti, Tom Linneman, Commander Frank Bates, Rev. Bob Clark, chapter founder Frank Heekin, Cliff Faeth & Howard Williamson; Middle Georgia Chapter members were entertained by holiday music by the Robins Elementary Chorus at Robins AFB, GA; 49ers Chapter commander Bob Smith presented an award for honorable service to AXPOW Ray Merritt, shown with his wife Dorothy. The award was to have been presented at the national convention in Springfield; Members of the Air Capital Chapter participated in Veterans Day Parade. Shown: Dr. William Paschal, Larry Menestrina and Commander Ray Avila; 49ers Chapter SVC Ted Cadwallader is presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts in the Veterans Day Parade, Elk Grove, CA.



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