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And now for the rest of the story... America's First POW?

It should have been the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere, William Dawes and Samuel Prescott. On the Ride to Concord, Paul Revere rode ahead of the other two men to check for British patrols. Halfway between Lexington and Concord, the patrols found them. Revere shouted back that there were only a few and that they could fight them off. But when Prescott rode up to help, more troops appeared. Prescott and Revere made a break for it. Prescott veered to the left and jumped a wall to escape. Revere broke right and was cornered by troops. Dawes escaped in the confusion, yelling out in various accents that he had captured some Regulars. As he was riding off, his horse stopped short and threw him off. Dawes lost his watch and his horse. Tired and frustrated, he ended his ride and began walking back to Lexington.

Prescott, who was the most familiar with the area, made his way back to the main road and continued to notify people. He found other riders to join the cause, and he made it to Concord — the only one of the original midnight riders to do so.

The British patrols were quite pleased they'd captured the famed Paul Revere, and they questioned him at gunpoint. Revere remained calm and told the troops their plans would be foiled, that the whole countryside was marching at that very moment, ready to fight. The troops escorted Revere back to Lexington, where they heard gunfire. It was just militiamen testing their rifles but it unnerved the British. Realizing they could move faster without prisoners, they released Revere but kept his horse.

Happy Birthday, AXPOW!

April 9, 1942 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.

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 to help their captured sons. 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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**National Commander
Morris Barker**

This is a reminder that the 2011 National AXPOW Convention will be held in Dayton, Ohio, September 13-18. Due to recently announced changes within the organization (November/December, 2010 Bulletin), including decreased budget costs and methods of increasing revenue, the 2011 convention will be especially important to the future of the organization in assisting those in need. Also, the mid-winter BOD conference will be held in Arlington, TX, March 25-27, at the Hilton Hotel. A report of the meeting will be included in the May/June Bulletin. The minutes of the meeting and financial report will be published in mid-April 2011.

I want to thank all of you who made contributions in response to my letter of January 2011, supplementing the Life Membership program. Your contributions to this and the Volunteer Funding Program has proven successful in assuring that the AXPOW organization will be available to those POWs and dependents needing assistance in the future. Ninety four percent (94%), of AXPOW members paid a Life Membership fee many years ago which was not designed to cover the cost of operating expenses we are experiencing today. Your annual contribution, supplementing your Life Membership fee will assure continued success of our

overall organization. Many positive calls and letters have been received in response of the program such as this one from Rita Marie McNamara of Stratford CT. "Dear Commander Barker-I will be more than happy to honor your request for \$20.00 each year to help defray the expenses of AXPOW. I could never repay all that the AXPOW organization has given to me after my husband died". For those of you who have not yet made a contribution, I would encourage you to do so.

It is important that we keep in mind that all activities performed within the AXPOW organization are to be directed toward and depend on a strong commitment to "Assist POWs and Dependents Who Served". This includes staff, and those who are active on National, State or local level. As we all know, many of our members are active in this commitment. *In this issue, I want to especially recognize and commend those who contribute of their time and effort in keeping us informed about issues important to POWs through their articles in the Bulletin.*

In our haste at times, we tend to forget those who served our Nation in time of war who are still missing and un-accounted for. Many no doubt, were POWs prior to being classified as MIA, or their status unknown. PNC Col. **John Edwards**, POW-MIA Chairman, for many years has kept us informed through the Bulletin about any change in status of those previously classified as POW/MIA from WW I through current conflicts. " Since WW I, approximately 90,000 veterans have been lost in combat or assigned MIA status and their remains never recovered", said Col. Edwards. Col. Edwards works through The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) in obtaining information concerning the remains of those found and identified which

gives closure to families and allows proper burial or memorial. Some, previously classified as MIA/POW, such as those buried at sea, have been identified but classified as unrecoverable allowing their cases to be closed. Thanks to John for his vigilant effort and his hopes that we can achieve the fullest accounting of all U.S. military personnel missing from all wars. For more detailed information on POW/MIA see the January 2008 issue of the Bulletin.

The thrust of any veteran's organization should be to assist those in need of help with information about various programs or benefits to which they may be entitled. Each year the AXPOW organization through trained National Service Officers (NSO) assist hundreds of POWs and dependents in filing claims for benefits. The NSO has knowledge through training to assist disabled POWs, dependents and dependent children in obtaining benefits they have earned. The progress and excellence of our NSOs can be viewed in articles in each issue of the Bulletin by **Fred Campbell**, NSO Outreach Chairman. Fred gets calls daily, as a result of his articles, for some type help from those in need. The excellence of his efforts can be verified by the thanks he and other NSOs get, as included in the Bulletin articles. He has developed information and knowledge about Regional VA personnel and NSOs throughout the U.S. which allows him to direct those referred to him to locations within their areas which speeds up the claim process. In my discussion with Fred, he credits all NSOs within the organization for their excellent performance. Fred also mentioned that due to the decreasing number of POWs, and the age of members, a great num-

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ber of claims now are related to DIC and Aid and Attendance. As a further note regarding NSO assistance, I want to commend AXPOW Texas State Commander, and National JVC James Lollar, on the appointment of Susanne Judd as VAVS representative to fill the vacancy at the VA Hospital in Temple, TX. The VAVC was formed in 1946 to provide volunteer services for veterans, and is the largest volunteer program in the Federal Government.

NSO Director **Ruth Powell**, keeps us informed about legislation and other information important to NSOs within the organization through her articles in the Bulletin. NSO wishing to request expense refunds should contact Ruth who has forms and policy for this purpose.

In addition to his duties as AXPOW National Director, East Central, **Paul Galanti** provides an interesting article for each issue

Korean War Art Exhibit at National Museum of the Air Force, Dayton, Ohio

An art exhibit featuring more than 30 paintings with scenes from the Korean War and the continuing presence of the U.S. military there will open Feb. 25 at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force.

The paintings, which are on loan from the U.S. Air Force Art Program, can be viewed daily during regular museum hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The artwork is displayed in the museum's Hall of Honor, and admission to the museum and the exhibit is free.

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of the Bulletin which has proven to be very informative about the life of those who became POWs during the Vietnam War. **Paul** having been a POW in North Vietnam for almost seven years, of which one year was in *solitary confinement*, adequately prepares him with the knowledge of the information he presents. **Paul** is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy and as a Naval Pilot, received nine Air Medals, in addition to the Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Legion of Merit.

Marsha Coke, POW Medsearch Chairman, brings to our attention in each issue of the Bulletin, presumptive related to captivity. As **Marsha** points out, it is interesting to note the various belated illness' to which a POW is subjected, depending on the area of captivity. **Marsha** is to be commended for her efforts in keeping us up-to-date by the addition of her interesting articles.

And who can forget **Sally Morgan**, who has volunteered her time for many years at AXPOW HQ in many areas, and specifically heading up marketing sales which is an important program for our organization. **Sally** is currently the Chairman for Civilian POWs and her articles in the Bulletin brings to our attention that not only military personnel were POWs but, many civilians were also, as internees. Sally became a prisoner of the Japanese at age 11, and was held captive in the Philippines for over three years which gives her personal knowledge for her articles.

Our National Chaplain, PNC **Gerald Harvey**, a long time supporter of all activities of AXPOW, provides articles in the Bulletin related to our spiritual needs. He progressed up-through all ranks of the AXPOW organization including National Commander 2005-06. **Gerald** was a POW in Germany.

If we open the quarrel between the past and the present, we shall find we have lost the future.

~Winston Churchill

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Morris



news from hq

Thanks to all who have supported the organization with your donations. It is always heartening when you respond.

I have a new title now. I'm the Adjutant/Treasurer. At the last convention the members voted to combine jobs to cut down on expenses. There were many costsaving measures put into effect. Our new bank has a requirement that all checks MUST be made out to AXPOW or American Ex-Prisoners of War, so please remember this when you made a donation or purchase.

The National Midyear Board meeting is March 26 in Arlington, Texas at the Hilton. The meeting is open to all members. Call headquarters for more information.

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of several hardworking members. Jean Thiede passed away suddenly in January. Jean was our VAVS Director for more years than I can count. I always enjoyed seeing Jean and her daughter Sharron at conventions.

Also, National Director Sid Hecker also passed in October, 2010. He will be missed.

And now we have lost Ruth Williams, Cheryl's Mom. Ruth, along with her husband Chuck, was instrumental in opening our DC office in the 1980s. Before that, Chuck worked out of their basement. Ruth was a strong and helpful mate to Chuck and she was dedicated to AXPOW and its causes.

Stay strong.
Clydie

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



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PASS THE WORD! PASS THE WORD! Pete called me and wanted to know how to get his father's VA disability check increased. They had been helped by "a VA advocate" and he had gotten his father's rating up from \$900 to \$1600?? His father had been a German POW for about 15 months, after their bomber had been shot down. He was a gunner and surely had health issues that should have gotten him 100% disability with benefit of \$2,673 for a single veteran. I asked Pete if they paid this "VA advocate". He said they had paid \$600 for his help. I told Pete our National Service Officers served without charge; **IN FACT IF THEY TOOK ANY MONEY, THEY WOULD BE DISACCREDITED BY THE VA,** and possibly spend time in Federal custody. Other veterans organizations such as Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, American Legion, VFW, JWV, Purple Heart, etc., as well as County Veterans Service Officers, all provide free service to help veterans with their VA claims. I referred Pete to a good NSO near them, and told him his father, who is in assisted living, needed a POW protocol physical if he had not had one. **AND IT'S FREE!**

Networking is so important.

Nick emails to ask how to help his former POW father get VA benefits. I ask him to call me so I could have an idea of his father's situation, and especially where he was. It turned out he lived in Somers, NY, just about 20 miles from Norm and Melanie Bussel, our good NSOs in Mohegan Lake, NY. They will serve him well, and he and Norm may have been in the same German POW camp.

A letter comes from John Hutchins, Commander, Dept. of Colorado. Dorene and husband Kermit had been members of the Mile High Chapter years ago, but he died in 1993 and Dorene now lives in Oceanside, California. She seeks help from the Colorado Department on how she could get a widow's benefit. Networking proceeds. I call our old pro NSO Frank Burger in the San Diego area, and he will call Dorene to see how he might help her with getting VA benefits. Even though 1993 was a long time ago, if Kermit had died of heart, stroke or hypertension problems, there is a good possibility Dorene would be eligible for the DIC.

Notes of gratitude keep coming as AXPOW Outreach continues.

Phyllis W writes from Ohio: "Thank you for the Dear Abby letter about ALS! It is so nice to get a monthly check from the VA, not direct deposit because I like to see it. I am still in awe every month when I see that check." Aw, gee! So it is for all of us with our VA benefits.

AXPOW Outreach continues in many ways. And here comes an inquiry from Canada. Anne Gillis emails from Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island: "Going through some old papers, I found my clipping from our local Charlottetown paper, your letter in the July 18, 2009 Dear Abby column about ALS. My father and his sister were both diagnosed with ALS. She served in the Canadian Air Force during WWII as a dietitian, was diagnosed with ALS in 1964 and lived until 1968, dying at age 54. My father served in the Canadian Army (Paratroop Corps) during WWII. He had a diagnosis of ALS confirmed

in June 1983 and lived until October 1983, dying at age 66.

"My reason for writing is that I am beginning to do some research as to the causes of ALS, especially among veterans. And do you have any awareness as to how this has been viewed by the Canadian military? Both my aunt and my father lived very full lives after WWII until ALS hit them. Do you know anything about the hereditary issue in this? Thank you for any help you may be able to offer. Anne"

I referred Anne to Dennis Bruno, AXPOW member in Abilene, Texas. Dennis retired from 30 years in the USAF after WWII, but spent POW in Germany as a Canadian RCAF member. Maybe he can put her in touch with the Canadian military folks. As to the hereditary possibilities, I have had two ALS claims where the familial ties seem to support some hereditary issues.

IF YOU KNOW OF ALS VICTIMS WITH SUCH FAMILY INDICATIONS, please let me know of them!

A Big **THANK YOU** to all our AXPOW members, mostly NSOs, who through the years have called the widows listed in the TAPS section of every EX-POW Bulletin issue, to make sure they have help to apply for VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation and ChampVA for which they are eligible. From my experience, these calls are much appreciated, and those who do the calling are richly compensated by the genuine gratitude expressed.

Caring!

These callers have helped contact the new widows listed in November/December 2010 and January/February 2011 EX-POW Bulletins::: NJ, Charles Susino, Karnig Thomasian; PA, Frank Kravetz, Don Lewis; OH, Doc Unger; AZ, Louise Dunham; MN, Richard Carroll; NC, Paul Dallas; SC, Charles Hill, IA, Betty Grinstead; FL, Ann Still; KS, Ruth Ann Grove-Alford (VARO); MS, Nancy Mullins

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(VARO); WA, Rudy Collins, Maurice Sharp; MD, Mary Rolen; MA, Katherine Arnold; NY/CT, Melanie Bussel; MI, Robert Fletcher; VA, George Coker; TX, Bill Roberts; CO/OR/CA/TN/HI/MO/AR, Fred Campbell.

And here comes a letter from Arthur in a Long Island, NY village. Arthur has a VA disability rating of 90%, which would ordinarily entitle him to apply for 100%, due to unemployability. But 85-year-old Arthur still works. Not much, just 14 hours a week. It sounds like acceptable "marginal" employment, but his annual income from this work in his community puts him above poverty income level. Once again, networking. I refer him to NSO Melanie Bussel in Mohegan Lake, NY. two days later, I call Melanie to tell her of the referral, and before I can say a word, Melanie: "I've already talked to Arthur twice, and I think the best we can do is try to get his service-connected rating up to 100%. After all, he has not had a VA exam since 2006, and he has, among other things, only 30% for coronary artery disease, and nothing for PTSD." An AXPOW NSO, Melanie will do the best she can to help Arthur get his 100% even as he continues to work industriously at age 85.

WE EXIST TO HELP THOSE WHO CANNOT HELP THEMSELVES.

The first All-American Soap Box Derby was held in Dayton, Aug.19,1934



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In Massachusetts, there are tremendous resources for Veterans and their surviving spouses.. In addition, many cities and villages also provide real estate abatements and other benefits. I know many other states also provide assistance.

If you would like to highlight your state's benefits, please send me the information or email the editor at axpoweditor@comcast.net. We'll try to fit in as many as possible over the months.

MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS BENEFITS (These are in addition to any benefits paid by VA or the Federal government):

Under Chapter 115 of Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L. ch. 115), the Commonwealth provides a uniform program of financial and medical assistance for indigent veterans and their dependents. Qualifying veterans and their dependents receive necessary financial assistance for food, shelter, clothing, housing supplies, and medical care in accordance with a formula which takes into account the number of dependants and income from all sources. Eligible dependents of deceased veterans are

provided with the same benefits as they would were the veteran still living.

Annuity

An annuity in the amount of \$2000, which is payable biannually on August 1st and February 1st in two installments of \$1000 each is available for certain veterans and their spouses, as well as Gold Star Parents. This benefit is provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through the Department of Veterans' Services.

Bonuses

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides a bonus to veterans who were domiciled in Massachusetts immediately prior to entry in the armed forces. In case of the death of a veteran, the spouse and children, mother or father, brother or sister or other dependents of the deceased veteran (in that order) are eligible for a bonus.

Tax Exemptions

Certain veterans are eligible for exemptions.

Motor Vehicles

Veteran series license plates, excise tax exemptions, and vehicle registration exemptions are benefits offered to veterans in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Pension Program

The Pension Program provides elderly veterans or eligible spouses with assistance in applying for VA Non-Service Connected Pensions and/or Chapter 115 benefits.

Additionally, many towns and cities offer benefits to qualified veterans. These can include real estate tax abatements, free admission to parks, free parking and other benefits.

Thanks to NSO Director Ruth Powell for providing us with this information.

Guide to
VA Mental Health Services
for *Veterans & Families*
Developed by South Central (VISN 16) Mental Illness Research, Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC)

In 2008, VA introduced a new mental health handbook that provides guidelines for VA hospitals and clinics across the US. The new handbook specifies exactly what mental health services VA hospitals and clinics are required to offer to Veterans and their families. The requirements differ depending on the size and type of VA hospital or clinic but apply across the entire VA system.

This brochure is a shorter, simplified version of the handbook. If you are a Veteran, Veteran family member, member of a Veterans Service Organization, or member of another group interested in VA mental health care you can use this handbook to learn what mental health services your local or regional VA health care facility has pledged to provide to Veterans.

In this brochure, we first describe the guiding principles of mental health care. Then, we explain how to find mental health care and the different treatment settings where VA offers mental health care, such as hospitals (inpatient care) or clinics (outpatient care) or through telemedicine (where mental health providers in one location can talk with, evaluate, and treat Veterans at another location through a closed-circuit television). We provide information

about the types of treatments available for the most common mental health problems of Veterans (such as depression, substance abuse, and posttraumatic stress disorder) and describe the special programs offered for particular groups of Veterans (such as women Veterans, homeless Veterans or older Veterans).

The glossary defines common VA mental health terms. Use this information to find out what services your VA hospital or clinic should be able to offer you.

Principles that Guide VA Mental Health Care for Veterans

Certain basic principles form the foundation of all VA mental health care. They are:

Focus on Recovery - VA is committed to a recovery-oriented approach to mental health care. Recovery empowers the Veteran to take charge of his/her treatment and live a full and meaningful life. This approach focuses on the individual's strengths and gives respect, honor, and hope to our nation's heroes and their families.

Holistic Coordinated Care - VA health care providers coordinate with each other to provide safe and effective treatment for the "whole" person—head to toe. Many Veterans begin mental health care with their VA primary care provider. VA believes Veterans can continue to be treated for many mental illnesses in primary care or referred for more intensive treatment to specialty mental health care. Also, most VAs have chaplains available to help Veterans with their spiritual or religious wellbeing. Having a healthy body, satisfying work, and supportive family and

friends, along with getting appropriate nutrition and exercising regularly are just as important to mental health as to physical health.

Mental Health Treatment in Primary Care - Like a quarterback, the primary care provider directs the Veteran's overall care by coordinating services among a team of providers. If you are experiencing mental health problems, talking to your primary care provider is a good place to start. Many times your mental health problem can be evaluated and treated by your primary care provider, with extra help from a case manager who can stay in close contact with you. There are also mental health providers on primary care teams to offer guidance to your primary care provider when needed. When more complex or intensive care is needed, your primary care provider will refer you to a specialized mental health program for further treatment.

Principal Mental Health Provider (PMHP) - Every Veteran who sees a mental health specialist is getting "specialty mental health care." The mental health specialist might be a psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker or counselor. Veterans who receive specialty mental health care have a Primary Mental Health Provider (PMHP). The PMHP is the Veteran's main contact for all specialty mental health services. The PMHP's job is to coordinate a mental health treatment plan for the Veteran. The plan combines Veterans' (and their families') goals with mental health specialists' recommendations.

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Around-the-Clock Service - Emergency mental health care is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week at VA medical centers. If your VA does not have a 24-hour emergency room, it must provide these services through a local, non-VA hospital. Telephone evaluations at VA medical centers and the national suicide hotline are also available 24/7.

Care That is Sensitive to Gender and Cultural Issues - VA health care providers receive training about military culture, gender differences, and ethnic issues in order to better understand each Veteran. In situations where a Veteran might feel more comfortable with a same-sex provider (or an opposite sex provider), VA will make every effort to arrange gender-specific care.

Care Close to Home - VA is moving closer to where Veterans live by adding more rural and mobile clinics and working with other health care providers in the community. There are now over 750 Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs). Using new technology called telemedicine, rural Veterans can also receive care from mental health specialists located at VA medical centers or other clinics.

Evidence-Based Treatment - VA is committed to making evidence-based treatments widely available. Evidence-based treatments are treatments that research has proven are effective for particular problems. Mental health providers receive training on a wide variety of proven treatments. Mental health providers must provide evidence-based treatments to Veterans.

Family Support - Sometimes, as part of a Veteran's treatment, some members of the Veteran's immediate family or the

Veteran's legal guardian may be included and receive services, such as family therapy, marriage counseling, grief counseling, etc. For all services, the primary focus of VA care is the Veteran. Examples of how VA helps families might include providing education about mental illness and treatment options. Family members might learn how to recognize symptoms and support recovery. In some treatment settings, a brief course of couples counseling or family therapy may be offered.

How VA is Organized

VA is organized into Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISNs). Each VISN has at least two medical centers, and each medical center has outpatient clinics onsite and community-based outpatient clinics (CBOCs) throughout the VISN. VA classifies these CBOCs according to size. Very large CBOCs treat more than 10,000 individual Veterans per year. Large CBOCs treat 5,000-10,000 individual Veterans per year. Mid-sized CBOCs treat 1,500-5,000 individual Veterans per year, and small CBOCs treat fewer than 1,500 individual Veterans per year. Veterans can seek care at the location closest to their home. Veterans can be referred to a larger clinic or medical center if needed.

How You Can Find the Mental Health Care You Need

If you have a mental health emergency (like wanting to hurt yourself or someone else), go to the nearest hospital emergency room or call 911. If it is not a VA hospital, you may be able to move to a VA facility depending on your circumstances. If you are feeling suicidal, you can also call the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)** and press 1 for the **Veterans Suicide Prevention**

Hotline, or visit <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/> and click on *Veterans Chat Live with a Counselor*. Mental health professionals are available to talk with you 24 hours per day.

If you have a mental health problem and have never been seen in a VA hospital or clinic, call VA general information hotline at **1-800-827-1000** or visit VA's website at **www.va.gov**. You will be able to find the address and phone number of a VA hospital or clinic near you. Some Veterans begin the process of finding mental health care through a Veterans Center. Homeless Veterans can get help finding mental health care at a Veterans drop-in center.

If you are already using VA medical services, ask your primary care provider to arrange for you to see a VA mental health provider.

How you know if you have a mental health problem

Sometimes it can be hard to tell. Since the brain and body affect one another, mental problems can cause physical problems along with changes in thinking, feeling, and behavior. In addition to commonly recognized emotional problems, like feeling very sad or nervous, symptoms and signs of mental health problems can include: changes in sleep, appetite, weight, or sex life; headaches or other physical pain; muscle tension and weakness; decreased energy, motivation, or interests; problems with attention, concentration, or memory; irritability, anger, or "short temper"; feelings of guilt, worthlessness, helplessness, or hopelessness; unhealthy behaviors (misusing drugs, alcohol, food, sex, or other behaviors like gambling or spending too much money to cope with stress or emotions); problems functioning at home, work, or school.

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The most important thing to remember is to talk with your primary care or mental health provider when you notice new symptoms or problems. Your health care team can help you figure out what's going on and what to do about it.

What will happen when you request Mental Health Services

There are many VA health care providers trained to help Veterans with mental health problems. A Veteran who feels anxious or depressed, may be drinking too much, has nightmares about combat, or feels something just isn't right, should start by talking with a primary care provider. The primary care provider, who may be a doctor, nurse, or counselor, will listen and offer support. The primary care provider may start medication and will help the Veteran manage the problem, often with the help of a mental health case manager. In other cases, the primary care provider may refer the Veteran to a mental health specialist - that is, a psychiatrist, psychotherapist, or other behavioral health specialist. At medical centers and very large CBOCs, the Veteran may be seen the same day by a mental health specialist working in the primary care clinic. If the Veteran is being seen in a smaller CBOC or if the Veteran needs more comprehensive care, the Veteran will be referred to a mental health specialty clinic for an appointment within 14 days. The mental health specialist will talk with the Veteran to understand more about what is going on in the Veteran's life. The specialist will help identify the problem and recommend treatment that might include medications, talk therapies, social support services, etc. Family members may participate in treatment planning if desired by the Veteran. Veterans already receiving outpatient care in a mental health specialty clinic will be seen immediately

for emergencies, and within 30 days for less urgent needs.

Mental Health Treatment in VA

VA offers a range of treatments and services to improve the mental health of Veterans. Exercise, good nutrition, good overall physical health, and enjoyable social activities are linked to positive mental health. Some VAs offer help for coping with stress, such as relaxation exercises. For Veterans with serious mental illness, VA offers care tailored to help with their specific problem and to promote recovery. Serious mental illnesses can include schizophrenia, depression or bipolar disorder, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and substance use disorders (drugs or alcohol, or illegal substances). These problems are usually treated with medications and individual or group psychotherapy (talk therapy). Programs that provide peer support are also very important. Treatments and services for these disorders are provided in a variety of settings. The next two sections describe the types of treatment settings within VA and the types of treatments for specific mental illnesses provided by VA.

Types of Treatment Settings

VA offers treatments for mental health problems in a variety of settings, including: inpatient care for Veterans suffering from very severe or life-threatening mental illness; intensive outpatient care (a minimum of 9 hours per week) that helps bring a serious mental illness, including a substance use disorder or posttraumatic stress disorder, under better control outpatient care in a psychosocial rehabilitation and recovery center (PRRC) for Veterans with serious mental illness and significant problems in functioning; regular outpatient care, which may include telemedicine services, for Veterans during a difficult time in life; residential care for Veterans with a wide range of mental health problems and/or rehabilitative care needs (such as homelessness, job training, and education) who would benefit from living in a structured environment for a period of time; supported work settings to help Veterans join the work force and live well in the community.

Different treatment settings are appropriate for different problems at different times. For example, a severely ill or suicidal Veteran might need inpatient treatment in a hospital for several days. When the illness becomes less severe, he or she may return home and receive treatment as an outpatient in a VA clinic.

For Veterans who receive inpatient mental health treatment, VA will check on the Veteran's progress within one week after she/he leaves the hospital. This evaluation might be by telephone or, possibly, in person, just to make sure the Veteran is doing well. VA will also ask the Veteran to come back for a follow-up appointment no later than two weeks after discharge from the hospital.

In addition, Veterans who live a long distance from a VA medical center can still receive treatment through telemedicine. In many parts of the country, especially in rural areas, there may not be very many providers experienced in treating mental health problems. To remedy this situation VA offers treatment through telemedicine. That is, mental health providers located at larger VA medical centers can talk with, evaluate, and provide treatment for Veterans at smaller community-based VA clinics through a special closed-circuit television. Telemedicine services, like face-to-face mental health services, are confidential. More and more VA clinics are using telemedicine technology to connect patients with specialists who are not on-site. For example, if you are a Veteran living in a rural area and need specialized care for PTSD that is not available at your local VA clinic, you may receive this treatment from a PTSD specialist at another VA location using telemedicine technology.

**Part II will be in the May/
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Taihoku, Kinkaseki: Camp II, Taichu:	
Camp III, Heito: Camp IV, Kagi &	
Tako	2.10

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Victory is even closer for completion the "Victory From Within" POW Traveling Legacy project! AXPOW members continue to rally to push us past the fundraising finish line. At last writing, we were \$36,000 short of our goal. However, with your recent donations this winter, we now only need another \$6,000 at this writing to replenish the "advance" that the Friends of Andersonville made from the Andersonville Trust fund. In other words, AXPOW, the Friends of Andersonville, and the National Park Service together have contributed \$266,000 thus far toward the fabrication costs, estimated at \$272,000. Confident of fulfilling our common purpose, we are proceeding with the contracting process. At next writing, we will be on the verge of awarding the contract to the firm who will build the exhibit.

An essential component of this traveling exhibition will be audio-visual elements, similar to those featured in the National Prisoner of War Museum, that allow visitors to see your faces and hear your voices as you share your personal experiences as POWs. As you know, employees and volunteers at Andersonville National Historic Site have conducted numerous interviews with former

POWs through the years. If you participated in the program, you may recall signing a release agreement that gives us permission to use the interview for educational purposes. The agreement, for example, allowed us to produce the movie and interactive programs shown in museum.

As we prepare to create the traveling exhibition, we have discovered a number of interviews that were conducted by other parties that do not have release agreements. We need your help to ensure that these interviews can be used to fulfill our park purpose. We do not have release agreements for the interviews with the individuals listed below. If your name is on this list, or if you are the next of kin of someone on the list who is deceased, please contact Chief of Resource Management Michael "Alan" Marsh at Andersonville so he can email, mail, or fax the release form to you. Please contact Alan at michael_marshall@nps.gov for the form or with any questions you have.

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Burton, Robert B.
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Coon, Harley
Covington, Joe S.
Deutch, Richard
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McDaniel, Michael
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Morgan, Jerry
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Upton, Joseph B.
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Col. Hervey Stockman, USAF - RIP



Col. (Retired) Hervey Stockman, USAF and a great man died on 23 February 2011 in Albuquerque. I'm copying and pasting from various sources from around the Internet and personal knowledge.

Hervey was one of those men who does a lot of successful things. He was a longtime friend who did more for the Nam-POW Vietnam POW Fraternal Organization than almost anybody realizes. He

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sought no recognition for those activities from which so many of us benefitted. He almost singlehandedly put together the pink & gray "yearbook of our experience in Vietnam complete with photos and maps of all the camps. There was no mention of a staff or that Hervey had put the massive "yearbook" together. Hervey was also responsible for the design of the 4th Allied POW Wing Crest which he coordinated through the Air Force Office of Heraldry.

Excerpted from Hervey's tribute on Erich Anderson's Veteran Tribute web site:

<http://www.veterantributes.org/TributeDetail.asp?ID=354>

Hervey Stockman was born on February 24, 1922, in Andover, New Jersey. He attended Princeton University for two years before enlisting in the Aviation Cadet Program of the U.S. Army Air Forces on September 17, 1942. Stockman was commissioned a 2d Lt and awarded his pilot wings on August 30, 1943.

He was assigned to the 504th Fighter Squadron of the 339th Fighter Group in England during World War II, flying the P-51 Mustang. During the war, Lt Stockman was credited with destroying 2 enemy aircraft in aerial combat and flew 68 combat missions before leaving active duty and joining the Air Force Reserve on November 5, 1945. He then attended the Pratt Institute of Art School, where he majored in Industrial Design, followed by work at General Motors as an automotive design stylist. Stockman was recalled to active duty on April 1, 1951, and was assigned to the 561st Fighter-Escort Squadron of the 12th Fighter-Escort Wing (later redesignated the 561st Strategic Fighter Squadron and the 12th Strategic Fighter Wing) at

Bergstrom AFB, Texas, where he flew F-84 Thunderjets until May 1953.

Stockman then transferred to the 522nd Strategic Fighter Squadron of the 27th Strategic Fighter Wing, also at Bergstrom, where he served until January 1956, when he became one of the six original U-2 pilots, flying clandestine CIA missions over the Soviet Union between 1956 and February 1958, including the very first mission over the USSR on July 4, 1956.

In December 1966, he began flying combat missions in Southeast Asia with the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing at DaNang AB in the Republic of Vietnam. Col Stockman was made commander of the 390th Tactical Fighter Squadron at DaNang in May 1967. He was forced to eject from his F-4 Phantom II over North Vietnam and was taken as a Prisoner of War while flying his 310th combat mission on June 11, 1967.

After spending 2,093 days in captivity, Col Stockman was released during Operation Homecoming on March 4, 1973. He recovered from his injuries at Malcolm Grow Medical Center at Andrews AFB until August 1973, when he began Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. After graduating in August 1974, Col Stockman served with NATO in Europe followed by service as Director of Joint Test and Evaluation with the Air Force Test and Evaluation Center at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, where he retired from the Air Force on December 31, 1978.

Hervey is back where he belongs - up in the sky higher even than in his U-2 days and probably surveilling everything below him. To document it for all to see. With no mast or other credit-giving page. For he was not into self-aggrandizement. And it will be very well done.

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Americans Identified: There are now 1,702 Americans listed by the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) as missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. DPMO recently posted the news that the remains of **Warrant Officer 3rd Class George A. Howes, USAR**, and two US Air Force officers **Colonel James E. Dennany** and **Major Robert L. Tucci**, have been recovered and identified. WO3 Howes was listed as MIA January 10, 1970. Col Dennany and Maj Tucci were both listed as MIA in Laos on November 12, 1969.

Several others have been identified, but not yet announced by DPMO as they are awaiting family notification by the Service Casualty Offices.

The number of Americans returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is now 881; another 63 US personnel, recovered post-incident and identified before the end of the war, bring the total to 944. Of the 1,702 American POW/MIA's from the Vietnam War, our unreturned veterans, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Laos and Cambodia under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam - 1,304 (VN-478, VS-826); Laos - 332; Cambodia - 59; Peoples

Republic of China territorial waters - 7. Over 450 are considered over-water losses.

Airman Missing in Action from Korean War is Identified

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

Air Force 1st Lt. Robert F. Dees, 23, of Moultrie, Ga., will be buried Jan. 22 at the Longstreet Historical Cemetery in Ozark, Ala. On Oct. 9, 1952, he was flying an F-84 Thunderjet, attacking several targets in North Korea. After he and the other three aircraft from the 430th Fighter-Bomber Squadron completed their attack on their primary target, they began their bombing run against enemy box-cars on the railroad near Sinyang. Other members of his flight reported seeing an explosion near the target they were attacking. They believed it to be the crash of Dees' aircraft and could not raise any radio contact with him. Airborne searches over the battlefield failed to locate him or his aircraft.

Following the armistice in 1953, the North Koreans repatriated 4,219 remains of U.S. and allied soldiers during Operation Glory. In November 1954, they turned over remains which they reported were recovered from Sinyang. Accompanying the remains were portions of a pilot's flight suit and a pneumatic life preserver. But after two attempts, the Army's mortuary at Kokura, Japan, was unable to identify the remains. They were buried in 1956 as "unknown" at the Punch Bowl Cemetery in Hawaii. Beginning in the late 1990s, analysts from DPMO and the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) undertook a concentrated review of Korean War air losses, as well as a review of the Kokura

mortuary files. They made a tentative association to Dees, based on U.S. wartime records as well as the information provided by the North Koreans. These remains were disinterred from the Punch Bowl Cemetery in June 2010.

1st Lt. Dees' remains were identified by making extensive dental comparisons with his medical records.

Missing WWII Airman Identified

The remains of a World War II soldier have been returned to his family, 67 years after fatal crash. New research and DNA testing have identified a man Missing in Action as Staff Sergeant Berthold Allen Chastain.

During a recon mission in 1943, Chastain and 11 other crew members disappeared from sight when their plane dipped off the radar over New Guinea. After years of searching, the crew was declared dead in 1944.

Chastain was the tail gunner in a B-24 bomber that crashed Oct. 27, 1943, on the South Pacific island of New Guinea. Searchers couldn't find the crash site, so the U.S. Army Air Corps officially declared the 12-member crew dead Oct. 24, 1944.

The body of Sergeant Berthold Chastain was returned to Cleveland, TN in January 2011.

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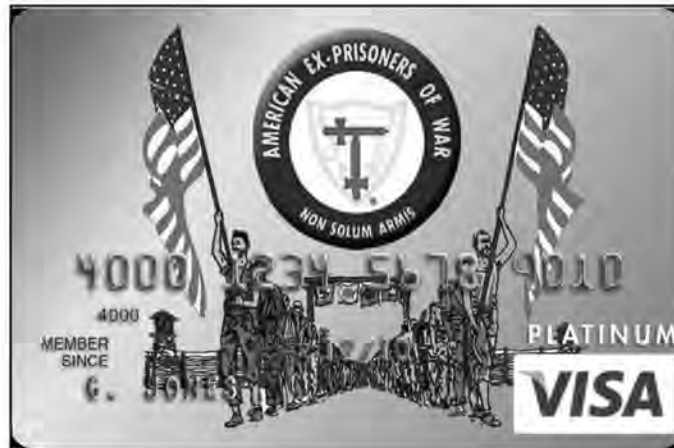
Army Pfc. Bowe R. Bergdahl, 24, June 30, 2009, Afghanistan Army Staff Sgt. Ahmed K. Altaie, 45, Oct. 23, 2006, Baghdad.



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Doolittle Raid on Japan, 18 April 1942

The April 1942 air attack on Japan, launched from the aircraft carrier Hornet and led by Lieutenant Colonel James H. Doolittle, was the most daring operation yet undertaken by the United States in the young Pacific War. Though conceived as a diversion that would also boost American and allied morale, the raid generated strategic benefits that far outweighed its limited goals.

The raid had its roots in a chance observation that it was possible to launch Army twin-engined bombers from an aircraft carrier, making feasible an early air attack on Japan. Appraised of the idea in January 1942, U.S. Fleet commander Admiral Ernest J. King and Air Forces leader General Henry H. Arnold greeted it with enthusiasm. Arnold assigned the technically-astute Doolittle to organize and lead a suitable air group. The modern, but relatively well-tested B-25B "Mitchell" medium bomber was selected as the delivery vehicle and tests showed that it could fly off a carrier with a useful bomb load and enough fuel to hit Japan and continue on to airfields in China.

Gathering volunteer air crews for an unspecified, but admittedly dangerous mission, Doolittle embarked on a vigorous program of special training for his men and modifications to their planes. The new carrier Hornet was sent to the Pacific to undertake the Navy's part of the mission. So secret was the operation that her Commanding Officer, Captain Marc A. Mitscher, had no idea of his ship's upcoming employment until shortly before sixteen B-25s were loaded on her flight deck. On 2 April 1942 Hornet put to sea and headed west across the vast Pacific.

Joined in mid-ocean on 13 April by Vice Admiral William F. Halsey's flagship Enterprise, which would provide air cover during the approach, Hornet steamed toward a planned 18 April afternoon launching point

some 400 miles from Japan. However, before dawn on 18 April, enemy picket boats were encountered much further east than expected. These were evaded or sunk, but got off radio warnings, forcing the planes to take off around 8 AM, while still more than 600 miles out.

Most of the sixteen B-25s, each with a five-man crew, attacked the Tokyo area, with a few hitting Nagoya. Damage to the intended military targets was modest, and none of the planes reached the Chinese airfields



(though all but a few of their crewmen survived). However, the Japanese high command was deeply embarrassed. Three of the eight American airmen they had captured were executed. Spurred by Combined Fleet commander Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, they also resolved to eliminate the risk of any more such raids by the early destruction of America's aircraft carriers, a decision that led them to disaster at the Battle of Midway a month and a half later.

The People of the Raid

After dropping their bombs, mainly on or near their intended targets, Doolittle's sixteen B-25B bombers left Japanese airspace, essentially unhindered by enemy air interception and anti-aircraft gunfire. One of them, suffering from excessive fuel consumption, had no hope of reaching China and so headed for the closer Soviet Maritime region. After landing north of Vladivostok, this plane and its five crew members

were interned by the then-neutral Soviet authorities. The crew ultimately returned to the U.S. through Iran.

The other fifteen planes, with their seventy-five men, flew on toward China, where darkness forced four to crash-land or ditch offshore. With fuel running out after some fifteen hours of flying, eleven crews took to their parachutes. Three men were killed at this time. Local residents saved most of the others and heroically spirited them through Japanese-held territory to safety. The vengeful enemy retaliated with a vicious ground offensive, killing tens of thousands of Chinese over the following months. The Japanese also were able to capture eight men from two planes' crews. Three of these prisoners of war, Second Lieutenants Dean E. Hallmark and William G. Farrow and Sergeant Harold A. Spatz, were executed at Shanghai in October 1942. Another, Lieutenant Robert J. Meder, died in prison more than a year later.

The remaining airmen eventually returned to duty with the Army Air Forces, and twelve of these lost their lives later in the war. Their leader, Lieutenant Colonel "Jimmy" Doolittle, was quickly promoted to Brigadier General and awarded the Medal of Honor. Twenty-three of his men received Distinguished Flying Crosses. One of the latter, the seriously injured 2nd Lt. Ted W. Lawson, wrote a best-selling memoir of the raid and its aftermath. In 1944, this book, "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo", served as the basis for a Hollywood motion picture of the same name.

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April 8-9, 2011. Dept. of Missouri Annual Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia, located off of HWY 70 at Exit 124. Any questions or for further information please contact Paul Dillon at 314-609-9037.

June 10-11, 2011. Dept of West Virginia Annual Convention will be held at the Best Western (formerly Holiday Inn) Bridgeport, WV. For information, contact Cmdr. Annette Smith, 621 Front St., Brownsville, PA 15417; 724-785-8536.

June 23-25, 2011. The Dept. of Arizona State Convention will be held at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino, I-10 & Wild Horse Pass Blvd (exit 162). Call 800-946-4452 X4900 for discounted room rates \$79.00 per night or \$119.00 for suite plus tax with cut off date of June 18, 2011. Discount code: American Ex-Prisoners of War Dept of AZ. Please contact POW-WOW Chapter #1 Commander David Mills 480-473-8259 or Debby Lindhurst at dlindyP38@cox.net for registration info.

July 31-Aug. 7, 2011. The Korean War EX-POW Association Reunion will be held in Norfolk, VA. For details, contact Bill Norwood at 909 Whisperwood Trail, Cleveland, TN 37312; 423-476-3628; wnorwood@charter.net.



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DO YOU KNOW THESE MEN?

THE PILLROLLERS BASEBALL TEAM. Taken at Stalag IIB Hamerstein, Germany, 1944. Joe Zetti is standing (L rear). 348 Dorset St., Akron, OH 44305.

I'm looking for information on any and all ground and flight crew members of the **15th AF based in North Africa and Italy** during WWII who participated in any bombing raids on the Oil Fields in Ploesti, Romania. Please contact, Dennis Posey, phone number: 770-509-7734; dennis_posey@att.net. Thank you, Herman "Herk" Streitburger, Bedford, NH.

My uncle, **Sgt Raymond Robinson** was serving in Korea with the 8th Regiment at Unsan. They were overrun and he became a Prisoner of War on Nov. 2nd 1950. He was death marched to Camp 5 located on a peninsula (back water of the Yalu River). Temperatures there ranged from 100 degrees in the summer to 40 below in winter. They were poorly fed, clothed and inhumanly treated. The North Koreans were animal jailers. The Chinese recognized this and replaced them. Later "out of the blue" Sgt Robinson and a group of soldiers were taken by truck to "No-Mans-Land". He thought they were going to be executed. Instead, they were left out of the truck and were pointed in the direction of our own

lines which were now at the original 38th Parallel. Any information on the battle or his experience would be helpful. Thank you. Gary Robinson; garyrob2008@live.com.

News Briefs

Public Law 111-163

The Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010, Public Law 111-163, was enacted May 5, 2010 and directed VA to begin providing caregiver support.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is increasing its support to caregivers with a new, toll-free telephone line for the caregivers of Veterans of all eras.

The National Caregiver Support Line — 1-855-260-3274 — will serve as the primary resource and referral center to assist caregivers, Veterans and others seeking caregiver information.

The line unofficially started Feb. 1, and in its first week logged nearly 600 calls, including 134 referrals to local VA caregiver support coordinators and 233 calls from caregivers themselves.

The support line will provide information regarding new caregiver benefits, referrals to local caregiver support coordinators as well as emotional support to those concerned with their ability to provide care to loved ones who are Veterans.

The National Caregiver Support Line will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m., Eastern time; and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Eastern time. Licensed VA social workers and health technicians will staff the support line.

Local caregiver support coordinators are available to assist Veterans and their caregivers to understand and apply for VA's many caregiver ben-

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efits. VA also features a Web page, www.caregiver.va.gov <<http://www.caregiver.va.gov/>>, with general information on other caregiver support programs available through VA and the community.

Access to the National Caregiver Support Line was also identified as a significant need in a November 2010 study on caregivers of Veterans published by the National Alliance for Caregiving.

50th Anniversary

DOD Announces Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Program

The Department of Defense announced today its program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. The program will:

~Thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.

~Highlight the service of the armed forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of federal agencies

and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the armed forces.

~Pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.

~Highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to the military research conducted during the Vietnam War.

~Recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

~DoD representatives will coordinate with other federal agencies, veteran groups, state, local government and non-government organizations for their input in Vietnam War commemoration activities. For more information call 877-387-9951 or visit the official website at <http://www.vietnamwar50th.com/>.

Korea/Agent Orange

VA Publishes Final Regulation to Aid Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange in Korea. Will Provide Easier Path to Health Care and Benefits

Veterans exposed to herbicides while serving along the demilitarized zone (DMZ) in Korea will have an easier path to access quality health care and benefits under a Department of Veterans Affairs final regu-

lation that will expand the dates when illnesses caused by herbicide exposure can be presumed to be related to Agent Orange.

Under the final regulation published today in the Federal Register, VA will presume herbicide exposure for any Veteran who served between April 1, 1968, and Aug. 31, 1971, in a unit determined by VA and the Department of Defense (DoD) to have operated in an area in or near the Korean DMZ in which herbicides were applied.

Previously, VA recognized that Agent Orange exposure could only be conceded to Veterans who served in certain units along the Korean DMZ between April 1968 and July 1969.

In practical terms, eligible Veterans who have specific illnesses VA presumes to be associated with herbicide exposure do not have to prove an association between their illness and their military service. This "presumption" simplifies and speeds up the application process for benefits and ensures that Veterans receive the benefits they deserve.

Army Commemorative Coins Now Available

Army Historical Foundation (AHF) and United States Mint officials conducted a joint press conference at

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony At Pittsburgh Healthcare System



The grand opening of Heroes Hall took place on the ground floor of the University Drive facility of the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System on October 19, 2010.

Heroes Hall is a large room that Veterans can pop into during normal operating hours, often while waiting for transportation or an upcoming appointment.

It is a space that is all about Veterans.



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the Pentagon earlier today to announce that three distinct 2011 Army Commemorative Coins are now available to the public.

The Army \$5 gold coin, silver dollar, and clad half-dollar were authorized by Congress in 2008 to celebrate the service's storied history and honor the 30 million American men and women who have worn the Army uniform since 1775.

According to BG Creighton W. Abrams, Jr. (USA-Ret.), AHF's Executive Director, the two-and-a-half years it took to bring the Army commemoratives from concept to reality was definitely worth the wait.

Daniel P. Shaver, the US Mint's General Counsel, announced that all three coins can be ordered beginning today at www.usmint.gov/catalog or by calling 1-800 USA-MINT. He noted that pricing of the coins includes a surcharge—\$35 for each gold coin, \$10 for each silver coin, and \$5 for each clad coin—which is authorized to be paid to the Army Historical Foundation to help finance the National Museum of the United States Army to be built at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

The Museum, set to open in 2015 will be a magnificent state-of-the-art facility built to honor America's Soldiers, preserve the history of America's oldest military service, and educate all Americans about the Army's role in our nation's development.

According to Shaver, the gold, silver, and clad coins are respectfully themed "Army Service in War," "Modern Army Service," and "Army Service in Peace."

The front of the \$5 dollar gold coin features five Soldier figures whose service from colonial times through

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today symbolizes the Army's continuity of strength and readiness. The coin's reverse includes the U.S. Army emblem and inscription, "This We'll Defend," to represent the unbroken history of the Army's loyalty and commitment to defend the Nation.

The front of the Army silver dollar depicts the busts of a male and female Soldier symbolizing the worldwide deployment of the 21st century Army. The back of the coin is impressed with the Great Seal of the United States surrounded by the Army's seven core values.

The clad half-dollar represents the Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve's contributions during peacetime, to include disaster relief/humanitarian assistance and the Army's pioneering role in early space exploration. The reverse depicts a Continental Soldier, symbolizing the Army as the first military service to defend the country. The 13 stars represent the original colonies.

The United States Mint is offering each of the coins in either proof or uncirculated versions and a special introductory rate is available until March 2, 2011. For prices and ordering instructions visit www.usmint.gov/catalog or call 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468). More information about the National Museum of the United States Army is available online at www.armyhistory.org

Marine Corps Fellowships

The Marine Corps History Division seeks applications for its 2011 Marine Corps master's theses and dissertation fellowships on topics related to some aspect of Marine Corps history. The fellowships are funded by the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation to help encourage contributions to the field of Marine Corps history and, more generally, military and naval history. Deadline for applications is May 1, 2011.

Additional information and application materials may be found on the division's website www.history.usmc.mil, or by contacting the Coordinator, Grants and Fellowships at (703) 432-4884 or charles.r.smith9@usmc.mil.

Hearing Loss Claims

VA Using Employee-Developed Innovation to Make Hearing Loss Claims More Efficient, Accurate

A new innovative VA employee-developed software program is speeding up claims and eliminating errors and will soon be used by VA nationwide.

Renford Patch, a Veterans Service Representative at VBA's regional office in Phoenix, Ariz., developed a program that automates the steps for determining compensation for varying degrees of hearing loss.

The calculator analyzes audio metric data from a hearing test and then determines whether a veteran has a hearing loss, the extent of the loss in terms of decibels, and the level of disability.

The calculator then generates a narrative text file, citing relevant regulations for payment. To date, the program as proven to be 100 percent accurate in its calculations.

VA's acting Undersecretary for Benefits Mike Walcoff believes that VBA could adapt the calculator in the future to expedite claims processing for other medical conditions.



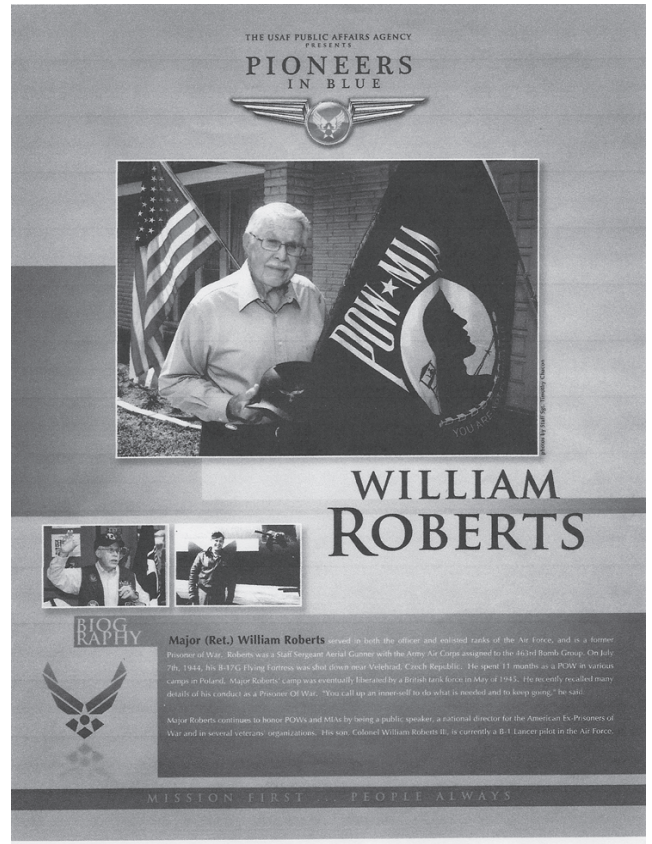
Member Kudos!

Bill Roberts

On Sept. 18, the official birthday of the Air Force, Air Force Public Affairs Agency officials launched a project showcasing 38 veterans from different career fields and backgrounds who have contributed to the greatness of the Air Force.

"Pioneers in Blue," a series of photographic portraits on display in the Pentagon, highlights the service of veteran Airmen, Air Force heroes, pilots, prisoners of war, jet mechanics, cryptologists, medical technicians and graphic artists who aided in making the Air Force what it is today.

Through Pioneers in Blue, AFPAA showcases the famous heroes and everyday Airmen who helped build today's Air Force by sharing personal short stories of how the Air Force made a difference for each of them.



WWII POW's Jack Warner and E.L. Fowler were honored Jan. 28, 2011 night between the girls and boys basketball games at Hammon, OK. Mr. Warner and Mr. Fowler were presented a special Certificate from Gov. Brad Henry and an Oklahoma "Cross of Valor" Medal for their service to our country. Both men spent months as POW's during WWII and were recognized for their courage and service by the State of Oklahoma. Presenting the honors were Sen. Tom Ivestor and Rep.

Purcy Walker. Both men received standing ovations from the crowd! Mr. Fowler stated afterward that "being a POW and in battle for freedom gave me one good thing, my Faith was made stronger in our Lord."

What a touching tribute to two great men!!!!

Pictured are: Sen. Tom Ivestor, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Warner, and Rep. Purcy Walker

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Your Stories



A Cartoon Story

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My primary interest in high school was science and math, but I loved art and consequently took as many art courses as I could. However, my interest in any form of art was curtailed when my Marine Corps Reserve unit was called for active duty on November 6, 1940. This was before the completion of my senior year of high school. It wasn't until a month or more in confinement at Cabanatuan POW camp that I started sketching again.

Unlike my internment in the POW camp in Japan, in the Philippine camp, we were not constantly under the surveillance of the Japanese. The guards would enter the camp only on occasion for a "staffing run" (inspection). On these runs they would generally try to find some excuse to knock someone around. However, these raids were relatively infrequent and if you were careful you could get away with fracturing a few rules. Most of us took

advantage of this comparative freedom to engage in a number of "hobbies". I drew on my fondness for drawing and art. One of my first efforts, and probably the most dangerous was counterfeiting a twenty dollar Japanese occupation bill. I split the ill-gained take with a soldier who pawned it off on a Japanese who had an illicit business selling cigarettes through the fence after dusk. Cigarettes were like gold and helped me to get material for my drawings.

crease our death rate dramatically. In the preceding six month period over 2500 POW's had perished. All of canned milk was issued to the hospital area. My bonanza was the label from the Carnation milk cans. Almost everyone in the barrack rounded up labels to give to me for my cartoons. I used the backs of the labels, which were almost white, for my drawings. I used the front that was printed with red text to create a diary or log to record various events and atrocities. I wrote my comments in very tiny letters so as to avoid detection.



Most of my cartoons of the Cabanatuan series, were drawn on these Carnation can labels until September 17, 1943 when I was transferred to Japan. It was frightening to be transferred to Osaka, Japan. Most POW's hoped to avoid it. I don't know how the selection was made, but the officers were last to be transferred. Unfortunately,

the morale in the Navy and Marine barracks was sagging as malnutrition started taking effect especially after most of the Marines and Navy personnel were transferred to the burial detail. We were burying as many as forty men a day. The bodies were like skeletons and when you lifted them onto the window shutters which were used for litters, their skin would peel back and stick to your hands.

the later ships were frequently sunk by U. S. forces with very few survivors. The "Hell ships" are a story in themselves - at least as bad as the African Slave ships. The Japanese had no vested interest in keeping their prisoners alive or in good health. I was lucky in being placed on an earlier ship because the ordeal became much worse as the war progressed. Because of conditions existing in the U.S. navy early in the war, the torpedoes used to destroy enemy ships were WW I vintage and many were duds.

To bolster my morale and also that of my over 200 barracks mates, I started my cartoons. I had a pencil, but paper was almost impossible to obtain. I bartered for whatever writing material anyone had. Around Christmas, 1942, shipments of condensed milk arrived along with limes and onions. The addition of these items helped de-

In the Sakurajimi cap in Japan, we were seldom free of Japanese eyes. They roamed our camp at will searching for the slightest infraction. Almost anything



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would apply. We were not allowed razors, knives, reading material, pencils, paper, or anything for amusement. Smoking was not allowed in the barracks. The crime of smoking was a favorite target for the guards as they could often find someone to slap around for sneaking a drag on a butt. I once got slapped around daily for almost a month because of a missing button on my blouse. I had left an upper button open and a guard jerked the button off one morning at "tinko" (roll call). I suffered for this infraction every morning until I finally found a replacement. I traded "something" with someone who had an extra button.

As a consequence of the constant harassments it became much more difficult to continue my cartooning. Of course, it didn't stop me; it just provided a little more incentive. I hid my work in the center of a stacked toilet paper that I carried in my lunch bag. Unfortunately, despite my "brilliant" hiding method one of the little creeps found my cache of drawings not long after arrival in Sakurajima. Lucky for me, I believe the Japanese were so incensed on finding the stash of cartoons that they never looked at the back of the labels. If they had seen the diary, the punishment would have been execution by a firing squad. As it was, it took almost a month for me to recover from the effects of the beating they gave me for drawing cartoons.

The Japanese were very good at psychological torture. After the cartoons were discovered I knew I was in trouble but they took their time in letting me know

how I was going to be punished. I stood in the assembly line every morning and night as was the practice and waited and waited. I knew my number would be called for punishment and I was almost certain I'd be executed. It was almost a relief when they called "ni-ju-san ban" - my number 23.

After I recovered from the beating, I immediately started to reproduce all of the cartoons from memory. I was successful in reproducing my confiscated drawings. Everyone pitched in to help me recall the details of each cartoon. By this time, many of us had received mail as it was near Christmas and this was the time when mail was delivered. Marines and sailors in my barrack donated the envelopes from their letter for my use.

Osaka was bombed and the shipyard and the city were in ashes. I was transferred to Akinobe POW camp on May 17, 1945 and continued drawing some cartoons. While in Akinobe, I worked in a copper mine where my job was to drill holes in the rock overhead and pack the holes with explosives for blasting. The explosive material was sort of a powder. I believe it was picric acid. The powder was wrapped in a waxy paper and packaged in cardboard boxes. With the help of my friends, I was able to collect enough of this waxy paper to continue drawing.

Years later, after the war, I was astonished to see copies of my original cartoons in a calendar with someone else's signature. Additionally, two of the copies of my original concepts with identical text were published in a POW periodical with credit to the same person. They were obviously my drawings because they either

had identical captions, or were so similar in content that it would be impossible to replicate

I really wanted to contact the individual to learn how he had acquired my confiscated cartoons because it would provide me some closure. I tried to find him by writing to the POW periodical editor and did not receive a reply. It wasn't until recently, when the 2011 AXPOW calendar arrived that I felt I had to find out more information. There they were, more of my cartoons with the same signature. This is a personal quest for satisfaction as I have always wondered how someone else ended up with the cartoons. I became almost obsessed with the desire to find out he obtained my originals. He was not a person I knew. He was an officer and not one of the two who I knew.

In all, I created over 113 drawings after my other drawings were confiscated. I guess I will never know the disposition of my work. I tried to locate the man whose signature was on the published cartoons, but was unable to reach him as he is deceased.

I'm still alive and my 113 drawings are now in the Marine museum in Washington DC. The past is past and I have many more adventures to experience. The reason I would like more information is to satisfy my own curiosity not for any other reasons.





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Members' forum



Dear Editor,

Over the years, I have sought to find the name and location of the German POW camp/hospital where I was interned for 3 months. While in combat with the 14th Armored Div., I was wounded and captured (1/11/45). I ended up in a quasi-hospital in an abandoned schoolhouse in an area called Witzzenhausen, near Kassel. With minimal treatment and food I, and about six others, barely survived until set free by the advancing 45th Inf. Div. I have tried to find information on the hospital and my comrades, but it was as though it never existed. My son, Jeffrey, was finally able to find an official German document which provided all the necessary information. I would like to pass it along to any surviving members. The name: Witzzenhausen reserve-lazarett. Location: outskirts of Kassel, Germany. The comrades: William Rummel, 12/8/1918, Johnston; Philip Phillips 12/27/1919, Georgia; Clyde Lukas 7/10/1920, Martin's Ferry; William Larson 4/5/1923, Branley; Michael Lajesak 9/29/1921, Springdale PA; William Kummel 12/8/1918, Johnstown, PA; Nathan Kronenberg 12/8/1924 (ME) Chicago, IL; Klumeth King 9/10/1919, Pisachief, CO; Leonard Johnson 4/5/1921, Benton Harbor, MI.

Thank you. Nathan Kronenberg, 2351 E Pole Rd., Everson, WA 98247.

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Dear Cheryl,

On page 3 of the Jan-Feb 2011 Bulletin, the short article FREEDOM. 2nd paragraph. I follow each quote by my comments. Quote: after the surrender of tens of thousands of American Troops during the Battle of Bataan. COMMENT: Unless this reads Filipino/American troops, it is in error - on Apr. 3, 1942, 78,100 were on the Personnell Officers Report. Of these about 11,000 were American; the rest Filipinos. Quote: many were sent to Cabanatuan prison camp following the Bataan Death March. COMMENT: There were NO POWs in Cabanatuan POW camp until after Corregidor fell, officially May 10, 1942. The POWs of Bataan were sent to Camp O'Donnell, the last arriving stragglers by Apr. 24, 1942. There were NO Corregidor troops on the Bataan Death March. Quote: The Japanese transferred most of the prisoners to other areas, leaving just over 500 Americans and other Allied POWs and civilians in the prison. COMMENT: These transfers happened over a period of 3 years, not like it appears, after Bataan fell. There were 511 men released by the Rangers on the Raid on Cabanatuan — 196 were medics and doctors, with 4 dentists, 2 vets, 124 were officers — lots of Navy officers, 160 were NCOs with a lot of MSGTS, 12

Four generations of Warners at the Albany, Georgia National Convention... PNC Jack Warner, his wife June, daughter ND Pam Eslinger, Pam's son Jay Johnson, and her grandson Jesse Johnson.



were in Finance Dept., 35 were Civilians. NOTE: The movie ad on the Raid and Rescue of POWs in this camp inferred this was a rescue of Bataan Death March survivors — in fact, only 90 were BDM survivors. Oh well, the selling of a movie allows free rein.

Take care, my best
Tillman J Rutledge, Cmdr/Adj
Battling Bastards of Bataan US
31st Inf. F Co.

Dear Cheryl,

Subject: Deep Vein Thrombosis
I submit: B-17 tail gunners were prime candidates for DVT After long missions, other crew members would help me out of the small tail door and as I lay on my back, pumped my legs up and down. I could not walk. I knew I had been for a ride.

Four missions in July totaled 37 hours, 35 min. The long hours on oxygen did not help you feel any too sharp. We were shot down Aug. 9, 1944 (my 22nd mission); all my papers were sent home to my wife. I have my form 5s. The group also sent an Air Medal in a box; they could not keep up with the presentations. As they owed you an Air Medal every six missions, it was sort of like green stamps. I say that without rancor, that's the way it was.

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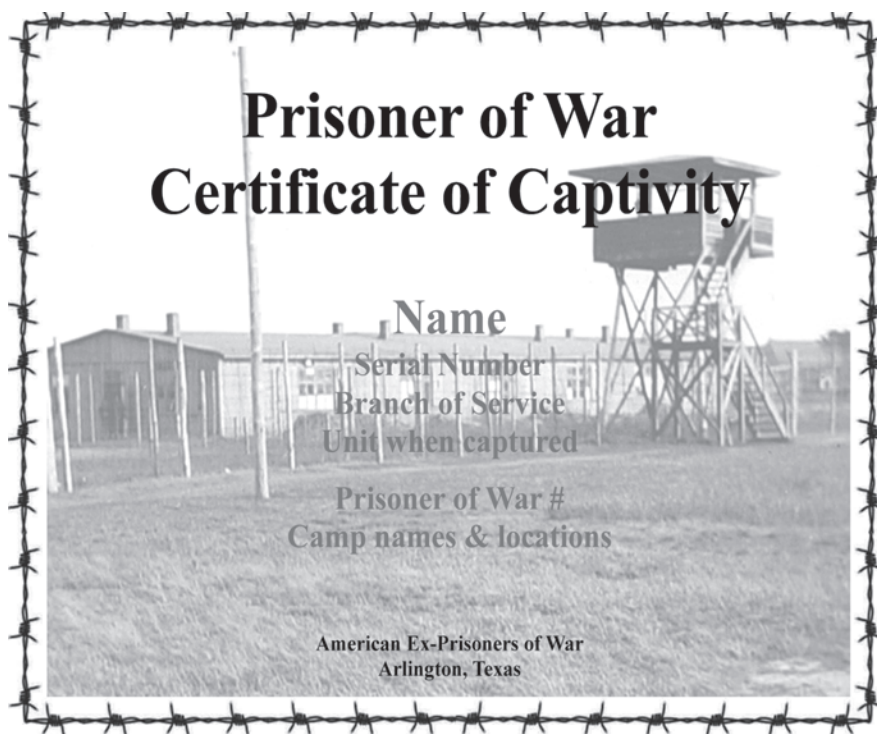
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Chapter Installation



The Columbia River Chapter hosted a luncheon meeting at Izzys in East Portland on Saturday, January 8, for the installation of several chapter officers. PNC Maurice Sharp from University Place, WA officiated in the instillation service. Bonnie Sharp, Northwest Regional Director, gave an interesting report on the National Convention.

In the picture below are the following; from left to right, Maurice Sharp, PNC, Bonnie Sharp, Northwest Regional Director, Janice Evers, Adjutant/Treasurer Columbia River Chapter, George Domitrovich, Junior Vice Commander Columbia River Chapter, Jim Miller, Senior Vice Commander Columbia River Chapter, Walter Brophy, Commander Willamette Valley Chapter and Jim Plant, Commander Columbia River Chapter.



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ALPHONSE, Willie A., of Daphne, AL passed away Feb. 3, 2011 at the age of 88. He was a WWII veteran in the U.S. Army. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge at St. Vith, Belgium on December 16, 1944 while serving with the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion Battery C. He was forced marched, then taken by boxcars to Stalag 9B, Bad Orb, Germany until being liberated on April 2, 1945. He was a life member of the Mobile Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by a loving and devoted wife of 53 years, Leanna, 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

BACA, Frank O., of Albuquerque, NM died Jan. 20, 2011. He was 86. Frank was captured while serving with the AAF; his plane "Holy Terror" was shot down and he spent 14 months in Luft VII and other camps. He leaves his wife, Lily, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 9 grandchildren and 11 grandchildren.

BEHNEY, Donald H. 88, of Camp Hill, PA died Jan. 31, 2011. During WWII, he served in the Army with HQ Co., 1st Bn, 424th Reg., 106th Inf. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge. Don was a member of the Capital City Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves 1 daughter, 1 son, 4 grandchildren and 1 sister.

BELL, Mattie Lee Hobbs passed away on January 5, 2011. She was a member of the Coastal Plains Chapter of North Carolina. She was the widow of David Hobbs, an ex-POW, and she is survived by her present husband David Bell and three children.

BILLIG, Jean Elizabeth died February 13, 2011, in Largo, FL. She was an Army Nurse during WW

II, treating wounded in tents in the Normandy area. Jean served at Treasurer for the Department of Florida, Adjutant for the Barbed Wire/Seminole Chapter, member of Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, and attended many conventions at the state and national level. She is survived by three daughters, a son, six grandsons, and three great-granddaughters.

BILOF, Elsie D., beloved wife of Edwin, passed away Oct. 10, 2010. She was 88. Along with her husband, she was a member of Garden State Chapter #3 (NJ). Elsie also leaves 1 son, 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

BRYANT, Malcolm F (Mack), a member of the Middle Georgia Chapter, AXPOW, passed away Jan. 4, 2011. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held until the end of the war. Survivors include his wife, Cathryn, 1 son and 1 daughter.

CANTWELL, Gerry, of Newport News, VA passed away in January 2011. She was the loving wife of the late James (19th Air Base Sq). Her son, Danny, survives her.

CARPER, Lorrin Russell, of Winchester, VA died Dec. 6, 2010. He was 89. During WWII, he served with the 42nd Rainbow Div., 79th Division. He was captured after being wounded and held until liberation. Loring was the Commander of the Bob Frakes Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves 1 daughter, 1 son, 3 grandsons and 2 great-grandchildren.

CARROLL, Martha M., member of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter, AXPOW, passed away Jan. 5, 2011. She was the beloved wife of 65

years of Ex-POW Dick Carroll. Martha was an active member of the Planning Committee for the successful National Convention in Rochester, MN; she served many years in the Dept. of Minnesota and chapter programs and activities.

CELLEGHIN, Nestor A., age 85, died Nov. 6, 2010. He leaves two sons and 3 grandchildren. Nestor was captured while serving with the 100th BG, 350th BS; he was held in Luft IV. Nestor was a renowned church artist. He was a blessing to all who encountered him.

CHESTERMAN, Clarence, 92, of Royal City, WA passed away July 20, 2010. He served in the 106th Div., 442nd Inf. Reg., Service Co; he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was captured and held in Stalags 4B and 8A. Clarence was a member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter. He is survived by 2 sons, 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

CHOATE, Angia, of Dallas, Texas, died December 31, 2010. She was a member of the Dallas Metroplex Chapter. She is survived by her husband of more than 40 years, Rufus, an ex-POW in Japan and a member of the Lost Battalion.

CLAYMAN, Robert S., of Philadelphia - originally from Bradford Pennsylvania - passed away January 2nd at age 89. He was a proud member of the 3rd Cavalry, Recon Squadron, Company A. Bob entered WWII via Utah Beach in June 1944 and was subsequently captured in September near Metz

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France. Bob was a POW at Stalag 7A until early 1945. He is survived by two sons, a loving daughter-in-law and many friends.

COALSON, Tessie Margaret, of Chicago Park, CA, died Jan. 23, 2011. She was 94. War broke out while she was living in the Philippines; Margaret and her son were captured and held in Los Banos for 3 ½ years. She leaves 3 children, 9 grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren and an enduring legacy of strength and love.

CORNELLISSON, Eugenie Payne (Genie), of Greeley, CO passed away Jan. 12, 2011. She was 83 and a member of the Northeast Colorado Chapter, AXPOW. Genie is survived by her loving husband, Henry (Ex-POW, PAC 29 BS, held in Bilibid, Kawasaki), 1 son, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-granddaughters.

CREEL, Elnomac Vester, of Temple Terrace, FL died Oct. 27, 2010 at 89. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge as part of the 106th Inf. Div., held in Stalags 9B and 13B. He loved the friendships he developed in AXPOW. He leaves his wife, Isolde, 4 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

DAVIS, Wendell P., of Latham, KS died Sept. 21, 2010. He was 89. Wendell was captured while serving with the 384th OMS. He was held in Luft 1, Barth until liberation. Phil is survived by 2 sisters and 1 brother.

DETILLION, Doris M., 92, of Spokane Valley, WA died Sept. 4, 2010. Her late husband, Ross, was captured while serving in the 8th AF, 100th BG. Both were members of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chap-

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ter, AXPOW. Survivors include 1 son, 4 granddaughters and 7 great-grandchildren.

EARL, John Robert, of South Bend, IN passed away Nov. 23, 2010. He was 82. Jack and his family were held as civilian POWs at Santo Tomas for more than 3 years. He was also a veteran of the Korean War. His wife, Mary, and several loving nieces and nephews survive him.

ELSON, Abraham, of Southfield, MI died Dec. 12, 2010. During WWII, he served in the Army with the 104th Inf. Div. He was captured and held in 12A, 2A, 2B. He is survived by his wife, Pearl and one son.

FERRELL, Mary E (Peggy), 85, of Panama City, FL passed away Jan. 11, 2011. She was the widow of Ex-POW James (held in Germany). Peggy was a long time member of the Hutchison-Poplowski Chapter, AXPOW.

GERVAIS, James Baker, of Oklahoma City, OK died Dec. 28, 2010. He was captured while serving with the 409th Inf., 103rd Div., Co. C; he was held in Stalags IIIB, IIIA, and XIIA. Jim was a life member of AXPOW. He was past commander of the SW Missouri Chapter. Survivors include his loving wife of 63 years, Ann, one son and one daughter.

GUNKELMAN, Ralph W., North Central Ohio Chapter Charter member, passed away Friday, January 7, 2011. He was 89. In 1942 he entered the U.S. Army serving in Normandy, Northern France and the Rhineland. He served with 106th Cav., Co. B and was a prisoner of war held in Stalag IV-B and V-A. He leaves one daughter, one son, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

HAGERUP, Evelyn, of Tullahoma, TN passed away Jan. 16, 2010. She was the beloved wife of Ex-POW Erlon (Army, 2nd Div., Camp 5,

Bean Camp). Both were members of the Alvin C York Chapter, AXPOW. In addition to her husband, Evelyn is survived by 1 son, 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

HARVEY, Homer L., 81, of Boonville, MO passed away Jan. 1, 2011. He served with the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, in Korea. He was held in Korean Camps 4 & 5. He was a member of the Central Missouri Chapter. Homer is survived by 2 daughters, 1 son, 6 grandchildren, 9 grandchildren, 1 brother and 1 sister.

HOCHMAN, Herman J, 90, beloved brother, father, grandfather, uncle, mentor, and friend, died Jan. 20, 2011. Herman was a B-24 tail gunner in the Army Air Force during WWII. After being shot down and taken prisoner three times, he successfully planned and executed escape missions after each capture. During his final escape, he hid out in the mountains of Italy for over three months. He leaves behind 1 brother, 1 sister, 1 grandson and several generations of nieces and nephews, his adored caretaker and his dog Tina.

HOGLUND, Lasetta, 87, of Cass Lake, MN passed away Jan. 12, 2011. She was the widow of Ex-POW Eugene, who served in the Pacific and was a POW in the Philippines and Japan. Lasetta was a member of the Lakes Region Chapter. Survivors include 2 daughters, 1 son and 3 grandchildren.

JOHNSON, Leonard Ralph, of Grand Junction, CO, died June 26, 2008. He served with the 42nd Rainbow Division, and was captured during the Battle of the Bulge. He was held in Stalag 9C.

JOHNSON, William R., of Quitman, Arkansas, died October 26, 2010. An AXPOW life member since 1978, he served in the 88th

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Inf. Div. He was held in Stalag 7A. He is survived by his wife, Geneva.

JOVANELLY, Ernest P., of Columbia, SC passed away Nov. 28, 2010. During WWII, he was captured while serving in the Army; he was held in Stalag 9B, Bad Orb. He was a member of the Palmetto Chapter, AXPOW. Ernest leaves his wife of 65 years, Doris, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 6 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 1 brother and 1 sister.

KELLEY, Harry T., of Basehor, KS died Oct. 20, 2010 at the age of 90. Harry served in the Navy during WWII; he was captured in the Pacific and spent 3 ½ years in Japanese POW camps. He was a member of the AXPOW. His beloved wife of 62 years, Audrey, 2 sons, 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

KEYSOR, Riley Huntsman, 93, of Sequim, WA passed away June 15, 2010. He was serving in the Navy on the USS Grenadier when his ship was scuttled and he was captured by the Japanese. He was a POW until Sept. 1945. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn and one nephew.

KING, Joseph Lawrence, of Columbia, SC, beloved husband of Jennie, passed away Jan. 17, 2011. He was 85. In addition to his wife, he leaves 2 daughters and their families and 4 grandchildren. Lawrence was captured while serving in the Army during WWII. He spent much of his later life working to help ex-POWs and their dependents. He was a past National Director (SE Region), AXPOW and a dedicated National Service Officer. His passions included gardening and woodworking, especially constructing children's furniture.

KIRK, Mildred J., of Loveland, CO died Dec. 23, 2010. She was 89 and the widow of Ex-POW William (8th AF, 452nd BG, Luft 4) Mildred was a member of the Northeast Colorado Chapter, AXPOW. She leaves 1 daughter, 1 son, 3 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

KLAPUT, Joseph H., of Natrona Heights, PA, died April 22, 2010. He served in the Army Air Corps and was held in Dulag Wetzlar, Luft 4, Keifheide and Fallingbostel. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Nannie.

KOHR, Floyd M. Jr., of Canton, Ohio, died January 5, 2011. A member of the North Central Ohio Chapter, Floyd served with the 12th Armored and was held in Stalags 11B and 5A. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary.

KUJAWA, Tony, of Jacksonville, Florida, died in January, 2011. A member of the Imperial Chapter, he served in the 8th AF 303rd BG, 359th BS. He was held in Stalag 17B. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Virginia.

LEE, Thaen Kwock, of Salem, Oregon, died February 10, 2011. An American of Japanese descent, he flew in WW II and was shot down over Germany. He served in the 817th BS 483rd BG and was held in Stalag Luft I. An AXPOW life member since 1982, he is survived by his wife of 50 years, Yun Ha.

LYNCH, Linard, 83, died December 12, 2010, in Crystal River, FL. Born in Amelia, VA, in 1927, he served 22 years in the U.S. Army. He was a POW in Korea for 32 months, repatriated on September 3, 1953. He is survived by Phyllis, his wife of 57 years, one son and one daughter. He was commander of the Greater Tampa Bay Chapter for three years.

MONTANARI, Carl Arnold, of Dennisport, MA passed away Feb.

10, 2011. During WWII, he served in the Army, 486th AAA, 3rd Div. He was captured and held in Stalag 3C. Carl's wife, Bunny, predeceased him; he is survived by 1 son and 2 grandchildren.

MORAN, Theodore J. Sr., of Howland, OH died Jan. 2, 2011. He was 97. Ted was captured while serving in the Army in the Philippines, he survived the Bataan Death March and 3 ½ years imprisonment by the Japanese. He was a member of the Mahoning Valley Chapter, AXPOW. His wife, Yannesse, survives him; he also leaves 1 son, 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren and 2 sisters.

NEWTON, Gene, 86, resident of Rock Hill and member and former commander of the Catawba Chapter, AXPOW, passed away Jan. 7, 2011. Gene served in the Army during WWII. He was captured in Germany and held until liberation. Survivors include 1 son, 4 daughters, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

ORTEGA, Abel, of Cibola, Texas, died August 24, 2009. He served with the 192nd Tank Division, and was held in the Philippines, Formosa and Japan, from 1942-1945. He was an AXPOW life member since 1985, and is survived by his wife of 63 years, Naomi.

PETTY, Watson, of Smyrna, GA, died December 27, 2010. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge, and intern in Germany. A member of the North Central Georgia Chapter, he is survived by his wife of 67 years, Sarah "Dot". Watson and his brother Jim are one of the few sets of brothers who were both POWs.

PHILLIPS, Nicholas, of Birdsboro, PA passed away Aug. 7, 2010. He

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was 85. During WWII, he served with the 28th Inf. He was captured after the German offensive in the Huertgen Forest; he was then marched, then held in Stalag 4B. Nick leaves his wife of 56 years, Josephine, 2 sons, 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren.

PIKE, Donovan S., of Columbia, SC, died September 9, 2010. A survivor of the Bataan Death March, Don was taken prisoner, escaped, was recaptured and transported by Hell Ship to spend 44 months as a POW as forced labor in a Japanese coal mine. An AXPOW life member since 1977, he is survived by his wife, Polly.

QUIJANA, Alfredo, of San Antonio, Texas, died January 1, 2011. He served in the 57th Infantry during WWII in the Pacific. After capture he was held in Camp O'Donnell.

RAYMOND, Roland A (Buddy), 88, of East Hartford, CT died Jan. 17, 2011. He was serving with the 15th AF, 376th BG, 513th BS when he was shot down and captured over Yugoslavia. He was a POW in Stalag 17B. Buddy was a life member of the CT Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Rita, 2 sons and numerous nieces and nephews.

RAWLINGS, George Dewey, of San Antonio, Texas, died January 16, 2011. He served with the 8th AF 337th BS 96th BG and was held in Luft 3 and 17B. George was a member of the former San Antonio Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Joan, 3 sons and 4 grandchildren.

ROBINSON, Raymond E., of Dover, Delaware, passed away Feb. 4, 2011. He was an active member

of the Delaware Chapter #1, AXPOW. He was captured in the Korean War while serving with the First Cav. Div., 8th Reg. He was captured in Nov. 1950 and held in Camp 5; he was released with 50 other soldiers 3 miles from the American lines. Ray is survived by his wife, Peggy, 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

ROTH, Richard P., of Maple Valley, WA died Sept. 17, 2007. He was captured while fighting in the Battle of the Bulge and held in Stalag 12A until liberation. Dick was charter member and past commander of the Christmastown chapter. He was Dept. treasurer for 20 years. Survivors include his wife, Geraldine.

RUEHLMAN, Jack Larry, of Cross Plains, IN, died September 2, 2010. Jack served in the 464th BG, 779th BS, and was held in Luft 3. He is survived by his wife, Mei.

SHA, Henry, 94, of Cold Spring, MN passed away April 25, 2010. During WWII, he served as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne. He was captured in Italy and held in Stalags 2B and 10B. Hank was the commander of the Central MN Chapter, AXPOW for 25 years. He leaves his loving wife of nearly 65 years, Joyce, 5 daughters, 9 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and 2 sisters.

SIZEMORE, Jessie Lee, of Madison, MS died July 13, 2010 at age 78. He enlisted in the Army in 1948 and served with A Battery, 52nd Field Art. Bn., 24th Inf. Div. in Japan & Korea. He was captured July 5, 1950 and was a POW with the Tiger Survivors until Aug. 1953. Survivors include one son and one daughter.

SMICK, Marjorie K., 86, of St. John, WA passed away Sept. 5, 2010. Her ex-POW husband of 68 years, Bryant, served in the 15th AF, 450th BG, 723rd BS. He was a POW for 10

½ months. Marge was a member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter, AXPOW. In addition to her husband, she is survived by 1 daughter, 2 sons, 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

SMITH, George, of Lebanon, TN, died Dec. 13, 2010. A member of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, he was an AXPOW life member. "Smitty" served with the 8th AF, 446th BG, 705th BS. He was held in Stalag 17B. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lillian, who is also an AXPOW life member.

SLAGLE, Frank J., of Valparaiso, IN passed away Nov. 2, 2010 at the age of 90. He served with the 34th Div., 168th BN, Co. E during WWII; he was captured at Faid Pass and was held in Italy and Germany. He was a life member of AXPOW. Frank leaves his wife of 63 years, Eunice.

STONE, James S., a long-time member of the 49ers Chapter, Sacramento, CA passed away Jan. 19, 2011. His wife Dorothy, of Roseville, CA, survives him.

TARTER, Ernest C., 89, of Otis Orchards, WA passed away July 23, 2010. Ernie was captured while serving with the Marines, 4th Marine Regiment in the Philippines. He was captured on Corregidor and held in Cabanatuan #2, and Osaka and Akinobe, Japan for 3 ½ years. He was a member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter. He leaves 3 granddaughters and 1 grandson.

TEPE, Carl W., of Fort Worth, Texas, died February 20, 2008. An AXPOW life member since 1990, Carl served with the 444th BG out of England, and was held in Stalag Luft 4. He served 30 years in the Air Force. He is survived by his wife, Peggy.

THIEDE, Imogene, of Dearborn, MI passed away January 11, 2011 at 81. Jean was the loving wife of the late Harvey—both very active

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members of the Ex-POW community. At the time of her death, Jean was completing her second decade as Director, VAVS. She leaves 4 sons, 1 daughter, 9 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 1 brother who will miss her very much.

TILLER, William J, 84, of Liberty, MS died February 24, 2010. He was wounded and captured during the Battle of the Bulge while serving with the 87th Inf., 347th Reg., Co. C.; he was held until liberation. He is survived by his wife, Linda, 1 daughter, 2 sons and 4 grandsons.

TIMPANARO, Joseph "Hobo Joe" passed away Dec. 13, 2010. He served in the Army during WWII and the Korean War and was a POW in Korea - Camp 5. Survivors include 2 daughters, 1 son and their families, 5 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

TUCKER, Betty Jean, active member of Fresno Chapter #1, died Jan. 10, 2011 at the age of 87. Betty was the widow of ex-POW LeRoy Tucker of the USAAF in WWII. We will miss her affectionate smile and gentle spirit.

VANCE, George T, of Pittsburgh, PA died Nov. 18, 2010 at the age of 87. He served in the Army, 106th Inf. Div., 224th Reg. and was captured in the Battle of the Bulge. George was a life member of AXPOW. He leaves one brother and many nieces and nephews.

VASTAG, Eva, 96, of Champion, OH passed away Jan. 23, 2011. She was the widow of Ex-POW John, Jr. and she belonged to the Mahoning Valley Chapter, AXPOW. She is survived by 2 daughters, 1 son and 3 grandchildren.

WEAVER, Roy M., 91, of Coeur d'Alene, ID passed away Oct. 16,

2010. Roy served with the 4th Reg., USMC in the Pacific. He was captured on Corregidor and held at Cabanatuan, PI and Mukden, Manchuria for 3 ½ years. He was a member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter. Survivors include his wife, Caroline.

WEBER, Leander George, of Greenville, IL, member of the OKAW Chapter, AXPOW, died Jan. 14, 2011. During WWII, he was captured while serving with the 101st Airborne, Parachute FA.

WEBSTER, Donald, of Palm Coast, FL died January 6, 2011. "Webb" served in the 8th AF, 94th BG, 427th BS. He was held in Frankfort, Stalags 7A and 17B. A former resident of Maine, Donald moved to Florida and joined the East Central Florida Chapter. He is survived by his wife, Jan.

WHELESS, Thelma Jo, of Irving, Texas, died January 11, 2011. She is survived by her husband of almost 60 years, James, a member of the Dallas Metroplex Chapter and a POW from Stalag 7A.

WILKENS, Tom W, of Elyria, Ohio, died January 27, 2010. An AXPOW life member since 1985, and a member of the Barbed Wire Buckeye Chapter, he served with the 8th AF, 379th BG, 525th BS. He is survived by his wife, Mary.

ZINIS, Chester, 86, of Delray Beach, FL passed away March 25, 2010. He served in the 452nd BG, 731st BS and was shot down, captured and held in Luft IV. He was part of the 86 day march across Germany. He is survived by one brother and four sisters and their families.

ZITO, Frank J., 87, of Cranston, RI died Nov. 23, 2010. He was captured while serving in the Army Air Corps and held until liberation. His son, Frank, survives him; he also leaves 2 grandchildren and 2 brothers.

national chaplain



PNC Gerald Harvey

Jeremiah 33:3. "Call me, and I will answer you and show you great things that you do not know".

We read in the Old Testament a number of stories about people who were in trouble. They called to the Lord and He answered. Some of those people were Joseph, David, Daniel and Jeremiah.

Jeremiah was prophesying that the people would suffer because they were not keeping God's commandments. He told the people that they would experience destruction, exile and captivity and the prophesies were being fulfilled. The officials wanted Jeremiah to stop these prophesies and put him in prison, but being in prison did not keep Jeremiah from calling on God.

Jeremiah knew that God was powerful, but He also loved His people. God told Jeremiah that there would be restoration and there was hope. God also told Jeremiah that when he called upon God, God would show him things that he didn't know until he called on God.

When we were prisoners of war, we called on God and He answered our prayers. God continues to answer our prayers. We may be in a prison of grief, family crisis, financial distress, sickness or discouragement. As you pray, you'll find comfort and hope. As he did to Jeremiah, God will reveal Himself to you in new ways.

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The Battle for Snow Mountain

by Donald Young

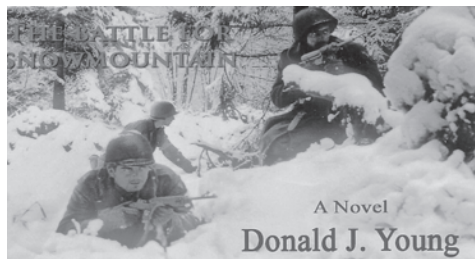
The Battle for Snow Mountain is a comic novel - based on Young's experience - which gives a vivid picture of the life of two GI's in a German prison camp, after their capture in The Battle of the Bulge, 1944. The story deals with their odd love affairs at home, their war experiences, accidental capture, escape from a POW camp, and return to Paris and freedom.

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The Battle for Snow Mountain by Donald Young may be purchased from Pocol Press, 6023 Pocol Drive, Clifton, VA 20124 (1-703-830-5862). It can also be ordered at

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The Quartermaster's Shop

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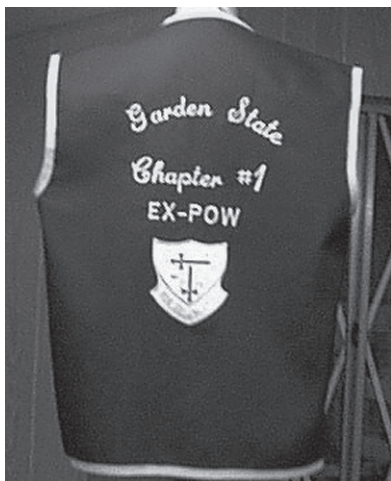
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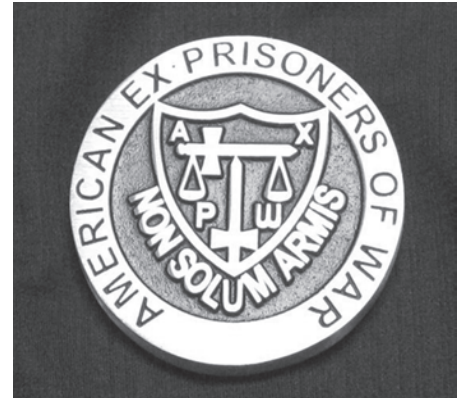
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Dept. of Texas Mid-Year Conference

Thanks to Al Evans of San Antonio



The QUILTS OF VALOR

Foundation and the Tallgrass Creek Quilters awarded hand-sewn quilts to 40 WWII Veterans here at our Tallgrass Creek Retirement Community. My husband Karl F Heimke (Major, USAF, Ret,) was among the recipients. He was co-pilot of a B-26 bomber in the ETO. As a civilian, I am considered a "Veteran" or "one of the boys" which is "cool" for an 81 year-old former civilian POW. I tearfully accepted my beautiful patriotic quilt to honor my Dad, Elmer Herold, who was Liaison Officer at Camp John Hay and had to deal with our unkind captors. But more importantly, to HONOR the 2nd Battalion of the 148th Infantry of the mighty 37th Infantry Division who Liberated us in Bilibid Prison in Manila on February 4, 1945...

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