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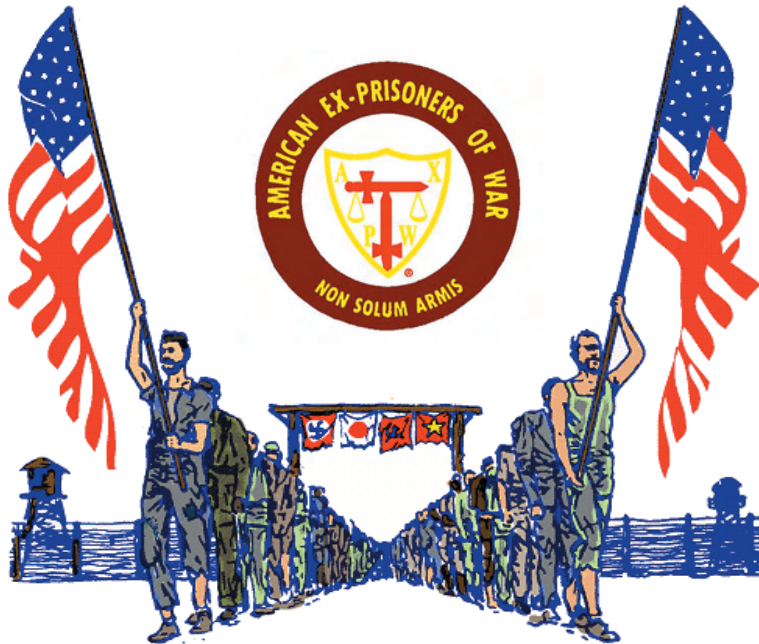
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Traditional observance of Memorial day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the “National Moment of Remembrance” resolution was passed on Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans “To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to ‘Taps.’”



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Thank you. Cheryl Cerbone, Chair, Ways & Means

Here’s a great idea: Grab your grandkids and have them bring you to a great convention!

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**National Commander
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Dear Fellow members...

Let's all meet at National Convention in Arlington, Texas next month.

We have had a few years of fairly low attendance, but with all the things to do and the convenience of getting there, we should have a fun time at National.

I have had talks and letters with a great number of you during the year. It is always heart-warming and interesting to exchange viewpoints with all of you.

The NSO's deserve a huge pat on the back for their continued efforts to help and assist those in need. It is surprising how many POWs are still finding out what benefits they are entitled to. We have a good many of our members who are doing wonders to help others.

I am very pleased that many of the veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan are receiving several of the benefits we received.

From the contacts I have had with the VA, they are doing a great job of finding and helping those guys and gals who need it. Through their

Outreach Program, there are just under 12,000 former POWs using the Veterans Administration resources. This is 80% of the 15,000 estimated alive as of January 1st.

This past year, they have jumped feet first into the electronic age and are reaching out to veterans through the social media sites - Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. It's not just the younger veterans and their families who are using these resources, either.

Allison Hickey (BG-Ret), Under Secretary of Benefits at VBA reported at the recent Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War that they are moving ahead quickly on digitizing paperwork so it is accessible to all who need it. The Agency Priority Goals are to eliminate disability claims in backlog, increase access to services and benefits and end Veteran homelessness by 2015. 2012 is the Transformation Plan's year of preparation and training.

There are currently more forms available on line through the VA portal. The new forms just released bring to 71 the number of documents, called disability benefits questionnaires (DBQs), that guide physicians' reports of medical findings, ensuring VA has exactly the medical information needed to make a prompt decision.

There is much to be optimistic about.

We are getting good response from the voluntary funding request in the Bulletin each issue. This is something we all can do. After all it was this organization that worked so hard to get our benefits.

Thank you for your support and I hope to see you at National.

Carroll

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Come on to Arlington! We are finalizing the details for the National Convention. We have some great events planned, some you know and some surprises!

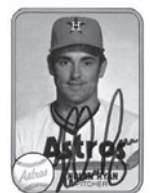
The City of Arlington and the Hilton Arlington have opened their arms and hearts to you. We are going to be guests of Nolan Ryan at The Rangers Ballpark. The Trolleys will take you to the game and bring you home for free!

We are trimming our merchandise inventory. We are out of some items and running low on others. If there is something you want, check the merchandise page. Items that are out of stock will have a line through them.

Thank you to all who support our fundraisers. You are so generous and we appreciate you.
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National Convention RAFFLE!

Texas Rangers President Nolan Ryan has donated baseball tickets to AXPOW night at the Ballpark at Arlington. All you have to do to win is register for the convention!



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POW Presumptive Frostbite

Overview

Frostbite occurs when tissues freeze. This condition happens when you are exposed to temperatures below the freezing point of skin.

The condition has long been recognized. A 5000-year-old pre-Columbian mummy discovered in the Chilean mountains offers the earliest documented evidence of frostbite. More recently, Napoleon's surgeon general, Baron Dominique Larrey, provided the first description of the mechanisms of frostbite in 1812, during his army's retreat from Moscow. He also noted the harmful effects of the freeze-thaw-freeze cycle endured by soldiers who would warm their frozen hands and feet over the campfire at night only to refreeze those same parts by the next morning.

Frostbite Causes

Your body works to stay alive first and to stay functioning second.

In conditions of prolonged cold exposure, your body sends signals to the blood vessels in your arms and legs telling them to constrict

(narrow). By slowing blood flow to the skin, your body is able to send more blood to the vital organs, supplying them with critical nutrients, while also preventing a further decrease in internal body temperature by exposing less blood to the outside cold.

As this process continues and your extremities (the parts farthest from your heart) become colder and colder, a condition called the hunter's response is initiated. Your blood vessels are dilated (widened) for a period of time and then constricted again. Periods of dilatation are cycled with times of constriction in order to preserve as much function in your extremities as possible. However, when your brain senses that you are in danger of hypothermia (when your body temperature drops significantly below 98.6°F), it permanently constricts these blood vessels in order to prevent them from returning cold blood to the internal organs. When this happens, frostbite has begun. Frostbite is caused by 2 different means: cell death at the time of exposure and further cell deterioration and death because of a lack of oxygen.

In the first, ice crystals form in the space outside of the cells. Water is lost from the cell's interior, and dehydration promotes the destruction of the cell.

In the second, the damaged lining of the blood vessels is the main culprit. As blood flow returns to the extremities upon rewarming, it finds that the blood vessels themselves are injured, also by the cold. Holes appear in vessel walls and blood leaks out into the tissues. Flow is impeded and turbulent, and small clots form in the smallest vessels of the extremities. Because of these blood flow problems, complicated interactions occur, and inflammation causes further tissue damage. This injury is the primary determinant of the amount of tissue

damage you will have in the end.

Frostbite Symptoms

A variety of frostbite classification systems have been proposed. The easiest to understand, and perhaps the one that gives the best clues to outcome, divides frostbite into 2 main divisions: superficial and deep.

In superficial frostbite, you may experience burning, numbness, tingling, itching, or cold sensations in the affected areas. The regions appear white and frozen, but if you press on them, they retain some resistance.

In deep frostbite, there is an initial decrease in sensation that is eventually completely lost. Swelling and blood-filled blisters are noted over white or yellowish skin that looks waxy and turns a purplish blue as it rewarms. The area is hard, has no resistance when pressed on, and may even appear blackened and dead.

At first the areas may appear deceptively healthy. Only time can reveal the final amount of tissue damage.

Above all, keep in mind that the final amount of tissue destruction is proportional to the time it remains frozen, not to the absolute temperature to which it was exposed. Cold sensitivity, sensory loss, chronic pain, and a variety of other symptoms may last for years.

Synonyms and Keywords

frostbite, frostnip, trench foot, chilblains, pernio, dead skin, dead tissue, cold weather, extremities

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Arthritis

Arthritis is inflammation of one or more joints. A joint is the area where two bones meet. There are over 100 different types of arthritis.

Causes, incidence, and risk factors
Arthritis involves the breakdown of cartilage. Cartilage normally protects a joint, allowing it to move smoothly. Cartilage also absorbs shock when pressure is placed on the joint, such as when you walk. Without the normal amount of cartilage, the bones rub together, causing pain, swelling (inflammation), and stiffness.

Joint inflammation may result from:

- An autoimmune disease (the body's immune system mistakenly attacks healthy tissue)
- Broken bone
- General "wear and tear" on joints
- Infection, usually by bacteria or virus

Usually the joint inflammation goes away after the cause goes away or is treated. Sometimes it does not. When this happens, you have chronic arthritis. Arthritis may occur in men or women. Osteoarthritis is the most common type.

Other, more common types of arthritis include:

- Ankylosing spondylitis
- Gonococcal arthritis
- Gout
- Juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (in children)
- Other bacterial infections (nongonococcal bacterial arthritis)
- Psoriatic arthritis
- Reactive arthritis (Reiter syndrome)
- Rheumatoid arthritis (in adults)

- Scleroderma
- Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)

Symptoms

Arthritis causes joint pain, swelling, stiffness, and limited movement. Symptoms can include:

- Joint pain
- Joint swelling
- Reduced ability to move the joint
- Redness of the skin around a joint
- Stiffness, especially in the morning
- Warmth around a joint

Signs and tests

The health care provider will perform a physical exam and ask questions about your medical history.

The physical exam may show:

- Fluid around a joint
- Warm, red, tender joints
- Difficulty moving a joint (called "limited range of motion")

Some types of arthritis may cause joint deformity. This may be a sign of severe, untreated rheumatoid arthritis.

Blood tests and joint x-rays are often done to check for infection and other causes of arthritis.

Your doctor may also remove a sample of joint fluid with a needle and send it to a lab for examination.

Treatment

The goal of treatment is to reduce pain, improve function, and prevent further joint damage. The underlying cause cannot usually be cured.

Lifestyle Changes

Lifestyle changes are the preferred treatment for osteoarthritis and other types of joint inflammation. Exercise can help relieve stiffness, reduce pain and fatigue, and improve muscle and bone strength. Your health care team can help you design

an exercise program that is best for you.

Exercise programs may include:

- Low-impact aerobic activity (also called endurance exercise)
- Range of motion exercises for flexibility
- Strength training for muscle tone

Physical therapy may be recommended. This might include:

- Heat or ice
- Splints or orthotics to support joints and help improve their position; this is often needed for rheumatoid arthritis
- Water therapy
- Massage

Other recommendations:

- Get plenty of sleep. Sleeping 8 to 10 hours a night and taking naps during the day can help you recover from a flare-up more quickly and may even help prevent flare ups.
- Avoid staying in one position for too long.
- Avoid positions or movements that place extra stress on your sore joints.
- Change your home to make activities easier. For example, install grab bars in the shower, the tub, and near the toilet.
- Try stress-reducing activities, such as meditation, yoga, or tai chi.
- Eat a healthy diet full of fruits and vegetables, which contain important vitamins and minerals, especially vitamin E.
- Eat foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids, such as cold water fish (salmon, mackerel, and herring), flaxseed, rapeseed (canola) oil, soybeans, soybean oil, pumpkin seeds, and walnuts.
- Apply capsaicin cream over your painful joints. You may feel

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improvement after applying the cream for 3-7 days.

- Lose weight, if you are overweight. Weight loss can greatly improve joint pain in the legs and feet.

Medications

Medications may be prescribed along with lifestyle changes. All medications have risks, some more than others. It is important that you are closely monitored by a doctor when taking arthritis medications.

Generally, over-the-counter medications are recommended first:

- Acetaminophen (Tylenol) is usually tried first. Take up to 4 grams a day (two arthritis-strength Tylenol every 8 hours). Do not take more than the recommended dose or take the drug along with a lot of alcohol. Doing so may damage your liver.
- Aspirin, ibuprofen, or naproxen are nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) that can relieve arthritis pain. However, they have many potential risks, especially if used for a long time. Potential side effects include heart attack, stroke, stomach ulcers, bleeding from the digestive tract, and kidney damage.

Prescription medicines include:

- Biologics are used for the treatment of autoimmune arthritis. These drugs can improve the quality of life for many patients, but can have serious side effects.
- Corticosteroids (“steroids”) help reduce inflammation. They may be injected into painful joints or given by mouth.
- Disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs) are used to treat autoimmune arthritis.
- Immunosuppressants are used to treat patients with rheumatoid arthritis when other medications have not worked.

It is very important to take your medications as directed by your doctor. If you are having difficulty doing so (for example, because of side

effects), you should talk to your doctor. Also make sure your doctor knows about all the medicines you are taking, including vitamins and supplements bought without a prescription.

Surgery and other treatments

In some cases, surgery may be done if other treatments have not worked.

This may include:

- Arthroplasty to rebuild the joint
- Joint replacement, such as a total knee joint replacement

Expectations (prognosis)

A few arthritis-related disorders can be completely cured with proper treatment.

Most forms of arthritis however are long-term (chronic) conditions.

Complications

Complications of arthritis include:

- Long-term (chronic) pain
- Disability
- Difficulty performing daily activities

Call your doctor if:

- Your joint pain persists beyond 3 days.
- You have severe unexplained joint pain.
- The affected joint is significantly swollen.
- You have a hard time moving the joint.
- Your skin around the joint is red or hot to the touch.
- You have a fever or have lost weight unintentionally.

Prevention

Early diagnosis and treatment can help prevent joint damage. If you have a family history of arthritis, tell your doctor, even if you do not have joint pain.

Avoiding excessive, repeated motions may help protect you against osteoarthritis.

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Traumatic Arthritis

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Traumatic arthritis is a form of arthritis that is caused from blunt, penetrating, or repeated trauma or from forced inappropriate motion of a joint or ligament.

Symptoms include swelling, pain, tenderness, joint instability, and internal bleeding.

So how does traumatic arthritis develop?

Injury to a joint, such as a bad sprain or fracture, can cause damage to the articular cartilage. The cartilage can be “bruised” when too much pressure is exerted on it. This damages the cartilage, although if you look at the surface it may not appear to be any different. The injury to the material doesn’t show up until months later. Sometimes the cartilage surface is damaged even more severely and pieces of the cartilage are ripped from the bone. These pieces do not heal back and usually must be removed from the joint surgically. If not, they may float around in the joint causing the joint to catch and be painful. These fragments of cartilage may also do more damage to the joint surface.

Once this cartilage is ripped away, it does not normally grow back. Unlike bone, holes in the surface are not simply replaced by the cartilage tissue around the hole. Instead the defects are filled with scar tissue. The scar tissue that forms is not nearly as good a material for covering joint surfaces as the cartilage it replaces. It just can’t support weight and isn’t smooth like true articular cartilage.

An injury to a joint—even if it does not injure the articular cartilage di-

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rectly—can alter how the joint works. This is true for a fracture where the bone fragments heal differently from the way they were before the break occurred. It is also true when ligaments are damaged that lead to instability in the joint. When an injury results in a change in the way the joint moves, the injury may increase the forces on the articular cartilage. This is similar to any mechanical device or machinery. If the mechanism is out of balance, it wears out faster.

Over many years this imbalance in the joint mechanics can lead to damage to the articular surface. Since articular cartilage cannot heal itself very well, the damage adds up. Finally, the joint is no longer able to compensate for the increasing damage, and it begins to hurt. The damage occurs well before the pain begins.

In summary, arthritis may come from differences in how each of us is put together based on our genes—a condition best described as OA. Or arthritis may develop years after an injury that leads to slow damage to the joint surfaces—a condition probably best described as post-traumatic arthritis. Either way the joint is worn out, and it hurts. For the purposes of this document, we will refer to both types as OA.

Intra-articular injury (injuries occurring within a joint) with cartilage damage can lead to post-traumatic arthritis, a condition characterized by pain and stiffness in the affected joint. Intra-articular injuries are often the result of high-energy injuries such as traffic accidents or bad falls.

A recent study by researchers at the University of Iowa and Oregon State University may shed some light on the causes of post-traumatic arthritis and explain why this arthritic condition is more severe and develops faster in ankles than in knees.

“Of the three major joints in the leg—the hip, the knee, and the ankle—the knee is the most tolerant of injury and the ankle is the least tolerant,” said Todd O. McKinley, M.D., UI as-

sistant professor of orthopaedic surgery and lead author of the study. “Interestingly, although knees are very forgiving of post-traumatic arthritis, they have a fairly substantial incidence of idiopathic arthritis, or arthritis for no reason. However, ankles, which almost never get wear-and-tear arthritis, have a substantial incidence of post-traumatic arthritis. So the two joints behave very differently.”

Using high-resolution digital images, McKinley and his colleague, Brain K. Bay, Ph.D., associate professor of mechanical engineering at Oregon State University, measured bone strain in knee and ankle joints with cartilage defects. The researchers found that cartilage defects in the ankle joint increased strain on bone near the joint, but the opposite was true for the knee joint, where cartilage defects actually led to a decrease in bone strain next to the joint.

“The increase in strain in the ankle was expected,” McKinley said. “The decrease in strain in the knee was completely unexpected but the results consistently indicated that the strain on the bone was going away.”

The causes of post-traumatic arthritis are not well understood. However, it is likely that joint injuries cause changes to load-transmission through weight-bearing bones and this may play a role in development of the arthritic condition.

The researchers took slices through ankle and knee joints from cadavers and made defects of various sizes in the cartilage of those joints. The cartilage defects were similar to the kind that might occur after an intraarticular injury. The researchers then measured the bone strain in these samples using a technique called digital image correlation whereby a computer program compares high-resolution digital images of the bone under loaded and unloaded conditions and analyzes how much strain the trabecular bone experiences. Trabecular bone is the inner lattice of bone that sits underneath the cartilage near joints.

The study clearly shows that knees and ankles respond quite differently to cartilage injury in the way the joint transmits load from the joint surfaces through the bone. This finding may help explain why the knee and ankle behave differently when injured.

McKinley, who also is a consultant physician at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Iowa City, suggests that several features of the knee joint might explain the decrease in bone strain and the greater ability to tolerate intraarticular injuries.

“The knee is not a very close-fitting joint, and much of the knee’s stability is provided by the ligaments. Also, the cartilage is very thick,” McKinley said. “The knee is more tolerant of a defect in the cartilage because there is enough remaining cartilage to pick up the slack.”

In contrast, the ankle is a very constrained joint with a fairly precisely mated surface between the tibia (shinbone) and the talus (anklebone). In addition, the cartilage at the ankle joint is about one third as thick as in the knee.

“The ankle has a lot less reserve to accommodate loss of cartilage,” McKinley said.

The study appeared in the September issue of the Journal of Orthopaedic Research and was funded by grants from the Orthopaedic Research and Education Fund, Orthopaedic Trauma Association and the Giannini Medical Scholars Foundation.

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Successful Civil War Living History Event

by Stephanie Steinhorst, Park
Ranger

On March 10th and 11th, the sights and sounds of prison life returned to Camp Sumter military prison. Inside the replica stockade, men dressed in the shabby uniforms of Union prisoners struggled to cook coarse cornmeal and salt pork over meager fires. Smoke drifted lazily over the men as they discussed the weather, their hopes for prisoner exchanges, and their desire for a real meal. Outside the prison walls, guards patrolled the perimeter, ever vigilant for escaping prisoners or Union sympathizers who might



aid them. Artillery demonstrations and guard drills reinforced the serious climate of the Confederate prison that detained almost 45,000 men over 14 months of operation in the final year of the Civil War.

The weekend marked Andersonville National Historic Site's annual two-day living history event that brought together park staff, park volunteers, living history educators and re-enactors to tell the stories of Union prisoners and their Confederate captors. Just over a thousand park visitors gained personal insights on prison life from these dedicated individuals. This year was one of the best attended events in recent memory, according to long time participants from the Georgia Sharpshooters re-enactment group.

Presenting prison life is often an emotional and very personal experience for some of the re-enactors who are descendents of actual Andersonville prisoners. The modern men come out to experience a hint of their heritage by sleeping on the same ground and suffering through the hardships of heat, boredom, and less-than-appetizing food. This year, a descendent of a Confederate guard also stood watch where his ancestor had done so 148 years ago.

The prison was also populated by some youthful faces this year, as the park introduced its first group of historical interpreter apprentices. A group of four boys from Americus Sumter High School participated in the Historical Interpreter Apprentice Program (HIAP) every Saturday morning from mid-January until the culminating event of the living history weekend. During their Saturday sessions they studied the history of Andersonville, practiced ways to communicate historical information, and observed other historic sites. Histori-

cally, Andersonville prison held a number of soldiers who were younger than 18, and HIAP participants David Busman, Carl Johnson, Jerhvon Pearman and Tye Skala shared their important stories. This new program was created not only to present a wider range of prisoner experiences but also to encourage young, local students to volunteer with the park throughout the year. The program was led by Park Ranger Stephanie Steinhorst and assisted by Americus Sumter High School social studies teacher, Chris Barr. Funding for the program was made possible by a grant from the National Park Foundation. The park hopes to continue the program next year, and extend new opportunities to students in our area.

In addition to the youth interpreters and local re-enactors, programs were given by the artillery crew from Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park; Ken Johnston, the executive director from the National Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus, GA; Amanda Morrow from Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA, who shared her archeological research on the Camp Lawton Civil War Prison near Millen, GA; and a cemetery tour by long-time volunteer Brad Quinlin, who read letters from Andersonville prisoners.

Commemorating the Civil War Sesquicentennial

2011 to 2015 marks the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War.

Through 2015, in programs, publications and special events, Andersonville National Historic Site will mark this important anniversary and explore how the story of Andersonville fits into the larger Civil War experience.

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Louis Zamperini

Having just finished the book, *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*, I was privileged to



spend two days with Louis Zamperini. Through AXPOW, I've gotten to know many World War II POWs. When I read Lauren Hillenbrand's book I was incredulous as I hadn't heard his story before. There're many stories coming out of The Greatest Generation but this is certainly one of the more unusual and truly incredible.

Louis's presentation began with a 35 minute video about Louie filmed by CBS during the Nagano, Japan Olympics. As a 17-year-old Louis had participated in the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. In the longest distance run Louie finished first among the Americans even though he was youngest by nearly a decade. His final lap of 56 seconds was fast enough to catch the attention of Adolf

Hitler, who insisted on a personal meeting. As Zamperini tells the story, Hitler shook his hand, and said simply "Ah, you're the boy with the fast finish." According to a profile on Bill Stern's Sports Newsreel radio program, Zamperini climbed a flag pole during the 1936 Olympic games and stole the personal flag of Hitler.

Speculation was that Louis would've been the first to break the four minute mile had World War II not intervened. Louis enlisted in the Army Air Corps and became a navigator on a B-24. When his aircraft crashed while looking for another airplane off of Hawaii Louie spent 42 days and a raft in the Pacific Ocean. The raft drifted 2400 miles and ended up in the Marshall Islands. Near death at that time Louis was captured by the Japanese and spent two and half years in brutal POW camps near Nagano.

One particular guard known as the Bird took a particular dislike to the famous Olympian. Louis Zamperini and made his life miserable for his entire incarceration.

The most amazing thing about Louis to me was his incredible energy and sense of humor at age 95. In front of both audiences Louie captured them and held them spellbound for the entire hour-long presentation. Louis travels with his grandson and his two appearances



here finished a week or he had five speaking engagements around the country. Louie is certainly a credit to his fellow prisoners of war from Japan who had a very difficult time while incarcerated by the Japanese in their barbaric prison camps.

I've written many articles for the AXPOW Bulletin but this is certainly were the most interesting to me and I even had to do a little research. But it's easy especially when you're dealing with a book that's number one on the New York Times bestseller list. And this morning I woke up with 50 new friends on Facebook who had been in the audience during Louie's presentation.

It was truly amazing to be in the presence of this 95-year-old rockstar.

Several POWs I've talked to have declined to read the book afraid of flashbacks. I think it's well worth the read and would recommend it to anybody regardless of their status as a POW.

So there you have it. Louis Zamperini. What a guy. Hat's off to Louis and his entire generation.



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AMERICANS IDENTIFIED FROM VIETNAM WAR:

There are 1,672 Americans listed by the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) as missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. Most recently listed as accounted-for on the DPMO website was **Master Sergeant Arden Hassenger**, USAF, OR, MIA in Laos on 12/24/65. His remains were recovered on 2/18/10, and identified 3/5/12. The number of Americans announced as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is now 911. Another 63 US personnel, recovered post-incident and identified before the end of the war, bring the officially listed total recovered and identified to 974. Of the 1,672 still missing or otherwise unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Laos and Cambodia under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-1,284 (VN-471, VS-813); Laos-324; Cambodia-57; Peoples Republic of China territorial waters-7; more than 450 were over-water losses.

ACCOUNTING COOPERATION: Joint Field Activities (JFAs) just concluded in Vietnam, the largest such operations in some time, including six recovery teams and two investigation teams.

KOREAN WAR ACCOUNTING: Our negotiated agreement with the North Koreans to re-enter and resume our

recovery and accounting mission in the North is at a standstill, at this writing. Resumption of mission in the North is not going to happen at this time.

MISSING IN ACTION FROM KOREAN WAR IDENTIFIED:

Army Cpl. Patrick R. Glennon of Rochester, N.Y., was buried April 11, at Arlington National Cemetery. On Nov. 1, 1950, Glennon, and the G Company, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, were holding a defensive position along the Nammyon River near Unsan, North Korea, when they were attacked by Chinese forces. Glennon was listed as missing in action following the heavy fighting.

Master Sgt. Elwood Green, U.S. Army, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division was captured on Nov. 28, 1950 and died in 1951 in a POW Camp in North Korea. He was accounted for on Mar. 1, 2012.

Sgt. 1st Class Richard L. Harris, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division was captured on Nov. 30, 1950 and died in Jan. 1951 in a POW Camp in North Korea. He was accounted for on Feb. 29, 2012.

Cpl. Robert I. Wax, U.S. Army, of Battery A, 555th Field Artillery Battalion, was lost on Aug. 11, 1950 near Pongam-ni, South Korea. He was accounted for on Feb. 23, 2012.

Cpl. Dick E. Osborne, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, was lost on Nov. 2, 1950, near Unsan, North Korea. He was accounted for on Jan. 27, 2012.

Pfc. Frank P. Jennings, U.S. Army, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment was lost near Jeon-Gog, South Korea on April 25, 1951. He was accounted for on Jan. 18, 2012.

Sgt. 1st Class Edris A. Viers, U.S. Army, Battery A, 555th Field Artillery Battalion, 5th Regimental Combat Team, was lost near Pongam-ni, South Korea on Aug. 12, 1950. He was accounted for on Jan. 17, 2012.

Cpl. William R. Sluss, U.S. Army, Service Battery, 38th Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, was captured by enemy forces in late Nov. 1950, near Kunu-ri, North Korea, and

died at POW Camp 5 in April 1951. He was accounted for on Jan. 17, 2012.

Cpl. Chester J. Roper, U.S. Army, Battery A, 503rd Field Artillery Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, was captured by enemy forces on Dec. 1, 1950 near Somindong, North Korea, and died in early 1951 in POW Camp 5 at Pyoktong. He was accounted for on Jan. 4, 2012.

2nd Lt. Charles R. Moritz, U.S. Army Air Forces, of the 496th Fighter Training Group was lost on June 7, 1944 when his P-51 C Mustang crashed near Goxhill airfield, England. He was accounted for on Feb. 26, 2012.

Cpl. James N. Larkin, U.S. Army, C Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, was captured on Feb. 11, 1951, and died in captivity in April 1951. He was accounted for on Feb. 21, 2012.

Cpl. Henry F. Johnson, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment was captured on Nov. 25 1950, and died in captivity in 1951. He was accounted for on Feb. 15, 2012.

MISSING IN ACTION FROM WORLD WAR II IDENTIFIED:

2nd Lt. Emil T. Wasilewski, U.S. Army Air Forces, was lost when his B-17G was shot down on Sept. 13, 1944 during a bombing mission over Merseburg, Germany. He was accounted for on Feb. 11, 2012.

Pvt. Arthur W. Leiviska, U.S. Army, L Company, 3rd Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, who was captured in 1951 and died in captivity on April 20, 1951 He was accounted for on Feb. 3, 2012.

Missing/Captured

US Service member reported missing or captured while supporting combat operations:

Army Spc. Bowe R. Bergdahi, 25,
June 30,2009, Afghanistan

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Chairman

What to do?

What to do?

The first thing you have to do is establish a basis for a claim; once you are accepted as a member of the internee group, the claim for compensation becomes easier. To establish the legitimacy of your claim, you need proof that you were a Japanese prisoner.

The first step is to call a Claim Examiner. I suggest that you call the Senior Claim Examiner, either Annette Kayser, 216-357-5314 or Roberta Podnar, 216-357-5331. Both are excellent.

Since you were so young at the time of your incarceration, you should call one of the two Senior Claim Examiners listed at the end of this article. Their office has a listing of people who were incarcerated, and a phone call to the office will establish whether your family names are on the list. Some names are missing, but do not give up. These Examiners will help you by giving you suggestions of how to prove your family's internment. When you have accomplished this, you should file Form CA-2, Notice of Occupational Disease and Claim for Com-

ensation. This can be downloaded from the Internet at www.dol.gov/owcp/regs/compliance/ca-2pdf.

Once you have established the legitimacy of your claim, you can file form OWCP-915, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, for each claim. www.dol.gov/owcp/dfec/regs/compliance/OWCP-915.pdf. You must ask your doctor to fill out form OWCP-1500 or your hospital to fill out form OWCP-04 as explained in the instructions.

Treatment of any disease that your doctor traces to malnutrition or your experience in the Japanese internment camp can be compensated. However, periodontal disease is considered a presumptive, which means that you automatically will receive reimbursement of treatment costs without having to prove that it resulted from your time as a prisoner.

You can get pre-approval of treatment, but we are advised to get the necessary treatment, pay the doctor, then file the claim for compensation.

But don't forget to have the doctor or hospital fill out their form for you to attach to your claim. The healthcare provider needs to provide the medical codes which are standard in the insurance business.

If your doctor has traced your disease to your experience in the Japanese internment camp as a prisoner, upon your death, your spouse is eligible to receive a death benefit of \$7,500 if that disease was the cause of death.

Claim Examiners

Patricia Taylor, 216-357-5318;
Paula Mindes (exceptional), 216-357-5349; Daniel Wieber, 216-357-5381; Tammie Krist, 216-357-5374

Senior Claim Examiners

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Roberta Podnar, 216-357-5331

Information and Helpful Hints

There is no maximum on payments for medical or dental treatment of accepted conditions for claimants themselves.

Accepted conditions means that a doctor can relate how the illness could be related to the claimant's internment. Example: If a person had beri-beri while incarcerated, this could be why he now has heart problems.

When you are in your doctor's office, please tell him or her what you went through during your internment and how you feel that your illness today could be caused by the starvation you went through then. You should keep a record of your trips to the doctors and what illnesses sent you there.

The death benefit is for the spouse. The amount is \$7,500. Disability or death or a specific medical condition must be established in relation to the civilian's internment.

All of your claims - medical, dental and death - must come from with a causal relationship to your internment. It will become easier than it sounds if you keep your bills from all of your doctor visits and note on them what the doctor treated you for. It could be a big help to your spouse.

If you have any questions regarding your claim, you should contact the person you called first and let them work for you. All medical providers should call 866-335-8319 for any and all requests for authorization.

And for all bill inquiries, contact 866-335-8319 or on line at <http://owcp.dolacs-inc.com>. If you need to talk to a customer service representative, you may call 850-558-1811. This is a toll call.

va outreach



Wm "Bill" Jeffers - chair

Our Commander has appointed me to Chair the Outreach Program, the position that Fred Campbell held before his untimely passing. I have big feet and a shoe size to match, but that alone is not sufficient to fill the footprints of exemplary service that Fred left. He had a style all his own in the articles he had published in *The Bulletin*. In essence, he related real life incidents dealing with individual situations and how they were resolved. Lacking a vast inventory of such stories at this point in time, I'm going to take a different approach in this column.

For the time being, I intend to build on the premise that all of our members can be "Outreach Ambassadors". Doris Jenks, a former

AXPOW NSO Program Director, has agreed to assist me in carrying out this new assignment. Doris brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in dealing with the VA in the area of benefits to veterans and widows.

It needs to be pointed out that there is a significant number of veterans and/or dependants who need and deserve a "helping hand" in learning about and obtaining health or financial benefits for which they are eligible. When I say veterans, I am not referring only to ex-POWs, but to any veteran who has served in the US military.

Typically, these veterans served their country, were discharged, married, followed a career of choice and raised a family. Other than possibly receiving educational benefits under the GI Bill or a GI Loan or Mortgage, they had no other dealings with the VA. The veteran is now retired, and no longer enrolled in an employer's health plan. Up to this point, he viewed most of his health issues as more or less average and certainly not anything to bring to the attention of the VA. Now he is beginning to learn what getting old is like and health problems are becoming a concern and a major expense.

There are ex-POWs and other veterans who have yet to "come out of their shells" or shed other "isolation philosophies" which have thusfar prevented them from coming forward to seek well-earned benefits that are due them. It is important to reach these people, inform them of these benefits and to steer them in the direction of obtaining them.

This is where "Outreach Ambassadors" can fit into the picture. From their own experiences, they are aware of at least some of the benefits and how they were obtained. When learning of an individual who has the potential of being eligible for benefits, step up and lend a "helping hand" by sharing what you know about benefits that may apply and where to get more information and help.

Particular attention should be directed to the widows of recently deceased veterans. The grief of these ladies is compounded by the seemingly daunting tasks associated with terminating Social Security and disability compensation checks, claiming burial allowance, reimbursement of burial expenses, arranging for headstones or markers, and the list goes on and on.

Some of these tasks are customarily performed by the funeral home, but follow-up action is needed at times. Family members usually step in and assist the widow, but they are often not around for long after the funeral. Friends of the widow are usually helpful, but their familiarity with veteran's and widow's benefits is usually very limited.

Future articles in this column will give guidance to assist "Outreach Ambassadors" to lend "helping hands".

Bill

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Texas Trivia - Answers on Page 32

1. Six flags have flown over Texas, what were they?
2. What state is the only state to have been an independent republic?
3. Where does the Mavericks basketball team hail from?
4. Texas ice-cream producer Elmer Doolin bought a recipe for \$100 from a cafe owner in San Antonio and used it to make a fortune. What did the recipe make?
5. Charles Hardin Holley (Buddy Holly) was born in which town in Texas?
6. What baseball player had his shirt number retired by three teams?
7. For their ballpark, the Texas Rangers chose what name?
8. John Wilkinson set the seed-spitting distance at the 11th Annual Watermelon Thump held in Luling, Texas in 1980. How far did he spit the seeds?
9. The working title of the TV series Dallas was what?
10. What historic structure was saved from a real estate syndicate by a donation from a Texas cattle heiress?



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May 16-20, 2012. 2012 River Rat Reunion. Wigwam Golf Resort & Spa, Litchfield Park, AZ. Go to: <http://www.river-rats.org/2012-reunion.html> for links to hotel registration, online Reunion Registration, and downloadable forms. Contact: Lee Alton leealton@cox.net.

May 31-June 2, 2012, The Department of Arizona 30th State Convention will be held at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino, 5040 Wild Horse Pass Blvd (exit 162) off the I-10, Chandler, Az.. 1-520-796-4900 direct room reservations, discount code: POW \$79.00 standand and \$119.00 suite plus tax. Room reservation cut off date April 30, 2012. Convention registration fee \$50.00 per person. Please contact Department Commander Lew Sleeper at 520-751-9628, sleepjl@aol.com or Adjutant Debby Lindhurst-Lollar 602-841-9338, dlindyP38@cox.net on convention paperwork or questions.

May 31-June 3, 2012. The 5th Battalion/60th Infantry Association (9th ID) reunion will be held at The Renaissance St Louis Airport Hotel. Visit www.5thbattalion.org for full information or contact William Metzler: 707-374-1377 (CA); Metz560@frontiernet.net;

June 6-7, 2012. The Dept of Iowa will hold its 29th state convention will be held at the Best Western Regency at 3303 So. Center St., Marshalltown, Iowa. Call 800-241-2974 for the POW rate, which is \$75.00 plus tax. The rooms will be

held only until May 25. Entertainment will be provided by Dixie Johnson on Wednesday evening. The Memorial Service and the business meeting will be held on Thursday morning. For more information call Pat Ludwig at 515 570-8049 or email at pat6547@yahoo.com.

June 7-10, 2012. The 25th WWII Battle of the Bulge EX-POW Reunion will be held at Stone Mountain, GA. Stalags IX-A, IX-B and IX-C. Hotel: Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort. For information contact Neah Bryan at 404-444-1496. Please call before May 15th if you are interested in attending this year's reunion.

June 8-9, 2012. 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.

July 29-Aug 5, 2012. The Korean War Ex-POW Association annual reunion will be held at the Marriott Regency Hotel, 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114; 402-399-9000. For more information, contact Bill Norwood, President at: info@koreanwarexpow.org.

June 27-July 1, 2012. The American Ex-Prisoners of War National Convention will be held in Arlington, Texas at the Hilton Arlington Hotel.

Meet old friends and new!

Attend AXPOW night at the Ballpark in Arlington!

Take your grandkids to 6 Flags Over Texas!

We've got a great convention planned, so now it's your turn to start planning to attend...
Fill out the registration form on page 22 and get out your roadmaps!

See you in Texas!



News Briefs



Confirmed Loss of The Last Iraq War POW

by Alice A. Booher

Ahmed Kousay Altaie (Ahmed Qusai al-Taayie or Al-Taie), was born in Iraq on July 22, 1965 to Kousay and Nawal Altaie. At the age of 9, he emigrated with his family to London where he received his primary and secondary education. A good friend during those times, Burkan Mudares, met him when he arrived from Iraq in 1980. He says that they lost touch when Altaie went to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), but rekindled their friendship when the former made a visit to London in 1985 and shared good times. Altaie attended technical school, then earned his degree, married gracious blonde Linda Racey, and became an American citizen. They later divorced but remained good friends; when he went missing, she dedicated a website with clips of their shared life and friendship in which she described herself as his ex-wife and good friend who refused to believe

he was not alive. Since repatriation of his remains, Linda has acted as family spokesperson.

Like many Iraqi citizens who fled Saddam Hussein's tyrannical regime, the family had visited NYC in 1979 and moved from the UK to the U.S. in 1984. Settling in Ann Arbor, the pilot and aircraft mechanic enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve in December 2004. He had made a trip to Iraq in 2004 and was reported to have said that he thought the place

was turning around with the Saddam gone. During that trip, the then almost 40 year old Altaie met, and in February 2005 married, a young beautiful bright 20 year old Iraqi woman, Israa Abdul-Satar, a student at al-Mustansiriya University. He briefly returned to Michigan, but was quickly utilized by an Army desperate for fluent Arabic speakers. He was mobilized August 2005 and deployed three months later to what he said was the best possible location to visit his wife, just down the street from the International Green Zone in the midst of "No Man's Land". During duty hours, he was a well respected translator with the Provincial Reconstruction Team, Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, out of Ft. Hood, TX. Wearing civilian clothes in off times, he was able to slip through the barricades, blend



in for awhile, and visit his wife's apartment. But an Iraqi-born American soldier could not stay invisible for long, and others have since said that he was warned about continuing to visit his wife and her family in the Karradsa neighborhood on the banks of the Tigris River in central Bagdad.



On October 23, 2006, at the end of the Ramadan period, Sgt. Altaie drove a motorcycle to his wife's apartment. Her family later said he had given his wife funds to buy a special lamb for the holiday feast. Thugs waited for him, and during the abduction, a friend heard through Altaie's open cell phone the struggle with his attackers and his wife begging them not to hurt her husband. He was thrown into one of three cars, handcuffed, and the friend to whom he had been talking on his cell phone called his family to say he had been kidnapped. A relative at the wife's home later purportedly received a call from the cell phone he was carrying on abduction. His whereabouts were declared unknown, or DUSTWUN, then MIA/POW. GEN George Casey, commander of Multinational Force Iraq, swiftly got permission for a \$50,000 reward and American troops began dozens of searches and raids in the Sadr

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City area because it was felt that the Mahdi Army, a group predominantly Sunni Arab, had taken him. Hundreds of tips poured in netting dozens of suspects who provided extensive information. A ransom demand was relayed on November 2, 2006 to his uncle, Entifadh Qanbar, a former spokesman for the Iraqi National Congress and later a member of the Iraqi Ministry of Defense now in Dubai, UAE. Qanbar met in secret in Bagdad with the kidnapper's intermediary, and was shown a grainy video of a beaten and bloody Altaie, and demanded \$250,000. On February 14, 2007, an 8-second, cleaned-up Altaie non-audio "proof of life" video was posted on a militant Shiite website by a previously unknown group called the "Abel al-Beit Brigades". This was to be the last time he was seen alive. The captured Sergeant was promoted to Staff Sergeant. Military/intelligence searches and "negotiations" dragged on for years.



In February 2012, 3 years after capture, a Shiite extremist group handed over a simple wooden casket containing his remains. Shiite lawmaker, Sami al-Askari, an ally of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, said his remains had been turned over as part of a prisoner (amnesty) exchange agreement between the Iraqi government and the small military group *Asaib Ahl al-Haq*, an Iranian backed insurgent militia-

man group. The group acknowledged having killed him within a year of his abduction. The casket was taken to the American Embassy in Bagdad on February 25, 2012, and flown to the mortuary facility in Dover, DE where his remains were confirmed. The Pentagon notified his family on February 26, thus confirming the return of the last American service member remaining in the Iraq. [Note: The status of CAPT Michael Scott Speicher, USN F/A-18 Hornet pilot shot down in the Gulf War was uncertain for years; after being called MIA, DUSTWUN, and POW, his death was confirmed on August 2, 2009. Now only Army Sergeant Bowe Robert Bergdahl remains MIA from the War in Afghanistan]. Altaie's family in the Detroit area received and buried his remains the first week in March 2012. He was 42 when captured and would now be 46. Using the term that the Qu'ran says should be added whenever Muslims are to do something in the future, [but generically in Arab speaking countries means "God Willing", and does not necessarily denote a given religion]: In sha' Allah Ahmed Altaie - rest in peace and may your countries and your family heal.

VA Expands Medical Forms Program to Support Faster Claims Processing

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced the release of 68 new forms that will help speed the processing of Veterans' disability compensation and pension claims.

"VA employees will be able to more quickly process disability claims, since disability benefits questionnaires capture important medical information needed to accurately evaluate Veterans' claims," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "Disability benefits questionnaires are just one of many

changes VA is implementing to address the backlog of claims."

The new forms bring to 71 the number of documents, called disability benefits questionnaires (DBQs), that guide physicians' reports of medical findings, ensuring VA has exactly the medical information needed to make a prompt decision.

When needed to decide a disability claim for compensation or pension benefits, VA provides Veterans with free medical examinations for the purpose of gathering the necessary medical evidence.

Veterans who choose to have their private physicians complete the medical examination can now give their physicians the same form a VA provider would use. It is very important that physicians provide complete responses to all questions on the DBQs. VA cannot pay for a private physician to complete DBQs or for any costs associated with examination or testing.

DBQ's can be found at <http://benefits.va.gov/disabilityexams>.

Veterans may file a claim online through the eBenefits web portal at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>. The Department of Defense and VA jointly developed the eBenefits portal as a single secure point of access for online benefit information and tools to perform multiple self-service functions such as checking the status of their claim.

Bataan Death March Memorial marks 70th Anniversary of Deadly March

by Senior Airman DeAndre Curtiss
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- Frank Hewlett once wrote:
We're the battling bastards of Bataan;

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*No mama, no papa, no Uncle Sam.
No aunts, no uncles, no cousins, no nieces,
No pills, no planes, no artillery pieces.
And nobody gives a damn.
Nobody gives a damn.*

This poem has been spoken year after year to those in attendance at the Bataan Memorial Death March, and it was no different this year as more than 6,700 men and women came from all over the United States and many other countries around the world.

The Bataan Memorial Death March is an annual event held to honor a special group of World War II veterans. On April 9, 1942, tens of thousands of American and Filipino soldiers surrendered to Japanese forces while defending the islands of Luzon, Corregidor and the harbor defense forts of the Philippines.

During the battle, they fought in a malaria-infested region, with almost no medical support and only half rations, but the real hardship and torment began after they were captured. They were forced to march for days in the scorching heat of the Philippine jungle. During the march, they traveled more than 60 miles, losing more than 1,000 people to death while those who survived became prisoners of war.

"It's truly an honor to be here and look out and see a sea of people gathered to honor an amazing group of veterans," said Brig. Gen. John Ferrari, White Sands Missile Range commander. "As we gather before such history, we should remember that we are only one part in a line of service members who have served this country since 1776."

The march, which has been at WSMR since 1992, offers two dif-

ferent courses - a 26.2 mile and 15.2 mile honorary course. The course covered mountains, highways and sandpits, which provided participants with a tough challenge, though the difficulty pales in comparison to what the veterans of the Bataan march went through.

The Bataan Memorial Death March has continued to grow year after year. The original event in 1989 only had 100 participants - a number that has since skyrocketed to more than 6,700, a new record for the 23 year-running event. This year's event also had more than 1,200 volunteers giving out water, energy drinks, fruit slices and medical care along the entire course.

Every year, the march is broken down into age groups, and participants can enter several different team or individual categories.

This year's memorial marked the 70th anniversary of the surrender and subsequent march, a milestone that the survivors and their families are fully aware of.

"I told my family what happen to me as a prisoner of war from the first day I got home, said Leonard Robinson, 93, a survivor of the Bataan Death March, who traveled from Casper, Wyo., to attend. "I want people to take away three things from my experience: first, you need to talk about it; second, have faith in God; and third, never hold a grudge; the things we go through in life are not worth holding on to and complaining - just live."

Rhode Island Salutes its Aviation Heroes

Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame Group of honorees included a Flying Tiger, two bomber fliers who were POWs in Europe and one of the founders of the Civil Aeronautics Board

Two inductees are still living: Riverside resident (and AXPOW Member/PCC) **Roland E. Stumpff** flew for more than 68 years. He was a WWII B-24 bomber pilot who participated in the dangerous raids on the Ploesti oil fields. On his 13th Ploesti mission his aircraft was hit by flak over the target and lost two engines. With a wounded copilot he nursed his B-24 to dead-stick landing. He and his crew were captured and held in a Bulgarian POW camp. When Bulgaria dropped out of the war in late 1944, he and more than 200 allied POWs eventually made their way to Istanbul and safety. In a little-known footnote to history, he and a handful of others volunteered to go back into Bulgaria with the OSS to identify and round up those guards who had mistreated prisoners. Through this team's actions, some 135 were brought to justice. After the war, he continued to fly with several Air National Guard units, including a stint flying F80 fighter jets with the New York Air Guard. He worked for Trans-Ethiopian Airlines, and eventually settled into a career as a mechanical engineer. Roland added glider flying and soaring to his repertoire before finally folding his wings in 2010. He was a Colonel in the Confederate Air Force, where he worked on (and flew) aircraft that participated in their famous Missing Man formation.

Tiverton native **LTC James Webber Lent, Jr. USMC (Ret)** had the distinction of serving three combat tours in Viet Nam, flying three different aircraft with distinctly different missions. During these three tours, Jim flew a total of 842 combat missions and 949 combat hours, an accomplishment surpassed by only a select few US military aviators. Lent graduated from De La Salle Academy in Newport and Holy Cross College. Lent was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps in

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1960, and designated a Naval Aviator the following year. In his first Vietnam tour (1964-65) he flew the H-34 helicopter in support and medevac missions out of Danang. From April, 1968 - May, 1969 he flew the A-4 Skyhawk attack jet with VMA-311 out of Chu Lai, providing close air support for marines on the ground. In 1972 he flew the F-4J Phantom II fighter/attack jet in combat. During his 21-year career, Jim amassed a total of 3,482 flight hours flying 18 different aircraft. He also completed 123 day and night carrier landings. Lent's combat awards include three Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars with Combat V, and forty-two Air Medals, with one meritorious single mission gold star. After leaving the service he earned his JD and a Master of Law Degree in International Business and Taxation. He continues to practice in Pensacola, FL where he now resides.

The four deceased inductees are: **Parker S. Dupouy (1917-1994)** was one of the 57 combat pilots serving as the Flying Tigers in China in the early days of World War II.

Captain James R. Henderson USN (Ret) (1924 - 2010) retired from Quonset Point Naval Air Station in 1975 after a 32-year Navy career that started in 1942 and spanned three wars.

Pasco "Pat" Melone (1913-2007) was an accomplished flight instructor, aerial photographer, aerial banner tower, and aerial acrobat. He enlisted in the 243rd Coast Artillery of the RI National Guard, and by 1940 he was a corporal.

Robert T. Murphy, (1915-1996) was instrumental in the drafting of many federal statutes relating to air safety, air transportation, and related economic issues. He participated in the creation of the Civil

Aeronautics Board (CAB), and served on that board for 12 years, acting as Vice Chair for eight years.

Special Recognition Award recipients, both living, are: Master Army Aviator **Thomas P. Shortall** and **Major General Kevin R. McBride**.

NamPOW Reintegration Expert Shares His Tips



By *Bo Joyner*, Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs, 03/01/2012

Retired Air Force Col. Lee Ellis shares his tips for reintegration with Air Force reservists and their family members at the Air Force Reserve Command Yellow Ribbon event in San Diego on Feb. 25, 2012. Ellis spent more than five years as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. (U.S. Air Force photo/Bo Joyner)

Having spent more than five years in prisoner-of-war camps during the Vietnam War, Lee Ellis knows how difficult it is to reconnect with family and friends after a long military separation.

Ellis shared his experiences and tips for reintegration with about 450 Air Force reservists and their family members during a Yellow Ribbon event Feb. 25-26 here.

"War damages you," the retired Air Force colonel told his audience. "It damages you mentally, emotionally, spiritually. Except for anger, I know

I totally shut down emotionally while I was a POW. That works great during war, but it doesn't work when you get back home. You have to reconnect with your emotions when you get home."

Ellis said there were some challenges connecting with his family and friends until he was able to reconnect with his own emotions.

"I was not always easy to live with," he recalled. "I was controlling. I was hyper-vigilant. I was hyper-sensitive to criticism. And I was also dealing with feelings of guilt because a lot of my friends never made it home. It took a lot of time to get a handle on all of the things I was feeling and to reconnect with the people who were closest to me."

Ellis urged the reservists on hand, all of whom are either facing a deployment in the near future or are just returning from a deployment, to be patient when they begin the reintegration process.

"Don't expect perfection," he said. "It's going to take some time for things to be the same way they were before you left, but you will get there."

Ellis also encouraged the reservists and their family members to have a support system in place.

"The Navy Seals have a saying that they never fight alone, and you shouldn't try to fight this battle alone," he said. "You need to have someone in your life you can tell anything to, someone who can help you deal with the emotions you are going to be feeling when you get home from your deployment or when your loved one gets home. And if you don't have someone like that, you need to know there are a lot of resources available right at your fingertips."

Like other Yellow Ribbon events held throughout the country each year, the event in San Diego was

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designed to let reservists and their family members know exactly what helping resources are at their disposal.

“Our main goal is to let our people know help is available and how to find it,” said Mary Hill, the director of Air Force Reserve Command’s Yellow Ribbon program. “We have chaplains, military family life consultants, psychological health advocates, (Veterans Administration) specialists and a host of other experts on hand at every Yellow Ribbon event to help reservists and their family members deal with any problems they may be experiencing.

“Things have changed quite a bit since Colonel Ellis came home from the Hanoi Hilton,” she said. “We’re doing a lot more to try and take care of those who serve and those who support.”

Ellis was 24 years old and flying his 53rd combat mission over enemy territory when his F-4C was taken down by enemy fire. He spent the next 5 1/2 years in various prisons, including the infamous Hanoi Hilton. He spent his first year in a 6 1/2-by-7-foot cell with three other prisoners, surviving on a diet of either pumpkin or cabbage soup and bread.

“We had a strategy for resistance based on the power of honor,” he said. That strategy revolved around being willing to take torture to resist; realizing that everyone can be broken; minimizing the enemy’s net gain; bouncing back; and staying united through communications.

Ellis and his fellow POWs developed a tap code and a hand code so they could keep in touch with each other during long periods of separation.

“Communication was critical,” he said. “Being able to communicate with the people in the adjoining

cells helped us be more resilient and let us know we could get through most anything.”

Ellis said another thing that helped tremendously during his confinement and in his reintegration into life back home was the fact that toward the end of his time as a POW he was moved into a large holding area with 55 other prisoners.

“During those last few months, the torture stopped, and we were grouped together,” he said. “This gave us some time to decompress before we went home. Today, I don’t think we get a lot of time to decompress, and it makes it a little harder to reintegrate into society.”

After his return home from the Hanoi Hilton, Ellis went back to flying and assumed positions of leadership, including flying squadron commander. He was awarded two Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with valor device, the Purple Heart and the POW Medal. He retired with 24 years of service.

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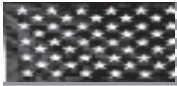
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For National Commander Charles Susino



National Sr. Vice Commander
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Committee
Commander, Dept. of New Jersey
(17+ years).
NSO-14 years.

AAC Veteran, flew B-24 European theatre - hit the silk over Nord, France, March 5, 1944 after being hit by flak and fighters. Pilot gave the order "bail out" and he was captured by two squads of German soldiers. After being shipped to Dulag Luft on the Rhine for 7 days of interrogation, he was sent by boxcar to East Prussia, Luft 6. In Jan. 1945, he was forced marched to Memel, then sent to Luft 4. After being forced onto the 2 1/2 month-long "Black Hunger March", he escaped

with five other prisoners and located a field hospital in the American Zone.

Charlie and his wife, Lillian live in Metuchen, New Jersey

For Sr. Vice Commander James Lollar



Jim Lollar, a B-52 Tail-Gunner, became a member of the 4th Allied POW Wing at Hoa Lo Prison (the infamous Hanoi Hilton) after his aircraft was shot down over Hanoi, North Vietnam during Operation Linebacker II. Achieving the rank of M/Sgt (E-7) after being released, he finished his BS Degree in Accounting from Arkansas, was commissioned after OTS, & then completed his MBA in Financial Management at the University of Utah. As a USAF officer, Jim served with the USAF Audit Agency & with HQ-Aeronautical Systems Division auditing & investigating government contractors on various procurement programs. Jim is now married to the former Debby Lindhurst, & they enjoy "snow-birding" between Wills Point, TX & Phoenix, AZ.

Jim currently is the National Junior Vice Commander - Central Zone (2nd term), is a member of the Executive Committee (2nd term), is a member of the Budget & Finance Committee (2nd term), & is Chair of the Grievance & Investigation Committee (4th term). He is currently serving the Department of Texas as Commander (2nd term) & Adjutant/Treasurer (3rd term).

He is also Commander of the Dallas Metroplex Chapter (5th term).

Jim has served as National Director - South Central Region (2 terms), was Sergeant-at-Arms (3 terms), was Chair of the Ways & Means Committee (2 terms), & was a member of the By-Laws & Resolutions Committee (1 term).

For Jr. Vice Commander ~ East William (Bill) Jeffers

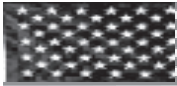


Bill joined AXPOW in the mid-1980s. He was first a member of the Northern Virginia Chapter (now Bill Rolan Memorial Chapter); when he moved to Florida, he joined the Suncoast Chapter where he served as treasurer.

Bill is also active in his community. He has spent 11 years as a member of the HOA Board of Directors - as President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Editor of the community newsletter. On a national level, Bill has served on the awards committee for the past three years; he is currently chairman of the committee.

During WWII, Bill served with the Air Force, 401st BG, 613th BS. He was captured at Zandvoot, Netherlands and held in Amsterdam, Oberursel, Wetzlar, and Stalags 13D & 7A.

Bill lives in Greenacres, FL.



Decision 2012 Candidates

For Jr. Vice Commander ~ Central

Pam Warner Eslinger



I have been your South Central National Director since 2008, and I would like to be your Jr. Vice Commander Central Zone for the up coming year.

My parents are PNC Jack & June Warner. I have been coming to the National Conventions since I was 4 yrs. old, so this is like a second family for me, and I love this organization, and want it to carry on for as long as we can make it work, to keep your legacy going for the young people to learn about.

I am very proud to say 2 of my 3 children are member of this great organization, and are planning on coming with some of my grandchildren for their family vacations, and I would like to encourage others to talk to their family members to do the same, so they can meet NOK their age and see what a great organization this is. We need their help to carry on your organization. Yes, I am a member and I want very much to be your next Jr. Vice Commander for the Central Zone, but this is your organization, I am just someone who loves you and wants it to carry on your legacy. Thank

you for letting me be a part of this GREAT ORGANIZATION!!!

For Jr. Vice Commander~ West

Milton M. Moore



Skip was born in Ft. Clayton, Panama Canal Zone in Oct. 1947. His father, Milton M. Moore Sr. spent 27

years in the United States Army and was elected as the National Commander of AXPOW in 1989. Skip served as National Sgt at Arms for 6 years. He spent 22 years in the Army and had two tours of duty in Viet Nam, retiring as a SSG (E6) in August of 1989.

Skip's son is stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, after serving two tours in Iraq.

"I am extremely proud of what my son is doing in the military. My family has had a relative in every war the United States has been involved with since the Civil War."

Currently, Skip serving as Jr. Vice Commander and chairman of the Nominations/Elections committee for AXPOW.

Skip and his wife, Margie, live in Sierra Vista, Arizona

For National Director ~Northeast

Frank Koehler

During WWII, Frank was serving with the 106th Inf. Division, Company D, 424th Inf. He was captured during the Battle of the Bulge.



He was held in Stalag XIII A, Limburg, Germany, then marched, and finally liberated from Wetzlar.

Frank has been serving as National Director for the Northeast Region since 2006. He served on the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. He has been Chapter Commander of the Ocean County Chapter since 2001. He is a member of the Board of Directors - Dept. of New Jersey. In 2005, he chaired the committee to host the NJ State Convention in Atlantic City.

Frank and his wife, Mae, live in Toms River, New Jersey.

For National Director ~Southeast

Benny Rayborn

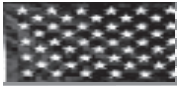
Benny Mark Rayborn is the son of Mark Rayborn AXPOW. He has two brothers, both veterans, and one daughter, all in Missis-



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Mississippi. He is married to Mitzi Heustis-Weatherholt. She has two daughters, one in Illinois and the other in Wisconsin. Benny works full time at Dismas Charities, which is a half way house for Federal prisoners in Hattiesburg, MS. He is preaching as an interim minister at Clear Creek Baptist Church in Marian County. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF). He has served two terms as the Grand Master for the State of Mississippi. He is now serving as the Grand Treasurer. Benny also holds offices in all the local organizations of which he is a member as well as the other branches of the order. He also serves as the Commander of the W Jack Cleery Memorial Chapter in Hattiesburg, MS. He and his bride, Mitzi live in Lumberton, MS.

For National Director ~ North Central David Claypool



David D. Claypool is a NOK and is the son of Warren D. Claypool ETO. David was born in England while his father was a POW. He

served 4 years in the US Army with 38 months in Germany. He served with the Army Security Agency in Communication Intelligence at Rothwesten, Germany for over a year and the rest of the time was spent as a Terrain Analyst. David

was the quality control specialist for all NATO TOP SECRET Terrain Studies produced by the US Army Topographic Center Schwetzingen, Germany. David was discharged from the Army in September, 1969 as a Specialist Sixth Class (SP6). David retired as a Professional Land Surveyor on June 30, 2009. He and his friend Lisa Hanni have an extensive collection of antique surveying equipment and display it for educational purposes several times a year and also give professional seminars. David has been the Department Commander for the State of Minnesota over the past few years. David sits together with 8 other Federally Chartered Military Organizations on the Commanders Task Force for the State of Minnesota. David has been a North Central representative for the past two years on the National Board of the EXPOWs. He is also a member of the 379th Heavy Bomb Group Organization and the 8th Air Force Historical Society. He is dedicated to the preservation of the legacy of the Prisoners of War.

For National Director ~South Central Morris Barker

While serving with the 15th. Air Force, 451 BG, 726 Sqdn, Morris was shot down near Budapest Hungary and was held in Stalag Luft IV. He was also on the 86 day march through Germany.



After discharge from the military, he graduated from Texas A&M Univer-

sity, and later earned a MA from the University of Texas. He has been an active member of AXPOW, serving as Chapter Commander, Texas State Department Commander, National Director as well as Jr. and Sr. Vice Commander and National Commander. Morris developed the AXPOW Voluntary Funding Program that has proven very successful in providing operating funds for the American Ex-Prisoners of War organization during the past four years. With Morris' help, the Budget & Finance Committee has worked to come up with ways to maximize both our finances and our potential.

Morris lives in Waco, Texas.

For National Director ~Southwest Alice Gollin



My name is Alice Gollin and I have spent 3 years as a Chapter Commander, and two years as Department of

California Commander, and also 9 months as a Southwest Director. I am currently chairman of the Civilian Internee Committee -- fitting because the majority of this special group of POWs live in California. I have been working to make claims filing with the Dept. of Labor an easier process and feel we have made some good headway.

My husband, Mort, was a POW in Luft III and 7A during WWII.

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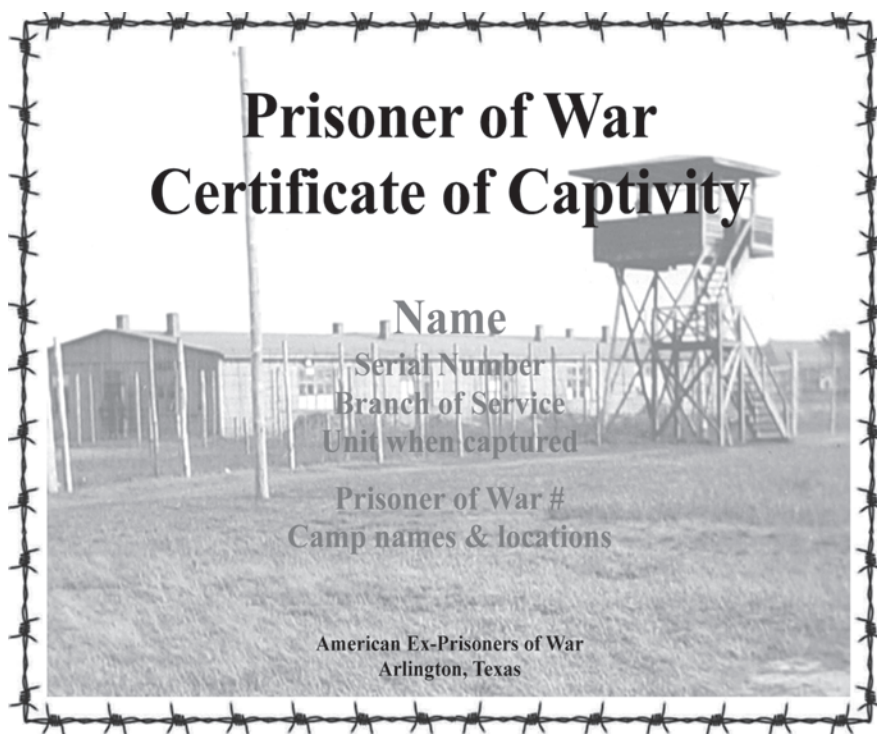
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Answers to Trivia Quiz on page 15.

1. The flags of the U.S., Mexico, France, Spain, Confederacy, and the Republic of Texas.
2. The state of Texas.
3. Dallas, Texas.
4. Fritos corn chips.
5. Lubbock.
- 6 Nolan Ryan, who pitched a record seven no-hitters during his career. His number, 34, has been retired by the Angels, Texas Rangers, and Houston Astros.
7. The Ballpark.
8. 65 feet 4 inches.
9. Houston.
10. The Alamo.

Ladies Luncheon, Friday, June 30, 2012 Come join the fun! Great food, the chance to meet and greet new friends and old, and a terrific Speaker!

SMSGt Kevin McQuay, USAF (ret)

Kevin spent over 21-years with the US Air Force as an Airborne Communications Systems Operator and Senior Enlisted Manager. He retired in 2006 from the 89th Airlift Wing (The President's Wing), Andrews AFB, Maryland. While stationed with the 89th AW, Kevin flew the President, Vice President, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, First Lady, Foreign Heads of State, Members of Congress, senior military officials and other high ranking dignitaries. He was responsible to the White House, Group and Wing commanders for all issues regarding special air mission (SAM) Distinguished Visitor/Very Important Person (DV/VIP) airborne mission communications. His travels with the Air Force have taken him all over the world and made him involved in numerous high profile world events.

Kevin was a senior enlisted aviator with over 9000 flight hours on numerous aircraft (B-52, E-3 (AWACS), KC/EC-135, C-9C, C-20, C-32, C-37, and C-40). He currently serves as a Program Manager with a large defense contractor in Texas who specializes in aircraft modifications and engineering services.

Kevin was born and raised in Phoenix, Arizona (the eldest of three children) where he graduated from Central High School. He holds both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Aeronautical Sciences from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona, Florida. He currently resides in Rockwall, Texas.



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He is married to the former Angela Coke of Lone Oak, Texas. Together they have five children; Amber (26), Kevin Jr. (24), Nathan (21), Cody (20), and Hannah (14).



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BARNEY, Robert, member of the San Diego Chapter, AXPOW, died March 2, 2012 at the age of 92. He was a B-17 Pilot in the 8th Air Force 385th Bomb Group, 349th Sq. shot down on a 1,000 plane mission to Berlin. He was held in Stalag Luft III West Camp.

BEHR, Dick Alexander of Dearborn, MI passed away Feb. 25, 2012 at 91. During WWII, he served in the 8th AF, 358th BG. He was shot down, captured and held in Stalag Luft IV, then transferred to Luft 1 in Barth. Dick was an active member of the Wolverine Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by 1 sister, 2 daughters, 1 son and 7 grandchildren.

BOEGER, Erving, of Gridley, CA passed away Dec. 23, 2011. Erving was in Cannon Co., 110th Reg., 28th Div. during WWII. He was taken prisoner in the Battle of the Bulge. Survivors include his loving wife, Mary Ann.

BRADLEY, Joseph Harrison, of New Braunfels, TX passed away Oct. 3, 2011. He was 88. In 1943, he enlisted in the AAC and was stationed in Italy. He was shot down over the Ploesti Oil Fields, captured and held until liberation. Joe is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Jenny, 2 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-granddaughters.

BURNS, Robert Glenn, of Shreveport, LA died Nov. 5, 2011 at the age of 90. He served with the 17th BS, 27th BG in the Philippines. On April 9th, his unit was surrendered and he endured the Bataan Death March and 3 ½ years of imprisonment. His wife of 70 years, Tessie, survives him; he also leaves 3 sons, 7 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 1 sister.

BUTTARS, Lee Winn, 91, of Centerville, UT passed away April 24, 2011. He served in the Army during WWII with the 29th Inf. Div. He was captured in Germany and held until liberation. Lee was a member of the Idaho Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 62 years, Theo, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 22 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

CHANDLER, Richard Edwin, of Albany, OR died Feb. 28, 2012. He was 87. He was captured near Gottingen while serving with the 8th AF, 361st FG, 374th FS; he was held in Stalag Luft III, VIIA and Moosburg. Richard is survived by 6 children, 11 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren 2 sisters and 1 brother.

DAVIS, Elmer I, 93, of Mt. Laurel, NJ passed away Feb. 6, 2012. During WWII, he served in the Army; he was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held until liberation. Survivors include his daughter, Diane, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

DAVIS, Lyle, of Brookings, SD died in October, 2011. He was a member of the Siouxland Chapter, AXPOW. Lyle leaves his wife of many years, Gloria, 1 son and 3 daughters.

DeHART, Larkin, member of the San Diego Chapter, AXPOW died Nov. 12, 2011. He was a member of the US Army's 165th Infantry, 34th Division; after capture, he was held in Stalag 3B.

DENNIG, Richard, 91, died March 1, 2012. He was a POW in Japan for three and a half years. Dick was a member of AXPOW and ADBC. He is survived by wife of 66 years, Dorothy, 4 sons, 1 daughter, 10 grandchildren and 4 great-grand-

children. Dick was wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather who was loved by many and will be missed by all.

DISSELHORST, Byron, of Solana Beach, CA passed away July 11, 2011. He was 87. During WWII, he served in the Army Infantry, 114th Regiment, 44th Division. He was captured Jan. 6, 1945 and held in Stalags 5A, 4A and 4B. He was very active in the San Diego Chapter.

DOMINGUEZ, Delores, of Duncanville, Texas, died March 9, 2012. Delores was the wife of Willie, a POW in Korea. A life member since 1979, she was a member of the Fort Worth Chapter.

DREISESZUN, Philip 92, of Waco, TX, died March 8, 2012. He served with the 381st BG, 8th AF in England. He was a POW in Stalag Luft III. Phillip is survived by his wife of 58 years, Bonnie, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter and 1 brother. Phillip was an active member of the Central TX Chapter and Dept. of Texas, AXPOW.

ESTABROOK, Philip W., 87, of Spokane, WA passed away May 19, 2011. He served in the US Army, 168th Engineers. He was captured and held in Germany, managing to escape three times. After the war, he testified at the Nurenberg trials. He was a member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Dolores, 5 daughters, 2 sons and 18 grandchildren.

FONKE, Vincent A, of Fayetteville, NC died Nov. 16, 2011 at the age of

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90. He was serving in the AAC when he was shot down over Leipzig; he was captured and held in several POW camps, including Luft III. After retirement, he became involved with the SERE program. He leaves his loving wife of 64 years, Belle, 7 children 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

FORSTER, Roland E, Sr, of Bel Air, MD, died March 7, 2012. He was a rifleman during WW II. Captured during the Battle of the Bulge, he was held in Stalags 2 and 12A. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Shirley.

FRANCOIS, Gerald A, founder of the Rocky Mt. Chapter, AXPOW passed away Feb. 24, 2012. Jerry landed in Inchon Korea in 1950 while serving with the 331st Inf., 7th Div. He was captured at the Chosin Reservoir and held for 33 months. Jerry and his wife Dawn were founders of the Dept. of Colorado and were instrumental in getting the POW license plate. In addition to his wife, Jerry is survived by 1 sister, 4 daughters and many grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew him.

FRIEND, Vida, 94, died Feb. 27, 2012 in Palm Harbor, FL. She was the widow of George who served in the 8th Air Force, 305th Bomb Group, 422nd Bomb Squadron. He was held in Stalags III, XVIIIB, VIIA. Vida was a member of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, AXPOW.

FROST, William Nathaniel (Doc), of Sun City, AZ died June 14, 2011. He was a long-time member of the Agua Fria Chapter, AXPOW. He was captured while serving with the AAC, 303rd BG during WWII; he was held in Luft 3. William is survived by his beloved wife, Alwine (Winnie).

GINSZANSKI, Edward L., 90, of Newington, CT passed away March 12, 2012. He served in WWII with the 29th Inf. Div, H Co. He was captured and held in Stalag 12A and 2B. Edward was a life member of Connecticut Chapter #1, AXPOW. Survivors include 1 daughter, 1 son, 5 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, 2 brothers and 1 sister.

GRIMO, Pasquale, of Bristol, RI died Jan. 25, 2012. He was 87 and a member of the Rhode Island Chapter, AXPOW. During WWII, he served in the Army and was captured in the Battle of the Bulge. He leaves his wife of 61 years, Jan, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 5 grandchildren and 1 sister.

HANRAHAN, Robert T, of Springfield, IL passed away March 21, 2012 at the age of 90. He was captured while serving with the 8th AF, 390th BG in Europe; his plane was shot down and he was captured and held in Luft I, Barth. Bob was a member of AXPOW. He is predeceased by his beloved wife of 66 years, Lorraine; he is survived by 7 children, 13 grandchildren, 2 sisters and 1 brother.

HARVEY, Eunice Pearl, age 85, of Chillicothe, Missouri passed away March 16, 2012. On August 10, 1946, she married PNC and AXPOW Chaplain Gerald Scott Harvey in St. Louis, Missouri. She attained a Masters of Religious Education at the Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Gerald and Eunice were career missionaries in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) for 24 years. They traveled all over the world visiting family, missionary families, and seeing new places. All of her life she was active in her home church and the Women's Missionary Union. Survivors include her husband Gerald; five daughters, Judy Miller and husband Gary of Chillicothe, Missouri, Janet Graves and husband Dudley of Rome, Italy, Jill Owens and husband Tim of Bangkok, Thailand, Joy Simpson and husband Kendall of Olathe, Kansas, and Jennifer Wright

and husband Bobby of Sedalia, Missouri; sisters Violet Crowder and Phyllis Preuett; 27 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She will be missed by her many friends in AXPOW as well.

HAUGHTON, Harold J., 87, of Parish, NY passed away March 4, 2012. He served with the 15th AF, 450th BG, 721st BS; he was shot down over Hungary and captured. He was held in Luft III until liberation. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Barbara, 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

HAYS, Roy E. (Gabby) died March 8, 2012. In 1939 Roy joined the Marine Corp, 4th Marines, also known as the China Marines or the Old Shanghai Marines. When WWII broke out he was sent to defend the Philippines and was captured on Corregidor by the Japanese. Roy was He is a survivor of the hellship Mati Mati Maru and a prisoner of war of the Japanese for 3 ½ years. He was a proud member of AXPOW and the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor. He is survived by Vera his wife of 65 years, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 1 sister.

HEAD, Donald H., 88, of Spokane, WA passed away Nov. 27, 2011. During WWII, he served with the 106th Inf. Div., 423rd Reg., Co G and was captured in the Battle of the Bulge. Don was a member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter where he was Sr. Vice Commander for several years. Don leaves 1 daughter, 1 son, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

HIATT, Kenneth, of Iron Mountain, MMI died Feb. 21, 2012. Ken was in the 110th Inf. He participated in the D-Day Invasion, was wounded at St. Lo, later captured in the Battle of the Bulge. Ken was a life member of AXPOW. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jean, 2 sons and grandchildren.

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HOCKENSMITH, Lester D. of Adamsburg, PA, passed away February 2, 2012 at the age of 86. He was in the Infantry 133rd Regt, Co E, 2nd Platoon 2nd Sqd. He saw action in the North African Theater, Italy, and was captured in Italy on June 22, 1944. He spent the next 334 days in Stalag 7A, Moosburg, and in several Work Camps. Survivors include his wife, Bernice, and three sons.

HOWELL, Donald, of Gonzales, TX died Feb. 10, 2012. During WWII, he served with the 36th Inf. Div., 5th Army; he was captured outside Salerno, Italy and was held 15 months. Donald was a member of the San Antonio Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his loving wife of 70 years, Billie, 7 children, 20 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

JAREMA, William E., of Ontario, Canada died Jan. 30, 2012. He was 94. He was captured at Faid Pass while serving with the 1st Field Artillery Observation Bn during WWII. He was held in Stalag IIIB until liberation. His loving wife, Mary, survives him.

JONES, Morgan T., Jr. of San Marcos, CA passed away Feb. 1, 2012 at the age of 95. He served with the 200th CA (AA) and the 515th CA (AA) in the Philippines. He was captured at Bataan, survived the Bataan Death March and 3 ½ years of captivity in O'Donnell, Cabanatuan and Las Pinas PI, then Camp Kosaka, Japan after traveling by the Hellship Halo Maru. In his later years, Morgan spoke about his experience to community and veterans groups. He was predeceased by his wife, Marguerite; he leaves 1 son, 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren.

KENT, Dorothy, 86, of Benge, WA died May 2, 2011. Her husband, Herbert, was in the 60th CAC during WWII and was captured on

Corregidor. Dorothy joined the Army as a nurse and was working at Ft. Lewis when she met her husband. She was a member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter, AXPOW. Dorothy leaves her loving husband of 65 years and many friends.

KERT, Beverlee, of Tarzana, CA died Jan. 20, 2012. She was the widow of ex-POW Murray (101st Airborne, held in Stalag IVB). Beverlee was a member of the San Fernando Valley Chapter, AXPOW. She is survived by two daughters and many friends.

KING, Della, 87, widow of Ex-POW Sterling (POW of the Japanese), passed away March 16, 2012. Della was a life member of AXPOW and Fresno Chapter #1.

LEAL, Raymond, died Dec. 22, 2011. He was a member of a B-17 crew from the 8th Air Force famous 303rd Group, 346th Sq. Shot down on 11/26/1944. And survived Stalag Luft IV. He was a member of the Vista/Oceanside Group of the San Diego Chapter.

LEGG, John E., 87, of Wayne, PA passed away March 15, 2012. He was captured while serving with the 8th AF, 100th BG; he was held in POW camps in Poland, Bavaria and Germany until liberation. John was a member of the Brandywine Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves his loving wife, Frances, 2 daughters and 1 granddaughter.

LEUSCHEN, Joseph E., of Earling, IA passed away January 28, 2012 at age 91. During WWII, he was captured while serving with the AAC; on his 13th mission, he was shot down and was a prisoner of war from July 1944 to April 1945. He was a member of the Southwest Iowa Chapter of American Ex-Prisoners of War. He is survived by 5 sons, 3 daughters, 29 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

LEWIS, David H of Exton, PA died March 27, 2012. He was captured in the Battle of Anzio Beach, Italy during WWII and held until liberation. David was the founder of the Brandywine Chapter, AXPOW; he also served as PA state commander. His devoted wife of 66 years, Patricia, survives him; he also leaves 2 daughters, 1 son, 10 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 1 sister.

LINK, William O., of Newhall, CA, previously of Ocala, FL, passed away April 5, 2012 at the age of 88. He was captured in Cassino, Italy while serving with the 168th Inf., 34th Div., Co. F. He was held in Stalag 2B and held until liberation. Bill was past commander of the North Central FL Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by 1 son, 1 brother and 3 granddaughters.

MARRIER, Wayne A., of Merrill, WI died Feb. 1, 2012, two weeks short of his 90th birthday. During WWII, he was based on Attu with the 11th AF, Air Wing 4, 77th BS. He was shot down bombing Paramushiro Harbor, Japan, sent to Russia and held until Feb. 1944. He was among the first 51 of 291 to escape through Iran to Tunisia, then home. He leaves 2 daughters, 2 sons, 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

MAUS, Daniel L., of Ellicott City, MD, died Feb. 24, 2012. He was 88. He served in the 15th AF, 484th BG during WWII, based in Italy. He was shot down over the Ploesti Oil Fields, captured and held in Stalag Luft 4 and 1. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marylou, 2 daughters and their families.

McCARTHY, Paul, 86, of San Francisco, CA died Dec. 18, 2011. He was captured while serving with the 7th Inf., 3rd Div., Co. G and was held in Stalag 5A. Paul is survived by his wife, Virginia and 2 sons.

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McCONNELL, Wilbur R (Bob), 91, of Sagle, ID passed away Sept. 4, 2011. He served in the USA, 693rd Ordinance (Aviation) in the Pacific during WWII. He was captured and held in Cabanatuan, PI and Camp 17 in Japan. Bob was a member of the Spokane-Inland Empire Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

McGOWAN, Martin A., of San Diego, CA died June 27, 2011. He was 88. During WWII, he served with the 8th AF, 457th BG, 731st BS. He was captured and held in Stalag Lufts IV and I.

McGRATH, Betty J, member of the Columbia River Chapter, AXPOW in Portland, OR passed away March 19, 2012. She was the widow of Bob McGrath (POW during the Korean War). Survivors include 2 daughter, 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

MILLER, Frederic B., 95, of Green Bay, WI, Zephyrhills and Holiday, FL died Feb. 12, 2012. He was captured at Altvilla, Italy while serving with the 36th Div., 142nd Inf. Reg. Co. C and held in Poland, then marched across Germany. Frederic was a member of Northeast WI and Florida Gulf Coast Chapters, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, 5 sons and their families.

MONTEVERDI, Francis J., age 87, passed away Feb. 22, 2012. He participated in the morning assault wave on Omaha Beach, Normandy on D-Day. He was taken prisoner four days later and sent to Meltheuer Prison. Survivors include his wife, Ruth, 1 son and 2 grandchildren.

NEWCOMB, Kenneth C., of Rogers, MN passed away Feb. 7, 2012. He was a member of the Central MN Chapter, AXPOW. During WWII he served with the 45th Inf. Div. "Thunderbirds", was captured in Belfort, France and held in Germany until liberation. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 57 years, Evelyn; he leaves 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

PIFER, Lawrence Ivan, 89, formerly of Woodland, PA died Jan. 30, 2012 in Interlachen, FL. He served with the 95th BG during WWII, was captured and held in Stalag Lufts 4 & 6. Lawrence was a member of AXPOW. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Leona, 1 sister, 4 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

PITTS, Wilson H., of Pfafftown, NC passed away Sept. 22, 2011. He served with the 8th AF, 491st BG, 853rd BS. His plane was shot down over Holland; he was captured and held in 7A. Wils' wife, Mary, predeceased him; he leaves many friends who miss him dearly.

RATHKE, Earl, of Colorado Springs, CO, died February 29, 2012. Earl was a pilot in WW II and was a POW in Stalag Luft 1, north compound. He is survived by his wife of nearly 69 years, Doris.

REEDY, James, born 2/20/1923 died 2/9/2012. He was a member of the US Army's 36th Division, 142nd Infantry and captured near the end of 1944. He was a prisoner at Stalag 7A & 5A. In later life he lost his voice box but not his interests.

RUKOWICZ, Alexander J., 95, of Wethersfield, CT passed away March 3, 2012. He served with the 15th AF, 460th BG, 763rd BS. He was shot down over Germany and held at Stalag Luft 4 and 13D,

later escaping on a forced march. Alex was a member of Connecticut Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by 2 children.

SEITZINGER, Robert Lawrence Jr., age 91, of Vancleave, MS passed away Feb. 28, 2012. He and his crew were shot down over Memmingen, Germany and he was held primarily in Stalag Luft III. Bob is survived by his loving wife, Helen, 2 daughters, 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

SEXTON, Frank, of San Diego, CA died Aug. 30, 2011, just one month short of his 90th birthday. He was captured while serving in the 8th Air Force 381st Bomb Group, 534th Sq. He was held in Stalag 17B.

SHEAVES, William Jr., 88, of Colorado Springs, CO passed away April 2, 2012. He served with the 8th AF, 337th BS, 96th BG based at Snetherton Heath, England. He was shot down over Paris, captured and spent the majority of the remainder of the war as a POW, primarily at Stalag 17B. Bill was the last surviving crew member of the Tar Fly, the B-17 he was serving aboard when he was shot down. He is survived by his second wife, Ruth Wilber Sheaves, 2 sons, 4 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and many close friends.

SITLER, Harold E. (Red), of Holcombe, WI passed away Feb. 21, 2012. He was 83 and a veteran/POW of the Korean War. Red was captured at the Chosin Reservoir and held for 3 years until liberation. He was a life member of AXPOW and the Korean War Ex-POW Association. He leaves his wife of 44 years, Betty, 3 daughters, 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He loved his God, his country and his family.

SLATER, William M., of Memphis, TN died Nov. 11, 2011. During WWII, he was captured when his plane was shot down over Germany. Bill was a member of the Mid-

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South Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Juanita, 2 grandchildren, 1 sister, 2 great-grandchildren and 2 nephews.

SULICK, George T. Sr. died March 2, 2012 at age 89. He served in WW II as a radio operator in the 95th Bomb Group, 334th Squadron. He was a proud member of AXPOW for many years.

WHITE, William, of San Diego, CA passed away Sept. 24, 2011. He was 94. During WWII, he served with the 8th Air Force, 351st Bomb Group, 598th Squadron. He was captured when his plane was shot down and

held in Stalag Luft I. He was a member of the San Diego Chapter.

WOLFERSBERGER, Robert Lee, 92, of Oroville, CA, died October 13, 2011. Bob joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in Nov. 1939 and became a gunner with the 27th Bomb Group. In 1942 the group was sent to Bataan where in April they were ordered to surrender and were captured by the Japanese. He was held in slave labor camps in Mukden, Manchuria. He was an active member of AXPOW and the Western States Chapter of ADBC. He is survived by his third wife, Florence, his four loving and proud children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

WURTZ, Stephen H., of Sun City West, AZ passed away Sept. 29, 2011. During WWII he served with the 305th BG in Europe; after capture he was held in Luft 3 and Stalag 7A. Steve was a long-time member of the Agua Fria Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include his wife, Virginia.



national chaplain



PNC Gerald Harvey

Recently God took my beloved wife to be with Him. In my life this was a stressful, painful and difficult time. I am very thankful for the people around that are helping me through this period of my life.

I went to God's word and reread the story of Job. (Job 1:1) Job was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil. Satan said to God, "Have you made a hedge around him? Take away what he has and he will surely curse You to your face." God told Satan that he may take away everything except Job's life. After Satan deprived Job of earthly goods, Job fell to the ground and worshiped God. (Job 1: 21-22) Job said, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, Blessed be the name of the Lord."

In all this, Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

Then Satan attacked Job's body. Job's friends came and sat silently with him, (Job 2:13) "For they saw his grief was very great." They kept talking to Job. Job did not budge. (Job 19:25) "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on earth, even after I am gone and I shall see God." Job admits that there are some things about life we must trust to God, having faith that He cares and will take care of the situation.

The writer of Job shows us there is life after death, and because of this, we will then understand our suffering of lost loved ones.

1. God, through suffering, teaches us things that we cannot understand in any other way. We learn to understand life, and God, through sufferings. We learn through failures, not successes.

2. Suffering should make a man more humble before God. Man should realize his need for God and that he (man) can't solve everything in his own wisdom. Man should put his trust in God.

3. In our suffering, the problem is not how to get God near, but how to open our eyes to see He is already present.

4. God is a friend of the doubter if we bring our troubles to Him. God demands we be honest with Him and ourselves.

5 Job was not patient. Job was rebellious, even though he endured his suffering. He did not turn loose until he had won the victory.

We need the kind of patience that makes us continue to struggle when things go wrong. Never resign to a lower station of life than where you believe God would have you work. Keep struggling until God gives you the answer as to where He wants you. Never give up.

*The LORD is my strength and
my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and
he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy,
and with my song I praise him.*

Psalm 28:7

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