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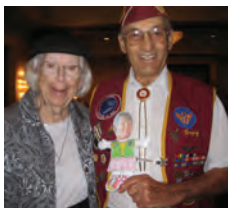
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*We exist to help those who cannot help themselves*



*National Commander Carroll and Barbara Bogard*

*National Convention ~ 2011  
Dayton, Ohio*



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## National Veterans Day Ceremony

The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on November 11th at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries. The ceremony is intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

A patriotic ceremony honoring America's military members and Veterans is scheduled for Friday, November 11, 2011, at 11 a.m., in Arlington National Cemetery. A wreath-laying ceremony will take place at the Tomb of the Unknowns, followed by a ceremony inside the Memorial Amphitheater, adjacent to the Tomb. The event will commence with a prelude concert by the United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" at 10:00 a.m., inside the amphitheater.

This year's event will be hosted by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki; Russell C. Vowinkel, Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the World Wars; and Major General Michael S. Linnington, Commander of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington and the Joint Force Headquarters-National Capital Region.

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### **National Commander Carroll Bogard**

Having recently returned from the 62<sup>nd</sup> Nation Convention of the American Ex-Prisoners of War Convention in Dayton, Ohio, I want to thank the membership for your confidence in electing me as your 62<sup>nd</sup> National Commander. It will be my honor and pleasure to serve you as we continue with the sixth decade of the organization serving POWs and dependents. Many of you have expressed the gratitude and enjoyment experienced at the convention where we all had the opportunity to visit again with the many comrades with whom we served.

My special thanks to the various officers, directors, and committee members for volunteering their services this coming year. They have major responsibilities, and serve unselfishly.

It is important that we continue to maintain the AXPOW organization. It is very gratifying to see the military members returning from overseas being given some of the benefits we spent years obtaining. This organization has been so beneficial for the ex-prisoners of war that we have an obligation to help it survive. The voluntary funding program started by PNC

Morris Barker must be continued with renewed vigor. The support of the life members for the EX-POW Bulletin helps us stay alive and maintain quality.

Many have served the AXPOW organization in the past in a progressive, faithful manner. This year, three of those members were recognized at the National Convention in Dayton, and were presented Certificates of Appreciation. They included Mary P. Rolen, Sonnie Bill Mottern, and Clydie Morgan.

Mary Rolen was recognized for her many years of devoted service to the AXPOW organization by tirelessly and successfully bringing Congressional attention to the consequences that captivity has on the lives and health of Ex-POWs. She also followed closely the progress of bills through Congress affecting former prisoners of war, and is credited with development and passage of several presumptives that are the foundation of many of our disability claims, along with the help of our National Service Officers.

Sonnie Bill Mottern served the AXPOW office well as Treasurer for more than 12 years, and kept us all up-to-date on various budgeted items and financial structure of the organization. Sonnie Bill is the son of PNC William (Sonny) Mottern (1996-1997) and resides in Bluff City, Tenn., with his wife Shelby. He served his country admirably as a Vietnam veteran. Sonnie is a NSO, and currently serves as a county VA Service Officer.

Clydie Morgan is recognized for her exceptional commitment and dedicated service of 30 years to the organization, and has recently combined her role as National Adjutant (since 1984) with that of Treasurer. Her depth of knowledge and experience relating to administrative aspects of our

organization is without equal, and her judgment and guidance is often sought and respected by the membership and National Officers. Clydie's interest and dedication to the organization was inspired by her Mom, Sally Morgan, by her experiences as a POW of the Japanese during WWII.

IRS Audit.....The recent 3 day IRS Audit at HQ of the AXPOW organization for the year 2008 found no major infractions. Thanks to HQ personnel and our past Treasurer, Sonnie Bill Mottern, for their efforts in assembling the vast volume of documents required by IRS which were reviewed during the audit.....and thanks to Adjutant/Treasurer Morgan who successfully answered the many questions by the IRS Agent.

While at the National Convention in Dayton, we were privileged to be staying at the same hotel as several air-force personnel who were receiving specialized training at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. During off periods, we had the opportunity to swap many stories with them which was interesting. They were very gracious to us, and took all of our group who chose to go, to dinner one night. In turn, we invited their group to the Commander's Reception which was very enjoyable. The next-of-kin were very much appreciated and provided great entertainment on Friday night at the reception. The choir was under the direction of ND Deanie Schmidt. If this organization is to survive we must ensure the next-of-kin take an active part.

Again, I thank you for your confidence in electing me as your National Commander, and I hope to keep you informed as to my, and future AXPOW activities.

**Carroll**

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# next of kin

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!!!

Everyone that missed the Dayton Convention we had a great time. To members I would like to suggest giving your NOK (children, grandchildren, etc.) a gift of membership to the organization for Christmas or birthday or just because you would like them to be members and get interested in the organization. We as NOK that are already members, want to keep you legacy going, and we need you family members to help us.

If you haven't heard the National Convention is going to be in Arlington, TX. June 27-July 1, 2012. There are so many things for families to do. Please tell your families to take there vacations during this time so they can get acquitted with us, and we can get to know them. There is so much to do there for families: Six Flags over Texas, Big Water Slide, Texas Rangers Ballpark, Dallas Cowboys Football field, and many more things. In future bulletins I will try to find out other things. The places I mentioned are all very close to where we will be. I believe less that a mile from the hotel. Also, they have a trolley that will take you anywhere I believe it's free. I will double check on that. The hotel has a shuttle that will pick you up from DFW Airport. There is also, Amtrak that comes into there.

Please POW and spouses, and POW widows give your children this information, and think about a membership for them and then they get bulletins, so they will have a reminder.

The NOK Choir will be singing again at the Commander's Reception again, and if you have never par-

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ticipated, you really don't know what you are missing. It is also a good way for the NOK to get acquitted on a more personal side.

I have brought one of my sons (Jay) and his son (Jesse, my grandson) the last 2 years and we have had 4 generations there both times and I would like to challenge others to do the same. Wouldn't it be great for our children and grandchildren to become friends.

Love to All,  
Pam Warner Eslinger  
South Central Region Director  
NOK Committee Chairperson

## bylaws

All requested changes to the National Bylaws are to be submitted as follows:

Resolutions have two major parts: a preamble and a resolution. The preamble gives the reason for the resolution. The resolution gives the intent. Each can contain one or more paragraphs and the whole is read in its entirety, beginning with the preamble. Each preamble paragraph begins with "Whereas" and ends with "and" to connect it to the next paragraph. The final paragraph is joined to the resolution with a semicolon and followed by the phrase "Therefore, be it"

Whereas, (ETC); and  
Whereas (ETC); therefore, be it  
Resolved, that -----

One signature is required on resolutions and amendments. Members are reminded that resolutions must be submitted to the committee before Feb. 1, 2012. Those requesting changes should include a telephone number where they can be reached if more information is needed. Send requested changes to: David Drummond, Chairman  
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# news from hq



National Headquarters is getting ready for the New Year. If you haven't paid your 2012 dues, please get them in now so you don't miss a single issue of the magazine.

If you need some last minute item for a present, check out the merchandise page. There are some nice gifts there.

I am still working with IRS on the tax exempt status. They keep sending me conflicting letters. Keep on as you are and we will get this straightened out one day.

We are getting ready for the 2012 convention. Check out the next issue of the Bulletin for lots of information on the events here in Arlington. Remember, Arlington is Fun Central and has lots to offer for your family. Gift wrap a vacation for your kids and grandkids and leave it under the tree! We have 6 Flags Over Texas and The Ranger Ballpark. The Rangers will be at home the whole week of the convention so you will have plenty of time to see them.

Clydie, Marsha, Sally, Donna

### 2011 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

AXPOW Offices will be closed on the following dates:

New Years Day January 1  
MLK/Civil Rights Day January 16  
Presidents Day February 20  
Midyear Meeting March 16-18  
Memorial Day May 28  
National Convention June 25-July 1  
Independence Day July 4  
Labor Day September 3  
Columbus Day October 8  
Veterans Day November 11  
Thanksgiving November 22-25  
Christmas December 24-31

# VA Outreach

## S\*O\*O\*N

### Before it's too late



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**BE POSITIVE! SPEAK UP!**  
Help is Here!

GOOD NEWS! POW widows, hear ye, hear ye! If your POW husband had the 100% disability rating for less than 10 years and died before Sept. 30, 1999, you can now file a claim for your Dependency & Indemnity Compensation. As of Oct. 1, 2011, he had to have had the 100% rating for at least ONE YEAR - ONLY ONE YEAR. This will be an important change for some, finally. If you have questions, please call a knowledgeable AXPOW National Service Officer. Many - even some VA service reps, may not be aware of this rule change.

Because Gerry didn't give up...success. "Fred, as you can see you were a tremendous help to me in May with the information to apply for the DIC benefit. I have been notified that the claim has been approved and I am looking forward to my first check. How can I ever thank you enough...with members in my family who are struggling with unemployment, a son who is not only unemployed but has thousands of dollars in medical expenses, this truly is a Godsend. Please know how much we appreciate your help. Gerry T."

Huzzah, another ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) widow helped.

A nice note from Donna, Executive Assistant to an Arizona legislator: "I just learned that Jeri F has been approved and the first deposit is to be made. She is the widow I spoke to you about earlier this year. She had originally inquired and begun the process, but was told she had too many assets. After talking with you, I pushed very hard for her to complete the application process. This success has put a smile on my face and a warm feeling in my heart. I have also just learned my physical therapist has a friend who works with ALS families. My PT friend requested I share my information and I did. Hopefully we can get the word out to more widows. Thanks for what you do. Donna"

ASSETS, INCOME, ETC. DO NOT MATTER. There is no means test for VA Compensation, which is what we apply for to get widows their DIC.

And from Doris Jenks in Florida's VARO, finding another POW uninformed: "A former Korean POW here was unaware of all the new presumptives available to him. He had only 30% disability and thanks to the VA in Tampa, they quickly gave him priority for a compensation exam and he is now in receipt of 80% and waiting for his 100% to be approved."

Another, "I was contacted by the neighbor of a former POW in Florida who called about a POW in Stalag 17B; he had never filed a claim. Due to the fact he had lost his discharge papers, he felt he could not file a claim. The neighbor helped him replace his discharge and helped this trouble 88 year old POW complete the necessary paperwork. His neighbor is even driving him to the exams. Thanks to his neighbor, the former POW is now on the way to his 100% disability compensation rating." Thank God for good neighbors!

And Doris adds some important reminders: Remember, when you move to another location, in addition to notifying the VA Medical Center of your change of address, you must notify the VA Regional Office at 1-800-827-1000. The VA Medical Center DOES NOT notify the VARO. Recently a former POW moved to another location from Florida, and since the VARO was not notified and they didn't know whether he had died, they stopped his check. Don't let this happen! Also, if a veteran dies in a VA Medical Center, they do not notify the VARO of his death. The VARO at 1-800-827-1000 must be notified to stop the checks from being deposited, resulting in an overpayment." No one needs the hassle of reimbursing an overpayment which has already been spent.

August 15, 2011. Monday morning, a slow beginning of another week, with former POWs' demand diminishing. But the phone rings. "This is Mollie in Lufkin, Texas. My husband's medications have gotten so expensive, we think he needs to get them from the VA." Her husband is a former POW and has had the VA's 100% disability rating for many years. I tell Mollie that her husband needs to talk to his doctor at the VA clinic to get his prescriptions approved, and start getting them by mail from the VA Medical Center in Houston.

If you are a former POW, you should be getting your medications from the VA, assuming you qualify. FREE, by mail, that is.

#### **Here's a No! No!**

Mr. G calls from Lubbock, Texas: "I was a POW in Korea and have never filed a claim with the VA. I need help." How long were you a POW? "Nine days." What time of year was it? "It was in January. A lawyer called me from the VA and said he

## outreach, cont'd...

would help me get my claim through. I needed to send him \$500 and he would go ahead with it. If I didn't get any benefits, he would send my money back."

There are some service-connected presumptives that are available to those who've been POWs for less than 30 days, frostbite being one of them. BUT you do NOT need to pay a lawyer to help you apply! Military service officers give FREE advocate help, and Mr. G is fortunate, with a very good AXPOW national service officer close by in Sudan, Texas. I gave Mr. G Betty Harlan's phone number and I know he got good, knowledgeable help.

Next phone call, with chuckle. "Hello, is this the Times?" "Ma'am do you mean the Standard-Times (our local newspaper)?" "No, the Shreveport Times." "Ma'am are you in Louisiana?" "Yes." "Well, I'm in San Angelo, Texas." "Oh, my, how did I get you?" The magic of Alexander Graham Bell!

Bonding in the straits of being a prisoner of war. When you share tough times, you appreciate each other, the support you gave each other, without realizing the importance of it all.

And 67 years later, the bonding goes on. Phone call from Bob in Van

Cleave, MS: "I'm concerned about my old POW buddy in Caldwell, ID. He just lost his wife. Don and I were together in German's Stalag Luft III, 13-D, Nurnberg and 7-A Mooseburg. Maybe you could call Don to make sure he is getting all his VA benefits."

I was in the very same camps Bob and Don were in, and we endured the horrendous "blizzard" march in zero weather in January, 1945, then beautiful April 29, 1945 when Patton's Army liberated us. I call Don in Idaho and his daughter Gwen said she knew her Dad would want to talk to me. "Hi, Don, I just called to talk to another old kriegie, to check up on you. Bob in Mississippi told me you had recently lost your wife, and I'm sorry about your loss. I'm glad you already have 100% disability rating. It sounds like the VA is serving you well. I'll be calling you again." Don seemed to appreciate the call. We had shared lots of hard times...over 65 years ago...a special kinship.

Bonds of special appreciation for freedom.

**(Editor's note:**This is Fred's final column. He passed away with great dignity on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011. Matthew 25:21: "His master said to him, 'Well done good and faithful servant'"

He will be very much missed.

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Military and federal civilian retirees, survivor benefit annuitants, disabled veterans and Social Security recipients will see a 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment in January, 2012, their first since 2009.

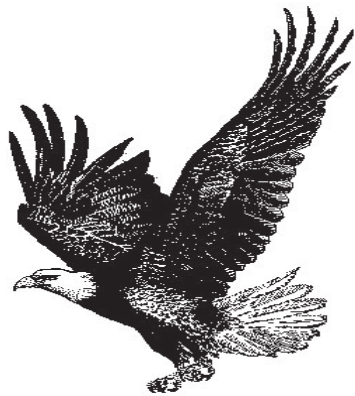
The 3.6% COLA will be effective Dec 1 and will be reflected in January retired pay, SBP, Social Security, VA disability compensation and DIC checks.

And in a related release:

In late October, Medicare announced the premiums and deductibles which included the increase for the most expensive premium seniors pay, Part B, which many feared would wipe out the cost-of-living increase in Social Security. The news is good, at least for most seniors, the increase in Part B will be just \$3.50, which barely reduces the \$43 average COLA increase.

The standard Medicare Part B monthly premium will be \$99.90 in 2012, a \$15.50 decrease over the 2011 premium of \$115.40. However, most Medicare beneficiaries were held harmless in 2011 and saw no increase in the Part B premium, because there was no Social Security COLA increase, which kept their rate at \$96.40 per month. The 2012 premium represents a \$3.50 increase for these beneficiaries.

The net gain for most seniors, after deducting the \$3.50 Part B premium from the \$43 COLA will be about \$39.50.



*The bald eagle has been the national bird of the United States since 1782, when it was placed with outspread wings on the Great Seal of our country. It appears in many government institutions and on official documents, making it the most pictured bird in all of America. The eagle appears on the president's flag, the mace of the House of Representatives, military insignia, and billions of one-dollar bills.*



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## **PRESUMPTIVE SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES**

**Public Law 97-37**

**(Layman's Terms)**

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All ex-POWs should keep these and/or make copies. Whenever you open your claim, take them with you and make sure the adjudication officer sees them and have him read them! Make sure he knows all about them. Tell him your own story as it relates to your problem.....

### **1. ARTHRITIS, TRAUMATIC**

Also known as articular trauma. This disorder looks and is treated just like degenerative arthritis (arthritis associated with age) except it is caused by severe damage to a single or few joints producing early onset arthritis. Since it has a definite cause, it is called a secondary form of arthritis. This is an extremely difficult diagnosis to make, but in general one has to prove that a specific trauma occurred to a single or very few joints, and other changes consistent with degenerative arthritis are not present throughout the rest of the body at the same time. In short, these changes need to be localized.

### **2. AVITAMINOSIS**

The total lack of vitamins in the diet. This disorder is a fatal condition unless it is supplemented with vitamins within a few weeks. Therefore, most individuals suffer from hypovitaminosis, which is a relative deficiency of vitamins in the diet. The specific type, intensity and duration of deprivation determines the long-term effects.

### **3. BERIBERI**

Caused by a severe lack of vitamin B1 (thiamine) in the diet. This produces changes in the nerves (both in the brain and extremities) and the heart. Brain changes could produce dementia or psychosis. Nervous changes are usually associated with numbness and/or painful feet.

Beriberi heart disease is an acute condition, similar to congestive heart failure, except that the heart pumps more blood than in normal congestive heart failure and it is associated with the presence of an excessive amount of lactic acid in the body. It is unknown at this time whether this can produce a chronic state.

### **4. DYSENTERY, CHRONIC**

A disease characterized by frequent and watery stools, usually with blood and mucus, and accompanied by rectal and abdominal pain, fever, and dehydration. This is an infection in the colon and can be caused by a multitude of different organisms, the most common of which is amoeba which can produce a mild or severe dysentery and possibly be associated with a chronic irritable colon. Bacillary dysentery is associated with the bacteria shigella, but will not cause a chronic state. There are multiple other bacteria that can cause dysentery which usually do not produce chronic states. Viral dysentery can also present like amoebic or bacillary dysentery and will not produce a chronic state.

### **5. FROSTBITE**

The actual freezing of tissue. This is graded on a continuum with one representing mild to four representing mummification of the tissue. The extremities furthest from the heart are usually affected, with primarily the nose, ears, fingertips, and toes being involved. This usually produces long-term side effects.

such as numbness, discoloration, excessive swelling, and pain in the affected area.

### **6. HELMINTHIASIS**

Infection with any type of worms that parasitize the human. Most infections usually resolve spontaneously either with proper treatment or as the natural course of the disease. Strongyloides is known to persist in a permanent state in humans due to its ability to reinfect the host.

### **7. MALNUTRITION**

Merely means bad nutrition. The nutritional depletion may be either caloric, vitamin, fatty acid, or mineral deficiency, or more likely a combination. Depending on the type, intensity, and duration, it may yield permanent side effects or no lasting side effects at all.

### **8. PELLAGRA**

Literally meaning rough skin in Italian, also known as black tongue in dogs. It is caused by a virtual lack of vitamin B3 (niacin) in the diet, producing the classical trio of diarrhea, dermatitis, and dementia. All are easily treated early on with no side effects. The dementia, if left untreated, may produce permanent mental deficits.

### **9. ANY OTHER NUTRITIONAL DEFICIENCY**

The lack of protein and calories in the diet generally produces no lasting side effects. However, vitamin deficiencies other than the aforementioned B1 (beriberi) and B3 (pellagra) can have very disastrous effects on one's body. Also deficiencies of certain fatty acids and essential minerals in the diet can have lasting and long term sequela.

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### 10. PSYCHOSIS

A generic term for any of the insanities. Generally, it is thought of as a mental disorder causing gross disorganization of a person's mental capacity and his ability to recognize reality and communicate with others regarding demands of everyday life.

### 11. PANIC DISORDER

Characterized by discrete periods of apprehension or fear with at least four of the following during an attack: shortness of breath, feelings of heart skipping, chest pain, dizziness, sweating, fainting, trembling, fear of dying, or doing something uncontrollable during an attack.

These attacks need to occur at least three times within a three week period, not associated with physical exertion or life threatening situations.

Also there needs to be an absence of severe physical or other mental illness which could cause these symptoms.

### 12. GENERALIZED ANXIETY DISORDER

Characterized by generalized persistent anxiety and with symptoms of at least three of the following four categories:

- (1) Motor tension as characterized by shaking, jumpiness, trembling and restlessness;
- (2) Autonomic hyperactivity. such as sweating, cold or clammy hands, high or irregular heart rate, dry mouth, etc.;
- (3) Apprehensive expectations, anxiety, worry, fear, anticipation of misfortune to himself or others;
- (4) Tendency to insomnia, hyper-at-tentiveness, irritable.

All these symptoms had to have lasted at least one month. Also, there needs to be an absence of all other mental disorders and physical disorders which could explain the symptoms.

### 13. OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER

This may be either obsessions or compulsions. Obsessions are recurrent, persistent ideas or impulses that are thoughts that invade consciousness and are experienced as senseless or repugnant. Attempts are made to ignore or suppress them.

Compulsions are repetitive and seemingly purposeful behaviors that are performed in certain similar manners. The behavior is felt by the individual to produce or prevent some future event. Generally, the individuals recognize the senselessness of the behavior and do not derive pleasure from carrying it out, although it often relieves tension.

Also, the obsessive or compulsive individuals are associated with a significant sense of distress in that it interferes with social or role functioning.

### 14. POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

The re-experiencing of a trauma of a past recognized stress or that can produce symptoms of distress. This re-experiencing needs at least one of the following:

- (1) Recurrent and intrusive recollection of the event;
- (2) Recurrent dreams;
- (3) Sudden feelings that the trauma was occurring because of an association, an environmental or ideational situation.

Also involved is reduced involvement with the external world beginning after the trauma, revealed by at least one of the following:

- (1) Hyperalertness or exaggerated startle response;
- (2) Sleep disturbance;
- (3) Guilt about surviving when others have not;
- (4) Memory impairment or trouble concentrating;
- (5) Avoidance of activities that arouse recollection of the traumatic event;
- (6) Intensification of symptoms by exposure to events that symbolize or resemble the traumatic event.

### 15. ATYPICAL ANXIETY DISORDER

This is a category that is used for diagnosis when the affected individual appears to have an anxiety disorder that does not meet the criteria for entry into any of the other known anxiety disorders.

### 16. DEPRESSIVE NEUROSIS/ DYSTHYMIC DISORDER

Characterized by depressive periods in which the patient feels sad and/or down and has a loss of interest in the usual activities that cause pleasure or involvement in usual pastimes.

These depressive periods are separated by periods of normal mood, lasting a few days to a few weeks, but no more than a few months at a time.

During the depressive period, too little sleep or too much sleep, low energy or chronic tiredness, loss of self esteem, decreased effectiveness or productivity at work, social withdrawal, loss of interest in pleasurable activities, excessive anger, inability to respond with apparent pleasure to praise or reward, less active or talkative than usual, pessimistic attitude about the future, tearful or crying thoughts about death or suicide. There are also no psychotic features present..

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### 17. PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

Literally Greek for the suffering of nerves outside of the brain and spinal cord. There are several different causes for peripheral neuropathy, and vitamin deficiency and possibly mineral deficiency are just two.

Other causes to be considered are various toxins such as lead, copper, and mercury, a hereditary pre-disposition to neuropathy, deposition of amyloid or protein produced by one's own body mounted in response to an infection, infections such as by leprosy, which is the most common form of neuropathy in the world, and multiple other less common causes.

### 18. IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME

Irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) is a common disorder of the intestines that leads to crampy pain, gas, bloating, and changes in bowel habits. Some people with IBS have constipation (difficult or infrequent bowel movements); still others have diarrhea (frequent loose stools, often with an urgent need to move the bowels); and some people experience both. Sometimes the person with IBS has a crampy urge to move the bowels but cannot do so.

Through the years, IBS has been called by many names - colitis, mucous colitis, spastic colon, spastic bowel, and functional bowel disease. Most of these terms are inaccurate.

### 19. PEPTIC ULCER DISEASE

A peptic ulcer is a sore or hole in the lining of the stomach or duodenum (the first part of the small intestine).

In addition to the pain caused by the ulcer itself, peptic ulcers give rise to such complications as hemorrhage from the erosion of a major blood vessel; perforation of the

wall of the stomach or intestine, with resultant peritonitis; or obstruction of the gastrointestinal tract because of spasm or swelling in the area of the ulcer. The direct cause of peptic ulcers is the destruction of the gastric or intestinal mucosal lining by hydrochloric acid, an acid normally present in the digestive juices of the stomach.

### 20. CIRRHOSIS

The liver, the largest organ in the body, is essential in keeping the body functioning properly. It removes or neutralizes poisons from the blood, produces immune agents to control infection, and removes germs and bacteria from the blood. It makes proteins that regulate blood clotting and produces bile to help absorb fats and fat-soluble vitamins.

In cirrhosis of the liver, scar tissue replaces normal, healthy tissue, blocking the flow of blood through the organ and preventing it from working as it should.

Many people with cirrhosis have no symptoms in the early stages of the disease. However, as scar tissue replaces healthy cells, liver function starts to fail and a person may experience the following symptoms: Exhaustion, fatigue, appetite loss, nausea, weakness and/or weight loss. Cirrhosis may be diagnosed on the basis of symptoms, laboratory tests, the patient's medical history, and a physical examination. A liver biopsy will confirm the diagnosis.

### 21. STROKE & COMPLICATIONS

A stroke occurs when the blood supply to part of the brain is suddenly interrupted or when a blood vessel in the brain bursts, spilling blood into the spaces surrounding brain cells. Brain cells die when they no longer receive oxygen and nutrients from the blood or there is sudden bleeding into or around the brain.

The symptoms of a stroke include sudden numbness or weakness,

especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion or trouble speaking or understanding speech; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble with walking, dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination; or sudden severe headache with no known cause. Includes the three major types of stroke: ischemic, hemorrhagic, and embolic, as well as complications from stroke.

### 22. HEART & COMPLICATIONS

Heart disease includes atherosclerotic heart disease, and hypertensive vascular disease (including hypertensive heart disease, and hypertension). Ischemic heart disease and coronary artery disease are included within this provision.

Complications of atherosclerotic heart disease are included. Complications may include myocardial infarction ("heart attack"), congestive heart failure ("heart failure"), and arrhythmia ("irregular heart beat").

Hypertensive vascular disease refers to disease associated with elevated blood pressure. Complications caused by hypertensive vascular disease are included. Diseases arising from viral or bacterial causes are not included.

### 23. OSTEOPOROSIS

Osteoporosis is a disease in which bones become fragile and more likely to break. If not prevented or if left untreated, osteoporosis can progress painlessly until a bone breaks. These broken bones occur typically in the hip, spine, and wrist.

Any bone can be affected, but of special concern are fractures of the hip and spine. A hip fracture almost always requires hospitalization and major surgery. Spinal or vertebral fractures also have serious consequences, including loss of height, severe back pain, and deformity.



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



**10.** POWs at Cabanatuan Camp 3 beaten with clubs.



**11.** Bilibid POW hospital ward, Philippine Islands.



**12.** Bataan Death March, April 1942.



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



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



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



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



**6.** Nick Mustacchia and another POW are liberated from a German prison camp.



**7.** Survivors of Suchon Tunnel Massacre, Korea.



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



**9.** 100 days as a POW -- 100 lb. weight loss. Nick Mustacchia is shown.

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## POW Recognition Days

by Brad Bennett, Superintendent

While we regret that we were not able to join you in Dayton for this year's convention, we were grateful to see many other former prisoners of war during the same week in September at the National Prisoner of War Museum during our annual commemoration of National POW/MIA Recognition Day.



The central event sponsored by the National Park Service and the Friends of Andersonville, held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011, was the sixth annual POW Convocation, an educational program for students at Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW), in the city of Americus, ten miles down the road from Andersonville National Historic Site. AXPOW member Al Agnew was this year's featured speaker and answered questions in a moderated discussion conducted by GSW professor of history, Dr. Glenn Robins. Commander Agnew shared memories of growing up in South Carolina, his marriage to wife Rena, his Navy career, his captivity at the Hanoi Hilton during Vietnam, his repatriation during Operation Homecoming, and his post-war experiences.

Over the following three days, Rolling Thunder, Inc. conducted their sixth annual "The Ride Home." Based on feedback from POWs on last year's events, two improvements were made for this year's program 1) creating some "breathing room" in the 3-day schedule, and 2) securing indoor venues for all ceremonies.

On the first note, the Friends of Andersonville and the National Park Service decided to forego their tra-

ditional Thursday night banquet to allow visiting POWs to have a more relaxing check-in to their hotels and more informal time to gather with fellow POWs at area restaurants. In addition, Rolling Thunder agreed to keep Friday morning cleared of ceremonies to allow POWs and their families to spend more unstructured time at Andersonville National Historic Site. As a result, the National Prisoner of War Museum had a steady stream of guests that morning, free to renew friendships, view the exhibits, and watch the films at their own pace.

Secondly, with the help of the park, GSW opened up the use of their Student Success Center (known locally as the "Storm Dome") - the largest indoor venue near the park - to host Rolling Thunder's Friday afternoon and evening MIA Remembrance Ceremony, Heroes Dinner, and Candlelight Service. GSW also hosted the return of *Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall* as well as the *Some Gave All* moving tribute, which lists names of those in the armed forces who have given their lives in the War on Terror. Saturday's POW Recognition ceremony was held indoors, too, on the campus of South Georgia Technical College between Andersonville and Americus, ensuring a more comfortable environment for everyone involved.

On a final note, we are pleased to hear that Friends of Andersonville Trustee Ed DeMent was elected as the National Director for AXPOW's Southeast Region. As you know, Ed continues to champion the "Victory From Within" traveling exhibition that many of you have supported. Production of the exhibit is proceeding on schedule, and we are looking forward to its debut in 2012!

Photo caption: *Commander Al Agnew, U.S. Navy (retired) with Dr. Glenn Robins, speaks of his experience as a Vietnam POW to students at Georgia Southwestern State University.*

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Vietnam Era - Applies to all services,  
all conflicts

So why did we do the stuff we did - and voluntarily. I re-read this article Old Naval Aviators sent to the web by former Naval Aviator Kit Sanders who lives in Virginia now. It encapsulates all the good things each of us had while serving Uncle Sam. You'll love the article. Promise... PG

## Old Naval Aviators

You guys ever think back to how it all began? That first ride over the bridge to NAS Pensacola...

In the old days, Marine Guards stood watch on the gate... crisp uniforms, polished white helmet liners with yellow and red stripes on the side and the large golden Globe and Anchor on the front... even to the un-initiated, you knew you were entering a new and exciting phase of your young life.

After you received your temporary pass, you drive through the Main Gate and are confronted with the gleaming Blue Angel F-9 or F-11... depending on the year... and your heart started beating just a little faster... and your mind immediately thought of the possibilities of your future... maybe, just maybe... someday....

If you took the left fork in the road and drove up the hill, past the golf course, toward the BOQ... and contin-

ued past it... as you crested the top... off to your right was Captains Row... antebellum homes over looking the parade field, football stadium, the beautiful Base Chapel and eventually out to the bay.

On the left was Chevalier Field... home of O&R or NARF as it was later called... and parked on the field, depending on the year... would be gleaming, newly painted aircraft right out of re-work. They could have been; F6F's, F-9's, SNB's, TV-2's, T-28's or later, even A-4's... tucked way back to the left, were about a dozen or so, cosmoline coated old veterans... A Corsair, Bearcat, Tigercat, Panther, Banshee and others... planes that would later provide the nucleus for our future museum that was only just a dream at the time.

As you approached the Base Headquarters building... if you went left again, you drove by a brick wall that pre-dated the Civil War... continuing around, it eventually turned back to the right and approached the docks. If you were lucky, you might have had your first glimpse of a real aircraft carrier (the first of many). It could have been called Saipan or Antietam... or Lexington... all veterans of the last "Good War". And again your mind reflected... maybe, just maybe... some day...

Just past the carrier, the road took another right turn and brought you along the sea wall and the old hangars on your left. You didn't know it at the time, but this was the real birthplace of Naval Aviation... where once old Curtiss Triads and other long forgotten sea planes and float planes were launched and trained the first of those to go before us; sharing the bay with old square-riggers still in service.

As you continued west, on your right was the old Training Command Headquarters. and a large number of brick buildings which you would soon learn were barracks and training buildings... the altitude chamber and the Navy Exchange. Just past the hangars on the left was the indoor swimming pool where you were first introduced to the Dilbert Dunker and other torture devices only known to Naval Aviators... past that was the Survival School and their small animal collection, inside the building was a cutaway of the old PBV.

Past that was the water tower and obstacle course... if you took the road to

your right, here you'd find NAMI Headquarters... the National Cemetery and the Base Hospital, where you'd sweat out your INDOC physical... take eye and hearing tests and experience your first (and hopefully last) EEG... needles in the head and strobe lights... who could ever forget it. Somewhere in here was also the "Flight Equipment Shop"... where you'd receive your first flight gear; your first leather jacket and be introduced to your first real "smells" unique to Naval Aviation... I can close my eyes and still remember the smell of my first flight jacket, flight suit, oxygen mask and helmet... bet you can too.

If you had continued on the main road, you'd go past the incredible Officers Club at Mustin Beach... and then on your right you come upon an awesome sight; the old Ft. Barrancas... even more history than you expected in this short journey. Driving up the hill, you see the light house... and eventually on your right, you see Sherman Field.

This is where the action was... even back then the Blue Angels had a hangar there... but there were also the planes you soon hoped to fly. Depending on the generation, they were Panthers, Cougars, Banshee's... T-28's, T-2's, two seat F-9's or TA-4's... whether you stayed there or went to Meridian or Texas... this was most likely the place you came back to for your first look at a carrier deck from a cockpit.

If you were like me... you probably parked near the tower and Base Ops and watched the traffic pattern where all manner of aircraft were landing and taking off... everything from T-34's to F-8's and Phantoms... or they could have been SNJ's, T-28's, Panthers and Bearcats... if it had been just a few years earlier. And here once again, your mind would wander and you'd think... maybe, just maybe... someday...

Thinking back, our first experiences were so unique from our other services... where newbies encountered cookie cutter bases, that ranged from no-where Texas, to Oklahoma, to Mississippi or a beautiful, but miserably hot Arizona. They all felt and looked the same, save the local climate and topography... but ours was sooo different... Awesome, beautiful, historical and almost overwhelming... and we all shared the same experience. Damn we were lucky!

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#### **Statistics from Vietnam War**

There are now 1,682 Americans listed by the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) as missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. DPMO announced the name of Sgt. 1st Class Marvin F. Phillips, USAF, listed as KIA/BNR in SVN on 9/26/66. His remains were recovered on 6/24/10 and identified on 7/29/11. On August 29th, DPMO posted the names of Col Gilbert S. Palmer, Jr, USAF, listed MIA in Laos 2/27/68, and Lt Col Edward D. Silver, USAF, listed MIA in North Vietnam 7/5/68, as accounted-for. Col Palmer's remains were jointly recovered on 11/17/09 and identified 5/19/11. Lt Col Silver's remains were repatriated 6/26/98 and identified 5/31/11. DPMO also recently posted the news that Major Thomas E. Clark, USAF, PA, listed as MIA in Laos on 2/8/69, and Major Bruce E. Lawrence, USAF, NJ, listed as MIA in North Vietnam 7/5/68, are now accounted-for. Major Clark's remains were jointly recovered on 11/16/05 and identified 6/3/11. Major Lawrence's remains were recovered 6/26/98 and identified 6/3/11. The number of Americans returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is now 901; another 63 US personnel, recovered post-incident and identified before the end of the war, bring the total to 961. Of the 1,682 unreturned American veterans from the Vietnam War, our POW/MIAs, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Laos and Cambodia under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-

1,291 (VN-473, VS-818); Laos-326; Cambodia-58; Peoples Republic of China territorial waters-7; over 450 were over-water losses.

Sean L. Flynn, son of Errol Flynn, is still classified as a P.O.W. after going missing in Cambodia on April 6, 1970. Flynn was a free-lance photo journalist for Time Magazine and CBS News when he and Dana Stone set off on two motorcycles in Phnom Pehn to find the fighting. They were captured by the Viet Cong at a road block on Highway One. A film, *The Road to Freedom*, inspired by Flynn's life, was released in U.S. theaters in Sept.

#### **Korean War Accounting**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced that the remains of two U.S. servicemen, missing in action from the Korean War, have been identified and will be returned to the families for burial with full military honors.

Army Cpl. Freeman Lindsey, 20, of Rockport, Ind., was assigned to 31st Regimental Combat Team in North Korea, when the division came under attack near Kaljon-ri, near the Chosin Reservoir. The unit was forced to withdraw to a more defensible position near Hagaru-ri, south of the reservoir. Following the battle, Lindsey was reported missing.

After the 1953 armistice, surviving POWs said Lindsey had been captured by enemy forces in early December 1950, and died of malnutrition in captivity on Feb. 28, 1951.

Army Sgt. Lee D. Henry, Jr., 22, of Tyler, Texas, was buried Sept. 17 in his hometown. In August 1950, Henry died near Haman, South Korea. In early 1951, the remains of an unknown soldier were exhumed from the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Cemetery in Masan, South Korea. The remains had initially been interred on Aug. 18, 1950, but available documentation didn't identify the individual or indicate where the remains were originally found. The remains were buried as unknown at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

In 2010, scientists at Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command concluded they had evidence that supported identification of the unknown soldier. The remains were exhumed in March 2011 for analysis using modern technology.

#### **World War II**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing in action from World War II, have been identified and are being buried with full military honors. Army Pfc. William F. Stehlin, 27, of Dayton, Ky., was buried on August 11 in Arlington National Cemetery.

On Nov. 20, 1944, Pfc. Stehlin, as part of the 333<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 84<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, went missing near Süggerath while his unit conducted a largely successful offensive to capture towns in Western Germany. In 1951, after an extensive search, his remains were determined unrecoverable by U.S. Army Graves Registration personnel.

In 2009, a German citizen digging in a wooded area near Süggerath, discovered a grave with the remains of two individuals, military-related equipment, and identification tags. The other individual, Pfc. Edward L. O'Toole, was identified and buried on July 15 in San Bruno, Calif.

Of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II, more than 400,000 died. Today, more than 73,000 are unaccounted-for from the conflict.

## Missing/Captured

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

Army Spc. Bowe R. Bergdahi, 25,  
June 30, 2009, Afghanistan  
Army Staff Sgt. Ahmed K. Altaie, 45,  
Oct. 23, 2006, Baghdad

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## It was a Shindig

Thanks to Angus Lorenzen,  
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It was after curfew of February 3, 1945, and 3,768 prisoners waited and wondered how much longer they could survive.



They had little energy to do much as they were starving - 38 had died in December and another 42 in January. But they were hopeful on that evening because there were rumors that American forces were advancing on the city to liberate them after more than 3 years as Japanese captives, and during the day, Marine Corps dive bombers had flown over several times, one

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of them dropping a message of hope.

Unknown to them, a small force of 1st Cavalry troopers led by tanks from the 44th Tank Battalion had kicked off three days earlier and raced 100 miles through Japanese-occupied territory, and even now was wending its way through the back streets of Manila, led by guerrillas to the front gate of the prison camp. A brief engagement with the Japanese guards resulted in the wounding of the columns leader and the death of its guerilla guide, but a tank broke through the gate and entered the walled camp just before 9 PM, triggering pandemonium on the part of the prisoners as they greeted their saviors.

There were only about 250 troopers who entered the camp that evening, and another 250 reinforced them after midnight. That small force defended the camp surrounded by 26,000 Japanese who occupied the city, until other units of the 6th Army arrived over the next few days.

Recently, the 44th Tank Battalion held a reunion with the civilian prisoners from the Santo Tomas Internment Camp who they had rescued on that dramatic evening. Time has taken its toll on those troopers, and few could make it to Farmington, New Mexico for the event so they named it a shindig, and 10 of the surviving prisoners came to tell their stories and express their gratitude.

Hosting the shindig was Tom Dugan, who joined the 44th Tank Battalion after the Battle of Manila, and was wounded during the invasion of Mindanao. The weekend was filled with activities, and at the evening banquets, the ex-POWs shared their stories of that evening so long ago with the 44th Tank Battalion families and friends. 1st Cavalry trooper Frank Mendez related how emaciated the prisoners were and how they overwhelmed the



troopers with their joyous greeting. Intersections were relived. Liz Irvine remembered that Frank had given her a candy bar, her first in 3 years. The troopers were most generous in sharing their treats considering that they had departed on the race to Manila with only 4 days of C-rations, which were already mostly consumed. Curtis Brooks and Tom Crosby had both been Japanese hostages in the Education Building, while Frank Mendez's machine gun crew had been firing into the building, holding the Japanese garrison down, but not harming the hostages. Angus Lorenzen remembered a tank in the doorway of the Main Building, and then later watching tracers flowing from a machine gun on the roof above his head into the Education Building.

The stories never ended, and the Shindig was a hugely emotional event, leaving the attendees in euphoria from reliving the events of 66 years ago. It was a fitting memorial for those brave men who lost their lives in that daring mission and others who have passed on in the many years since.

#1 In 1945, some of that same group of ex-prisoners who attended the shindig climbed aboard *Battlin Basic*, the Sherman tank that broke through the gate and was the first to enter the camp to liberate them.

#2 Frank Mendez manning the machine gun, with a group from among the prisoners rescued in the famous raid, accompany Tom Dugan, in the passenger seat of the WW II halftrack with 44th Tank Battalion markings.



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**March 17, 2012. The AXPOW MidYear Board of Directors Meeting** will be held at the Arlington (Texas) Hilton. For more information, please contact National Headquarters at 817-649-2979.

**April 2012. Bataan and Corregidor Memorial.** Sascha Jean Jansen will lead a tour to the Philippines to memorialize the 70th anniversary of the surrenders on Bataan and Corregidor and visit the POW camps. Contact her at (530) 795-0411 [mabuhayma@aol.com](mailto:mabuhayma@aol.com).

**April 17-21, 2012. Stalag Luft III reunion** is being planned in Dayton, Ohio, right near Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The hotel selected is ten minutes from there. This reunion would be held at the same time the Doolittle Raiders are holding their reunion at WPAFB. We will do our planning in a way that allows our attendees and those at the Raider event to interact and participate in one another's events—kind of a “two for one.” Contact: Marilyn Walton, 1275 Fareharm Drive, New Albany, OH 43054; [waltonk9@gmail.com](mailto:waltonk9@gmail.com).

I'm looking for anyone who may have known my uncle **Carlyle Ricks** (USA). The Special Orders No. 232 document shows S/N 0-392822 2nd Lieut. (Det 2d QM Co Sup (Avn). 1st lieut Paul W. Dove, (Hq & Hq. Sq., 5th AB Group) and Carlyle were officers in charge. They were at Del Monte Airfield in May 42 when invaded and they surrendered. Ordered to Malabalay Camp. Moved from there by truck and a ship to island of Mindanao. Walked 25 miles to Davao Penal Colony. Left Davao on Jap ship stopping in Cebu. Loaded to another Jap ship to Manila. Stayed overnight. Loaded on train for station near Cabantuan. Unloaded and marched to Cabanatuan. Stayed about 3 months in compound separated from other American prisoners. Sep 44 transferred to Bilbid. Fri 13th Dec 44 American prisons loaded aboard Oryloko Mau. Ship sunk, swan shore and stayed on tennis court for 5 days. Loaded in trucks to Olongapo Naval Base fenced compound. Loaded on RR cars to Appari (northern tip of Luzon) and on Xmas Eve 44 ordered to lie down on cement slab to sleep. 2 days later loaded on Jap ship and sailed for Taiwan, arr Japan, isle of Kyushu and to camp Furikoa. Stayed til spring (May?) Then shipped to Korea on ferry. Arr Pusan, Korea, then RR car to Inchon, Korea ( Jinsen Camp). 2 Sep 45 rescued by 7th fleet. By hosp ship to Manila for repatriation, hospital in Calif for malnutrition. Col Melvin H. Rosen liberated from Jinsen. He said few Americans heard of Korea back then so forces did not know prisoners there until American planes discovered them Aug 45 and troops came in Sep 8, 1945. Barb Royal, 71

On D Day, June 6, 1944, my family lived on an old farm at St. Georges d Boron. Early that day, we helped with some American paratroopers who were misdropped near the village. Unfortunately, there were German paratroopers there as well and most of the Americans were captured. I have a unit roster of these men; most all camp from the **501st Parachute Inf. Reg. 1st Bn, Companies A, C and HQ**. Here are some of the names: Privates Anthony Capobianco, Charles Duckworth, John Fekete, Michael Kovalick, Hugrd. Snead, Keiffer Bohannan, Talmadge C Burrell, Gilbert A Smith, S/Sgt Herbert H Smith, Tech/Sgt Ross W Ford...all from “A” company. If anyone knows these heroes or their families, I would be grateful. My information is: Thierry Ferey, 3, route du Rivage, 50500 Auvers, Normandy, France.

I am looking for anybody who knew a **Philip Mintz**. He was in the 77th infantry in WW2 stationed in Japan. He was a POW and we need proof of this fact for the army. They lost all records in a fire they had. I hope someone out there knew him and can help me. Please call me at 954—424—4084 or e-mail me at: [sjmintz@earthlink.net](mailto:sjmintz@earthlink.net). Thank you, Edythe Mintz.

I am trying to find out more information on my grandfather, **James Behling**. He enlisted (was drafted) 5 Feb 1944 at Ft. Snelling MN. His Army ID no. was 37589371. He was imprisoned and liberated from Stalag 12A to 9B Limburg An Der Lahn Hessen - Nassau, Prussia 50-08. He returned to the USA (Port of New York) on the Monticello, arriving 3 Jun 1945. He was a Private. If you can point me in the right direction to find more information I would appreciate it. Thank you, Patricia Behling Springer, [pbehling@hotmail.com](mailto:pbehling@hotmail.com).

# News Briefs

## Serving Veterans and Warriors: Newest Fisher Houses

by Alice A. Booher

Former U.S. Senators Elizabeth and Robert Dole joined Fisher House Foundation Chairman and CEO Ken Fisher, wounded warriors and veterans and their families to dedicate the newest Fisher House on the Washington VAMC campus in



early September 2011. The two story building consists of 20 suites, each with a private handicapped accessible bathroom, and common areas to include a multi-cooking station kitchen, large communal dining room and family rooms. This house was built by Emerald Construction, [which built the Fisher House at McGuire VAMC in Richmond, VA], and was funded by donations from many sources including some Defense contractors. It joins more than 50 other such Fisher Houses across the country (and Germany) at military and VA facilities, including five at the new Walter Reed National Medical facility in Bethesda. Another Fisher House opens at the Charlie Norwood VAMC in Augusta, GA in

early October 2011. Others under construction include at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, AK, and the VA Health Care System facility in Salt Lake City, UT; at the VAMCs in Pittsburgh, Tennessee Valley (Murfreesboro) and Murphy VAMC in San Antonio as well as at the new medical facility at Ft. Belvoir, VA; many others are in the planning stages. Volunteer efforts and donations are welcome, but should be cleared with the respective managers. To see the Fisher House nearest you, see their webpage.



## National World War II Museum to Showcase Forgotten Soldiers

*On January 18, 2012 the National World War II Museum in New Orleans will show Forgotten Soldiers in the Solomon Victory Theater.*

At the beginning of World War II General Douglas MacArthur's 80,000 troops on Bataan faced one of the worst atrocities in military history—the Bataan Death March. In this stirring documentary Bataan survivors describe the battles of Bataan, Corregidor, and the Death March itself, over photographs, reenactments and actual footage of

the events. The 12,000 Filipino and American soldiers of the Philippine Scouts were the backbone of General MacArthur's doomed forces, but few Americans today are even aware of this unique segment of the United States Army. They are America's **FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS**.

The National World War II Museum, [www.nationalww2museum.org](http://www.nationalww2museum.org), founded by Dr. Steven Ambrose, author of *Band of Brothers* and numerous other important works on World War II, is America's premier site for relating the experiences of the war that changed the world. The museum honors more than 16 million Americans who took part in that global conflict. Its Solomon Victory Theater regularly shows *Beyond All Boundaries*, a 35 minute 4-D cinematic experience produced by Tom Hanks and Phil Hettema, and has premiered feature films and documentaries by Ken Burns and other major filmmakers. It was the world premier theater for HBO's *The Pacific*.

## VA Application for Health Benefits

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has automated its online Health Benefits Renewal (10-10EZR) form as part of its ongoing effort to streamline access to benefits. Previously, Veterans filling out the online 10-10EZR were required to print a copy, sign it and send it to their local medical center before updates to their personal, insurance or financial information could occur. Veterans may now submit these updates online. For additional information, go to <http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility> or call VA's toll-free number at 1-877-222-VETS (8387). The online form is on [www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/Form/1010ezr.pdf](http://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/Form/1010ezr.pdf).

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## POW/MIA Recognition Day

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The Southern Oregon Rebalitation Center and Clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in White City, Oregon in observing National former POW/MIA Recognition Day Sept.16, 2011.



The program was opened with an Invocation by VA Chaplain Wayne Bell. Anna Diehl, the chief Community Resource/Public Affairs, gave the introductions and Comments.

Thirteen former prisoners of war were honored in a luncheon on September 16.

Our guest speaker was James J. Klug, national historian of National Americanism and commander of Oregon Military Order of the Purple Heart.

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He presented a very touching speech, thanking the former POW for the sacrifices they have made.

Anna Diehl, and James Cunningham presented each former POW with a POW/MIA license plate frame and a souvenir coin of the VA POW/MIA..

In the center of the room was a round table with white table cloth and a single red rose in a vase tied with a ribbon. Also a plate with a slice of lemon, an inverted glass a Bible and a chair.



The round table shows everlasting concern for our missing men. The white table cloth shows the truth of men answering call to duty. The red rose in a vase reminds us of the life of those missing. The vase tied with a red ribbon is a symbol of our determination to account for the missing men. The slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of terrible



fate of those captured and/or missing in foreign countries. The Bible represents strength that was gained through faith that was able to keep those lost from our country, only the grace of God was able to sustain them.

The chair is empty—many are still missing. **They will never be forgotten.**

## 49ers Chapter Bench

Sadie M Moles  
Treasurer, 49ers Chapter

Over a year ago, after hearing a presentation from the commander of the local chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, describing the construction and installation of a Survivors memorial bench at the Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery in nearby Dixon, CA., members of the 49ers Chapter, Sacramento, CA AXPOW decided to embark on a similar effort.

A chapter memorial bench committee was formed, made up of chapter members, Mel Raimundo, Sadie Moles, Len Kovar, Bobbie Hollingshead, Dianne Cadwallader, and Ted Cadwallader. Donations were solicited, and \$6540 was collected from members and friends of the chapter.

Approval was obtained for the construction of the bench and negotiations commenced with a contractor. The bench committee worked on the wording and other details for the bench. Final approval was made by the committee and presented to chapter members in at-

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tendance at a chapter meeting. Construction and installation was completed earlier this year.

The culmination of our efforts was a lovely dedication/unveiling ceremony at the cemetery on September 24, 2011. Approximately 30 people were in attendance. The director of the cemetery was present, as was a California National Guard color guard presenting colors. A bugler played Taps. Two American flags were presented to the cemetery director to be displayed with other American flags on appropriate occasions at the cemetery.



Simultaneously, the committee developed a design and wording for an engraved “paver” (tile) to be placed at the California Veterans Memorial in Capitol Park, behind the state capitol building in Sacramento. This project was completed with the help and guidance of the California Department of Veterans Affairs. A photograph of the paver is attached.

## VA to Build Polytrauma-Blind Rehabilitation Center in Palo Alto

The Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded a \$98.8 million contract to build a new rehabilitation facility located on the campus of the VA Palo Alto Health Care System.

“This new Polytrauma-Blind Rehabilitation Center will allow VA to better serve our Veterans and active duty Servicemembers in a state-of-the-art facility, which will support the exceptional clinical care currently delivered through both programs,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

In 2005, the VA Palo Alto Health Care System was designated a Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center. Since then, the program has been housed in an existing facility origi-

nally constructed in 1960. The Western Blind Rehabilitation Center, which began in 1967, has been housed in a building constructed in 1977.

The \$98.8 million contract was awarded to Walsh/DeMaria Joint Venture V of Chicago, Ill., on Sept. 30. Construction is scheduled to be completed in spring 2014. The three-story facility will be Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver equivalency.

This will be VA’s first and only Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center to be combined with a Blind Rehabilitation Center. At 174,000 square feet, this new facility is the largest consolidated rehabilitation center in VA. The Rehabilitation Center includes 24 beds for the polytrauma program, 32 beds for the blind rehabilitation program, and 12 beds for the polytrauma transitional rehabilitation program.

The center will also have an outpatient physical therapy/occupational therapy clinic, an outpatient physical medicine and rehabilitation clinic, and clinical programs for Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans. In addition to the new Polytrauma-Blind Rehabilitation Center, a 600-car, four-story parking garage will be constructed adjacent to the new facility to support the growing demand for onsite parking.

## Red Top and Veterans

by Alice Booher

Red Top Cab provided transport for impairment donations to the men and women veterans at the US

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Armed Forces Retirement Home (formerly Soldiers and Airmens) in Washington, DC on 22 October 2011. Repair on the buildings damaged by the earthquake is well underway. Driver DeLeon Fields and RTC VP George Pakidis were present to greet the many veterans waiting to help unload the 600 packets of sugar free cider, 70 patriotic wrapped, favor-filled mugs for Veterans Day activities, many American flags, and 51 wheelchair/walker bags. Collection will continue for 2012 calendars to be transported in December/January.

## Homeless Vets

In 2009, nearly 150,000 veterans spent at least one night in an emergency shelter or transitional housing program. That's a national disgrace that spurred the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' commitment to end Veteran homelessness by 2015.

VA has transformed its programs for at-risk veterans and their families by providing comprehensive, coordinated access to health care, housing, employment, education, job counseling and training, and justice system assistance and benefits. In fiscal year 2011, VA expects to spend \$3.4 billion to provide health care to at-risk veterans and

\$800 million in specialized homeless programs. Last month, VA kicked off a national campaign to prevent veteran homelessness at 28 events across the country.

The events will raise awareness of the VA benefits and community-based support and resources that veterans and their families have earned. They include health, housing, employment, and job training,, not only for veterans who are homeless but also for those who are at risk of losing their housing. Veterans and their families and friends can access these services through a one-stop hotline, at 1-877-4AID-VET, and an online chat at [www.va.gov/HOMELESS/](http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/) both staffed by trained counselors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## Information Sharing between DoD/VA

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced that it is amending an agency rule in the Code of Federal Register (C.F.R.) to remove an inappropriate restriction on sharing of information about treatment for certain types of medical conditions with the Department of Defense (DOD). This update to the regulation removes the restrictive VA provision and enhances VA's collaboration with DOD so Veterans can receive better and more timely treatment, services and benefits.

"VA and DOD clinicians must have the most accurate and comprehensive data available to ensure they provide the highest quality care possible. We have discovered that, particularly in this age of electronic health records, this regulatory restriction created an impediment to maximizing this exchange of information," said Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

This interim final rule removes a restriction that is not required by the statute, 38 United States Code

(U.S.C.) § 7332, and is inconsistent with the intent and purpose of that statute. This confidentiality statute was enacted before other privacy laws were in place to protect against the unauthorized disclosure of VA medical records relating to treatment for drug abuse, alcoholism or alcohol abuse, infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and sickle cell anemia.

## Houston National Cemetery Lawsuit Settled

The Department of Veterans Affairs has agreed to a settlement of a lawsuit alleging religious censorship at Houston National Cemetery. Local veterans and volunteer groups had accused VA and cemetery officials of banning them from using religious speech - including the words Jesus and God - during services at the cemetery.

Under the settlement, VA has agreed to not ban, regulate or interfere with prayers, recitation or words of religious expression unless asked to do so by family members of the deceased. Veterans families will be allowed to hold services with any religious or secular content they desire. Also under the settlement, local members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars District 4 and a local organization named the National Memorial Ladies will resign their positions as official VA volunteers and instead will be free to make their services known to local funeral homes that make arrangements for the families and do so in their private capacity. Families can then decide what, if any, services they would like these groups to provide at their committal services.

As part of the settlement, VA has agreed to pay plaintiffs an amount for attorney fees and costs.

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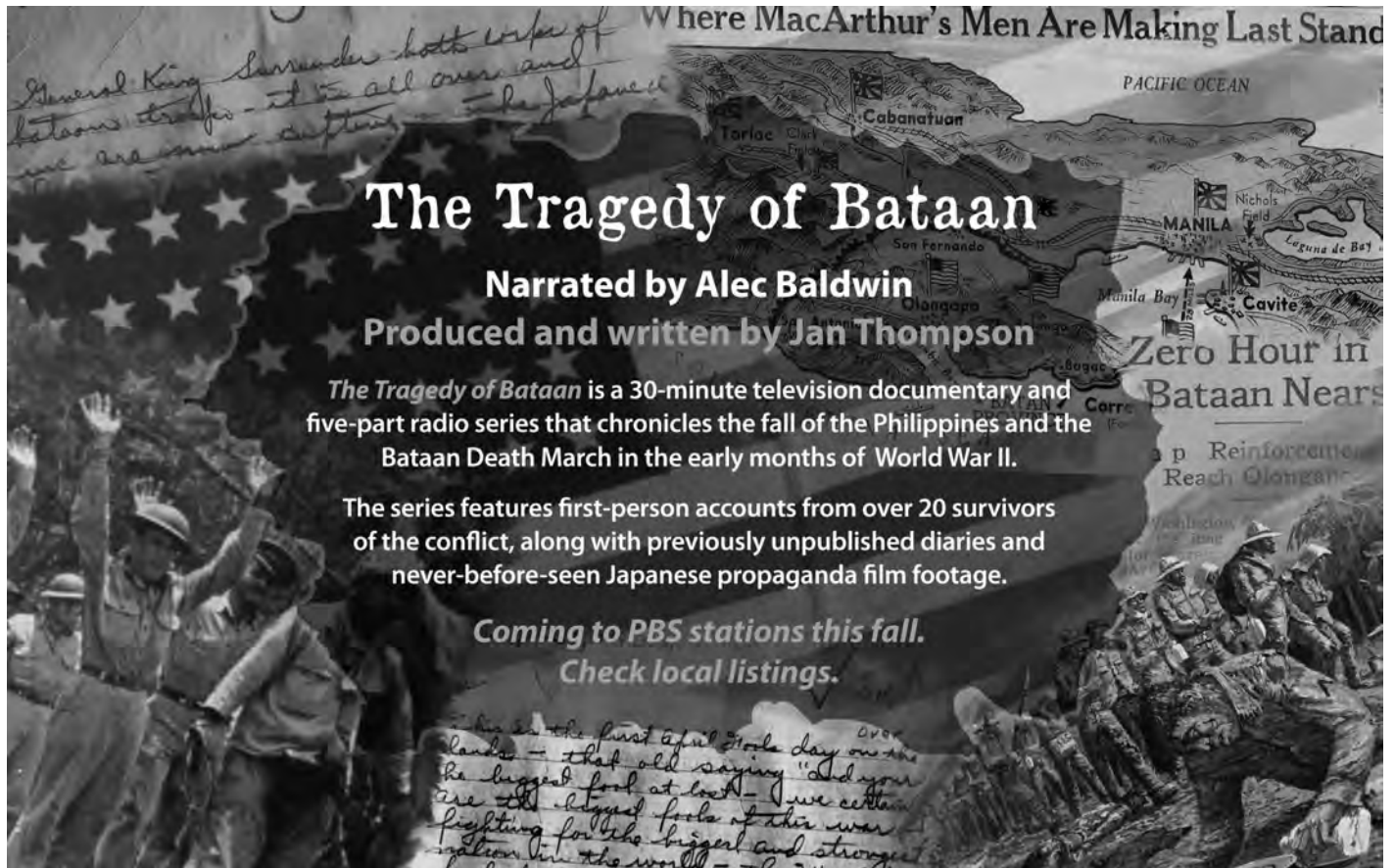
The National Museum of the United States Army, scheduled to open at Fort Belvoir, Virginia in 2015 will be the nation's one and only Museum to present the complete Army's history since 1775. It's immersive exhibits, soldier artifacts, and dynamic venues will tell the stories of selfless service and personal sacrifices of the 30 million American men and women who have worn the Army uniform.



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## **Documentary Tells Story of 'The Tragedy of Bataan'** **Unique TV and Radio Series, Narrated by Alec Baldwin**

In November of this year PBS stations around the United State will have the opportunity to broadcast "The Tragedy of Bataan"- a half-hour television documentary that chronicles the fall of the Philippines and the Bataan Death March. In addition there is a 5-part radio companion series. This series features over twenty-four former POWs from the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor (ADBC) organization.

The television documentary was screened a year ago at the DG-ADBC Convention in Reno Nevada-but there have been some changes since then. The program is now narrated by acclaimed actor Alec Baldwin (star of *30 Rock* and *Its Complicated*).

There is no specific air date as I am giving the stations the program for free and they will be able to broadcast the program for the next three years. Most likely they will broadcast the program around; the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary dates: December 7, 2011 and April 9 2012 but also around Veteran's Day and Memorial Day.

It is my hope to link PBS stations with a local former POW from Philippine conflict for additional programming. This means that the stations would interview you to hear your own unique story. I will be contacting many of you to see if you are interested and in turn I hope you contact me.

This program is only the "tip" of the iceberg of my work—as I am also completing a two-hour documentary solely on the prisoner of war experience and it will also feature Alec Baldwin.

If you are interested in possibly being interviewed for television and/or radio please contact me at:  
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# Your Stories



## WWII Veterans From Cape Cod, MA Visit WWII Memorial

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**October 23, 2011**

It was the middle of a long day, but the mood remained upbeat until they reached the Tomb of the Unknowns.

It was the first time that day they looked tired.

On October 16, 2011, Honor Flight New England flew 25 World War II veterans, including 16 from the Cape, to Washington, D.C., to see the World War II Memorial for the first, and possibly last, time.

The day began in the pre-dawn hours 500 miles to the north with a state police escort into Logan. Firefighters, a bagpiper and honor guards greeted them. Passengers on their flight applauded them.

As they taxied to the terminal at the Baltimore airport, fire engines sent twin streams of water arcing overhead and a line of U.S. Naval Academy cadets met them in the terminal. Everywhere they went Sunday they drew crowds of appreciative people.

By afternoon, they seemed to sag into wheelchairs. These once supremely fit sentinels of the 3rd United States Infantry watched the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Slowly, 83-year-old Patrick Veale rose to his feet, with one hand on his cane and the other over his heart. A companion's fingertips reached out to touch one shoulder blade in a gesture that both consoled and steadied his frail, swaying form.

The average age of a World War II veteran is 92, and around 700 die every day, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The push is on from Honor Flight New England to reach out to as many as possible.

Honor Flight New England is one of 71 organizations in 30 states that make up the network. The program was started in 2005 by Earl Morse, a retired Air Force captain and pilot who worked as a physician's assistant at a veterans' clinic in Ohio. Morse decided to fly some of his patients to the newly constructed World War II memorial, which had been completed in 2004 after a decade of planning and fundraising by veterans with \$197 million in private donations.



*Howard Peach of Harwich, MA uses his wheelchair for support as he takes in the spectacle of the World War II memorial. Steve Heaslip*

The idea caught on and the number of veterans making the trip grew from 137 in the first year to more than 22,000 last year. Those on last weekend's trip had been on Honor Flight waiting lists for as

long as three years. It's something many looked forward to as their one chance to see their memorial. "I needed this," said Edward Whaley of New Milford, Conn.

Whaley, 92, was colorfully dressed for the day, covered in campaign ribbons and medals. He served 36 months in the Army under Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Pacific campaign that retook the Philippines from the Japanese as well as on Guadalcanal and "20 other islands" as the Americans leapfrogged along island chains toward Japan.

At home, many would have already been sound asleep in front of televisions, but at days end Sunday there wasn't a single yawn or nodding head in sight. In the Baltimore airport departure lounge, New England Honor Flight director Joe Byron cranked up the Andrews Sisters singing "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and Whaley took a young lady from the crowd and the two jitterbugged like 70 years hadn't come and gone.

## your stories, cont'd...

The day of travel is paid entirely through donations, including thousands of tickets given to the organization by Southwest Airlines. Each veteran is accompanied by a volunteer or family member who pays their own way.

While it may have its poignant moments, the day is not supposed to be somber, said Byron, 56, a retired Manchester, N.H., policeman and Vietnam-era veteran who is in charge of Honor Flight New England. Byron keeps it light, letting the monuments lend their appropriate gravitas to the trip. Over the tour bus microphone, he sprinkles in historical tidbits, slightly off-color jokes, and elicits memories from veterans like their favorite improvised alcoholic beverages ("torpedo juice" and Pink Lady, distilled from bread which was then toasted and eaten).

"You don't need to thank us. We are here to thank you," was Byron's mantra all day.

For men not used to the hero treatment, it was at times puzzling, but always gratifying.

"I was overwhelmed with how the people treated us," said Joseph Zdanovich of Brewster. "We are not worthy of all that admiration."

Some of their stories say otherwise.

In 1942, Howard Peach, 89, was 20 and had just graduated from Bryant College in Rhode Island when he was recruited by the Army to work on the new radar technology. He landed with the D-Day invasion force and went on to fight in the Battle of the Bulge, the last German counteroffensive. A few days after

landing, Peach said, some members of the French underground approached him.

"They came running out and stopped me and said, 'Would you come with us? We've got some Germans cornered,'" recalled Peach, who lives in Harwich. He was able to persuade eight to 12 German soldiers to surrender without a fight.

At the time, he didn't think anything of the possible danger.

"It was exciting. I grabbed my helmet, my gun and the adrenaline took over," he said.

In 1941, with Japan advancing across the Pacific and Germany rolling westward across Europe, gobbling up allies along the way, the threat to the U.S. was very real. The desire to defend country and loved ones proved a strong motivator to young men and women to join in the fight. But the battle wasn't easily won. More than 400,000 died between 1940 and 1945, and nearly 700,000 were wounded.

Native Iowan Donn Law, 87, now from West Yarmouth, MA joined both brothers in the Navy. In 11 patrols in the South Pacific, between November of 1942 and June 1945, his 311-foot long submarine USS Whale sank 14 ships, venturing ever closer to the Japanese mainland. In June of 1944, Law and his shipmates endured a tense 36-hour hunt by Japanese warships hoping to find the USS Whale 350 feet below them, and depth charge it to a watery oblivion.

"They had us pinpointed pretty good," said Law, 86. One depth charge exploded so close that the concussion shook the engine hard enough to shear off the bolts holding it to the hull and caused numerous leaks.

While sometimes fate deposited them on the front, others spent the war in some backwater locale.

Joseph Gentile, 86, of Centerville, MA was born in the shade of Bunker Hill and joined the Navy at the same time as two of his buddies. One was assigned to a destroyer, the other a battleship.

Trained as an aircraft mechanic, Gentile wound up on a grass shack base in the Philippines. Although Adm. Chester Nimitz, Adm. William "Bull" Halsey, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur all landed at the base at one time or another, one of the few direct engagements with the enemy came when a Japanese soldier was captured. Restless, Gentile volunteered to do carrier duty, but the U.S. atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki ended the war.

Bespectacled and soft-spoken, Ernest McNeill, 89, hardly seemed the kind of guy who would have routinely strapped himself into a dive bomber, manning twin rear-facing machine guns. Fear just wasn't part of the game, he said.

"I was 19. It was adventurous."

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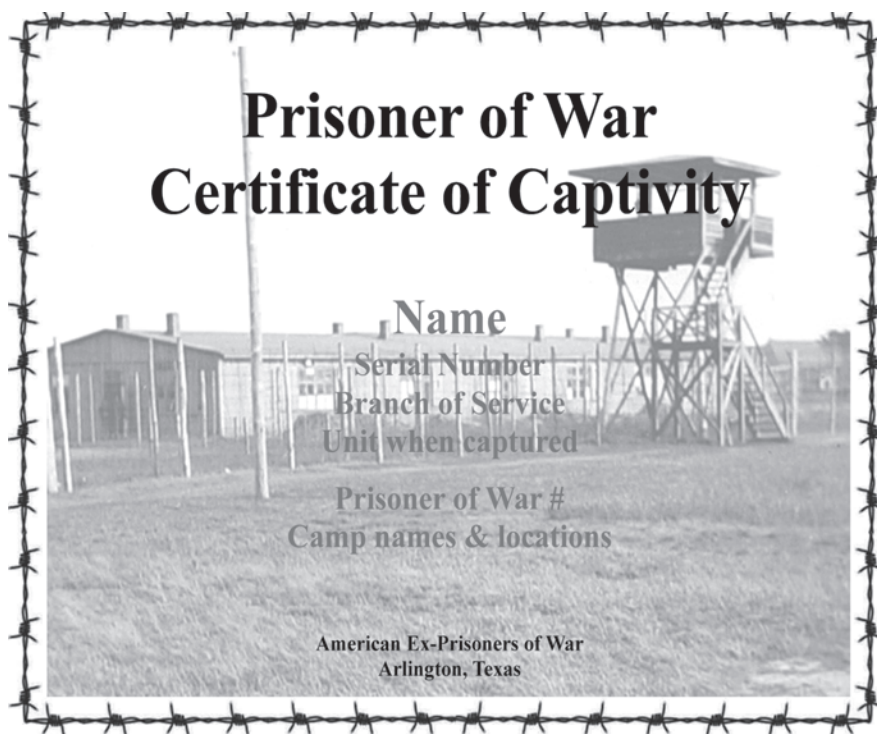
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*Air Force personnel training at Wright-Patterson salute the ex-POWs at the Commander's Reception in Dayton.*





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**ALLEN, Henry E**, 85, of Dickinson, ND passed away Nov. 11, 2010. Henry served in the AAC, 17<sup>th</sup> Airborne Div. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held until liberation. He was a member of the Dakota West Chapter and the Dept. of ND. Survivors include 4 daughters, 3 sons, 2 brothers, 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

**AMBROSE, William P** passed away August 26, 2011 at the age of 85. During WWII, he served with the 80<sup>th</sup> Div., 317<sup>th</sup> Reg. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge after being wounded and spent the remainder of the war in a Stalag 12A at Limburg. Both Bill and his wife, Jacquelin, were life members of AXPOW. In addition to his wife of 64 years, he leaves 7 children, 21 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

**BALUYOT, Regina** passed away on August 17, 2011. She was a life member of the American Ex-Prisoners of War and a long time member of the Tacoma Chapter. Her husband Ben, preceded her in death 8 years ago. She leaves behind four children, five grandsons, and one great-granddaughter.

**BEDSTED, Lee**, 87, of Park Rapids, MN died Aug. 1, 2011. He was captured while serving in the Army Air Corps during WWII; he spent 10 months as a POW. Lee was a member of the Lakes Region Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by his wife, Beverly, 3 sons, 1 daughter, 1 sister, 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**BLOCH, Jacques**, passed away on September 20, 2011, at the age of 91. A cook in the 106th Division, 422nd Regiment, Company K, he was wounded and captured, along with the remainder of his

regiment, near Schoenberg, Belgium, on December 19, 1944, on the third day of the Battle of the Bulge. He was a prisoner at Stalag XIB in Germany until liberation by British Army units on April 16, 1945. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. In retirement, he served as a volunteer for 15 years at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center in the Bronx, where he died. Jacques is survived by Jean, his wife of 62 years, one son, one daughter and their families and six grandchildren. He was proud to be a member of AXPOW.

**BOLLING, Alexander R**, of Dallas TX died October 6, 2011. "Bud" was a POW in Germany, he was held in Stalag 12A and 13C. He also served in Vietnam. He was a member of the Dallas Metroplex Chapter.

**BROWN, LESLIE L**, age 89, passed away October 20, 2011. He was a prisoner of the Japanese army, held in Manchuria for 1,201 days. He was chapter commander of the Muskogee, Oklahoma chapter for many years. Les was a resident of Tulsa, , and attended Tulsa chapter meetings. Les is survived by two sons, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Many will remember him as the man who made the beautiful bola ties and belt buckles that many of us are proud to wear.

**CAMPBELL, Fred L**, Pastor Emeritus of St. Paul Presbyterian Church, San Angelo, TX died Oct. 23, 2011. Fred was born Aug. 6, 1922, in Belton, MO. He served in the United States Army Air Force as a navigator on a B-17 bomber. He was shot down on his 21<sup>st</sup> mission over Holland and was a German POW until liberated by Patton's army at the end of WWII. After completing divinity school, he served as pastor of a number of

Presbyterian churches. After retirement, he also served as interim pastor where he was needed. Fred was chairman of AXPOW's Outreach committee (a position he invented and made his own) and a National Service Officer for AXPOW. He is probably most known for two letters he wrote to Dear Abby. The first brought in new members who had never heard of AXPOW and were unaware of the benefits to which they were entitled. The second reached a broader audience - veterans with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS) and their widows. Many thousands of widows had their lives changed for the better because of his efforts. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Peggy Cochran Campbell, two daughters and one son. He is also survived by six grandchildren and their families, as well as nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

**DEVEREAUX, John E**, 86, of Cape Coral, FL passed away Sept. 1, 2011. He served with the 15<sup>th</sup> AF, flying out of Foggia, Italy. He was shot down over Austria, captured and held for 15 months at Luft 1, Barth. He leaves his beloved wife of 67 years, Emogean, 2 sons, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He is very dearly missed.

**DOWNEY, James Jr.**, 96, passed died June 20, 2011. He was a member of the James L Hale Memorial Chapter (Newport News, VA). During WWII, he served with the Army's 26<sup>th</sup> Calvary Philippine Scouts. He was captured on Bataan and endured the Bataan Death March. He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances; his children survive him.

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**FABIANKOVITZ, Julius J**, 83, of Harrisburg, PA passed away Sept. 19, 2011. He was a member of the PA Capital City Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves 1 sister, 3 nieces and 2 nephews.

**FULLENWIDER, Henry Ford**, of Lewisport, KY passed away July 20, 2011. He was 88. He landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6<sup>th</sup> while serving with the 116<sup>th</sup> Inf., 29<sup>th</sup> Div., Co A. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held in 12A, 2D, 2A and 10C until liberation. He leaves his loving wife of 65 years, Bertha, 1 daughter, 1 son, 2 brothers, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**GESINO, Mike**, of Farmers Branch, TX, died Oct 6, 2011. He served in the 8 AF and was held in Luft 4 and Luft 1. He was predeceased by his wife, Phyllis, and is survived by 5 sons and daughters-in-law, 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren. He was a member of the Dallas Metroplex Chapter.

**GREAKAMP, Joseph E.** of Noblesville, Indiana died August 23, 2011. He was 88, born September 22, 1922 in Indianapolis. Joe was in the Army Air Corps, 15th Airforce, 2nd BG and 96th Sqdn, and was shot down on his 51st mission on August 22, 1944. Joe and Morris Barker were in the same room in POW camp, Stalag Luft IV, room 6, barracks 8, and were together on the 86 day march through northern Germany. Joe was pre-deceased by his wife Mary Ellen.

**HATTEN, Frank**, 95, of Waco, TX died October 1, 2011. He was a B-17 pilot in the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 351<sup>st</sup> BG, 509<sup>th</sup> BS. He crashed landed on the German occupied Danish Island of Als. The crew was immediately

captured and Frank became a prisoner in Stalag Luft III until liberation. Survivors include one brother, two daughters, one son, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews and their families.

**HIRST, Robert A**, 88, of Sun City West, AZ passed away on Sept. 18, 2011, formerly from Milwaukee, WI. During WW II he served in the Army 106<sup>th</sup> Division, 424<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion and the Battle of The Bulge. He was taken Prisoner on 12/17/44 and held until 4/24/45, Stalag 12A 4B. Bob is survived by his wife, Nita Kropp Hirst, 3 daughters, 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

**HOFF, Thomas A** of Oconomowoc, WI died Aug. 11, 2011 at the age of 88. He was a member of the 389<sup>th</sup> BS, shot down and captured during the low-level Ploesti raids. Tom was an active volunteer at the VA hospital in Milwaukee. He leaves his wife of 49 years, Patricia, 6 sons (who served as pall bearers), 1 daughter, 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

**HOROWITZ, Leon**, of Southlake, Texas, died Sept. 29, 2011. He served with F Co, 357<sup>th</sup> Inf Reg, 100<sup>th</sup> Div, and was held POW in Stalag 9B, Bad Orb. He served as a member of the MedSearch committee for several years, was chairman of the Membership committee and was an NSO. He was a member of the Fort Worth Chapter. Leon's wife, Betsy, predeceased him.

**JEFFERSON, Harold D**, 93, of Arlington, VA died March 4, 2011. He was shot down over Vienna, taken to a prison in Budapest, then sent by boxcar to Stalag Luft III, 13D and 7A. Harold was past commander of the Dept. of Virginia and the Bill Rolan Memorial Chapter. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, 2 daughters and 1 granddaughter.

**JENSEN, Harold F**, 92, of Watertown, SD passed away June

16, 2011. He was captured while serving with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Div., Quartermaster Bn, Co C; he was held in Italy for 18 months. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Virginia, 5 daughters, 6 sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**KIMZEY, Norma**, member of Fresno Chapter #1, AXPOW died July 22, 2011. She was the widow of AXPOW John Kimzey who died in the late 1990s.

**KRACIUM, Aurelia Thomas "Rae"**, of Niles, Ohio passed away Sept. 21, 2011. She was 86 and a member of the Mahoning Valley Chapter, AXPOW. Her husband, ex-POW Eugene, predeceased her; she is survived by 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and 2 siblings.

**KUZNIAREK, Raymond S**, member of the Western New York Chapter, AXPOW, died May 15, 2006. He was shot down while serving with the 15<sup>th</sup> AF, captured in Italy and held in Stalag 344, Lamsdorf. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

**LANGSTON, Louis E** of Bedford TX, died Sept 22, 2011. Louis was a POW in Stalag 17B. A member of the Fort Worth Chapter, he is survived by his wife of 52 years, Elsa.

**LeBLANC, Edward A**, of Fort Wayne, IN, died Sept. 11, 2011. He served in the 8 AF, 379 BG, and was held a POW in Luft 6, 4 and 1. He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Anne.

**LEFOR, Rose Veronica**, of Litchfield Park, AZ passed away March 2, 2011. She and her late husband, ex-POW Herbert, were members of the Dakota West Chapter, Dept. of ND. Survivors include 2 sons, 2 brothers, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**MARCUM, Nadine**, of Lees Summit KS, died August 18, 2011. Members of the Heart of America Chapter, she was the wife of George.

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**MARINI, Joseph**, of Milwaukee, WI died Aug. 28, 2011 at the age of 90. During WWII, he served with the 368<sup>th</sup> FG, 397<sup>th</sup> FS, assigned to the 9<sup>th</sup> AF. He was shot down when his unit was transferred to France after D-Day, and he was captured and held until liberation. He leaves his wife of 66 years, Claire, 2 daughters, 5 siblings and numerous nieces, nephews and other family.

**MILLER, Earl F**, 89, of St. Paul, MN passed away Sept. 25, 2011. He was a Top Turret Gunner on a B-17; he was shot down, captured and held for 19 months in Stalag 17B, Krems. Earl was very active in POW affairs and served as state and chapter commander, National Director for 4 years and Education committee chair. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Renee, 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Both Renee and Earl were very involved in the Minnesota Dept. scholarship program.

**MYDLAND, Toralf 'Ralph'**, of Independence, MO died July 19, 2011. He served in the infantry in Europe and was captured at the Battle of the Bulge. He was a member of the Heart of America Chapter. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Pearl.

**NIESPODZIEWANY, Jean S**, founding member of Western New York Chapter, passed away July 4, 2011. Jean, with her late husband Walter and Dorothy & John Bednarzek, were instrumental in getting the AXPOW National Convention to Niagara Falls where a joint celebration with the Canadian POWs was held.

**PANTOJA, Theodore**, of Tonganoxie, KS, died July 5, 2011. He served in the 91 Div, and was held in Stalag 7A. He was a member of the Heart of America Chapter.

**PECK, Norman**, of Winder, GA, died May 14, 2011. He served in the

327<sup>th</sup> BS, 92<sup>nd</sup> BG and was held in Luft 3, 7A and 13D. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Aurora.

**PETERSON, Arthur R**, 90, of Kersey, CO passed away Aug. 17, 2011. He was a life member of AXPOW and member of the North-east Colorado Chapter. He was captured while serving with the 9<sup>th</sup> AF, 394<sup>th</sup> BG, 587<sup>th</sup> BS and held in Luft 3, 7A, 13D. His wife, Judith, survives him; he also leaves 2 sons, 1 daughter and 4 grandchildren.

**PETTY, Dorothy**, of Smyrna, GA, died in September, 2011. Dorothy was the widow of Watson Petty who was a POW in Stalag 4B. Watson and his brother, Jim Petty, were one of the few sets of brothers who were both held as POWs.

**PRYOR, John W**, of Rimersburg, PA died Sept. 1, 2011. He was 90. During WWII, he served with the 45<sup>th</sup> Div. USA. He was captured near Venafro, Italy, then held in Stalags 7A and 2B. John is survived by one daughter, three sons and seven grandchildren.

**RAY, George Franklin**, member of the Rocky Mt. Chapter, AXPOW, passed away Sept. 14, 2011 at the age of 96. George was captured by the Japanese in March, 1942; he was a slave laborer for 3 ½ years in Burma working on the Kwai River bridge and railroad. His wife, Maxine, predeceased him. He leaves his good chapter friends.

**READ, John H**, 91, of Edgewood, TX passed away Jan. 27, 2011. He was stationed in the Philippines with the 192<sup>nd</sup> Tank Bn when he was captured on Bataan and held for 3 ½ years. John was in Cabanatuan, O'Donnell and Eahotta prison camps. He leaves his wife, Sharon, 1 daughter, 3 sons and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**ROKITA, George**, 91, died September 15, 2011, at Bay Pines VA Hospital, Bay Pines, FL. He served in the Army in the European Theater of Operations, 1st Division, 18th

Regiment, Company K, North Africa. He was held in Stalags VIIA, IIIB, and IIB for a total of 26 months. He is survived by his wife Sophie, son David, two grandchildren, and a sister. He was a member of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter.

**RUMBERG, Ray C**, 92, of Eau Claire, WI passed away Sept. 29, 2011. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge during WWII; held until liberation. Ray was a life member of AXPOW. He leaves his wife of 64 years, Valerie, and two sons.

**SCHWARTZ, Lucille**, of East Aurora, NY passed away Sept. 23, 2011. She was a member of the Western New York Chapter, AXPOW. Lucille was predeceased by her husband, Edmund; she leaves two daughters and their families.

**SCOTT, Charles M**, 89, of Bowie, MD died Oct. 11, 2011. During WWII, he served with the AAF. He was shot down over Germany and held until liberation. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Betty, 1 daughter, 2 sons, 2 grandchildren and 2 great-granddaughters.

**SMALLEY, Dilley R**, 94, of Dover, Ohio and Columbus and member of Ohio Chapter #1 died September 15. He served with the 702<sup>nd</sup> Tank Bn; after capture he was held in Stalag 3C. He is survived by his daughter and 3 granddaughters, 13 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

**SMART, Ruth**, member of Fresno Chapter #1, AXPOW died Aug. 6, 2011. She was the wife of ex-POW Fred Smart.

**SMITH, Joseph T** of Secaucus, NJ died Feb. 2, 1998. During WWII, he served in the Navy, stationed in the Philippines. He spent 3 ½ years in various prison camps in the Philippines and Japan before liberation

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in 1945. He then served in Korea and Vietnam before retirement. Joseph is survived by his wife, Agnes; he also leaves 7 stepchildren.

**SMITH, Kenneth M**, 86, of Mt. Carmel, IL passed away Sept. 6, 2011 at the age of 86. During WWII, he served in the Army, Co. H, 423<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Reg., 106<sup>th</sup> Div. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and was a POW until liberation. He leaves his loving wife of 66 years, Mary, 1 son, 1 daughter, 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

**STEEN, Lillie**, of Chester, SC passed away Sept. 19, 2011. She was 80. Both Lillie and her husband, ex-

POW Walter, were active members of the Catawba Chapter, AXPOW. Lillie served as chapter chaplain. In addition to her husband, she is survived by 1 daughter, 1 son, 4 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 1 brother.

**SWANAY, Wright S**, of Elizabethton, TN died Sept. 17, 2011 at the age of 91. After volunteering in the AAC, he served as a bombardier and was shot down over Budapest. Both he and best friend "Sonny" Mottern were residents of Carter County when they joined the service. They met up again on the road to Moosburg after they were captured. Wright was a national service officer for many years. He was a former state commander of Tennessee and was cur-

rently serving as commander of the East Tennessee Chapter. He leaves 2 sons, 2 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter and many friends and extended family.

**THOMPSON, Abraham**, 95, of Northport, NY passed away Dec. 15, 2010. He served in the 15<sup>th</sup> AF, 456<sup>th</sup> BG during WWII and was held by the Swiss after being shot down. Abe was commander of the Long Island Chapter, AXPOW. Survivors include 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

**WANTUCK, Chett P**, of Lancaster, NY died Aug. 3, 2011. He served in the 455<sup>th</sup> BG, 742 BS and was captured near Gross Tychow, (Poland). Chett is survived by his wife, Lottie and two sons.

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## national chaplain



**PNC Gerald Harvey**

The words of the Psalmist in Psalm 42: 1-2a, "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God."

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I remembered a time when I was traveling in Israel. With several

other people, we went to the dead sea, twelve hundred seventy-five feet below sea level. The trip was long; through desert areas, hot and dry, and the sea was salty. On our way back, our guide stopped the bus, and encouraged us to make a short five minute climb up the mountain, to see the spot where the spies were sent to survey Jericho. These spies were discovered while in Jericho and were let out the window by a widow who lived on the wall. They hid on the mountain until their pursuers returned to Jericho. This was also the spot where the Israelites spent their first night after crossing the Jordan river. They brought stones with them to make a memorial for future generations to remember.

On our trip, our guide encouraged all of our group to go up the mountain to see this site. Most of the people said they were too tired and thirsty to go. Our hosts had provided us sandwiches and drinks for our day trip, so we offered these to the rest of our group, and left them behind while we climbed the mountain.

When we arrived at the spot, the view was breathtaking. We could

see the whole valley and the Jericho ruins. It was awesome. It was an unbelievable sight. I could imagine the feelings of the Israelites after forty years in the dessert. What blessing did the rest of the group miss, giving in to physical thirst.

As the deer pants for water, now our souls are panting for you, Oh God, a reassurance of your promises. Just as God gives us a natural thirst for a cool drink when we are parched and dry, he created within us a natural thirst for goodness, for right living, and a desire to know Him, the source of true righteousness.

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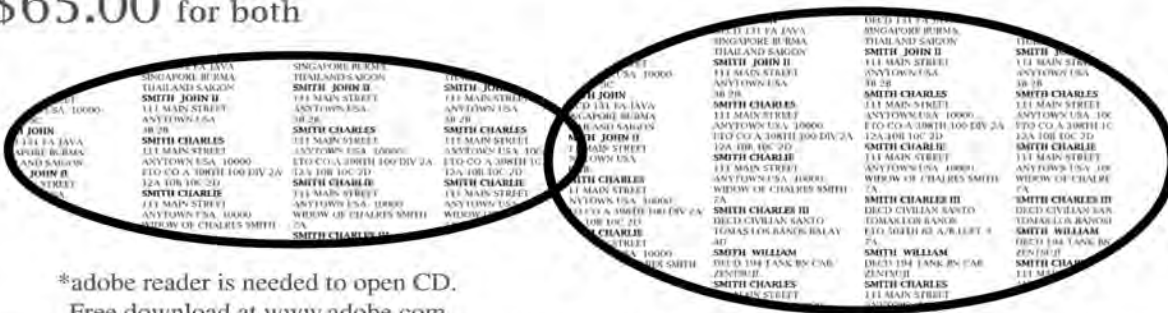


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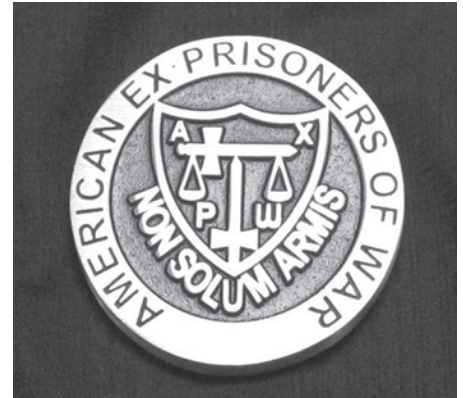
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