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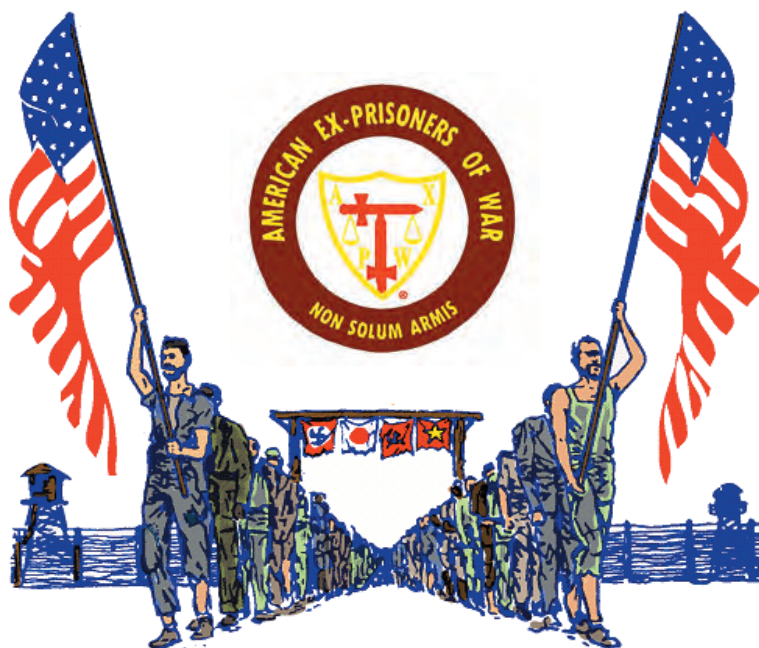
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*USS Pueblo under attack*

# The Ride Home



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RAdm. E.M. Rosenberg & Cdr. L.M. Bucher leave mess hall, 23 December 1968



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Welcome Home!

48 years later, the USS PUEBLO is still in North Korea, used as a propaganda tool. It's long past time to bring her HOME!

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I hope as of this reading of the Bulletin, you and your family are doing well. The late fall is a wonderful time of year to celebrate. Veterans Day 2016 is approaching and a great time in the Country to pause and appreciate the service of our nation's veterans. I encourage each of you to get involved in your local events at whatever capacity you can. It is important we extend ourselves in a manner to increase public awareness of the service provided by our nation's veterans and the story of the many vet-

erans that faced the enemy twice, both in the battlefield and prison camps.

The early fall is a busy time for all. For myself, I had several invitations to attend September 16<sup>th</sup> functions celebrating the National recognition of the American Ex-POWs. As always, it is a first come first served so although I attended one function in New Jersey, I unfortunately could not attend others of equal interest.

Rolling Thunder, Inc. and the Info Age Science Museum (former Camp Evans WWII site) in New Jersey invited me to attend and dedicate the POW/MIA Chair of Honor Memorial. The dedication took place during the museum's WWII recognition ceremony. It was a well organized and attended event. I have previously participated with Rolling Thunder on another chair dedication at Princeton University. They have successfully launched this initiative in many states throughout the country and I applaud their efforts.

On a sad note, we lost a great American. Morton Gollin, 94, husband of Jr. Vice Commander Alice Gollin, passed away on September 25<sup>th</sup>. He served as a B-24 navigator in WWII and was imprisoned at Stalag Luft III and VIIA. Please pray for him and his family.

In my attendance and discussions with others about events, I am encouraged by the sense of patriotism. The country is in a time of turmoil and it is important to promote the common thread that we all share. We are Americans and all share in our country's freedom thanks to our nation's men and women that protect our freedom.

The very best to you and your family on the upcoming Holiday season.

Remember those that have sacrificed to protect our freedom

## news from hq



Clydie Morgan  
Chief Operating Officer

It's the holiday season! We hope everyone is enjoying family and friends this year.

It is time for all annual members to renew their memberships. Do it now so you don't miss any Bulletins.

Check our our Go Fund Me pages at <https://www.gofundme.com/>

2d8rbt7s. We are hoping to be able to fund the archiving of our historical records. We have husband and wife team volunteering now. They are helping sort research materials from organization history. We will then digitize all the research material and make it available for students to research. Please help.

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mort Gollin, Alice's husband. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Alice, our junior vice commander, and her family. Take care, BFF.

All at National Headquarters wish you a very happy holiday season and a safe and happy new year.

## Love Joy Peace



Joyous Christmas  
Happy Hanukkah  
from

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## 2016 Internship at Andersonville National Historic Site

By Cat L. Roberts

At the very beginning of my internship at Andersonville National Historic Site I was fortunate enough to arrive in time to observe a researcher who had come to Andersonville in order to get some information from the archives. This was my first direct experience with how an archive was supposed to work.

From the very beginning there was never a lack of things to do or learn. Taking inventory was a new experience, at least the way in which it was done. I have taken a number of different types of inventory before; however, the detail in which the inventory had to be taken with the archival and museum items was a first. For a brief time I helped with the setting up of the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) folders for the park.

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The tenet of *service above self* was paramount at this year's remembrance of National POW/MIA Day by the men and women of The Ride Home and chapters of Rolling Thunder.

This year I joined Marsha, Cheryl, Charles Anthony, Sally, and Debbie for the September weekend in Americus, Georgia. If an American town ever deserved the title *All American City* it would be ironically named **Americus**.

Anchored by The Andersonville National Historic Site and led by Superintendent Charles Sellars and the staff, the park and The National POW Museum symbolically focused our attention on the trials and sacrifices of those who put *nation above self*.

The venue also served as an opportunity to explore opportunities for the future of AXPO. Charles Anthony and I met with Superintendent Sellars and Jim Covington, Chairman, Friends of Andersonville. It was quite instructional to understand their functional organization structure and operating expenses. Most significant was the congeniality expressed by Jim toward the possibility of our presence at Andersonville as we seek to bolster the legacy of AXPO and all those whom we represent.

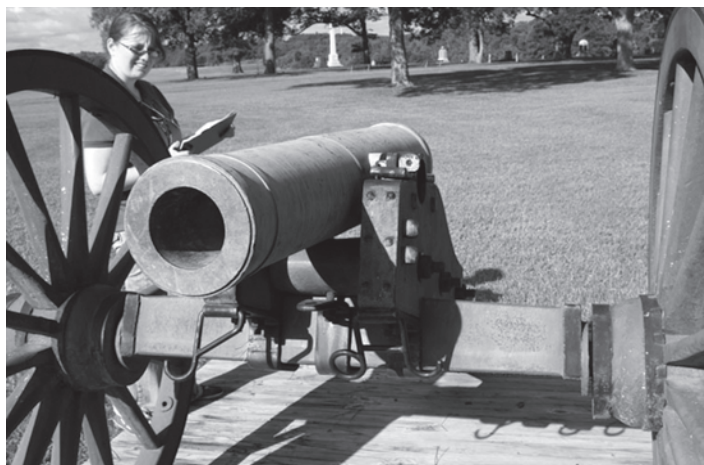
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Keeping the Promise



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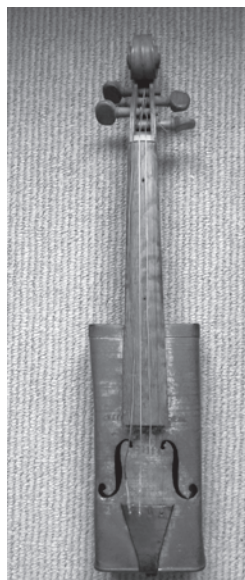
The majority of my time was spent digitizing 547 records for current and future researchers to have easier access to archives without further damaging them from continual handling. Another task I worked on alongside of digi-



tizing records was cataloging. I cataloged a total of 243 items of which 129 were history, 112 were archival, and 2 were art; entering 128 records into the Interior Collection Management Software (ICMS).

This gave me a chance to see, handle, and learn the background of unique items I otherwise may not have ever known excited, such as a handmade violin that a prisoner during World War II made from a biscuit tin. This item particularly caught my attention after having spent the last three years learning to play the violin myself. I found this creation quite interesting.

It may not seem like much from a brief summarization, but I feel that in my 10 weeks at Andersonville NHS I learned and accomplished more than I had expected and am very glad for the opportunity this internship has given me.



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## PRESUMPTIVE SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES

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### 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 re-infect 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.

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### **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.

### **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-attentiveness, 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..

### **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 pos-



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sibly mineral deficiency are just two. Other causes to be considered are various toxins such as lead, copper, and mercury, a hereditary predisposition 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.

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# legislative



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As you are reading the Bulletin, I am certain you are in your last phase of deciding among the two principal presidential candidates to whom to cast your vote. As the campaigns and debates allow us to learn more, the differences between the candidates widens and it is important to support the one that best represents your beliefs and interests.

Good luck.



*The Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War met in Washington, DC in August.*

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Regarding Proposed Bills, I draw your attention to several that could use your support:

-Bill H.R. 6234, the Purple Heart Preservation Act is aimed at certain unscrupulous military memorabilia dealers selling military-issued Purple Hearts on the secondary market at exorbitant prices. This bill would prevent merchants from profiteering off the sale of military-issued Purple Hearts, eliminating the market and making it easier to return them to their rightful owners; it would *not* prevent the sale of replacement medals through authorized sellers.

-Senate Bill 1004: Veterans' Day Moment of Silence Act directs the President to issue an annual pro-

clamation calling on the people of the United States to observe two minutes of silence on Veterans Day, beginning at 3:11 p.m. Atlantic standard time, in honor of the service and sacrifice of veterans throughout the history of the nation.

-H.R. 5162: Veteran Connect Act of 2016 authorizes select medical records of veterans to their non VA health care provider.

-The Bring Our Heroes Home Act of 2016 (S.3448) is designed to provide more transparency for families of POW/MIAs and support their efforts to bring their loved ones home, the legislation would create a Review Board at the National Archives to declassify unnecessarily classified records that may provide new information on the whereabouts of POW/MIAs.

You can research the status of any Bill in Congress by accessing the website [govtrack.us](http://govtrack.us) and search by Bill number or subject. Politicians must hear from us to take action!

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Andersonville National Historic Site (NHS) is the only National Park Service site dedicated as a memorial to all American prisoners of war throughout history. National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Recognition Day is a major annual event at the park. We partner with The Ride Home (a non-profit organization), The Friends of Andersonville, and Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW) to honor POWs and MIAs during several ceremonies held over a four-day period.



Commemoration began with the Avenue of Flags, raised with the help of Robins Riders. This moving and

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patriotic spectacle of over 200 full-sized flags featured a circle of POW/MIA flags around a taller American flag, as well as avenues of American and state flags.

On Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup>, GSW hosted the annual POW/MIA Convocation. Featured speaker Dr. Derek Mallett, a professor of Military History, spoke about his time working for the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) and the mission JPAC does to find Service Members still listed as MIA.



On Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, approximately 600 people, including former POWs, MIA family members, and visitors, gathered at the National Prisoner of War Museum to remember and honor former POWs and MIAs. Jill Hubbs, daughter of Commander Donald R. Hubbs, spoke about her father and her life after he went missing in Vietnam. She also spoke about other Service Members who are still listed as MIA and what their families went through. She and other MIA families continue working to locate and honor them. Former POW Donald Peppard shared his experiences during the 1968 capture of the U.S.S. Pueblo by North Korea and the crew's 11-month imprisonment. Other former crew members were also in attendance. A plaque honoring the U.S.S. Pueblo crew was re-dedicated at the National Prisoner of War Museum in honor of their visit. And a painting of the Capture of the U.S.S. Pueblo, signed by several members of the crew, was donated to the park.

Thanks to our wonderful partners, this year's National POW/MIA Recognition Day events were a great success. The staffs at Andersonville

NHS were deeply honored to pay tribute to those who have sacrificed so much for our country.

Coming up on November 9<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>, Andersonville National Cemetery will host its Avenue of Flags in Honor of Veterans day. Also on November 12<sup>th</sup> Andersonville NHS will host its annual Night Museum; where the museum and Northeast corner of the prison site are open to the public from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Pat Curry, whose father was a POW, will speak about his experiences during a program in the Museum starting at 7:00 PM. The Northeast Corner of the prison site will come to life with a Living History program until 9:00 PM.

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, Andersonville National Cemetery will host the Wreaths Across America event, where wreaths are placed on graves in the Cemetery. Wreaths can be sponsored for placement on a specific loved ones' grave, or they can be donated for placement on any



grave. Wreaths Across America is a National program to not only honor those recently interred but to also remember the thousands of forgotten soldiers buried in National Cemeteries through the placement of evergreen wreaths at gravesites. Our goal for Andersonville National Cemetery is to cover each of our 21,000 graves with a wreath. For more information on Wreaths Across America, please visit their website at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)

All events held at Andersonville National Historic Site are open to the public and are free of charge.

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## Mike Christian's US Flag

"You've probably seen the bumper sticker somewhere along the road. It depicts an American Flag, accompanied by the words "These colors don't run." I'm always glad to see this, because it reminds me of an incident from my confinement in North Vietnam at the Hao Lo POW Camp, or the "Hanoi Hilton," as it became known.

Then a Major in the U.S. Air Force, I had been captured and imprisoned from 1967-1973. Our treatment had been frequently brutal. After three years, however, the beatings and torture became less frequent. During the last year, we were allowed outside most days for a couple of minutes to bathe. We showered by drawing water from a concrete tank with a homemade bucket.

One day as we all stood by the tank, stripped of our clothes, a young Naval pilot named Mike Christian found the remnants of a handkerchief in a gutter that ran under the prison wall. Mike managed to sneak the grimy rag into our cell and began fashioning it into a flag. Over time we all loaned him a little soap, and he spent days cleaning the material. We helped by scrounging and stealing bits and pieces of anything he could use. At

night, under his mosquito net, Mike worked on the flag. He made red and blue from ground-up roof tiles and tiny amounts of ink and painted the colors onto the cloth with watery rice glue. Using thread from his own blanket and a homemade bamboo needle, he sewed on stars.

Early in the morning a few days later, when the guards were not alert, he whispered loudly from the back of our cell, "Hey gang, look here."

He proudly held up this tattered piece of cloth, waving it as if in a breeze. If you used your imagination, you could tell it was supposed to be an American flag. When he raised that smudgy fabric, we automatically stood straight and saluted, our chests puffing out, and more than a few eyes had tears.

About once a week the guards would strip us, run us outside and go through our clothing. During one of those shakedowns, they found Mike's flag. We all knew

and pulled Mike out. We could hear the beginning of the torture before they even had him in the torture cell.

They beat him most of the night. About daylight they pushed what was left of him back through the cell door. He was badly broken; even his voice was gone. Within two weeks, despite the danger, Mike scrounged another piece of cloth and began another flag. The Stars and Stripes, our national symbol, was worth the sacrifice to him.

Now, whenever I see the flag, I think of Mike and the morning he first waved that tattered emblem of a nation. It was then, thousands of miles from home in a lonely prison cell, that he showed us what it is to be truly free.

Condensed from a speech by Leo K. Thorsness, a fellow POW and recipient of the Medal of Honor.

Senator McCain used this speech as part of his remarks at the opening of the National POW Museum in April, 1998.



what would happen. That night they came for him. Night interrogations were always the worst. They opened the cell door

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At the end of the Vietnam War, there reportedly were 2,583 unaccounted-for American prisoners, missing or killed in action/body not recovered.

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR:** The number of US personnel still missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War is 1,618: Vietnam - 1,261 (VN-463, VS-798); Laos-301; Cambodia-49; Peoples Republic of China territorial waters-7. (These numbers fluctuate due to investigations resulting in changed locations of loss.) The League seeks the fullest possible accounting for those still missing and repatriation of all recoverable remains.

Highest priority is accounting for Americans last known alive. US intelligence indicates some Americans known to be in captivity in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia were not returned at the end of the war. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, it must be assumed that these Americans could still be alive, and the US Government should not rule out that possibility.

Most recently accounted for was Colonel Patrick H. Wood, USAF, listed as MIA on 2/6/67, North Vietnam, remains returned on 12/14/15, and identified 2/29/16. Just prior to this was LCDR Frederick P. Crosby, USN, listed as KIA/BNR, North Vietnam, on 6/1/65, remains returned 12/14/15, and identified on 2/17/16, but not announced by DPAA until 5/25/16. Also recently confirmed as accounted for was Major Dean A.

Klenda, USAF, listed as MIA, North Vietnam, on 9/17/65, recovered 12/8/14 and identified 12/30/14, but also only recently announced by DPAA. Prior to that release, the most recent was SFC Alan L. Boyer, USA/SF, listed as MIA 3/28/68, Laos, recovered 6/16/98, identified 3/16/16.

The total accounted since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is 965. Another 63 US personnel, recovered by the US and identified before the end of the war, bring the total of US personnel accounted for from the Vietnam War to 1,028. Of the 1,618 still missing (POW/MIA) and unaccounted-for (KIA/BNR), 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-1,261 (VN-463, VS-798); Laos-301; Cambodia-49; PRC territorial waters-7. These country-specific numbers can and do fluctuate when investigations result in changes to loss locations.

The greatest obstacles to increased Vietnam War accounting efforts are too few qualified scientists, and unreliable funding that has caused US cancellation of scheduled operations, thus sending negative signals to foreign counterpart officials, especially in Vietnam. Since over 80% of US losses in Laos and 90% in Cambodia occurred in areas where Vietnamese forces operated during the war, Vietnam's expanded provision of helpful records, improved and increased archival research, interviews and field operations are the core means to expand accounting for Vietnam War missing personnel.

## **NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY - 2016:**

Countless ceremonies were held across the United States and around the world, including US Embassies in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Thailand. Many of the international commemorations were held under the auspices of the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) at military installations. The national ceremony was again held at the Pentagon, as has been the case since 1984 at the White House and 1988 at the US Capitol.



**Feb. 1, 2017. BACEPOW Reunion in New Orleans, LA.** The WWII Museum in New Orleans was inspired by Stephen E. Ambrose, American historian and biographer, a long-time professor of history at the University of New Orleans and the author of many best selling volumes of American popular history. Mr. Ambrose's life passion was concentrated on the European Theater of WWII.

Ambrose's works and avid interests and specific works with D-Day veterans, inspired him to found the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans. He initiated fundraising by donating \$500,000 and secured large contributions from the federal government, the State of Louisiana, Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg and many individual smaller donations. In 2003, Congress designated the museum as "America's National World War II Museum." The Stephen E. Ambrose Memorial Fund continues to support the development of the museum's Center for Study of the American Spirit, its educational programs and oral history and public initiatives.

Located on a six acre campus, in downtown New Orleans, the museum, with its treasures, welcomes us to its generation that sacrificed so much to secure our freedom.

**Arrival: Wednesday - February 1st**  
**Hotel:** Embassy Suites New Orleans  
**Banquet: February 2nd**  
**All Day Program and Visit at WWII Museum - February 3rd**  
**Departure Dates: Feb 4th** or choose your own personal departure date.

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# civilians



JVC Alice Gollin, Chair

Post Trauma Stress Disability (PTSD) is a relatively new phenomenon if you follow it on the popular media. After the Viet Nam war, vast number of veterans returning home had functional disabilities though no physical injuries. Recognizing this, the Disabled American Veterans initiated "The Forgotten Warrior" Project, the first to diagnose, treat, and give a name to "a traumatic event beyond the normal human experience". The format was later adopted by the Veterans Administration and the psychiatric community.

Though symptoms of PTSD were recognized well back in history, they were not given credence, often considered personality weaknesses in the sufferer. World War I was the most destructive and traumatic war in history, affecting more soldiers than ever before or since. Huge numbers of soldiers suffered from what was then called "shell shock" and there was often no sympathy given to those who suffered. In fact, when a soldier was so traumatized that he couldn't perform his duties, especially in combat, he was often branded a coward and in some instances court martialed and executed. My grandfather, who headed a psychiatric hospital in Northern England claimed that there was an enormous inflow of new patients after the war. This kind of castigation continued through WW II and the Korean war.

The correlation between combat and PTSD is undeniable. Between 1942 and 1945, 10% of American troops were hospitalized for mental disturbances, and after 35 days

of continuous combat, 98% of them manifested psychiatric disturbances. In many cases this was termed "battle fatigue". Now that this syndrome is recognized, it has been found that 40% of veterans returning from the Mid-East wars have symptoms of PTSD or other similar disorders which appear much like PTSD.

To what extent did PTSD affect the civilian prisoners of the Japanese in the Philippines? In his study of the health of Santo Tomas internees after liberation, Dr. Emmet Pearson commented that there were no significant mental health issues. These prisoners had been subject to 6 months of American air raids when they needed to take shelter from falling debris such as anti-aircraft, bomb fragments, and aerial combat munitions, and some of their fellows were severely wounded when unprotected. During liberation they had been subject to, or witnessed, an intense fire fight. Then they were subject to three days of Japanese artillery attack aimed directly at them, and witnessed the killing or wounding of more than 100 of their fellows. Finally, they endured a month of the Battle of Manila with frequent small arms fire in the nearby street and heavy combat taking place only 1 to 2 miles away. Perhaps the euphoria of liberation subverted the signs of trauma that Dr. Pearson missed.

But PTSD is often not manifested immediately. It lies within the inner recess of the brain, and then without warning a flashback is triggered by an event - a sound, smell, touch, or one of our other senses - that brings that trauma to the surface. Depending on how strong that reaction is the victim may feel anything from nervousness to severe distraction and physical debilitation.

In my own case, I had a brush with PTSD. During the Battle of Manila, I was sitting with a group outside of our shanty when an aircraft engine started winding up as it made a diving bomb run. I became very nervous and antsy. A GI sitting with us noticed and said, "Don't worry, it's one of ours". There was no rational rea-

son for feeling the way I did, and for the next several years I always was nervous when there were aircraft flying overhead. I realize now, that it was a very minor manifestation of PTSD, an intrusive thought which unconsciously made me recall nearby combat, and soon it was no longer an issue.

Others who were in the camps may also realize that they were affected to some degree, minor or major, by trauma. If you were one, we'd like you to know we care about what happened and how it has or has not affected your life, mainly because we are trying to help and educate people about a forgotten part of history, which is not taught in schools, about civilian children held in captivity. We would like to invite you to participate with us as we try to pull into focus the psychological effects of war-time imprisonment on civilians. If you have experienced emotions that you couldn't easily explain, and would like to discuss them with others who have similar experiences, please let us know. Together, perhaps we can help others who have been in similar circumstances to understand and overcome trauma that may have affected their lives. Please contact Sascha Jansen at [mabuhayma45@gmail.com](mailto:mabuhayma45@gmail.com) or me at [bacepow@earthlink.net](mailto:bacepow@earthlink.net) so we can explore how to use your experiences to help others.

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**The White House**  
**Office of the Press Secretary**

## **Proclamation — National POW/MIA Recognition Day, 2016**

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

For centuries, courageous members of our Armed Forces have embodied the best of America with devotion and patriotism. On National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we pause to remember our servicemen and women who never returned home. The hardship experienced by prisoners of war and by the family members of those who have gone missing in action is unimaginable to most Americans; it is our country's solemn obligation to bring these heroes back to the land they served to defend, and to support the families who, each day, carry on without knowing the peace of being reunited with their loved ones.

The United States does not leave anyone behind, and we do not forget those who remain missing. We will never stop working to bring home those who gave everything for their country, nor cease in our pursuit of the fullest possible accounting for all who are missing. We are working to fulfill this promise by strengthening communication with the families of those service members missing or taken prisoner. And as Commander in Chief, I am committed to living up to this responsibility.

The men and women of our Armed Forces face unthinkable conditions and bear the painful cost of war. There is a debt we can never fully repay, though we will continue striving to remain worthy of their sacrifice. In honor of those who have not yet come home, and the families who struggle with the fear of unknown fate, we renew our fierce commitment to our patriots in uniform and pledge to do everything we can to bring those missing or held prisoner home.

On September 16, 2016, the stark black and white banner symbolizing America's Missing in Action and Prisoners of War will be flown over the White House; the United States Capitol; the Departments of State, Defense, and Veterans Affairs; the Selective Service System Headquarters; the World War II Memorial; the Korean War Veterans Memorial; the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; United States post offices; national cemeteries; and other locations across our country. We raise this flag as a solemn reminder of our obligation to always remember the sacrifices made to defend our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2016, as National POW/MIA Recognition Day. I urge all Americans to observe this day of honor and remembrance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.

BARACK OBAMA

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# The Ride Home 2016 ~ Honoring all POWs and Remembering those still Missing in Action

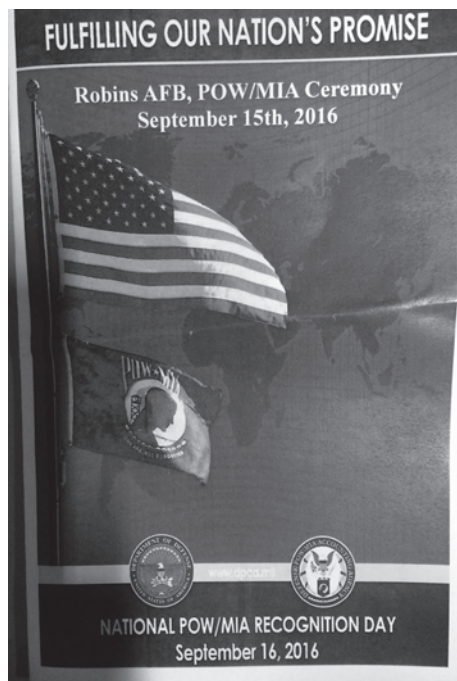


POW/MIA recognition is deserved every day of the year, but each September, special focus is given. A core location for this annual activity is Georgia, including the Andersonville National Historical Site. Andersonville is the site of the infamous Civil War prison, a national cemetery and the National POW Museum. This year, the National Park Service, the Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW), The Ride Home, HONOR-RELEASE-RETURN, Inc., and Friends of Andersonville hosted special activities. Andersonville's Avenue of the Flags was raised early that week to welcome all visitors. The celebration

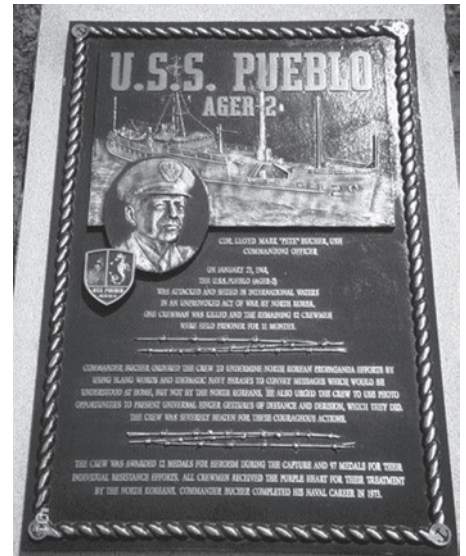


for September 14-18, 2016 commenced with a morning convocation before students and visitors at GSW's Storm Dome Student Center.

On Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Warner-Robins AFB with POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies. Aviation Museum Hangar A was filled with visitors as well as USAF personnel to hear keynote speaker and Vietnam POW (COL) Bob Certain's excellent talk. The Missing Man Table ceremony was especially moving, with all branches of service as well as civilian POWs represented.



Friday morning, hundreds gathered in Americus for the Ride to Andersonville National Historic Site, escorted by a Georgia State Troopers convoy. Superintendent Charles Sellers hosted the Opening Ceremony, giving special honor to the crew of the USS Pueblo who were in attendance. The USS Pueblo plaque at Andersonville was rededicated and a magnificent painting



depicting the ship was donated to the Park.

Dinner that evening was at GSW's Storm Dome Student Center, attended by more than 500. Speakers highlighted the frustration and anguish of family members of those still missing-in-action.



On Saturday, following another convoy through Americus, the activities continued at GSW's Storm Dome with a moving recognition ceremony honoring returnees, families of MIAs and next-of-kin. Presented



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*us of the sacrifices our soldiers and their families make for our great country every day and our responsibility to let them all know that we Will NOT Forget. Combined Conflict totals in the last century equate to more than 120,000 Prisoners Of War repatriated and over 83,000 still listed as Missing in Action. To pay tribute to the Former Prisoners of War and The Families of those Still Missing In Action, we host The RIDE HOME.*

by The Ride Home, the honorees were individually named, giving their service and captivity date - ranging from WWII through the Persian Gulf.

The overall impression of the packed several days of camaraderie seemed to be that it was a remarkable and extraordinary series of patriotic and POW/MIA commemorative events. Gratitude is offered to The Ride Home and Honor-Release-Return officers, including Jim "Moe" Moyer, Bob "Bulldog" Ousley, Mary Schantag, John Butts, and the members of Rolling Thunder who generously offered their time and talents to all the guests.

*The RIDE HOME Inc. is a Non Profit Corporation paying tribute to Former American Prisoners of War and the families of those Americans still Missing in Action. National POW/MIA Recognition Day reminds*

*This annual event takes place in and around the cities of Americus and Andersonville, Georgia, home of the National Prisoners of War Museum. With the support of American Patriots, we are able to provide dinner and lunch, as well as lodging for over 200 Honored Guest. This annual event is open to the public and we strongly encourage you to join us as we show our gratitude for the sacrifices these former POWs and MIA families have made for Our Great Country.*



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# News Briefs

## Army Field Bands are Performing

The United States Army Field Band tours nationally and internationally as directed by the Department of the Army. Each concert on a tour is sponsored by a local organization. The sponsoring organization is required to provide a suitable concert site, and conduct a publicity campaign designed to fill the hall. Preliminary planning of itineraries normally begins one year in advance of a tour.

The Field Band often performs concerts in support of local community events such as centennial celebrations, festivals, and city or state commemorations. It is important that requests for support of these events be made as early as possible.

Concert Band and Soldiers' Chorus and the Jazz Ambassadors are playing multiple locations in the Northeast in November. More information and schedules are available: [www.armyfieldband.com](http://www.armyfieldband.com).

Our Mission: To serve and inspire the American people by telling the Army story and honoring our Soldiers and Veterans at home and abroad as The Musical Ambassadors of the Army.

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## Apply for Benefits

### By Phone

Veterans can now apply for Veterans Affairs health benefits over the phone. The VA published a final regulation on 12 SEP that allows former service members to complete VA health care applications by calling 877-222-8387. The line is manned by VA employees who walk the veterans through the process, including providing them information on copayment requirements and third party insurance. Previously, VA required veterans to apply in person at a VA medical center or submitting a paper application to the department. But the system was beset with problems, creating a backlog of 847,882 applications that stretched back nearly 15 years and included submissions from more than 300,000 deceased veterans. After the VA inspector general released a report on the backlog a year ago, VA took steps to change the application process, to include removing a requirement that veterans physically sign the necessary paperwork. It also embarked on an effort to clear the backlog, starting with 30,000 combat veterans who should have automatically qualified for the benefit but were placed in the system by mistake. Veterans can continue to apply for benefits in person as well, according to the department.

## VA Geriatrics & Extended Care

In 1960, just over 500,000 American veterans were 65 years old or older — 2.3 percent of our veteran population. In 2020, over 9.4 million are projected to be 65 or older — almost 47 percent of veterans. Aging veterans are a harbinger of our nation's aging population; between now and 2050, Americans aged 65 and over will grow from 15

percent to 22 percent of the population. Those 85 and older will grow from about 6 million to near 19 million. Longer lives and advances in medicine are accompanied by increased needs for the treatment for chronic diseases like diabetes, arthritis, hypertension and dementia. Three-fourths of U.S. health care expenditures are for chronic disease.

Fortunately, we have a health care system with unparalleled expertise in geriatric care; it's called the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VA leads the nation in addressing the care of an aging society because one out of every two VA patients is a senior citizen. Of 22 million living American veterans, over 6 million seek VA care in a given year; over 52 percent of these are age 65 and over. Though most of these veterans are eligible for other care systems and insurance, most of them choose VA. VA has a visionary system of geriatric research, education and clinical centers ("GRECCs") created by Congress in 1975 to guide VA in meeting its mandate to care for America's surviving warriors as they aged into their 70s, 80s and beyond. There are now 20 GRECCs in the 150 VA medical centers in the U.S. devoted to training health care professionals in assessing and managing health needs of elderly clients. They perform pioneering work on the impacts of diet and exercise and investigate diseases of aging, rehabilitation of stroke victims, the genetics and neurobiology of Alzheimer's disease and on the cellular mechanisms of Parkinson's disease, as well as many other accomplishments.

VA pioneered and broadly implemented home-based primary care in which clinicians make house calls to veterans with serious, disabling diseases, and we established teams of clinicians in every medical center to provide end-of-life care that provide comfort and dignity for veter-

ans and their families when it is most needed. Since the late 1940s, VA has maintained close working relationships with most U.S. medical schools. Over 70 percent of U.S. physicians receive some clinical instruction in VA settings. Though there is an acute shortage of health personnel with advanced training in geriatrics, VA has many initiatives to educate and train future clinical leaders in geriatrics. This country owes its freedom to veterans, men and women who have "borne the battle" for us all. VA is setting the bar in optimizing the well-being and independence of an increasingly elderly veteran-patient population. America would do well to follow VA's lead as it prepares to address its looming geriatric challenges.

## First WASP Buried at Arlington

After flying military planes during World War II, raising a family, visiting all seven continents and bungee-jumping in New Zealand at 83, Elaine Harmon had one final, seemingly simple wish: to be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. Harmon got her wish in September, at a funeral with military honors and a flyover, but it took a lobbying campaign by her family and an act of Congress. In the process, the campaign helped bring to light the long-forgotten exploits of the fearless female pilots known as the WASPs.



Harmon, who died last year at 95, was a member of Women Airforce Service Pilots, who flew military aircraft on support and training

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missions during World War II so that men were freed up for combat. The women did not have military status at the time but were retroactively designated veterans in 1977. And for many years, WASPs were eligible to have their ashes placed in urns at Arlington. Last year, though, Army officials concerned about limited space at the cemetery ruled WASPs ineligible for Arlington. Harmon's family fought back. In December, an Associated Press story about the family's campaign prompted widespread criticism of the Army. In May, President Barack Obama signed legislation allowing WASPs in Arlington.

The legislation — which passed unanimously — was sponsored by Rep. Martha McSally (R-AZ), herself a retired Air Force officer who was the first female fighter pilot in U.S. history to fly in combat.

## Exposure at Lejeune

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has published proposed regulations to establish presumptions for the service connection of eight diseases affecting military members exposed to contaminants in the water supply at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The presumptive illnesses apply to active duty, reserve and National Guard members who served for no less than 30 days at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987, and are diagnosed with the following conditions: Adult leukemia, Aplastic anemia and other myelodysplastic syndromes, Bladder cancer, Kidney cancer, Liver cancer, Multiple myeloma, Non-hodgkin's lymphoma, Parkinson's disease. The 30-day public comment period on the proposed rule closed Oct.10, 2016.

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## Commander Susino at Dedication Ceremony

Good morning Ladies and Gentleman.

My name is Charles Susino, Jr., National Commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War and State Commander of New Jersey. Thank you for the opportunity to dedicate this chair. What is important for you to remember today is not my experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany during WWII, because I made it home. I want you to remember what this chair represents.

It is a reminder for the military serviceman who risked their lives for the freedom we enjoy. The military serviceman who did not come home and otherwise unaccounted for, leaving their family and friends with no closure. They deserve never to be forgotten. They deserve your thoughts, respect and prayers. Please support them.

God bless our troops. God bless America.

Thank you  
Please remember



*NC Charles Susino, Jr. with Elaine Martin at Info Age Museum in New Jersey on August 27, 2016. Commander Susino was invited to be honored at the dedication of a POW/MIA Commemorative chair. Elaine is National Secretary for Rolling Thunder and POW/MIA Chair of Honor Committee.*

# WWII POW awarded medal, proud to be 'Soldier for Life'

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August 25, 2016

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Dear General McConville,

On behalf of the VA Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, thank you for taking the time to personally present Dr. Charlie Stenger, World War II Army veteran, the Prisoner of War Medal, at his home in Rockville, Md. Your commitment to honor those who have served is truly appreciated.

You and your staff gave Dr. Stenger recognition not only for his service but also as a Soldier for Life — a proud moment for Dr. Stenger. He served on this Committee for over 20 years and assisted innumerable former POWs for all wars and theaters find their way into the VA.

The Committee is thankful to you and your staff for your continued leadership and extraordinary kindness.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Certain  
Chairman  
VA Advisory Committee on Former POWs

Dr. Charlie Stenger, a World War II Army veteran, was awarded the Prisoner of War Medal by Lt. Gen. James C. McConville, Army G-1, on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at Stenger's Maryland home.

Although the POW Medal was a long time in coming, Stenger, who is still sharp and relatively strong at 94, said it was a proud moment and he was honored by the Soldiers who came to witness the event. He was reluctant to discuss his wartime experiences, but he said it was OK for his wife of 15 years, Mary Lou Guandolo, to relate some of what took place.

During the Battle of the Bulge, Stenger fought in the Schnee Eifel salient of Belgium, serving as a medic with the 423rd Infantry Regiment, which was attached to the 106th Infantry Division, she said.

On Dec. 21, 1944, Stenger's regiment was overrun and surrounded by the Germans. He and his fellow Soldiers fought back, but it soon became clear that they faced certain annihilation. Stenger found a white piece of cloth and surrendered the remaining men, she said.

He was one of 6,697 prisoners who were captured during the surprise German offensive.

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# a little history lesson...



On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Al-

lied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as “the Great War.” Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11th became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars.

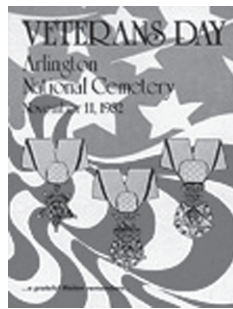
## The Great War & Armistice Day

Although the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, November 11 remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the Great War. In November 1918, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The day’s observation included parades and public gatherings, as well as a brief pause in business activities at 11 a.m. On November 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.; the U.S. Congress had declared the day a legal federal holiday in honor of all those who participated in the war. On the same day, unidentified soldiers were laid to rest at Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

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## Did You Know?

Red poppies, a symbol of World War I (from their appearance in the poem “In Flanders Fields” by John McCrae), are sold in Canada and the United Kingdom on Remembrance Day to raise money for veterans or worn in the lapel as a tribute.



On June 4, 1926, Congress passed a resolution that the “recurring anniversary of [November 11, 1918] should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations” and that the president should issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of Armistice Day. By that time, 27 state legislatures had made November 11 a legal holiday. An act approved May 13, 1938 made November 11 a legal Federal holiday, “dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as ‘Armistice Day.’” In actuality, there are no U.S.



national holidays because the states retain the right to designate their own, and the government can only designate holidays for federal employees and for the District of Columbia. In practice, however, states almost always follow the federal lead.

From Armistice Day to Veterans Day American effort during World War II (1941-1945) saw the greatest mobilization of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force in the nation’s history (more than 16 million people); some 5.7 million more served in the Korean War (1950 to 1953). In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans’ service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had



made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word “Armistice” in favor of “Veterans.” President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

The next development in the story of Veterans Day unfolded in 1968, when Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, which sought to ensure three-day weekends for federal employees—and encourage tourism and travel—by celebrating four national holidays (Washington’s Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day) on Mondays.



The observation of Veterans Day was set as the fourth Monday in October. The first Veterans Day under the new law was Monday, October 25, 1971; confusion ensued, as many states disapproved of this change, and continued to observe the holiday on its original date. In 1975, after it became evident that the actual date of Veterans Day carried historical and patriotic significance to many Americans, President Gerald R. Ford signed a new law returning the observation of Veterans Day to November 11th beginning in 1978. If November 11 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the federal government observes the holiday on the previous Friday or following Monday, respectively.

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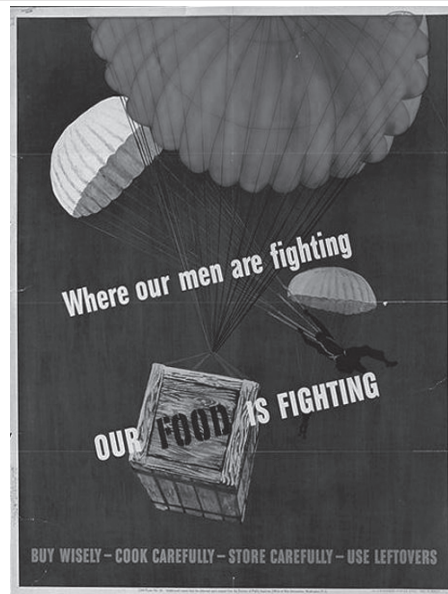
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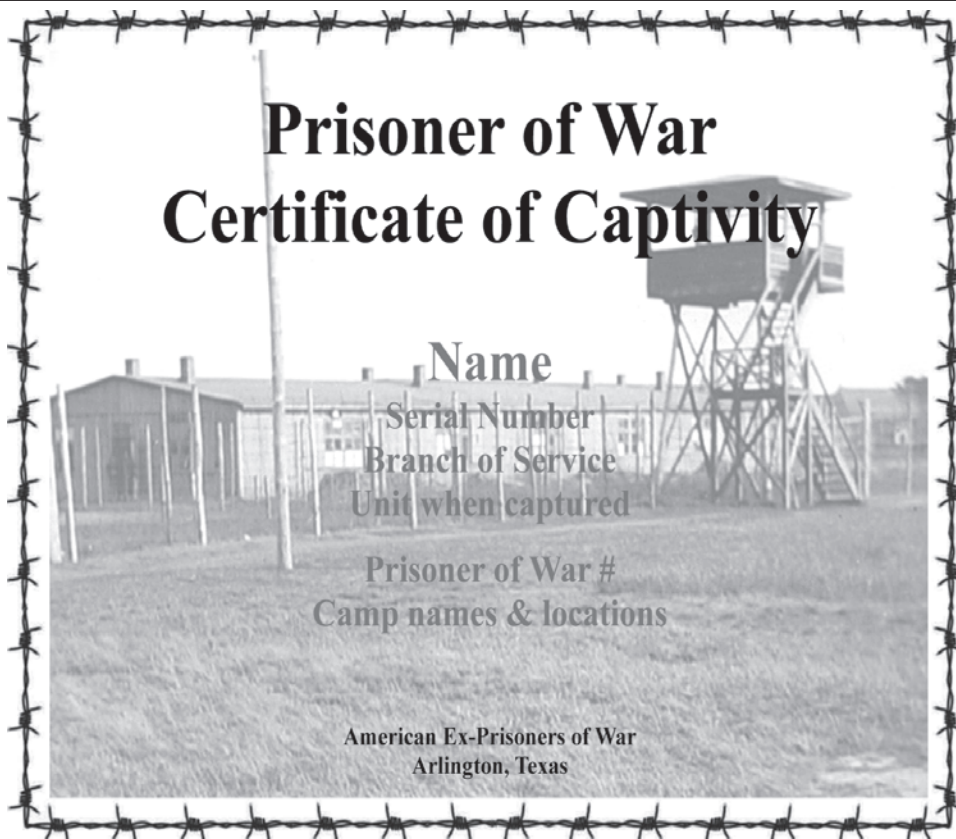
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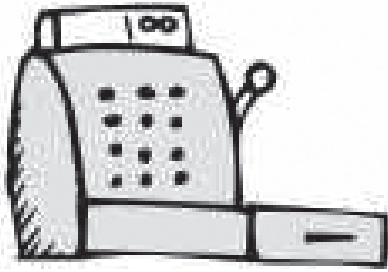
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**ANGLETON, Hazel J.**, age 89, of Sun City West, Arizona, a long-time member of the Agua Fria Chapter, Sun City, AZ, passed away July 20, 2016. Hazel was the widow of ex-POW Stanley E. Angleton. She is survived by two daughters.

**ANNIS, Frank Charles, Jr.**, passed away July 19, 2016. He is survived 3 sons and 2 daughters. He was a member of the 91<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group.

**BILICHAK, Paul R.**, 92, of Toronto, OH died Aug. 6, 2016. Paul served in WWII with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 303<sup>rd</sup> BG. He was shot down over Wesseling, captured and held in Stalag 6G. A proud moment came when he was recognized at the dedication of the WWII Memorial. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary, three children and two grandchildren.

**BLOCKER, Leroy "Ed"**, 95, passed away June 29, 2016 in Holton, Kansas. He was shot down and captured in Holland while serving with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 94<sup>th</sup> BG, 333BS; he was held in Stalag 17-B until liberation. Ed's wife Elenora predeceased him; he leaves 4 children, 5 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandson.

**BOOTH, Ellis T.**, of Anderson, CA, passed away March 23, 2016. He was 92 and a highly decorated U.S. Army combat veteran. He was captured while serving with the 28<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div., 110<sup>th</sup> Reg. during the Battle of the Bulge and held in 3 POW camps until liberated by the 1<sup>st</sup> Inf. Div. He is survived by his wife of more than 40 years, Frances; 1 son, 1 daughter, 8 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

**BRANDON, Myrtle**, of Springfield, VA, died June 12, 2016. She was the wife of Frank T Brandon, past chap-

ter commander of Bill Rolan Memorial Chapter, and an AXPOW life member since 1997. She was buried at Arlington National Cemetery September 7, 2016.

**BRUNELLE, Harry E. "Sarge"**, of Alamo, Texas passed away Sept. 12, 2016. He was a veteran of three wars. During the Korean War, he was captured and held in North Korea. He then went to Vietnam as an advisor. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Louise, 4 stepchildren, 9 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-granddaughter.

**FALATO, Salvatore**, of Hamden, CT died Aug. 15, 2016 at the age of 97. He was captured while serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> Div. US Army and held in Stalag 4B until liberation. Sal leaves 2 daughters, 1 sister, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. His wife, Clara, predeceased him.

**GOLLIN, Morton**, 94, of Palm Desert, CA, passed away on September 25, 2016. During WWII he served as a B-24 navigator in the U.S. Army Air Corps, 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force, 459<sup>th</sup> BG, 756<sup>th</sup> BS, and was stationed in Foggia, Italy. His aircraft was shot down in August 1944, and he became a POW shortly thereafter. He was held in Stalag Luft III and Stalag VIIA. Mort was the past commander of the Coachella Valley Chapter, AXPOW. Two brothers and a sister predeceased him. Survivors include his wife Alice, currently Jr. Vice Commander, AXPOW, his five children and his grandchildren.

**HANSCOM, Lincoln M.**, of Somersworth, NH, died June 20, 2016. He was an AXPOW life member since 1998, and was a faithful supporter of the organization. He is survived by his wife, Mary.

**HODGSON, John R.**, of Darlington PA, died August 4, 2016. An AXPOW life member since 1983, he served with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 390<sup>th</sup> BG and was held in Stalags 3, 6G and 9C. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Margaret, also an AXPOW life member.

**JOHNSON, Erwin R.**, 94, of Wynantskill, NY passed away Aug. 17, 2016 on the anniversary of his liberation from prison camp in Manchuria 71 years earlier. He served with the AAC in the Philippines; he survived the Bataan Death March, Hell Ship voyage and 3 ½ years slave labor. His wife Ann survives him; he also leaves 3 stepdaughters, his family in New Orleans and many friends.

**JOHNSON, Everett**, of Plainville, CT died Aug. 8, 2016. During WWII, he served with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 96<sup>th</sup> BG flying out of Heath, England. He was shot down over Belgium, captured, held at St. Giles Prison, then Luft 4. Everett was treasurer of the Connecticut Chapter, AXPOW. He leaves one son and his companion, Anna Newell.

**KLOESEN, Susan Brandt**, 79, Sun City, Arizona, passed away September 5, 2016, long time member of the Agua Fria Chapter, Sun City, AZ. Sue was active in several philanthropic organizations and a "Rosebud" member of the Rosie the Riveter organization. She is survived by her husband, ex-POW Raymond.

**LANGSETH, Clifton A.**, of Shawnee, Kansas died Aug. 1, 2016. He enlisted in the AAC during WWII; his B-17 was shot down during the Schweinfurt

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Raid in 1943; he was captured and held in 7A and 17B until liberation. Cliff was comforted by the closeness of his family - 2 sons, 1 daughter, 5 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and their families. He was an active member of the Heart of America Chapter, AXPOW.

**LUCKADOO, Paul A.**, of Fort Mill, SC passed away Aug. 31, 2016 at the age of 94. He served in WWII in the Army; he was captured and held as a POW. Paul was an active member of the Catawba Chapter, AXPOW. His wife of 73 years, Margaret, died earlier this year; his children and their families survive him.

**MERCER, Charles** of Plano, TX died Aug. 24, 2016. His was a life dedicated to service. He was captured while serving in the AAC; he spent 19 months as a POW. He later went on to Korea with the SAC. Charles is survived by his wife, Jean, 2 sisters, 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-granddaughters, numerous nieces, nephews and friends he loved dearly.

**MILLER, James T.**, of Hillsboro, OR passed away June 26, 2016 at the age of 93. He served with the 479<sup>th</sup> BG out of England during WWII; his plane was shot down, he was captured and held in Luft IV, then marched across Germany. Survivors include his wife, Vashti, 2 sons, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

**MOSHER, Alfred Raymond**, 96, passed away July 28, 2016. He was captured on Guam in Dec. 1941; he and other American POWs were sent to Camp Zentsuji, then later to Osaka Japan where they were used as slave labor. Alfred leaves a large and loving extended family of chil-

dren, step-children, nieces and nephews. He was a member of the Rocky Mountain Chapter, AXPOW.

**MULLINS, Joan**, 85, of Windsor, Missouri died January 4, 2016. She was married to Grover C. Mullins who passed away on April 8, 2016. She is survived by 2 sons, 2 sisters, 3 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

**PERKO, Emil A.** passed away July 7, 2016. He is survived by wife Jean, one daughter, one granddaughter, two grandsons, one step-daughter, one step-son, and four great-grandchildren. Emil served in the U.S. Army, 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 422<sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Company H. He was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held in Germany.

**ROKITA, Sophie**, 98, died September 2, 2016 in Largo, FL. She is survived by 1 stepson, 1 brother, 1 sister and 3 grandchildren. She is the widow of George, who served in the ETO: 1<sup>st</sup> Div, 18<sup>th</sup> Reg., Co K, North Africa. She was a member of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, AXPOW.

**ROWDEN, Launa C.** 93, of Jefferson City, MO passed away August 14, 2016. She was a teacher at Salem school in Maries Co. Launa is survived by her husband of almost 71 years, Wilburn (past Missouri State Commander), three daughters: five grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

**SAUCERMAN, Sally**, of Terre Haute, IN died July 8, 2016. She was the loving wife of ex-POW Gene (WWII, 106<sup>th</sup> Inf., 422<sup>nd</sup> Div.). Sally and Gene were active members of AXPOW and National Service Officers, assisting veterans. In addition to her husband, Sally is survived by 1 daughter and her family.

**SCOTCHELL, Louis**, of Morgantown, WV passed away June 29, 2016. He was 93. During WWII, he served in the Army; he was a member of the 99<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div when he was captured during the Battle of the Bulge. He

was held in Stalag 13D until liberation. Louis was a member of the Barbed Wire Mountaineers Chapter, AXPOW. He is survived by 2 daughters, 1 son, 3 granddaughters, 8 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters and a large extended family.

**STEELE, Ben**, World War II veteran, Bataan Death March survivor, POW



and artist passed away Sept. 25, 2016 at the age of 98. He lived in Montana and was considered a national treasure there. Ben was captured while serving with the Army Air Corps in the Philippines when the Japanese captured his unit. He was bayoneted, starved and beaten and suffered dysentery, malaria, pneumonia and septicemia. He said he kept his sanity during 42 months of confinement by sketching Montana scenes — cowboys, horses and barns. His powerful images of his time in captivity are housed at the Montana Museum of Art and Culture at the University of Montana in Missoula. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Shirley, and 2 daughters.

**TATE, Coy Lee**, of Hugo, OK died Apr. 21, 2016 at the age of 94. Coy served in the Army (106<sup>th</sup> Inf., Co F., 423rd Div) during WWII; he was captured in the Battle of the Bulge and held until liberation. He leaves 1 daughter, 1 son, 1 sister, 4 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and special friend Zen Gee.

**TAYLOR, J.G. 'Tracy' Jr.**, of Tampa, FL passed away July 14, 2016. He was 95. In 1939, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, assigned to the 27th BG. He was first stationed on Bataan, then Corregidor where he was captured May 6, 1942 and held at Cabanatuan, then Japan. Tracy remained an active member of AXPOW and ADBC. His wife of 58 years, Carolyn, predeceased him; he leaves 2 sons, 1 daughter, 5 grand-

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children, 1 sister and many nieces and nephews. He was a caring, generous, and devoted husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend and neighbor and will be greatly missed.

**TIERNEY, Richard A. Sr.**, of Lewiston, ID died July 2, 2016 at the age of 99. During WWII, he served with the 8<sup>th</sup> AF, 381<sup>st</sup> BG, flying out of England. He was shot down over Stuttgart, Germany, captured and held at Stalag Luft I, Barth. After liberation, he served as a Veterans Service Officer. Survivors include 1 son, 3 stepchildren, and a large and loving extended family.

**TORNBERG, Marjory**, of Canastota, NY, passed away July 19, 2016. She was the widow of James Tornberg, who served with Co L, 4<sup>th</sup> Div., 12<sup>th</sup> Inf., and was held in Stalag 4B. They were AXPOW life members since 1990.

## Prayer for Veterans Day

God of peace,  
we pray for those who have served our nation  
and have laid down their lives  
to protect and defend our freedom.  
We pray for those who have fought,  
whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war,  
whose nights are haunted by memories  
too painful for the light of day.  
We pray for those who serve us now,  
especially for those in harm's way.  
Shield them from danger  
and bring them home.  
Turn the hearts and minds  
of our leaders and our enemies  
to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.  
Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor!  
May the peace you left us,  
the peace you gave us,  
be the peace that sustains,  
the peace that saves us.  
Amen.

*Fr. Austin Fleming  
Holy Family Parish  
Concord, MA*

## chaplain



ND Benny Rayborn

I have held a number of jobs and done a number of things to earn money in my life and I am sure you have also. One of the things I've done is raise trees (A lengthy project). One of the nice things about being a "tree farmer" is that you get to hunt in the grove of trees.

In walking thru the "woods" I have observed that vines grow on trees. In looking closer through the years I realized that a vine clinging to a tree finds protection. In times of trouble and distress the tree protects the vine.

The vine grows by clinging to the tree which is a barrier to the rush of wind from most storms. Even, if the vine is in the direct line of the wind, the vine clings tighter to the tree,

The same is true in our life. Sometimes God protects us from the storms of life and at other times He exposes us to the storm. Being exposed to the storm means God is going through the storm with us just as the tree goes through the storm with the vine. A storm in life (problems) is an opportunity to rely on God more, To cling more closely to God. No matter what happens, we are safe and protected!

Psalm 18:2 "The Lord is my rock and my fortress, and my delivery; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

Prayer: O Lord, Protect all of our members, families and friends. May each learn to rely on you for care, and protection on earth and eternal life in Heaven. In Your Holy Son's Name I pray.  
Amen



*Benny*

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**The National 4th (IVY) Division Association**

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

Membership in the Association is open to all former Veterans and currently serving Soldiers of the 4th ID and attached units. The 96th Annual Reunion will be September 9-14, 2014, in Lexington, Kentucky.

Check our website at [www.4thinfantry.org](http://www.4thinfantry.org) for membership and reunion information.

**"Steadfast and Loyal"**

# 50/50 drawing

June 25, 2016 Arlington, TX

- 1st Place** ERNEST SMITH, KS **\$238.20**
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These drawings help raise money needed for our operating expenses. They allow our members to participate in a very worthwhile project, while giving them a chance to win. 50% of the donations will be given to the General Fund and the other 50% are awarded as prizes. The amounts are determined after all donations are received. You do not have to be present to win. Please make copies of the tickets on the other side and offer them to your Chapter members, family and friends. We are asking \$5.00 for 6 tickets.

These donations are not tax deductible. Fill out the tickets and send them and your donations to:

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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## The 106th Infantry Division Association

Organized at  
Camp Lucky Strike 1945 active  
since 1946

If you are a former 106<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division vet, were attached to the 106<sup>th</sup>, a relative of a 106<sup>th</sup> veteran, you are eligible for membership in the Association.

**The CUB Magazine is published three times  
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## AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR VOLUNTARY FUNDING PROGRAM

The AXPOW Voluntary Giving Program parallels that of other VSOs, whereby the entire membership, including life members, is given the opportunity to contribute to the operation of our organization, based on ability and willingness to contribute.

All contributions are to be sent directly to National Headquarters to be used for the operation of the organization. A complete accounting of contributors will appear in the Bulletin each issue.

I am enclosing my contribution to support the operation of the American Ex-Prisoners of War.

**\$20.00      \$30.00                      \$40.00                      \$50.00                      \$100.00      Other**

Please circle one category:

Individual

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### AXPOW Gravesite Medallion



The Medallion is 4", Bronze/Brown with Lacquer. Hardware for mounting is included. Weight - approximately 1.25 lb.

*check with your local cemetery before ordering to see if medallions are permitted.*

**\$100.00 includes shipping/handling/insurance**

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(for members only)

Actual size of badge is size of a credit card

PLEASE PRINT:



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Name Badge with name & chapter and city: **\$6.00**(includes S/H)

Ship to: \_\_\_\_\_

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great gifts...great hand-outs...great way to show your pride in your organization  
AXPOW Logo on front/Five services on reverse

**\$10.00**ea

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**\$100.00** includes S/H/I

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